

The Silver Lining

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

A LIGHT FOR BELIEVERS

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal.

John 4:36

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Harvest Time

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes**, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:35

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the **laborers** are few:

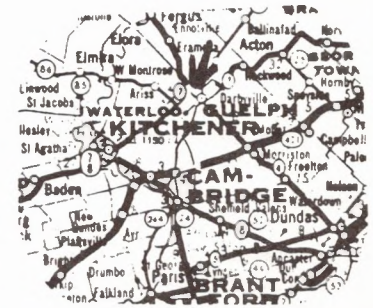
Luke 10:2



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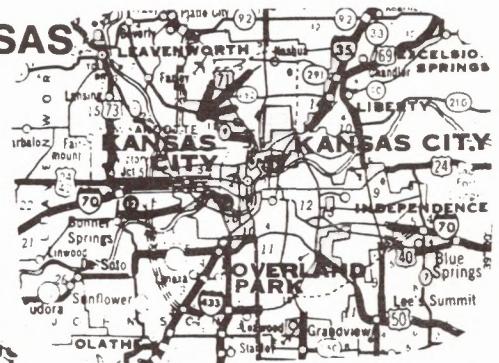
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:38

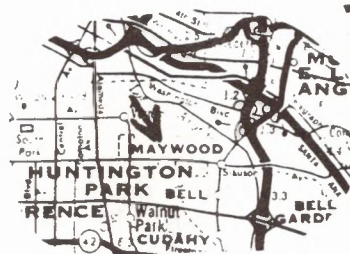
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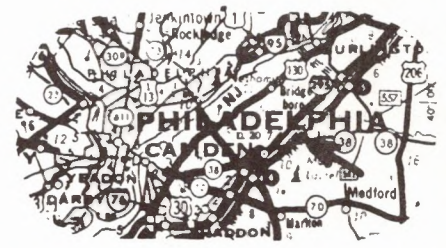
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"COME OVER . . . AND HELP US!"

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." And after he had seen the vision "Immediately" we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them.

Acts 16:9, 10

God forbid that we misinterpret His holy and precious Word, and through much prayers we wait upon Him and in the fear of the Lord we share our call for help.

Some fifteen years ago by faith we heard the call to "Goye". Our thoughts were drawn to the border into Kentucky inasmuch as we had no church in that state. At my conversion, I was so marvelously awakened to my lost condition and through the mercy of God found grace unto repentance and faith in His beloved Son to receive the glorious peace and comfort of salvation. Interwoven in this experience came the awakening toward our beloved church, the landmark that our forefathers had set up that should not be set aside but futhered into the rest of the world. For if this was permitted to us, our lot and inheritance, what about our neighbors and the rest of the world. By God's sustaining faith and mercies, we have come this far, with a greater and deeper appreciation of our church for its basic uncompromising stand for the truth, and for the faithful

support we have received that has sustained us through the years.

However, we have learned, as with Paul, we earnestly pray and call for families who will "Come over" and help us: Prayer brothers, song leaders, teachers, helpers, ministers, etc., who are in harmony with our church and the care of our elder body.

Of all of the States of America, I believe Kentucky has a most diversified potential for livelihood and domestic future with its attractions of beauty. But, what about its multiplied numbers of souls and lives that do not know we exist with the "Pearl of Great Price"? In accord with our Missionary Committee, we will assist interested brothers, sisters and families with resume's to negotiate jobs, relocate housing and send copies of current employment and positions offered. Available for a brother and sister and family seeking work and a place to live, there is a brick home with basement on the church property, that would be available for a family moving to Lexington.

We appreciate the church like President Reagan appreciates America, only more so. Time is short and Jesus said, occupy until I return. If the Lord should speak to you concerning this call, prayerfully share it with your home church and shepherd. By God's grace we will do what is needed here.

In Christ in love,
Your least Bro. Lester Huber
Lexington, KY

AN EFFORT IN JAPAN

Bro. Randy Mogler

Bro. Frank Sauder

Japan is a country where less than 1% of the population attend church. Reaching the Japanese with the Gospel is difficult for several reasons. (1) It is viewed as a Western religion . . . not the Truth. (2) In several areas, it directly opposes some of the basic customs of the Japanese culture. (3) The Japanese are extremely hard working people (6 days a week, 60+ hours), so they do not have time to attend church, let alone time to hear about the Gospel. Can you imagine being the only person in your family who attends church while the rest of your family and friends are on an outing on their one free day?

Even though the above factors seem to inhibit the presentation of the Truth to the friends and neighbors of the little Tokyo congregation, the believers-in-faith decided that an English Bible study could be a vehicle to accomplish what appeared difficult. It was hoped that the Japanese would take time out of their busy schedules to come because of the demand for developing English skills. Consequently it seemed suitable to teach the Bible through English lessons. It was decided that the two American brothers would conduct the Bible study with the aid of three members of the Tokyo congregation who are fluent in English

(Sisters Hiroko Utsuki and Marie Inoue, and Bro. Yamazaki-san).

In the following week that ensued, the Tokyo members contacted their acquaintances to encourage them to come to the Saturday evening English Bible study. At times we wondered if anyone would actually come to a church building, let alone study about Christianity. Think of the difficulty it is to get people from your own home town to church.

But when Saturday evening finally arrived, it became evident that where there is prayer and faith, God works. Masae-san, a single woman who has been attending our church for quite some time, was present along with two neighborhood ladies: Mrs. Murakami and Mrs. Takayasu, and one man, Mr. Kojima, who were moved by the Spirit to come. One of the ladies, Mrs. Murakami, had attended our church for several months but had stopped coming. The sister that invited her to come had asked her why she had stopped coming. Mrs. Murakami related the Bible story of not being able to put new

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wine into old skins and she felt that she was doing just that. She stated that she had already felt the love from the congregation, but she felt that there was something that separated her from the believers. We were so thankful that she decided to attend the study.

That evening we read Luke 19:1-10 (where Zaccheaus encounters Jesus). During the course of the study, Mr. Kojima shared many insightful and deep thoughts (e.g. The reason why Zaccheaus wanted to see Jesus was not because he was curious, but because he wanted to change his life, etc.). We all thought that he must have studied the Bible before, but later we discovered that this was the first time he had ever gone to church, and the first time he had ever read a passage from the Scriptures. At the conclusion of the meeting we felt that God's message on this Scripture had crossed cultural and language barriers. It was encouraging to know that they all plan to return to the next Bible study, including Mr. Kojima's wife. There was also an extra measure of joy when Mrs. Murakami once again attended Sunday morning services with us.

We share this one isolated experience with you so you can have a better understanding of what is happening in Japan. We ask you for your prayers, because it is only through God and His Word that souls can be touched. Man can do nothing on his own. Please pray for us.

WORLD RELIEF REPORT

Submitted by Bro. Arthur Leuthold
Lester, IA

I Cor. 13 covers the explanation of charity very well. In a sermon by one of our visiting ministers here in Lester, I felt he said it all when he said, "Charity is love in action".

I believe that if we have love for one another and love for God, we have everything. It is through this love that we have for one another and the desire to help those that are less fortunate, that the World Relief was founded. We have all helped through our gifts to World Relief and we on the committee have tried very hard to be worthy of the trust you have placed in us to disperse these funds through the various channels that are available to us.

In many areas a new need has arisen to help feed the many people who have been unemployed or experienced other misfortune. In our area we are

starting to fund a food kitchen through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, where food is furnished to people who are in need. We are starting on a trial basis and then will review the results before we continue with the program. For now we feel we are filling a great need to the poor and destitute. It is through love for the less fortunate that we began this new effort to help.

There are other organizations in other areas that do this work and we feel that through helping with funds to buy the food we can be a real help to the needy. If anyone knows of an organization in your local area that needs help, you can inform your local representative, and he in turn can bring it to the committee's attention.

In going back to the February, 1984 Silver Lining (front page), it explains love. It tells us that God is Love, and if we have God in our hearts, we have everything. I believe if everyone could find that issue of the Silver Lining and read again that article every day, it says far more than I could write or explain concerning our duties to one another, to love our God and help those in need. Just to read that article again gives me the courage to write this article. If it gives just a few people who read it the courage to help someone else, it will lift our spirits and give us a new direction in our walk of faith here on earth. It will also help us walk a little closer to the way we will wish to have walked when we come face to face with our Lord on that last day. May God bless and provide for each and every one and may His love for us be multiplied as we love Him and others.

REPORT ON EASTERN EUROPE Andy Hunyady

Dearly beloved brethren and friends:

Your overwhelming responses to the needs of our needy and suffering brethren in Romania expresses your love and concern, which is very precious in the sight of God. May He reward you bountifully!

It is not the intent of these reports to overshadow the extensive relief activities of our World Relief Committee in the other areas of the world, but to update you from time to time of how your gifts of love affect those who in the other part of the world receive a direct benefit from them. It is a good feeling and a special blessing to us to know that it is, thus far, a successful undertaking. Not only do the many individual

letters received from beneficiaries confirm the fact, but returning tourists also verify it. On September 11, I attended a meeting in Akron, where a brother who spent 30 days in Romania, gave us a report on current conditions. Simply, the situation is not good. Extreme shortages of food, oil, energy and clothing still exist. Our food packages are a most useful and appreciated tool to help many families. The brothers asked that if at all possible, please, keep it up!

On Sundays, meetings are held in private homes. They are well attended and on one Sunday, 65 souls were present. Elders and some active ministers are under close watch by the security people. It is recommended that westerners should not visit them for the time being, as they are regarded with much suspicion. In one area it is reported that there are now three souls in repentance as the result of being moved by the generous gifts of love by the American brethren through the food packages and the letters sent to them. Such reports are indeed heart-warming and most encouraging! God be praised for it! Keep up with your intercessions!

WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

Submitted by Bro. Edwin Bahler
Remington, IN

1. . . . a falling away from the True faith
Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

2. . . . great deception (man of sin revealed)

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (II Thess. 2:9, 10)

3. . . . lust for power, pride of life
(nations to have great national pride)

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots: Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. (Isa. 2:7, 8) (Note Nahum 2:4) The wicked shall be turned into hell,

and all the nations that forget God. (Ps. 9:17)

4. . . . people will forget God and live to satisfy the r own belly

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem (God), let my right hand forget her cunning. (Ps. 137:5)

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. (II Tim. 3:2)

5. . . . people will not want to hear the Truth

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. (II Tim. 4:3)

6. . . . there will be great fear of calamity, and chaos

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Matt. 24:21)

And great earthquakes shall be in diverse places (collision of the galaxies), and famines (one billion people at starvation level today, ¼ of population), and pestilences (incurable diseases); and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from Heaven.

7. . . . Jerusalem surrounded by armies
And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. (Luke 21:20)

8. . . . life as usual

And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (Luke 17:26, 27, 30)

The restoration of Israel in 1948 was a sure sign of the approaching return of our Lord (Ez. 36)

Now learn a parable of the fig tree: when her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. (Mark 13:28, 29, 30)

How long is a generation? According to Scripture (Job 42:16, Ps. 95:10), a generation is 35-40 years. We may be much closer than we think or would like to think.

What Shall We Do To Stand And Be Prepared Against That Day?

. . . But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, fight the good fight of faith . . . (II Tim. 6:11, 12)

. . . Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. (II Tim. 6:17)

. . . Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. (II Pet. 3:11)

. . . Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. (Heb. 12:14)

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Uriel Gehring — Jane Stieglitz

As the sun shines down through the hue of the trees, a panoramic view unfolds itself. Some of the trees are tinted with the beauty of fall's coloring, while others are still a gorgeous green. Adding to the setting, and directly behind the office, are four huge logs ranging from 20 to 30 feet in length and forming a huge square. In the middle of the square are the remains of a fire (ashes) where a delicious garbage can meal was cooked. Yes, I said garbage can meal. It was prepared by the home staff and children. A brick hearth was assembled, a fire started, and a grate was placed over the hearth. Then a garbage can with corn husks on the bottom, with water added was filled with sausage, potatoes, cabbage, corn on the cob and carrots. The lid was placed on the garbage can and for one and a half hours this conglomerate of foods cooked. I am told it made for delicious eating, so good it will undoubtedly be served again.

Our heavenly Father has provided a tremendous variety of foods for us to eat, thereby strengthening this mortal shell for a season. "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." There are always special blessings in eating together. Jesus often dined with His disciples, and gave thanks before eating. It is very appropriate to give thanks after eating, too; then to leave the table in the strength of the Lord. "Oh give thanks to the

Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever."

The fields are getting ready for harvest, and the tillers of the soil will soon be rewarded for the labors, as God sees fit to reward them. There is also a spiritual harvest awaiting the world, if only men would believe. This harvest was already manifest in our Saviour's time, when He sent His disciples out two by two to proclaim the good news of the gospel. "Therefore He said unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2. May we be qualified to be the laborers He sends forth.

School has become routine with our children, and they are kept busy enjoying the schedule of events in their school programs. How fortunate they are to be given the opportunity to learn of the great world in which we live; and then, ah then, to learn of the Master who created the sphere called earth, that is wisdom in its divine sense. To acquire it, we are instructed in the pages of holy writ, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Proverbs 9:10.

The Grabill parade was Saturday, Sept. 8. Beth A. and John W. both marched in it as members of the Leo Jr.-Sr. High School bands.

John is also exerting a lot of his energies in his participation with the Jr. High football team. Jerry F. has regular weight lifting sessions. Erik D. and Kelly A. are participants in the intramurals program at Leo Elementary.

Thelma has started volunteering as a nursette at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne again. She really enjoys being of service to the sick people and the nurses. Thelma is also working on a weekly basis with the able help of Brenda Wieland to sew another dress.

Gary H. has left the Home to live at a foster home in Grabill. His present address is: P. O. Box 337, Grabill, IN 46741. Gary is still attending Leo High School. He hopes to graduate next spring, soon after he turns eighteen. Gary lived at the Home five years. We feel this will be a good transition time toward more independence for Gary. We pray God will direct Gary in his future and that the positive influences he received while at the Home will always affect his decision making.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Thirteen years and many memories ago, this Home became a reality. Since then, life has been abundantly full — full of loving concern for the needs of those who are dependent upon others, it is true; but in addition, it has been full of humble awe and gratitude to God who has blazed the untrod path. Through His beautiful Spirit, He has inspired those many supporters who have upheld this work with prayer, with their volunteer services and their financial support. Therefore, for whatever virtue may be noticeable here, the praise belongs to God. What does the future hold? None of us knows. We only know that we are dedicated to praying that our benevolent Heavenly Father shall reveal His will to us and that we may be permitted to carry on our duties "as unto the Lord".

With our annual Benefit Day only a few weeks away, it is with increased fervor that plans are being carried out. Please remember to try to spend November 16 with us at the Morton Fellowship Hall on Veterans Road. If you would like to be of assistance in any way, please phone 309-266-9781, giving your name, address, phone number and other details. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of your sale items.

A warm and kindly welcome is being given to Cynthia Virkler (Bay City, MI). Previous to her arrival, she made her home with her parents, Andrew and Maxine Virkler (Bay City, MI). Her four brothers, Dennis, Stanley, Kim and Andrew II, plus five nephews complete the family circle. Cindy enjoys eating chicken as her favorite food; to pass her time, she enjoys coloring and listening to records.

We look forward to having Cindy with us, as she promises to be an asset to our family. Birthday time for Cindy is July 6.

Very warm summer temperatures persisted almost into fall, but suddenly the temperatures have synchronized with the calendar; and we are experiencing chilly nights. Some of the residents' summer activities, such as "Operation Green Beans" and "Operation Corn" are over for the summer season, but the pictures taken of the residents' helping snap beans and husking ears of corn will at a later date bring back the fun memories. Outings and field trips will continue, however. Too, the balmy fall sunshine is ideal for outdoor exer-

cise classes, bicycling and walks.

Nature's most gorgeous display of the seasons is upon us. Every day brings a new exhibit of the flaming sumacs, the crimson maples, or the bronze oaks interspersed with the consistent green of the evergreens. As a background for all of this is the matchless song of the birds, busy with their traveling plans. Then as the sunset hour approaches, it behooves us all to pause a moment. As the shadows lengthen, the light perhaps even intensifies in the western sky, which then becomes a palette of the Master Artist who apparently wipes His paint brush off across the ethereal "canvas" in anticipation of the day's work done. This fleeting moment of magnificence is soon interrupted with the realization that nature will now close its season's wondrous display and fall asleep until the Springtime's morning.

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Joan Schrenk

Sorry I missed last month, but I was home to Michigan enjoying our first grandchild. There's something so special about a grandchild. And now we must put all our trust in God, that He'll touch our children's hearts and that they'll give their lives to Him, so our precious grandchild can be raised in a Christian home.

Our pre-school is off to a good start this year. Each year we see growth and improvements as we learn from our past mistakes. Please continue to pray for our school.

We have elected a new trustee and that duty fell on Bro. Carl Haggermaker. As everyone was in favor of building a new fellowship hall, we will continue with those plans.

On Wednesday evenings we have been listening to the tapes from the general conference. It's always interesting to hear the way someone else explains certain topics. We are enjoying the different speakers and topics they were given to speak on.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

We are thankful Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach have returned safely from the Elder brothers conference.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol Kaufman were happy that Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara took time to stop in Denver to help perform their marriage ceremony.

After the Elder's conference, Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle made a stop over in Phoenix for Wednesday night service.

Our church extends sympathy to Sis. Shirley and Bro. Ed Zollinger on the death of her mother, Twyla Brinkerhoff, from Ohio. We wish to also convey our sympathy to Melvin and Bertha Miller in the passing of his brother, Elmer, from Illinois, and to Caroline Klaus Collins in the death of her daughter, Kay, after an extended illness.

On August 18, Dale Mohrman and Sherry Rivera exchanged wedding vows. Dale is the son of Sis. Shirley and Herbert Mohrman.

On September 8, Jenny Zollinger and Dennis Hand were united in marriage. Her parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger.

May both couples feel the need of the Lord as they start their new lives together.

Todd Zollinger was in the hospital for tests. Sis. Martha DeMille and Sis. Sherry Roth are still not well enough to come to church. We are always happy to see Sis. Minnie Farney when she is well enough to come. May the Lord fill the special needs for anyone not feeling well and may they trust in Him for a better tomorrow.

We also give thanks unto the Lord for the much needed rains. As of mid September, we are 5 inches above normal in rainfall.

May the Lord bless you according to your needs.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Knapp — Sandy Bauer

Our friend, Orville Schmidt, was recently released from the hospital and is recuperating from surgery at home with his wife, Bee. We are so happy to hear that Orville can once again be at home and was well enough to be released from the hospital. We pray for continuing strength and patience for both Orville and Bee in this time of illness.

Our Sunday School classes have started once again after a summer recess. We need to remember our Sunday School teachers in their positions of guiding our small children and young adults and teaching them of God and His love. They need our prayers to be examples to these young people.

Over the Labor Day weekend, our Sunday School teachers and children traveled to Altadena, CA for a weekend

of activities hosted by the Altadena congregation. I think everyone involved would agree that these weekends are more than worth the time and energy spent in preparing for them. Having participated in them myself as a student, I know how much good they can do. The Tucson congregation wishes to thank the members of the Altadena congregation for all their efforts in making it a weekend of blessings for everyone.

As with our Sunday School classes, we have also resumed our monthly fellowship suppers.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Mary Beth Klotzle

Over the Labor Day weekend we enjoyed having the junior high and Bible classes from Tucson and Phoenix with us. Many of the friendships that are made on these fellowship weekends are ones that will last a lifetime. There is a certain understanding and comfortable feeling which we find within the friendships of those from our blessed church. Many thanks to the teachers, parents and all who help these weekends to continue.

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3.

It was with joyful hearts that Sis. Shirley Witzig (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Jeff Luthi (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Chrystal, Morris, MN) became one in the Lord. May this threefold union be blessed and strengthened with God's continuing love, peace and contentment. Many of Jeff's family from Minnesota and Iowa were able to share in this special occasion. We appreciate these times of fellowship.

How wonderfully and lovingly God continues to guide and provide counsel for His sheep. The tapes from the Brotherhood Conference are being shared with us, and it's just so comforting to have a body of elder brothers who are directed by God in giving encouragement, advice and admonishment. Let us ever be thankful for these benefits we receive through love and concern for our spiritual growth and welfare.

COLORADO, DENVER

Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

We were blessed with many precious ministering brothers this month. Those visiting and serving us were Elder Bros. Bob Walder (Congerville,

IL), Willis Ehnle (Japan), Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bros. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) and Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL).

"O, may I seek the souls who stray
And save them from destruction,
And through Thy holy love still lead
Them to Thy congregation.
May pray'rs and pleadings penetrate
To warn them of their lost estate."

Zion's Harp #113, vs. 7

Thanks be to God for their loving counsel and may He reward them for their diligence.

"Marriage is honorable in all . . ." Hebrews 13:4, and so shall it be that Sis. Lois Metzger (Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice, West Bend, IA) and Bro. Gary Steffen (Bro. John and Sis. Wava, Elgin, IL) will be wed in the oneness of Christ. We rejoice with them and wish them God's blessings.

We are thankful that our little congregation is growing with the addition of Sis. Beth Braun (Bro. Herm and Sis. Sharon, Elgin, IL). We welcome Sis. Beth and may God bless her.

"God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Psalm 46:1, 2.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Michelle Virkler

"Heart with heart in love united
Seek upon God's heart repose
Let your love to flames ignited
To the Savior upward flow."

Zion's Harp #33

Sis. Beth Schneider (Bro. Roy and Sis. Joyce) and Bro. Guy Gottier (Warren and Sis. Carol) have been united in holy matrimony.

Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann mentioned, ". . . let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord . . ." Col. 3:15-16.

We were privileged to gather together on Saturday, August 25 for a song service and praise to our heavenly Father. Then on Sunday, August 26, we witnessed the joining of hearts, Sis.

Beth and Bro. Guy. They will reside in Chicago, IL while Bro. Guy finishes his schooling.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont, IL) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL). Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann gave a special invitation to our friends to come, and seek their soul's salvation reminding them of the hymn:

"Almost persuaded, come, come today
Almost persuaded, turn not away
Jesus invites you here, Angels are
lingering near
Prayers rise from hearts so dear, O
wanderer come.

Hymns of Zion #212

Our church continues to grow with new bundles of love being added to our congregation. Bruce Edwin was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Luella Hoffman. Grandparents are Bro. Leon and Sis. Martha Schneider and Bro. Edwin and Sis. Elsa Hoffman.

Jonathan Christian was born to Bro. Gerald and Sis. Heidi Ludwig. Grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine Aberle and Sis. Lena Ludwig.

"Forward struggle, e'er contending
Till the light from God descending
Shall envelope thee, dear soul
Throughout all the deepest darkness
Jesus guides thee, and he hearkens
Thee with courage to console

Zion's Harp #39

Nancy (Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Verona Schneider) and Ken Willis (Ken and Helen) and Dan Crohan have chosen to walk the pathway of life as Christian believers. We rejoice with our new converts and trust that God will forever be by their side to comfort, chasten and love them.

Once again as parents we are faced with the parting of our children in the fall, some going on to higher education, some starting pre-nursery or kindergarten for the first time. All of our prayers and teachings go along with them trusting God's nearness and protection.

As we witness the changing of seasons, we are reminded of God's miracles and how thankful and appreciative we are of his dying on the cross so that we might live!

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Billie Klopfenstein

Work is finally getting underway on our remodeling project at the church. It took quite some time for the city to issue a building permit. Since the permit has been obtained we can now proceed and hope to have the work done before most of our part-time residents and winter visitors arrive.

Bro. Brian and Sis. Jayne Webb have a new son. Stephan was born August 14 and was welcomed home by big brothers, Aaron and Seth. Grandparents are Bro. Clinton and Sis. Eloise Webb (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl.

On the second Tuesday evening of each month there will be a craft session in the fellowship hall. All crafts made will be donated to the sales benefitting the Handicapped Home or the Children's Home.

FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS Marie Keller — Elsie Troxel

We are exhorted in I Thess. 4:11-12, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

In accordance with the scripture, the brothers and friends have made a good beginning on our new church building. The roof is sheeted and most of the framework is done.

We appreciate all the donated labor that has been given to the church during the construction. The building is progressing very nicely and we hope to be ready by mid-November, Lord willing.

Bro. Lester and Sis. Edna Meister have moved to Pine Island recently. They were originally from the Leo congregation. We welcome them to the North Fort Myers church and southwest area. We have been richly blessed with God's blessings this past month.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Doris and Diane Rocke

Our heartfelt thanks to our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) who has spent several weeks with us again this month. May the blessings from above be his as we feed upon the Word. Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) led us in worship this month and we are deeply grateful.

Sis. Peggy Huber (Valparaiso, IN)

has returned to her home after spending the summer with her sister's family (Prices). "The great prizes of human life are fellowship with God and in Him fellowship with one another." We welcome her back next year.

Our dear Sis. Helen Laparo had been hospitalized this month for surgery. Loving prayers are offered in behalf of these loved ones who are suffering. May the rich skill of surgeons combined with miracles of healing by our Great Physician strengthen her, that she may soon return. Everyone especially misses Helen in the kitchen and we wish a very speedy recovery. We love you.

The baptism in the eleventh hour of our dear Bro. Roy and Sis. Louise Moser has certainly left us with a deep love for the Lord and His great mercy. Bro. Roy has now been called home to await the great resurrection. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for . . ." Hebrews 11:1. We commit her to the Lord in faith and prayer for needed strength and courage while she patiently endures her cross. They have presented a sweet, kind love to us all here in Florida.

To the ill and lonely: We are tried by fire, gold becomes pure by fire. We are then the Golden Treasures reconciled to the Lord.

"Let others seek a home below,

Which flames devour and waves o'er flow;

Be mine a happier lot to own —

A heavenly mansion near the throne."

We welcome the early arrival of the Snowbirds.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA Charmin Sellers — Nancy Foltz

Our appreciation is extended to our visiting ministers as follows: Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka, IL) on August 12, Bro. Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH) on August 26 and Bro. Jim Leman (Roanoke, IL) on September 9. We thank them for giving of their time to share the Word with the Atlanta congregation and may God bless them.

Our congregation has been blessed with visitors during the past month. We encourage anyone traveling in the area to stop and worship with us on our scheduled days of the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. For information, contact Don Sellers at 404-923-0721 or Nancy Foltz at 404-451-9191.

ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON NORMAL Shirley Denick — Jan Gudeman

God has blessed Bro. Dick and Sis. Jan Gudeman with a sweet little girl, Renee Lynn, born Sept. 4. Suzanne, Julie and Myra welcome her home. Grandparents are Ida Hari (Silverton, OR) and Phil and Eunice Gudeman (Peoria, IL).

We warmly thank our visiting ministers this month for laboring in our behalf. They are Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL).

We wish God's blessings on Sis. Gail Hari and Bro. Richard Kiefer (Gridley, IL) as they recently announced their engagement. Parents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Bev Hari and Bro. Richard and Sis. Louise Kiefer (Gridley, IL).

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Shirley Kieser

A new little girl, Rachel Lynn, is welcomed into the family of Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose Staley. Ivan and Bernice Stuff (Sparland) are the grandparents. Also, Heather Rose is the new little sister for Nicole in the family of Bro. Don and Sis. Jenny Knobloch. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen and Bro. Louis and Sis. Vilas Belsley (Morton, IL).

A reunion was held here of brethren who winter in the southern climate of Zapata. Many from far and near rejoiced together in mutual fellowship. Among those were ministering Bros. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS) and Elmer Schrenk (Alto, MI). Also in our midst this month were Bros. Dave Kieser and Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL). We thank our visitors for their efforts on our behalf.

As God is so merciful, He has touched the hearts of Deloris and Ken Stoller to seek repentance. They have felt the devil's power to tempt and discourage, but have also found that the power of God, if called upon, is a mighty source of positive power. We pray they can constantly seek that source.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Carol Ehnle wish to thank everyone for their cards and prayers and help while Joe was injured and in the hospital. May God bless all of you for your kindness.

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ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**Kathy Schlatter**

There is so much God-given wisdom to ponder from the conference tapes, but there is a particular point that struck me. Haven't we heard it said: "I don't believe God really meant it that way"? Might Satan not be putting those words in our mouths, in our minds, trying to get us to lower our standards and goals? Isn't it possible that our sin is often that of too much independence, thinking we know? (I am one who, just recently, in writing down appointments for myself and others, came at the wrong time for my own! I am afraid I can be spiritually wrong, too.) We were reminded of the church as a safety net. "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14.

We have been blessed by numerous visitors. Our visiting ministers, who spend themselves for all of our spiritual needs, deserve our thanksgiving and prayers: Bros. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Art Bauer and Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), Darrell Stoller (Bern, KS) and Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL) There is so much given to us each time we listen to the Word. We have been privileged to hear the tapes from the August brotherhood conference at Lester during the Wednesday evenings in September, and often in them we are reminded that being holy every day of the week is so much harder than appearing holy in church. Yet we need to be fortified for the battle. Christ is our bridge from the knowledge of the Word to its application and fruit in our lives. We must cling closely, for Satan and his world try to tell us there is no bridge, that a holy life cannot be lived. We must resist!

We are appreciative that the Lord has given the teaching gift to many so that the responsibility may be shared. Bro. Miklos Bozzay, Sis. Donna Hangartner and Sis. Gloria Stahl are our new Sunday school teachers. We should support each one and pray for the Lord's strength in their new duties. And we are so thankful for the prayer and time and effort given by our loved ones who have been relieved of their teaching responsibility, now able to attend Sunday morning services once again. May their great reward be laid up in heaven.

At our new Bro. Kevin Rocke's testimony and baptism in Eureka, we were rededicated to our own testimony and covenant, including our commitment to working out our soul's salvation, to live and to die in this our beloved faith. We praise the Lord's name not only for Bro. Kevin's deliverance from sin but also for our own. May we continue to pray for one another.

We have several students joining us: Sis. Peggy Hunziker (Morton, IL) is in nurses' training at the University of IL and Mary Kay Kinsinger (Elgin, IL) is attending Elmhurst College. We look forward to much joy and fellowship in getting to know them.

On August 26, Bro. Guy Gottier and Sis. Beth Schneider (Rockville, CT) were joined together as husband and wife in Christ, beginning a new household of faith. We welcome them with open hearts, and may we all reflect the quiet radiance and joy of these our loved ones, walking together in Him.

Dear Sis. Esther Hay has undergone minor knee surgery. We wish we could share her pain, but we can pray for her continued spiritual strength and physical recovery.

Sermon note: If Satan were to attack the Church in America directly, and we were told that we could not assemble in our churches, we would be up in arms. We would write to our congressmen and discuss our constitutional rights eloquently. We would truly be concerned and vocal about our choice of church attendance. But Satan knows that, so he instead draws us from Wednesday and Sunday services by other means. Perhaps there is a rare educational opportunity here and a special deal on tickets there, we really are too tired, or the kids are too much trouble. He finds it easier to entice us away from attending church than to do battle, to soothe us with rationalizations rather than to confront our convictions. Then he can win the battle as we lose the habit of church assembly. We must make being with the brethren at every opportunity, especially at church, a priority, or we may be there less and less.

How well we would have to guard a truly large gem if we had one! Wouldn't we have sensitive alarms to alert us in case anyone even got near? (On a visit to the U.S. Grant home in Galena, IL, we learned if a child so much as put a toe through a railing - a normal occurrence, one might think - the sheriff's

office would be notified!) Shouldn't we, possessing a pearl of the greatest value, make sure we keep our discernment of the spirits, our reaction to Satan's wiles at a very sensitive level, lest we leave our jewel unguarded and be lost? (Matthew 13:45-46).

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

Build a little fence of trust around today . . .
Fill the space with loving work and therein stay.
Look not between the shelt'ring bars upon tomorrow,
But take whatever comes to thee of joy and sorrow.

Mary F. Butts

Trusting in the Lord and believing it to be His will, Sis. Anne Walder and Bro. Rod Anliker announced their engagement on September 2. Parents of the couple are Sis. Lucille and the late Bro. Ervin Walder and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy Anliker (Forrest, IL). We wish them God's blessings in this most important undertaking.

Experiencing sorrow and the afflictions of the body this month have been Donna Stock, surgical, and Sis. Eulalia Eisenmann, Sis. Jean Knapp, Sis. Esther Vogel, Sis. Mabel Vogel, Bro. Ed Alt and Bro. Kenny Bauer. We are thankful all have recovered and are home again. We are happy Sis. Helen Knapp was able to return home and hope she will be able to assemble with us soon.

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind
To thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned!
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.
Zion's Harp #209

September 16 was a day of joy and blessing for our congregation when we witnessed the baptism of Harvey Kaeb (son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou) and welcomed him as our brother-in-faith. Sharing in this joy were visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), Bro. Todd Feller (La-Crosse, IN) and Bro. Kenny Schneider (Remington, IN). Also spending a Sunday with us was Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS). We thank them all for

coming and appreciate their many good teachings.

The last four Wednesday evenings we were privileged to listen to the tapes of the conference held in Lester, IA. Hearing the loving concerns from our elder brothers gives us much to think about and a new zeal in striving earnestly in serving the Lord. They were very uplifting evenings, renewing us and reminding us of the depth of God's love and mercy. May we all strive more sincerely to walk worthy of our high calling.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE
Kay Roth — Tammy Knapp

GOLDEN HARVEST

Autumn's golden beauty shineth O'er the land in full array. Barns are almost bursting over, Brimming full of sweet dry hay.

Velvet skies of autumn evenings hold a mellow harvest moon — Just a silent, sweet reminder that she'll leave us all too soon.

Autumn's wealth of golden harvest lays her bounty at our door — Gifts of nature's rich fulfillment proving God's abundant store.

Carice Williams

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Luke 15:7. We are so thankful that the waters are being troubled and souls are answering the call to repentance. They are: John Ott (Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn), Troy Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary), Sara Knapp (Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy), Denise Banwart (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene) and Lynnette Stahl (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Norma). May they feel God's grace and help as they start to build on that firm foundation, Jesus Christ.

We want to extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Sis. Erma Miller. Sis. Erma was called from this life to her eternal rest and we can be assured that she is now free from all earthly pain and suffering, which she bore so patiently. As the songwriter puts it: "What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, and I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand and leads me through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day that will

be." Gospel Hymns #831. Sis. Erma is survived by her husband, Bro. Walter; daughter, Sis. Sharon McClure and son, Jack, of Morton.

Bro. Carl Schieber was our only hospital patient this month. We hope that he will be able to feel strengthened through our prayers for his recovery.

We would like to thank Bros. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL), Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS) and Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA) for ministering God's unblemished Word. May the Lord richly bless them for their efforts in our behalf.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Ruth Ann Getz

The immutability of God! — The same yesterday, today and forever! Zondervan's Bible dictionary states, "He is devoid of all change in essence, attributes, consciousness, will and promises. No change is possible in God, because all change must be better or worse and God is absolute perfection. No cause for change in God exists, either in Himself or outside of Him. This immutability is clearly taught in such passages of scripture as "I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6), He is "the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17), "The heavens shall perish, but thou shalt endure" (Psalm 102:26), "The counsel of the Lord standeth forever" (Psalm 33:11). As we look to this immutable God, let us take confidence that He is able to keep us in all circumstances when we come to Him in submission seeking His will.

Sis. Rose Steffen left our community on August 21 as did Bro. Otto Stettner on September 10. Both have taken up residence at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton, IL. Rose had made her home with Bro. Nate and Sis. Marilyn Steffen for the past six years and Otto most recently has lived with his son-in-law and daughter, Fred and Joanne Peaslee. Their families can take comfort in knowing of the unchangeableness of God and that He is able to keep His promise to watch over them there as here. We trust the Lord will bless the families for the loving care of their parents and that each of the care givers at Restmor will be motivated by a gentle, loving spirit to continue the same.

The engagement of Bro. Gary Steffen (son of Bro. John and Sis. Wava) and Sis. Lois Metzger (daughter of

Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice, West Bend, IA) was made known to the church on September 9. November 25 has been set for the wedding date. May Christ remain in the center of all their plans as they prepare for their wedding day.

On September 7, Bro. Dick Kilgus was chosen to serve as church secretary. We wish Bro. Dick God's grace in carrying out these duties to His glory.

Greg and Brenda Gudeman became first-time parents on September 6 when Lisa Kristine was born. May the parents experience the Godly blessing of parenthood and may their new daughter experience the Godly nurturing of her body and soul. The grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Evelyn Gudeman and Art and Emma Glover (Texas).

Ryan Dale was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Schock on September 13 making them also first-time parents. May they have the much needed grace to rear this small son in the fear and nurture of the Lord. Grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois Schock and Bro. Ken and Sis. Arlene Huette (Tremont, IL).

Sis. Beth Braun moved to Denver, CO, August 12, and while we miss here, we wish her God's peace and contentment there.

Sis. Della Kellenberger is presently hospitalized for a short stay. We are grateful that she anticipates being home again in a few days. May the Lord continue to bless her with daily strength.

Bro. Ken Dietz spent September 16 with the Elgin congregation and ministered the Word of God to us. We thank him and his family for making the effort to visit us here. May the Lord richly bless them.

ILLINOIS, EUREKA
Kathy L. Rocke

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1. We are so thankful for the stirring of the waters in our congregation, and rejoice with souls that are willing to pick up the cross and follow Him. Those making a beginning in Him are Mike Knecht (Richard and Janet), Andy Wiegand (Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen), Tami Martin (Bro. Lewis and Sis. Arletta), Wayne Getz (Bro. Allan and Sis. Nathalia), Myron and Elaine Blunier (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda

Blunier and Bro. Bob and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach, Tremont, IL), Ted and Donna Blunier (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Bernice Stoller, Princeville, IL), and Jeff and Lisa Banwart (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart and Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman, West Bend, IA). May He grant sufficient grace to each and every soul that comes in true repentance.

We again have dear ones that have been in the hospital. Our prayers go out to Benita Martin (Melvin), Sis. Wilma Stoller (Bro. Willis) and Bro. Henry Frey. May God heal and bless as only He sees fit.

Bro. Walter Schumacher wants to sincerely thank everyone who remembered him with prayers, cards and visits while he was in the hospital and since returning home. May the Lord bless each of you for your kindness.

August 21 is the day Stephanie Lynn Martin was born to Bro. Bruce and Sis. Sheri Martin. Bradley is glad to welcome a sister as are grandparents, Bill and Sharon Grubb (El Paso, TX) and Bro. Lewis and Sis. Arletta Martin.

Sharing the same birthday as Stephanie is Kelli Elizabeth Leman, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Marilyn Leman. Holly, Tim and Trent are Kelli's sister and brothers. Grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Mary Swadley (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Milton and Sis. Caroline Leman (Eureka, IL).

Jacob, Mindy, Emily, Todd and Toby welcomed their new brother, Jared Michael Fehr, born to Bro. Ken and Sis. Sandy Fehr on September 1. Grandparents are Ernest and Sis. Ida Pfaffman (Washington, IL) and Bro. Ernie and Sis. Mary Fehr. May the Lord look kindly on these dear families and give them the wisdom to guide their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

"In my heart there rings a melody". Tabernacle Hymns #91. We rejoiced to hear the engagement announcement of Sis. Lynn Eastman (Bro. Dick and Sis. Nelma) and Bro. Greg Wiegand (Bro. Dietz and Sis. Loretta) on September 16. We pray a special blessing on them as they make plans for their future together.

"Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow". Hymns of Zion #210. We gathered together Saturday evening, September 15, to hear the testimony of Kevin Rocke (Bro. Norman and Sis. Doris). Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann

(Chicago, IL) was also able to be with us, for which we are thankful. The following day, September 16, we witnessed the baptism and laying on of hands as Kevin was welcomed as our brother-in-the-Lord. May God ever be his constant guide here on earth leading to those heavenly mansions above.

We enjoyed the teachings of Bros. Dale, Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN). May the Lord bless them for serving us.

We have been together on Wednesday evenings to hear the tapes of the conference in Lester, IA. How uplifting and strengthening to hear the concerns of the elders as they speak. It makes us realize how careful we must be in this walk of life, because Satan is not sleeping. May we be encouraged in our faith and support each other so we all may make the heavenly port safely.

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell — Joann Zehr

During the past month, we have been blessed with visiting ministers, Bros. Everett Gerber and Al Schneider (Rockville, CT), Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL), Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS), Charles Hemmer and Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Merrill Laukhuf and Larry Weninger (Latty, OH) and Don Manz (Junction, OH).

We welcome Sis. Linda Oberlander and her children, Bro. Troy, Kelly, Chad and Mia, into our congregation as they have recently moved here from Wolcott, IN.

The engagement of Sis. Bonnie Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna) to Bro. Tim Stoller (Lyle and Sis. Lois, Bloomington, IN) has been announced. We wish them God's guidance and blessings as they make their future plans together.

We are rejoicing with our new converts, Mary Lynn Steidinger (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) and Phyllis Welborn (Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steidinger). As they surrender their will, may they find peace and joy that only God can give.

Sis. Louise Sohn wishes to thank all her relatives and friends for the many prayers, cards, gifts and flowers she received while she was hospitalized and since returning home, and for remembering her on her birthday.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Kathy Leman — Sharon Adams

We are grateful for our faithful brethren who bring us God's precious holy Word. Visiting us this month were Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL), Bros. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury, IL), Dave Weigand (Champaign, IL), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI) and Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL). May God bless them for their many labors.

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

Zion's Harp # 41

Many gathered with us on the weekend of August 26 when Sis. Stephanie Waibel (Eldon and Marge) and Sis. Bethany Steffen (Bro. Richard and Sis. Lou Ida) brought forth their testimonies and were baptized. We welcome them as our sisters-in-faith. It is so uplifting and strengthening to see souls still turning to the Lord in repentance. May we all strive aright towards that beautiful mansion on high.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Emil Anliker (Sis. Louise) and Bro. Sam Zimmerman (Sis. Louise). May we always remember those who must bear bodily afflictions.

Kristy Jean has been welcomed into the home of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Bachtold. Their other children are Marsha, Melodee, Ted and Paula. Brad Schmidgall is happy to have a baby sister to play with. Kelli Marie was born to Sam and Sherri Schmidgall.

Vicki Pruitt (sister of Sis. Robin Kupferschmid) has heeded God's calling and turned her back to the world. May she feel and heed God's guiding hand and surrender her all unto Him.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Rod Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy) and Sis. Ann Walder (Sis. Lucille, Cissna Park, IL) was announced. Also Phil Leman (Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna) and Charlotte Fehr (Bro. Glen and Sis. Kathryn, Fairbury, IL) are engaged to be married soon. We wish these couples God's blessings in their new lives together.

We have received many blessings and teachings as we recently heard the tapes of the brotherhood conference. May we take these teachings to heart

and strive to walk closer to God on this straight and narrow way that leads to heaven.

The family of Bro. Mark Schlatter wishes to express their heartfelt thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy given in the loss of their dearly loved one. The prayers and many, many deeds of love and kindness are so deeply appreciated. May God bless you all.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Bev Joos

While attempting to refinish an old oak dresser, I "scraped" together many similarities to our Christian walk of life. The wood underneath was beautiful solid oak, but the finish was discolored, dented, cracked and stained. So, too, our finish can be unsightly and show evidence of years of living on earth as a sinner. Underneath, however, is an individual created in the image of God, waiting to emerge as a new creation. One must apply the paint remover and let it stand on the wood to soften the old finish. Likewise, one must study and apply God's living Word to strip away old habits and the old life style. Prayer is one of the most useful tools in scraping off years of sinful accumulation. Sandpaper is helpful for eliminating some blemishes. Often our lives are sanded by various trials, burdens or chastisements. With time, this abrasion truly aids in smoothing our course. Once we are down to the bare wood (the solid rock, the firm foundation) we must use a wash to remove any residue of the old finish. Likewise, baptism symbolizes the burial of the old man. Now we are finally ready to apply some type of protective coating to the wood. Spiritually, we are "sealed" by His Holy Spirit which serves to guide, teach and lead us.

Three precious souls, Dale and Susie Wyss and Jenny Sauder, are enjoying "refinished" lives and are awaiting baptism. May God's grace continue to abound in their lives.

Happiness beams from the home of Bro. Mike and Sis. Gerri Hinrichsen as they welcome their new son, Hans Michael. He arrived September 12 and has two sisters, Teri and Marti. Grandparents are, his namesake, Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen and Roy and Sis. Corrine Roth.

We wish to thank these ministers who labored in our behalf: Bro. Vernon Leman and Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka,

IL), Bro. Kent Ringger and Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN).

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

Our Goodfield congregation welcomes some special new friends. Yuka Sakanaka, an AFS student, is making her home with Bro. Don and Sis. Peg Heinold. Four members of a Vietnamese family have also found loving homes here. Lien Thi Tran stays with Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Ellen Wiegang, while her sister, Phong Thi Tran abides with Bro. Dave and Sis. Becky Knapp. A third sister, Hong Thi Tran, resides with Bro. Harold and Sis. Carol Hohulin, and their older brother, Son Van Tran, lives with Rick and Sis. Mickey Shemansky.

Our healing prayers are extended to Bro. Bill Joos who was hospitalized with a back injury and is now recuperating at home. Sis. Ruth Hohulin, recovering from a broken arm, is extremely grateful for the cards and many kindnesses shown to her.

We offer heartfelt sympathy to our Bro. Alfred Kieser in the loss of his father, Carl Cieser (Peoria, IL).

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

II Cor. 4:5

Wednesday, August 29, was a special evening for our congregation. We were blessed by the visits of Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL). They were present for the selection of a new ministering brother whom God has called to labor in our behalf and to faithfully preach the gospel message of salvation. After the votes of the congregation were counted, the elder brothers felt there was clear support for Bro. Earl Ringger. Many kind and gracious words of encouragement were spoken on behalf of Bro. Earl. We could feel the wonderful Spirit of Christ among us and we rejoice in the goodness of the Lord.

The marriage engagement was announced for Bro. Mike Zimmerman (Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen) and Sis. Sandra Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy, Forrest, IL). Bro. Richard Kiefer

(Bro. Richard and Sis. Louise) was announced to be married to Sis. Gale Hari (Bro. Everett and Sis. Beverly, Bloomington, IL). Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Scott Rhoton (Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rhoton, Urbana, IL).

Our hospital patients have been Bro. Lewis Yergler, Bro. Roger Gramm and Whitney Maurer (son of Bro. J. D. and Sis. Sandy).

We were glad for the visits of ministering Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) and Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron, OH).

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Audrey Martin

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecc. 3:1

As the time rolls swiftly on, we have come to that season of the year when school begins. It is an exciting time as each of us takes his post of duty in his individual classrooms. Another school year is ahead of us with many opportunities for serving the Lord as we try our best to do God's perfect will by His marvelous grace. There are many challenges around us each new day as we rub shoulders with the world, but God has promised, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 12:9. We know we must "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11. We know that we can't just hide in a corner. The message came so clearly from Jesus, Himself, that we would be protected for He said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." St. John 17:15. What a precious promise!

We greatly appreciate the visiting ministers who have come to teach us at our weekly Bible study for it helps us know better what God's will is and how to arm up for the battles ahead. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) who spoke to us on Christ in our lives, Bro. Joe Schrock (Congerville, IL) who spoke on Godly wisdom and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) who spoke on being a servant for Christ. It is so uplifting to hear God's messages in the middle of a busy week

and to receive new strength and courage to go on. We need to follow these teachings to be lights in the world so their labors of love are not in vain.

We also appreciate the efforts of the Bloomington congregation for a blessed Parent's weekend on September 16. All of our parents and families were invited to services in Bloomington with a supper and singing following the afternoon lunch call. We had a blessed day together and appreciate that our families came to see our home away from home.

The fall calendar is filling up as plans for College weekend, singing showers, weddings and weekly activities are being made. College weekend is to be hosted by the ICC Young Group on October 20 and 21. We are singing at the Americana Nursing Home and at the Shamel Manor Nursing and Retirement Home every Monday at 6:45 p.m. We appreciate all who want to help us sing praises to the Lord. Bible study is being held every Thursday evening in Schroeder 244 at 7:30 p.m. We are thankful for all the efforts made to continue this and welcome any visitors who would like to attend.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farney — JoAnn Roecker

The family of Bro. John Kauffman wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many deeds of kindness and sympathy shown unto them during the illness and death of their loved one. May God bless all who were so kind.

We are thankful that our heavenly Father has called Ken Baum to work in His vineyard. We heard Ken's testimony of faith on August 20 and witnessed his baptism on August 21. May God richly bless Bro. Ken as he walks the narrow pathway of life.

Bro. Roy Moser was called Home. His funeral was held September 1. May God comfort and bless his wife, Sis. Louise, his family and friends.

Bro. Vernon Schumacher was called Home. His funeral was held on September 6. May God comfort his wife, Sis. Marie, his family and friends. His family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many deeds of kindness and sympathy shown them upon the passing of their loved one. May God bless all who were so kind.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Ben Grimm family. May God comfort his family and friends.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Krista

Witzig (Sis. Aldeine and the late Bro. Joe) and Bro. David Ploussard (Eugene and Mary) as the Lord has directed them to become one in Christ Jesus. May God richly bless them and lead them on life's pathway.

Let us continue to uphold our loved ones in prayer who are shut-in and/or ill.

We wish to thank Bros. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ) and Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) for ministering God's holy Word unto us. May our heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

Bro. Jeff, Sis. Rhonda, Jeff and Trent Kaufman welcome into their hearts and home, Trevor Layne. Trevor was born September 17. His grandparents are Clifford and Lola Kaufman and Sis. Matilda Kaiser.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Margo Marx — Susi Herman

Believing it is the Lord's will, Bro. Mike Fehr and Sis. Margaret Triplett have announced their engagement. May God bless and guide them as they plan their lives together. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Eph. 5:31.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO), Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) and Harry Suttor (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) for ministering God's holy Word to us. May our heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

Many of our loved ones have been hospitalized this month: Sis. Lena Joos, Sis. Mary Lou Bowald, Sis. Mary Tanner, Katherine Knapp, Bro. Brad Hoerr, Bro. Walt Witzig and Clarence Sutter. May we continue to remember in prayer these loved ones and all those who are shut-in or sick.

Congratulations are extended to Steve and Margie Sauder who were married at our Fellowship Hall on June 16. Their parents are Bro. John and Sis. Esther Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Mel and Sis. Carolee Unsicker (Peoria, IL). They are now living in Roanoke. We trust God will bless their future lives together.

"I would like to express my thanks for the visits, cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Your

thoughtfulness is much appreciated."

Bro. Bob Plattner

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

As Christians, we should never think of ourselves as someone God has forgotten. Rather, we should consider ourselves as one of His favored children.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Virgil Metzger (Urbana, IL), Joe Braker (Morton, IL), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL), Donald Miller (Minneapolis, MN), Roy Sauder (Peoria, IL), Dan Koch (Tremont, IL), Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) and LeRoy Hartman (Peoria, IL).

On September 8 we heard the testimonies and on September 9 we witnessed the baptisms of four dear children of God. They are Bro. Ronald Christ (Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris), Sis. Cynthia Martin (Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna), Sis. Deanne Graham (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette) and Bro. Jay Knobloch (Bro. Ed and Sis. Frances).

On September 9, Bro. Joe Stoller was ordained as our elder. Bros. Roy Sauder (Peoria, IL), Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Dan Koch (Tremont, IL) and Joe Braker (Morton, IL) took part in the impressive ordination service. Bro. Joe will take over the duties of Bro. Dave Kieser who is retiring as our elder. Bro. Dave will continue in the ministry.

Benjamin David Martin was born August 21 to Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Martin. Luann and Andy welcome him to their family.

Aaron David Ehnle was born September 16 to Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane Ehnle. Beth, Mary, Ted and Gwenn welcome him to their family.

Sis. Martha Jane Siebenthal broke her hip August 23. She was in the hospital a week and is recuperating at home.

Sis. Emma Asal is very grateful for the many cards, gifts, prayers and other acts of love given to her during her illness.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Joyce Hodel — Carol Rumbold

Three little boys have come to enrich the homes of two of our young families. On August 17 Bro. Don, Sis. Colleen and Lisa Leman rejoiced over the arrival of twin sons, Kirk Samuel and

Kirby Ray. Bro. Don is the twin son of Don and Sis. Pearl Leman of our congregation, and Colleen's parents are Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer (Milford, IN). The Luginbuhl family. Bro. Rob. Sis. Gina, Mandy and Luke, is delighted to share their love with Ryan Samuel, born August 27. Ryan's grandparents are the Earl Hammonds and Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Luginbuhl, all of Roanoke. How fortunate for these little ones to have been born into Christian homes. A blessed heritage is theirs.

We rejoice and are thankful when young people look first toward heaven before choosing their life's companion. Bro. Don (Sis. Wilma) shared with us the engagement of Bro. Phil Hodel and their daughter, Sis. Lynn Sauder. Phil's parents are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel. May they continue to seek divine counsel as they plan their future together.

Hospitalized recently and discharged was Bro. Richard Isaia. Having just had surgery is Bro. David "Happy" Hodel. We know he will appreciate our prayers for his recovery if it be God's will.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. John and Sis. Linda Hodel in the loss of their newborn daughter, Anna Marie. This little angel's family includes Jonathan, Jessica and grandparents, Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel and Elmer Bucher. We also sympathize with Roy and Sis. Rose Beer in the loss of their son, Jerry.

How richly we have been blessed by ministers from near and far traveling here to share with us the living Word. We thank God for brothers like these who are willing to serve: Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Bob Miller (Portland, OR), Bro. Raymond Roth (Kiowa, KS), Bros. Ray Sinn and Loren Stoller (Latty, OH), Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont, IL), Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL), Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL).

There was an atmosphere of unity and Christian love as Bro. Bill Hodel (Sis. Betty) was ordained as deacon. We are thankful that our Elder Bro. Don Sauder has been given the assistance he deserves in serving a congregation as large as ours. May we each one try to support these brothers who serve us by being obedient sheep and

by remembering them and their families in our prayers.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Dorothy Wagenbach

Carolyn Bolliger

We are presently listening to the tapes from our recent conference in Lester, IA. We appreciate the concern of our elder brethren as they remind us of our need to be more holy in our everyday walk of life.

We have recently selected two new Sunday school teachers and one brother for the trustee board. Nelson Locke is our new trustee brother and Bros. Bruce Sauder and Randy Schmidgall have been called on to be our new Sunday school teachers.

Bro. Harlan Bolliger is retiring from the trustee board and Bros. Dean Martin and Dale Kaufmann from Sunday school teaching. We wish to thank those who have given their time and effort these past few years and wish to encourage the new brothers as they take up their new duties.

We have four new babies to welcome this month. Bro. Dan and Sis. Julie Koch have a new son, Michael Steve, born August 26. Grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol Koch and Merle and Sis. Madelyn Tobler (Elgin, IL). Michael is welcomed home by Lisa, Jonathan and Jason.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Sauder have a new son, Brent David, born August 29. Big brothers, Derek and Doug, welcome him home. Brent's grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder and Bro. Chris and Sis. Wilmina Woerner.

On August 30 a sweet baby girl, Kathy Sue, was born to Bro. Philip and Sis. Diane Koch. Little Kathy made Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol Koch grandparents for the second time this month and is the first grandchild for Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosemary Frank.

George and Grace Schmidgall are the happy grandparents of a new little girl, Lillian Elizabeth, born September 2 to their daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Tom Smothers (Peoria, IL).

We are thankful that Kevin Schaefer (Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marge) is now able to be at home after having spent four weeks in the hospital recovering from a recent automobile accident.

Note of thanks: We wish to extend a sincere thank you for the prayers, cards, food and memorials received at

the time of our father's death. May God bless you all.

The Wm. H. Beutel family

ILLINOIS, URBANA

Cheryl Mangers

On August 26, we hosted our annual student and parent welcome picnic at Hessel Park. We numbered over 125 at church and many more joined us later at the park. Our last count was 18 new students representing 11 different churches. We are unique this year in that we also welcomed 6 married couples into our fellowship.

On November 7, 1956, the first Bible study was held on the U. of I. campus. Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield, IL) was there. Bro. Ed saw us progress from having services every other Wednesday night at the Union to our present church building. He assumed the eldership for our Urbana church in 1969. September 9, Bro. Ed assembled with us to tell us he would be retiring from the eldership. Bro. Dave Wiegand said it for us, "Thank you. We love you." I know many former students and parents echo that sentiment. To Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) who will be assuming the eldership here, we give our support.

Recently announced to be married were Bro. Rod Anliker and Sis. Ann Walder, both of this congregation.

Our thanks and appreciation go to our visiting ministers this past month: Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont, IL), Bro. Lenard Meyer (Chicago, IL) and Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL).

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Sally Plattner

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

II Peter 1:19

All who have been born again through Christ have come from living under the law to living in Christ's Spirit under grace. Christ, the "day star", rose from the death to life in each of our hearts, releasing us from the old law, sin and death.

We, in Washington, are rejoicing in this spirit with Stan Schick, as his wife, Carol, has joined him in repentance.

Angie Crutchley (Carol and Arlie) has also given her heart to the Lord.

She did so just before moving with her family to Albuquerque, NM.

Talking with someone who has recently responded to Christ's call brings tears to the eyes. It is easy to forget that the simple directive of Romans 10:9 is the way for all men. Our hearts should be prayerful to capacity for those souls we have personal contact with that have not experienced redemption through the blood. Our most passionate desire and driving force should be for those in our lives who have not had the "day star" arise in their hearts and who are lost in sin to call on the blood. If we do not have this burden burning in our hearts every day are we truly living for Christ?

We are grateful to hear Christ preached and are refreshed when we have visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Roy Sauder and Bro. Chuck Hemmer visited us on August 28.

We are sorry to report Sue Ruppert has been in the hospital. We wish her better health in the days to come.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Etta Steffen

Sue Neuenschwander

This past month we've been very fortunate to have many visiting ministers to bring us God's Word. They are: Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN), Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH). In behalf of these ministers, our ministers, their wives and to all our shepherds, we dedicate a well deserved message.

THE LORD WORKS THROUGH ALL OF US

We have a most important and compelling work to do,
For each of us is someone that the Lord is working through.
He gave us willing, caring hands to perform some helpful deed,
He gave us sympathetic words to answer someone's need.
He gave us loving hearts to aid another along the way.
He gave us smiles and laughter to brighten someone's day.
He gave us all these treasured gifts for helping one another —
The Lord works through us all when we are caring for each other.
God bless you for your faith in Him and your devotion, too.

God guide you and direct you in the work that you willingly do.

And as you serve Him lovingly in your unselfish way,

May God reward you richly for the good you do each day.

Amanda Bradley

A dear brother has gone to his rest. On August 26, Bro. Bert Kipfer, 81, passed away. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Sis. Thelma, and his brothers and sisters, Bro. Martin Kipfer, Bro. Carl Kipfer, Sis. Francis Kipfer, Sis. Freida Kipfer and Sis. Esther Kipfer. We all remember Bro. Bert with a song in his heart. He can now sing with the angels in heaven.

Hospitalized this past month were Sis. Lou Moser (Bro. Ervin), Bro. Walter Speheger and Austin Fiechter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Fonda). We pray they will all have a speedy recovery.

We have three new bundles of joy to report. On August 22, a little girl, Amy Nicole, was welcomed by Bro. Dee and Sis. Laura Neuenschwander. Grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander (Indianapolis, IN) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Devona Gerber.

On September 12, a precious little girl, Michelle Kay, was born to Bro. Tim and Sis. Vicki Fiechter. Grandparents are Bro. Al and Sis. Carole Isch and Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Fiechter.

On September 17, a little miracle was born to first-time parents Bro. Tom and Sis. Suzanne Neuenschwander. They have named their daughter, Brooke Suzanne. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander and Bro. Truman and Sis. Marcella Yergler. Great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ella Yergler. We welcome all three little bundles into our congregation and pray for God's richest blessings to their parents.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Virginia Rauch — Cindy Geisel

A new family has joined our congregation. We wish to extend a warm and loving welcome to Bro. Mick and Sis. Coleen Culp and their family. We hope and pray that they can feel at home here. Francesville's loss is surely our gain.

We rejoice with Bro. Tom and Sis. Jan Moser over their son, Tony, who has now found the grace to turn from

his old life and seek a new one in Christ in repentance.

We are also happy to announce the engagement of Sis. Karen Neuenschwander (Bro. Walter and Sis. Joyce) to Bro. Jeff Isch (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyn, Bluffton). We wish them God's blessings as they anticipate their wedding date of December 9.

On August 26 we were able to witness the marriage of Sis. Fawn Moser (Bro. Gene and Sis. Edna) and Bro. Blake Gerber (Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise). We wish them much happiness and God's richest blessings.

We were privileged to have three visiting ministers to lend their services. They were Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford, IN) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH). We wish to thank them and their wives for their visit and wish God's blessings to be with them always for lending themselves.

Those shut-in and hospitalized the past month were Bro. Vernon Meyer, Bro. Obed Gerber, Sis. Lillian Wright, Bro. Dan Steffen, Sis. Evelyn Meyer, Matthew Belsley (son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Marcia), Marci Feichter (daughter of Bro. Tony and Sis. Peg), Rochelle Geisel (daughter of Bro. Stan and Sis. Cindy) and Sis. Gladys Feichter. We pray that good health will soon be restored to them and that God will be with them in a speedy recovery.

On September 9, our Sunday School, grades K - 4 from both Bluffton and Bluffton North, had their annual picnic at our Fellowship Hall. The children always look forward to this time of fun and friendship.

Our children are now back to school and it brings to mind the saying, "A good listener is not only well liked everywhere, but after awhile he learns something." Not only does this apply to our school children, but it also applies to our spiritual lives. If we continually listen to the Holy Spirit and the teachings of God's holy Word, we too will learn, and thereby be able to profit richly by it.

We will soon be given the privilege to vote for a leader for our country. Let us do this in prayer. Voters wish they always could elect responsible men . . . which they could if we always had responsible voters.

Just a reminder, in November we will be collecting dues (\$7.00) from all those who wish to continue receiving the Silver Lining.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jackie Huber

SO LONG AS THERE ARE HOMES

So long as there are homes to which
men turn at close of day;
So long as there are homes where
children are, where women stay;
If love and loyalty and faith be found
across those sills
A stricken nation can recover from
its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where
fires burn and there is bread;
So long as there are homes where
lamps are lit and prayers are said,
Although people falter through the
dark and nations grope
With God Himself back of these little
homes — we have sure hope.

Grace Noll Crowell

Three new homes were established
this past month. On August 26, Bro.
Mark Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis.
Barb) was united in marriage to Sis.
Lynne Bucher (Bro. Kenny and Sis.
Carol, LaCrosse, IN).

Gina Denton (Bro. Jim and Sis.
Sharon) and Jeff Tanner (Ralph and
Carol Tanner) were married Septem-
ber 8 at the Fellowship Center.

Also held at the Fellowship Center
was the September 15th wedding of
Scott Leman (Bro. Sid and Sis. Fern)
to Kathy Haney (Mr. and Mrs. Maurice
Haney). We wish the stability and
binding power of God's love on these
three new homes.

There was a new little addition to the
home of Bro. Brian and Sis. Jacki
Huber. Phillip Douglas was born Aug-
ust 26. Two sisters, Sharlin and
Rachel, are happy to have a baby
brother. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne
and Sis. Carol Huber (Francesville)
and Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm
(Goodfield, IL).

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs.
Gus Eshleman (Kansas City, MO) on
September 11. They named her Jamie
Taylor and she is their first child.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Keith
Weesner (Indianapolis, IN) and Bro.
Morrie and Sis. Helen Eshleman
(Francesville, IN).

Two former residents of the Park-
view Haven Retirement Home have
reached their eternal homes. Sis. Lena
Knochel, 89, passed away August 24.
Funeral services were held at Reming-

ton, IN, Lena's home before moving to
Francesville.

Bro. Bert Bucher, 92, passed away
on August 30. Services were held at his
home church in LaCrosse, IN.

We will miss seeing these two dear
loved ones at the home, but are glad
they can rest from their earthly cares
and be truly home.

We enjoyed having many visitors
here for the "Snowbird" reunion. Two
ministering brothers, Bro. Joe Schrock
(Congerville, IL) and Bro. Homer
Reineck (Toledo, OH) were here for
the reunion. Our thanks go to them for
serving us.

Also, we give a special thanks to Bro.
Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) for min-
istering to us on a recent Sunday after-
noon.

Hospital patients have been Sis.
Jane Nuestr, Bro. Al Getz and Sis.
Helen Eshleman.

We look forward to partaking in holy
communion in the near future. It is with
mixed emotions of joy and sadness that
we anticipate this, realizing Christ's
great suffering is what made it possible
for us to have peace here on earth and
life eternal with Him above.

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Judy Dubach — Lynn Winslow

Most of the world's great souls have
been lonely. Loneliness seems to be
one price the saint must pay for his
saintliness. In the morning of the
world, that pious soul, Enoch, walked
with God and was not, for God took
him; and while it is not stated, a fair
inference is that Enoch walked a path
quite apart from others. Another lonely
man was Noah, who found grace in the
sight of God, and every shred of evi-
dence points to the aloneness of his life
even while surrounded by people.
Again, Abraham had Sarah and Lot as
well as many servants, but who can
read his story without sensing instantly
that he was a man "whose soul was like
a star and dwelt apart". As far as we
know, not one word did God ever speak
to him in the company of men. Face
down he communed with God. How
sweet and solemn was the scene that
night of the sacrifice when he saw the
lamps of fire moving between the
pieces of offering. There alone with a
horror of great darkness upon him, he
heard the voice of God and knew that
he was a man marked for divine favor.
These prophets of pre-Christian time
differed widely from each other, but

one mark they bore in common was
enforced loneliness. They loved their
people, but their loyalty to God drove
them away from the crowd and into
long periods of heaviness. Most reveal-
ing of all is the sight of that One of
whom Moses and the other prophets
did write, treading His lonely way to
the Cross. His deep loneliness was
unrelieved by the presence of the mul-
titudes.

Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow
The star is dimmed that lately shone;
Tis midnight; in the garden now,
The suffering Savior prays alone.

Tis midnight, and from all removed
The Savior wrestles lone with fears;
E'en the disciple whom He loved
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

He died alone in the darkness hid-
den from the sight of mortal man and
no one saw Him when He arose trium-
phant and walked out of the tomb,
though many saw Him afterward and
bore witness to what they saw. There
are some things too sacred for any eye
but God's to look upon. The curiosity,
the clamor, the well-meant but blun-
dering effort to help can only hinder
the waiting soul and make unlikely if
not impossible the communication of
the secret message of God to the wor-
shipping. The weakness of so many
modern Christians today is that they
feel too much at home in the world. In
their effort to achieve restful "adjust-
ment" to society they have lost their
pilgrim character and become a part of
the very moral order against which they
are sent to protest. The world recog-
nizes them and accepts them for what
they are. And this is the saddest thing
that can be said about them. They are
not lonely, but neither are they saints.

Tozer

We are very thankful and appreciate
our many visitors who spend the Lord's
day with us. We look forward to more
visitors during the fall season. Our
visiting ministers include Elder Bro.
Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Bros.
Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL) and Tom
Schrenk (Athens, AL) and their fami-
lies.

INDIANA, LACROSSE
Connie Knobloch — Cheryl Bucher
"Thus united and in concord, let us
walk the path of life." August 26 was

the wedding day of Sis. Lynn Bucher and Bro. Mark Wuethrich (Francesville, IN). Parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol and Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb. We pray that God will bless this union as they walk the path of life together.

Our hospital patient this month was Sis. Alice Heinold. We are thankful she is able to assemble with us again.

Due to the rotating system of the World Relief, Bro. Art Gudeman has completed his term on the committee. He has served untiringly for 20 years and we want to thank him and Sis. Mary for all their love, effort and time they have poured into this worthwhile work. May God continue to bless them.

We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Bro. Bert Bucher. A resident of Parkview Haven Retirement Home, Francesville, Bro. Bert, 92, passed away on August 30. Surviving are three daughters, Edith Gutwein (Missouri), Sis. Imogene Aeschliman (Bluffton, IN), Sis. Ella Plattner (Peoria, IL); five sons, Bro. Vernon, Bro. Merle, Bro. Kenneth (all of LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Elmer and Leslie (Francesville, IN) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We rejoice with our new found sister-in-faith, Lucy Kalwitz. She gave her testimony of faith and was baptized on September 10. May our heavenly Father richly bless, lead, guide and direct her as she walks the narrow pathway of life.

Several ministers have been with us as they attended the wedding, funeral and testimony. Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville, IN), Bro. Art Ringger (Indianapolis, IN), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton, IN), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN) and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL). We are always thankful for each visitor, as they minister unto us, and pray that God's blessings will be bestowed in fullest measure.

We want to extend a special thank you and God's blessings to the Lester congregation for the love shown to those of us who were privileged to attend the conference. As many of us have again heard the exhortations on tape, may we take to heart all that was said, and strive to live closer to God, so that when our lives are over, we will hear, "Well done thou good and faith-

ful servant, enter into thy heavenly rest."

INDIANA, LEO Thelma Schlatter

So many extra blessings came our way this month in the "wonderful words of life and beauty, teaching us faith and duty" through the message by Bro. Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke, IL), through the music of the Joyful Life mixed group and the Brothers of Faith quintette (Washington and Peoria, IL), through the conference tapes, through the fellowship of many who came to the Children's Home sale . . . all this plus our own ministry here at Leo. May each be blessed for time and talent shared.

Everyone has some talent to share. The following lines make some very specific suggestions for serving:

She sat alone in an old people's home
Lonely and old and gray;
She wished that someone, just anyone,
Would call on her that day.
Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed
The hours were long and hard;
He wished that someone, just anyone,
Would send him a cheery card.
Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil
Feeling homesick, lonely and blue;
He wished that someone, just anyone,
Would write him a letter, too.
Did you?

Her loved one died a few weeks ago,
All sad and broken hearted she sat;
She wished that someone, just anyone,
Would come to her house and chat.
Did you?

He hoped he had recited his verse well,
That little fellow you know;
He wished that someone, just anyone,
Would smile and tell him so.
Did you?

That matter of Christian service —
We are living it day by day;
When we help someone, just anyone,
As we walk along life's way.

Selected

We welcome Bro. Brad and Sis. Laura Compton and son, Darius, to our congregation, and trust they will feel that warm welcome.

Congratulations go to Bro. Levi and

Sis. Lillian Pfister on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were honored at a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren. May God bless these golden years.

Sis. Kathy Price has been confined in the hospital and in her home for several weeks. Sis. Adele Conrad is presently in the Fort Wayne Health Center. Those who are ill need our prayers and need to know others care.

LOOK TO JESUS

"In hours of unrest, 'Thy peace, Lord.'
In hours of irritation, 'Thy patience,
Lord.'
In hours of temptation, 'Thy purity,
Lord.'
In hours of weakness, 'Thy strength,
Lord.'"

Children and many young people are back in schools and colleges settled into another school year. Sometimes the long hours of study are tiring. I'm reminded of this story: When James Garfield was president of Hiram College, a father brought his son to the office of the president, and, looking over the long four year course, said, "Mr. Garfield, I don't believe my son will have time to take all that. Could you provide him with a shorter course?"

"Why, yes, I think I can," replied the genial Garfield. "You see, it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes hundreds of years. But when he wants to grow squash, He only takes three months."

Choice Gleanings Calendar

In a way, this can be compared to the Christian life; there's no short cut. It should be lived hourly, daily and yearly for the rest of one's lifetime.

Our new Sunday school teachers are Bros. Mark Souder and Steve Stieglitz and Sis. Jane Stieglitz. We give them our prayerful support. Bro. Lynn Stieglitz was elected to serve as Sunday school superintendent. We thank Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and Sis. Debby Schrenk for their willing service in the past.

INDIANA, MILFORD Shelby Beer — Gwen Steffen

On the evening of August 25, two young hearts were united in holy matrimony. We pray God will bless Cris

Troup (Bro. Bill and Sis. Anne) and Terry McDaniels (Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDaniels, Syracuse, IN) as they begin their lives together. May their love continue to grow for each other and for Christ.

Spending some time in the hospital were Bro. Bob Hoerr and Sisters Ginger Price and Kathy Price. May these loved ones feel God's strength through their own weaknesses.

Sis. Ida Graff is making her permanent church home in Milford. It is a joy to see her each Sunday after spending many winter months in Florida and much of the summer with her sister in the Fort Wayne, IN area.

We were richly blessed with the visit of Bros. Bob Miller (Portland, OR) and Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN) as they so willingly came to share more of Jesus' love with us.

Many hearts were touched by the testimonies of our three precious converts. We were able to hear and observe the evidence that God is working in their lives. Baptized September 16 were Angie Higginbotham (Harold), Steve Price (Bro. Tom and Becky) and Pat Mickel (Russ). Sharing this beautiful day with us were Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton, IL) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and ministering Bros. Harold Emch (Girard, OH), Vernon Leman (Eureka, IL) and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN).

Each day we can see God working through His people. As Joe E. Parks writes, "we are so thankful, though unworthy, God has chosen just every day people for His service." A portion of his song, "Everyday People" follows:

Thru the ages of time immortal,
Thru the pages of history,
God has summoned into His service
Everyday people like you and me.

Why He did not select the mighty
Is for many a mystery;
God has chosen for His appointments
Everyday people like you and me.

Tho unworthy to bear His sandals,
I will serve Him unfaithfully;
I'm so thankful that God still uses
Everyday people like you and me.

Address Changed . . .
Give Old and New Address
to Your Reporter.

INDIANA, REMINGTON
Annette Bahler — Beth Virkler

THE KNOWS

He who knows not and knows not he knows not is a fool . . . shun him.
He who knows not and knows he knows not, he is simple . . . teach him.
He who knows and knows not he knows, he is asleep . . . wake him.
He who knows and knows he knows, he is wise . . . follow him.

Sis. Lena Knochel passed away August 24. She was 89 years old and resided at Parkview Haven for the last six years. All of her family preceded her in death, except a sister, Ida Swan (Remington, IN). What a comfort to know that she spent many years in the Lord's service and is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Jenna Kilgus welcomed a little girl named Alisia Lynn, into their family on August 30. Her brothers are Aaron and Trenton and her grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus (Remington, IN) and Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris Getz (Francesville, IN).

Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) visited our congregation one Sunday. They shared their duties of ministering the gospel to us and told of the consequences of sin.

In some recent reading, I read the following that seemed so edifying for our Christian warfare.

WHAT IS SIN?

(How to determine whether a pleasure is good or bad)
Whatever . . .
(a) weakens your reason
(b) impairs the tenderness of your conscience
(c) obscures your sense of God
(d) takes away your relish for spiritual things
(e) increases the authority of your body over your mind
IS SIN.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND
Pauline Laidig

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

Hymns of Zion #156
It is with sadness that we will soon

bid farewell to our dear Sis. Mattie Clauss as she will be moving into an apartment at the Home in Eureka in October. In the autumn years of our lives, it is sometimes necessary that we adjust to a different type of living, but as long as the Good Lord is with us, we can happily do so. May He be very near you, Mattie, wherever you are. Mattie's new address will be: Apt. 231, 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, IL 61530.

This month we were blessed with inspiring and informative messages by God's servants, Bros. Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH), Donald Gudeman (La-Crosse, IN), Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and Walter Rager (Toledo, OH). We thank them all for coming, and welcome them back again. Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer joined us in our Wednesday evening Bible study recently. We always enjoy their presence.

Dean Lehman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Shirley) was ill and needed to be hospitalized for a number of days. We're so glad he has improved and was permitted to go back to Ball State. We thank the Lord for His healing touch.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO
Patty Bucher — Jill Hitz

Faithfulness is the seventh fruit of the Spirit. Some of its characteristics are: dependability, loyalty, reliability and fidelity. Faithful describes the trustworthy nature of God. He always remains available, accessible and dependable. Unlike our ourselves, He is never too busy, distracted or tired.

Not one person is instinctively faithful. We are by nature unfaithful. Even as believers we tend to lose interest, become discouraged, tired, afraid or distracted. We are all too often tempted to quit. That is when we need to pray for discipline to read and study God's Word.

As a believer, when we are faithful it means:

- I complete all my assignments.
- I keep my promises.
- I pay my bills.
- I honor my commitments.
- I keep my appointments.
- I do my work — on time.

I become a better employer, employee or chairman because I am reliable and faithful.

These goals can only be accomplished by asking for God's Holy Spirit to indwell us.

Our faithful God is never too busy

for us. Paul wrote: Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6).

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Jim Ramsier (Bay City, MI) and Paul Gasser (Akron, OH).

Scott and Marianne Rice are the proud parents of a new baby boy. James Scott was welcomed home by sister, Sara, and brother, David. Grandparents are Bro. Conrad and Sis. Donna Paarlberg.

INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Jody Getz

The fall semester at Purdue has begun, and this means the slow pace of summer has ended. We pray that with our busy schedules we will continue to place the Lord first in our lives as is instructed in Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

On August 23 a supper was held for Connie Boehning, Trent Bucher, Dick Doll, Donita Furrer and Charlotte Gutwein, who are newcomers to the Lafayette area. Our first Purdue service was also that evening and Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) conducted the service. The second Purdue service was on September 6 with Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton, IN) conducting the service. We appreciate these beloved ministers very much, and thank the Lord for their willingness to spend the evening with us. The Purdue services are held every other Thursday, and everyone is welcome to attend.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lorene Furrer — Elaine Bahler

How sweet little newborn babies are! Heather Marie was born to Bro. Brian and Sis. Lorene Furrer August 24. Briana and Mark are big sister and brother. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan Furrer and Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma Pfladderer (Francesville, IN).

August 26 was the birth date for Chris and Sis. Teresa Bahler's first-born. Renae Nicole's grandparents are Elder Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances Bahler and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lank.

Our congregation enjoyed the visit

from Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL) on September 9. We thank Bro. Don for sharing the Word with us.

Recently the Remington and Wolcott congregations met to "be a part of" the brotherhood conference by listening to the conference tapes.

Sis. Jo Kyburz has recently had cataract surgery and is home recovering. May God continue to be with her.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Edith Massner — Dixie Messner

We appreciated the fellowship with our visitors, especially Bros. Dale Frank, Ed Lanz, Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) and Glen Funk (Garden Grove, IA). Our hearts were touched by the words God gave these dear brothers to speak. May they be fruitful in our lives. We were encouraged by the words of II Chron. 20:15, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

Wednesday evening we started listening to the conference tapes and feel we are gaining much courage and direction from the same. The converts can better understand the meaning of repentance and the rest of us are reminded of the necessity of holiness. May we uphold our dear elders through prayer and obedience as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen Schulz, Julie, Phillip and Brenda, who have decided to worship with us. Even though they have not moved, they are making the transition from Oakville to Burlington. (It has been suggested in the past that Oakville families should consider such a move because of crowded conditions and the ample room in Burlington. However, we must wait upon God to lead and direct. We're thankful now that they have been willing to be led.)

Bro. Ken Scheitlin and John Taeger were hospital patients this month. Bro. Ken got fairly good reports from his tests. John is now a resident of the Bethesda Care Center in Mediapolis.

Bro. Perry Klopfenstein (Gridley, IL) was with us at the fellowship center Sunday evening to give further insight into the history of our church. It really is humbling to hear of some of our forefathers' experiences. May we strive to preserve our faith and church as they did for us.

IOWA, ELGIN

Gloria Frieden

Again, we have been privileged to listen to the tapes of the recent brotherhood conference. How thankful we should be for our shepherds and their care and concern for the flocks.

A recent double reception was held for Chuck Schupbach and his new wife, Janet, and for Chuck's parents, George and Mildred Schupbach, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Recent hospital surgical patients were George Pulfer and Sis. Joy Frieden (Edwin).

AUTUMN TAPESTRY

With just a whisper of wintry chill,
And a sprinkling of frost-diamonds
over the hill.

A blazing new sun in the blue sky above,
Autumn has come to the hills I love.

The hills are vistas of beauty untold:
Warm shades of burgandy, red, green
and gold.

Leaves of all colors come scurrying by,
Racing the clouds that scamper on high.

The white of a church spire, meadows
of brown,

Hills misty purple, with clouds for a
crown;

God shows us beauty in so many ways,
Each golden moment of bright autumn
days.

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

Eileen Funk

We had a blessed weekend with those who came to the annual Moser family reunion, to campout for the weekend. It was a pleasant surprise to also have ministering Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA), his wife and those who were with him.

We also enjoyed ministering Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS), his wife and family another weekend. Their messages were very inspirational and uplifting. Thank you for your efforts and labors of love.

It was our pleasure to entertain the singles group from West Bend, IA and Ft. Scott, KS for a weekend. We enjoyed a Saturday night singing and a Sunday evening potluck at church. We love company and always enjoy the fellowship of our brothers and sisters from visiting churches.

IOWA, IOWA CITY Connie Gerst

As we look at the changing colors around us, we realize another harvest time is here again. How wise our heavenly Father was to give us the changing seasons. We have spring, a time of refreshing rebirth when all becomes alive and bursting with color; summer, a time of growing when we nurture our crops along; autumn, a time of hustle and bustle to garner in the produce; and last, winter, a time of rest for both man and the land we work. How closely this pattern fits into our spiritual lives as we begin with a rebirth in Christ, then comes a time of growing and maturing in the spirit. Of course, God then decides when we are ready for harvest and the great eternal rest that follows. May we strive to produce an abundant harvest for our Lord.

We welcome the new students that have moved into our area this fall. They are Sis. Denise Duckworth (Bro. Don and Sis. Delores, Bradford, IL), Carlene Fehr (Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole, West Bend, IA), Patty Grimm (Eli, Jr. and Margaret, (West Bend, IA) and Ruth Ann Schumacher (Bro. Mike and Sis. Elizabeth, Burlington, IA).

We thank all our visitors for worshipping with us this past month. Among them were ministering brothers, Roy Ehnle (Bradford, IL), Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL) and Noah Gerber (West Bend, IA).

IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

We rejoice to report a new convert, Bonnie Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Vera. She was given the grace to break the bonds of Satan and turn to God in repentance.

Three families were blessed with precious baby boys. Craig Adam was born August 19 to Bro. Tony and Sis. Pam Bosch. He has three sisters and one brother to welcome him. His grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bosch. Don and Pat Metzger are the parents of Robert Lynn, born September 14. He has two brothers and his paternal grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger. On September 18, Jesse Ernst was born to Bro. Art and Sis. Cris Metzger. He is welcomed by four brothers, two sisters and his grandparents, Bro. Ernst and Sis. Ella Metzger.

We miss Bro. Ells and Sis. Lois

Niemeyer and their girls as they have moved to make their home in Phoenix. We feel they will be welcomed and appreciated in the Phoenix church.

Sis. Patty Knobloch is also missed as she has moved to Kansas to attend Kansas University.

Sis. Denise Warner and Sis. Michelle Metzger have graduated from Nettleton's in Sioux Falls, SD. They are now employed in this area for which we are thankful.

Please note that the correct address for Elder Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser is 1101 S. Carroll, Rock Rapids, IA 51426.

IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

We have been privileged at Oakville in the recent past to host several visiting church single groups. August 25 and 26, we had a small group of brothers and sisters from Gridley, IL and Taylor, MO. It certainly was a blessed weekend of fellowship for us. We hope that our visitors felt a rich blessing in assembling with us at Oakville. The following weekend, which was Labor Day weekend, we had groups from Latty and Junction, OH and Forrest and Fairbury, IL. It was quite a large group and we could certainly feel the Lord's presence as we lifted our voices in praise to His name.

Recently, we have gathered to hear the tapes of the brotherhood conference. As we listen to the words our shepherds spoke, I was reminded of Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Do we sometimes take our elder brethren and ministers for granted? Do we realize the great responsibility that is theirs? Shouldn't we willingly heed the warnings that they give so God's holy Bible and His holy church will be preserved?

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to Bro. Perry Klopfenstein (Gridley, IL). Bro. Perry, who is the author of our church history book, "Marching To Zion", was with us on September 16. We had a real nice turnout of brethren and friends at the fellowship center on Sunday evening as Bro. Perry talked about the history of our church and the awful pain and agony our forefathers went through to preserve our faith. We concluded with singing Hymns of Zion

#85, "Faith of Our Fathers", a truly fitting song as we pondered upon the strong faith that these young men and women had.

IOWA, PULASKI DeAnn Wuthrich Mary Jane Knapp

Once again our children have returned to the classrooms. This reminds us that soon we will witness another aspect of God's creation, namely the beautiful color changes of fall. Who, but God, could paint such a beautiful masterpiece?

This past month we were bountifully blessed when the Lord opened the way for several ministering brothers to be in our midst. Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and Bros. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), Al Aberle and Glen Dill (Tremont, IL) all willingly brought God's Word to us for our edification. May we remain steadfast in our desire to serve our heavenly Father until death.

We rejoice with our dear friend Matthew Musselman (Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy) who, through grace, has turned his back on the world and found peace with his Creator and fellow man. He is now looking forward to baptism in the near future.

IOWA, WEST BEND Polly Zaugg — Elma Mogler

We were overjoyed and many spiritual blessings were showered upon us when ministering brothers assembled with us before and after the Brotherhood Conference held at our neighboring church at Lester. They included: Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL), Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont, KS), Bro. Art Gudeman, Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO), Bro. Ken Sauder, Bro. Fred Domka, Bro. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott, KS), Bro. Josh Broquard, Bro. Art Bahler, Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Joe Ramsier, Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH), Bro. Aaron Steffen, Bro. Elmer Schrenk (Alto, MI), Bro. Edwin Bahler, Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Bro. Rudy Graf, Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Bro. Vern Wettstein (Congerville, IL), Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA), Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH),

Bro. Tom Schrenk (Athens, AL), Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL), Bro. Bill Schlatter, Bro. Sam Schlatter, Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH), Bro. Eugene Fetter (Toledo, OH), Bro. Al Schneider (Rockville, CT).

The first Sunday in September, Bro. Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott, KS) was among our many visitors. All these visiting brothers left us much food for thought.

We appreciated all those traveling through our area who stopped to worship with us, many of whom had never been here before. May the Lord bless them and we extend an invitation for them to return.

We are now enjoying the blessings and the admonitions of the Brotherhood Conference tapes. May we always strive to be more holy in all phases of our lives. This was expressed so many times throughout the conference.

We wish to quote this scripture for those from our congregation who have had health problems this month. "I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee." Isaiah 41:10. At this time, Fred Traub, Jr. is in a Rochester hospital. He has had many serious afflictions the past few months. Let us remember him and his family in prayer. Our prayers also go out to Bro. Paul Banwart, Sis. Edna Mogler, Justin Mogler, Donnie Fehr, Sis. Lucille Schmidt and Bro. George Bruellman who have had stays in hospitals. Sis. Ida Fehr had hip surgery after breaking her hip. Bro. George Sauder has had cataract surgery. Krissa Skoglund (Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori) broke her leg and Jerry Zaugg (Richard and Dorothy) broke his arm.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us." I John 3:1. Bro. Earnie and Sis. Ida Schmidt have had the privilege of spending fifty years of married life together. Their children hosted an open house for them at our Fellowship Center.

The betrothal of Sis. Lois Metzger (Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice) to Bro. Gary Steffen (Bro. John and Sis. Wava, Elgin, IL) was made known to our congregation.

On August 14 Don and Mona Haverman became the parents of a new daughter, Trina Marie. She has a brother, Jamie, and a sister, Konni. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman. May they all enjoy the blessings of this new little daughter.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mark Wirtz (son of Paul and Beverly Wirtz). Mark, 26, passed away August 24 after a lingering illness. He had often assembled with us.

We would like to tell you about the weddings that took place recently. Cathy Hein (Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hein) became the bride of Todd Knoblock (Adolph and Jean Knoblock). They are both students at Iowa State University, Ames. Debbie Holland (Don and Mary Holland) became the bride of Terry Banwart (Dean and Irene Banwart). They will make their home on a farm close to West Bend. Our best wishes go out to both of these young couples.

The harvest will soon be here. Many signs of the fall season can be seen here in our community.

HARVEST BLESSINGS

Golden harvest time is here,
Our crops are gathered in;
The fruits and vegetables we raised
Now fill each crate and bin.

My shelves are stocked with fruit I've
canned
And in each jar I'll hold
The memory of a summer day
In winter's bitter cold.

Our children play with fallen leaves
Beneath a peaceful sky,
While from my kitchen drifts the scent
Of homemade pumpkin pie.

I have just one request, Oh Lord,
That is each day I start,
Please never once let me forget
To have a grateful heart.

Marian Constance Oaks

JAPAN, TOKYO

Marie Inoue — Yoshio Yamazaki

Summer vacation is over and families are back to their regular routines again. We pray that the students may keep the Word of God in their hearts. We appreciate Bros. Randy Mogler and Frank Sauder's help in our small church. They assist Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki with his English classes, and have recently started a Saturday evening Bible class in simple English as many want to learn scriptural truths. We thank the U.S. brethren for their prayers and support of these brothers.

Sis. Horiuchi of our assembly was recently blessed with a new grandson. She mentions now and then the con-

solation she receives as she commits her large family to God in prayer.

Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki recently moved to a new location. His address is:

Mr. Yoshio Yamazaki
c/o Nishiyama Apts., Room 5
36 - 6, 4-Chome, Nishi Tsutsujiga-
Oka, Chofu-Shi,
Tokyo-To., 182 Japan

We were blessed with many visitors from Eureka, IL, Gridley, IL, Congerville, IL and other parts of Japan during August. It was a special joy to renew the friendship of Sis. Evie Blunier, who spent two years in our Shioda kindergarten. We also enjoyed Sis. Kathie Inoue's parents, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber (Francesville, IN), and thank them for their part in our services.

KANSAS, BERN

Linda Esslinger

Two dear friends were married on the same day, August 25. Martha Grimm (daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Katie) and Ross Montgomery were united. Later, Karen Hertzell (daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth) and Cedric Heiniger were joined. May God's richest blessings be upon them.

We want to thank Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) for food for our soul.

While Sis. Mamie (Alphia) Strahm was in the doctor's office recently for a checkup on her foot, in which a bone was broken in three places, her two sons, Bro. Kyle and Bro. Curtis, came in at various times. Bro. Kyle's mishap involved a motorcycle and Bro. Curtis was working on a combine. All are recuperating nicely.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Judy Bahr

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. I Peter 1:15-16.

We began to assemble on Wednesday evenings to listen to the conference tapes. The pursuit of holiness is a very important issue in a Christian's life. Walking in holiness, we can experience the blessings that come from obedience to God.

We extend a Christian thank you to Bro. Bill Funk (Garden Grove, IA) for ministering to us and to all the summer visitors that we had fellowship with.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Bahr — Doris Bahr

On behalf of our Gridley Sunday school, we express our appreciation to the brethren and Sunday schools from Ft. Scott, Lamar, Kiowa, Wichita, Bern, Sabetha and Lamont for all they did to make our Youth Fellowship Weekend an enjoyable and blessed weekend. A special loving thank you to each one.

What a privilege we were given to partake of the blessings from heaven when ministering Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL) visited us and shared God's precious, holy Word.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Lori Aberle — Patti Knobloch

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31

New students with us this semester are Sis. Lori Aberle (Bro. Roger and Sis. LaVonne, Sabetha, KS), Marvin Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean, Lamont, KS), Art Kellenberger (Bro. Gene and Sis. Marion, Sabetha, KS), Sis. Patti Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary, Lester, IA), Christy Meyer (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence, Sabetha, KS) and Beth Plattner (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Wanita, Bern, KS). We wish these new students God's blessings on a new experience in their lives.

On August 29 we held our annual fall picnic at Turtle Creek Park. Many from our home congregations spent the evening with us. On September 5, Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern, KS) ministered words of truth unto us and on September 12, Bro. Edwin and Sis. Ramona Strahm hosted a singing at their home. How uplifting it is when during the week we are able to gather together to receive the blessings of our precious faith.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Gay Lee Farney — Janice Bahr

The weekend of September 16 was truly blessed. Saturday night we listened to the testimony of our dear friend, Gary Willson; and on Sunday, we witnessed his baptism. Gary is the husband of Sis. Janet (Murrow) Willson, and the son-in-law of Sis. Helen and Bud Murrow. It is wonderful to see a soul turn to the Lord and to see His powerful love working in that soul. To God, we give thanks! On Sunday after-

noon we enjoyed a covered dish dinner with bountiful food and Christian fellowship.

Our Sunday school children traveled to Gridley, KS, September 8 and 9 for a special weekend. It is so important for our children to enjoy church activities. They have so many activities of the world that they tend to put church activities last. We, as parents, need to see that our children put their priorities in the proper order, with honoring God in first place.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Rachel Kraft on the passing of her brother, Bill Strahm (Sabetha, KS).

We had the privilege of having with us on two separate Sundays, Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Al Langhoffer (Wichita, KS). We wish to thank them for lending themselves in God's service to present the Word to us.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Laurie Gallatin

It seems the coolness of fall is always welcomed after a long, hot summer.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward." Psalm 127:3. We rejoice with Bro. Howard and Sis. Kristen Plattner in the birth of their first daughter. Holly Marie was born August 26, and she is a beauty! Her two brothers, Brett and Aaron are excited about her arrival. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Gussie Wullschleger and Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner (Sabetha, KS).

The creation of new life is surely one of God's greatest miracles. A baby is so perfect, so complete, so tiny and so helpless. It can't survive alone, but needs the care of loving parents. Just as we alone without God have no chance for survival. We are so dependent upon Him. We must come to Jesus as a child, confessing that we need His help. We are nothing without Him, and it is only through Him that we can grow.

One of the writers in a previous issue of The Silver Lining put a Bible quiz in her column, and I thought that was an excellent idea. So, this month I thought I would make one to put in here.

1. What queen came a far distance to question King Solomon?
2. What prophet was mocked by children because of his bald head?
3. What relation is Lois to Timothy?
4. Name the nine fruit of the Spirit.
5. What happened to Zechariah when

he didn't believe the angel's announcement of Elisabeth's pregnancy?

6. Who was the OT prophet who wrote of Jesus as wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace?
7. Finish Jesus' last command to His disciples and us, "Go ye . . ."
8. What did John the Baptist eat while in the wilderness?
9. Who was the king of Babylon who let the Israelites return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple?
10. Who also appeared when Jesus was transfigured?
11. What city was Paul stoned at during his first journey?
12. Can you name the 12 sons of Jacob?
13. Which prophet prophesied that Jesus would return to the Mount of Olives, and the mountain would be divided?
14. What prophet had the contest on Mount Carmel with the prophets of Baal?
15. How many years were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon?
16. What nation took the northern kingdom of Israel captive?
17. What apostle was imprisoned and bound and delivered by an angel?
18. What king of Judah who was sick unto death did the Lord add 15 years to his life?
19. How did King Saul die?
20. Who is coming again to receive His own to be with Him forever?!!

Answers: 1. Queen of Sheba (I Kings 10:1) 2. Elshah (II Kings 2:23) 3. Grandmother (II Tim. 1:5) 4. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5:22-23) 5. He became dumb and couldn't speak (Luke 1:20) 6. Isaiah (Isaiah 9:6) 7. into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15) 8. Locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6) 9. Cyrus (Ezra 1:2) 10. Moses and Elijah (Mark 9:4) 11. Lystra (Acts 14:19) 12. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher (Genesis 35:22-26) 13. Zechariah (Zech. 14:4) 14. Elijah (I Kings 18:20-40) 15. 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11-12, II Chron. 36:21) 16. Assyria (II Kings 17:6) 17. Peter (Acts 12:7) 18. Hezekiah (II Kings 20:6) 19. He killed himself (I Samuel 31:4) 20. Jesus — Praise the Lord!! (I Thess. 4:16-17)

MICHIGAN, ALTO**Liz Blough**

There were seventeen of us from the Alto congregation who had the privilege of spending the weekend of September 15 and 16 with Bro. Walt and Sis. Margaret Fortenbacher and family (Kitchener, Ontario). En-route to Canada, our caravan of four cars picked up a hitchhiker, Bro. Jay Schlatter (Bay City, MI), who coincidentally is engaged to one of Bro. Walt and Sis. Margaret Fortenbacher's daughters, Sis. Carola . . . bringing our group total to eighteen. We had a wonderful spirit-filled weekend. It was a blessed experience we shall never forget.

Past news is the wedding of our Sis. Michelle Steffen and Bro. Bradley Baumgartner (South Bend, IN). They are both wished the happiest joy God could grant to newlywed Christians.

Our church has been privileged to have many visiting ministers recently. The latter part of August we had Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Tom Schrenk (Athens, AL) and Bro. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN). Wednesday evening, August 22, we had many visitors from our Florida churches. We like to nickname these nice people "The Snowbirds", as they are mostly northern people taking to the sunny south for the winter. They spent several days in the area visiting friends and seeing the 'sights' of Michigan.

On September 2, Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA) were with us sharing God's Word of life and again on September 9 we enjoyed Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH). This same weekend we had the Sunday school classes from Bay City, MI and Detroit, MI visiting with us.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Joanne Schrenk (Athens, AL) are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Melissa Diane, born on August 3 to their daughter, Lorie, and husband, Jack Pardo (Saginaw, MI).

YOUR CHILDREN

Take time to laugh and sing and play,
And cuddle them a bit.
Tell them a story now and then,
And steal a little time to sit
And listen to their childish talk,
Or take them for a little walk.

You do not know it now – but soon
They will be gone – the years are swift –
For life just marches on and on,
And heaven holds no sweeter gift
Than a small boy with tousled hair,
Who leaves his toys just anywhere.

Take time to hear their prayers at night
To really cherish and enjoy
A little girl with flaxen curls,
And the small wonder of a boy,
They ask so little when they're small,
Just love and tenderness – that's all.

Author Unknown

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY**Linda Ramseyer**

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31. On August 19, Bro. Scott Wieland and Sis. Tonya Guingrich were joined together as one in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. Don and Sis. LouAnn Wieland and Larry and Sandy Guingrich (Peoria, IL). We welcome Sis. Tonya to our congregation.

Our prayers have been with those who have been hospitalized recently. These dear ones are Delor Grew (Sis. Inez) and Michael Schmidt (Cheryl). May the Lord's blessings be with them as they continue their recoveries.

We were privileged to have Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI) with us this past month. We thank him for ministering the Lord's Word.

On August 25, the annual Sunday School picnic took place. We can be thankful for all of our dear children, our future church. We were also pleased and thankful to have the Snowbirds visit us that same weekend.

Several Wednesday evenings this past month have been devoted to hearing the tapes of the Annual Brotherhood Conference. We are encouraged and strengthened by the words of the dear elders and pray for the Lord's continued guidance of them.

The Lord has blessed a young couple with their first child. Bradley Allan is the new son of Allan and Pam Wacklerle. May the Lord be with them as they welcome Bradley home.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." St. John 14:27. Kathleen Miller has confessed that she has received this peace. Our prayers are with her as she awaits baptism. Kath-

leen's parents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Margret Ruegsegger.

We recently said goodbye to a dear one from our congregation. Cindy Virkler has moved to the Home for the Handicapped in Morton, IL. We will miss her and pray that the Lord will be with her in her new home. Cindy's parents are Elder Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine Virkler.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT**Dawn Bahr**

Our Detroit Sunday school group wishes to thank the Alto congregation for the love and kindness shown us during our weekend of fellowship with the Michigan Sunday schools. May God watch over each of you 'till we meet again.

Ministering Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN) and his family visited us recently. We thank him for coming and lovingly sharing God's Word with us.

Our prayers are with Sis. Helen Nagy as she has been hospitalized. How thankful we are to know that God is always there to comfort those who are weak and weary.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS**Leslie Schmidgall**

"For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty!"

Zechariah 9:17a

The breathtaking display of color as fall descends upon the Twin Cities is evidence of God's goodness and beauty. There are many peaceful lakes located in the metropolitan area which are particularly lovely this time of year. Tall trees surrounding the lakes reveal the warm colors of fall in their remaining leaves. It is enjoyable to take a leisurely stroll around a lake while absorbing the sights and smells of fall with leaves crackling underfoot. We should strive to appreciate the beauty of nature He surrounds us with, for it is so easy to take it for granted. Even here in a large city, it can easily be found.

We thank Bro. Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN) for delivering God's Word to us. Our small congregation always welcomes visiting ministers and their families, and we invite others to share the Word with us.

On the last Sunday of August our church enjoyed the largest attendance in a long time as visitors came to attend

the Minnesota State Fair, held in St. Paul. The singing was strong and full that Sunday, and we truly appreciated the fellowship.

Sis. Julie Fehr (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane, Morris, MN) has relocated to the Twin Cities to continue her studies at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul after completing two years at the University of Minnesota, Morris. We welcome her warm smile and hope she feels at home here soon.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

**Hildegard Koehl
Rhonda Zeltwanger**

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. John 3:34.

Truly the Lord has blessed us with his willing labourers. Those visiting Morris have been Elder Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Bros. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), John Hartman (Forrest, IL), Loren Strahm (Gridley, KS), Homer Reinck (Toledo, OH), Ken Lawson (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL), Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA) and Noah Miller (Minneapolis, MN). We thank these brothers for bringing us God's Word.

We have been listening to the tapes of the Brotherhood Conference. It humbles us when we realize how these elder brethren give of themselves so freely for the benefit of our souls. May we ever strive to maintain our precious faith.

Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) shared with us a slide presentation on India. It makes us appreciate living in our free country where we have received many spiritual and material blessings. Could we be as happy with their way of life? We thank Bro. John for his efforts here. May God continue to be near him on his future journeys to India.

Gary Sauder (Houston, TX) and Claire Bjornstead have made their engagement known to us. A December wedding is being planned in Canton, OH. Gary's parents are Virgil and Mildred Sauder.

Todd Moser and Kim Messner are planning a November 10 wedding. Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene and Bro. Marvin

and Sis. Geri Messner (Winthrop, MN) are parents of the couple. May God bless these couples as they take this important step in life.

A precious new life has been added to the family of Bro. Arnie and Sis. Sharon Koehl. Gwen Mae, a gift from heaven, was born August 29. Gwen is welcomed home by her six sisters, Annette, Brenda, Connie, Dawn, Emily and Fonda. Grandparents are Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Eunice Koehl and Virgil and Mildred Sauder.

Bro. Dave and Sis. June Schmidgall are happy parents of their first son, Joshua David, born September 5. Joshua has two sisters, Amy and Tonia. Grandparents welcoming him home are Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay Eisenmann (North Fort Myers, FL). When our homes are brightened with the presence of a new, healthy life, we have a lot to be thankful for.

Dutch Schlupp, Bro. Ephraim Koehl and Bro. Charles Koehl all have been hospitalized and undergone surgery. Our prayers have been offered for these dear souls. May God be near them through their recovery.

GOD KNOWS BEST

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain -
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain -
We love the sound of laughter
And the merriment of cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness

If we never shed a tear . . .
Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow . . .
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form . . .
God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain . . .
And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring
And no time to lament . . .
For our Father loves His children
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain . . .
So whenever we are troubled,

And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
To make our Spirit strong.

Helen Steiner Rice

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Wanda Messner
Mary Lou Schmidt**

"Ye sisters all, start on the way
In service for the Lord,
In watchful striving, fervent prayer,
You'll find a rich reward."

Zion's Harp #143

We sang the "Farewell Song" on September 9 as our congregation bid farewell to Sis. Leona Schmidt (Gene and Sis. Ella Mae). Sis. Leona has moved to Elgin, IA. She will be greatly missed in our little congregation here at Winthrop; but our loss will certainly be their gain! We wish her God's love and guidance in her new undertaking!

On September 16, Winthrop hosted their annual Pork Chop Supper. We were pleased to have so many attend from neighboring churches. We truly enjoyed the fellowship and love of all. Among those visiting were ministering Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Harold Gramm (Morris, MN) and Bro. Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN). May our heavenly Father reward everyone for their special efforts in making this day a blessed one!

Ministering Bro. Norbert Steiner and his dear wife (Croghan, NY) also spent one weekend with our congregation this past month. Bro. Norbert preached on the third chapter of James concerning the tongue. Let us always strive to bridle our tongue; for one day we will all have to answer to our Lord and Maker!

We would personally like to thank all the dear ministering brothers for their labors of love and words of wisdom! May God bless each of you!

Thought for the day: A good example is the best sermon!

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Becky Marti — Sandra Luthi

What a blessing to enter God's house on Sunday and be refreshed by hearing His holy Word read and spoken upon. This past month we are thankful that ministering Bros. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO), Roy Ehnle (Bradford, IL) and Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR) could be with us. May we ever pray for

them and remember to thank God for blessing us in so many ways.

Our junior and senior Sunday school classes and teachers enjoyed a week-end of fellowship in Gridley, KS recently. We appreciate their hospitality.

Sis. Ruth Banwart spent a few days in the hospital. We're thankful that she is home again.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
Becky Gudeman

"He hath shewed thee, O man. What is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

We thank Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) for speaking the Word of God to us this month. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. However, because of the holidays, we will not hold services the 4th Sunday of November or the 4th Sunday of December.

For more information, contact Dan and Becky Gudeman at 314-275-2227.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR
Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22

THINK UPON THESE THINGS
 (It will brighten your day)

Think upon these things; Our Father Is a God of boundless love,
 Who shares all our joys and sorrows
 From His home in heaven above,
 He's a comforter and helper,
 He's an everpresent Friend;
 He's the giver of all good gifts,
 And He's faithful to the end!
 He's the courage for our trials;
 He's a staff to lean upon;
 He's the guidepost for our journey;
 He's our strength when hope is gone.
 He's the One who understands us,
 And to Whom our prayers take wings.
 He's our God and He's our Savior —
 Just now, think upon these things.

Jon Gilbert

"... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God". Mark 10:14. Dan and Sis. Tina Sutter are

happy first-time parents of a little daughter, Jenae Danielle, born August 17. Grandparents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beard (Fishhook, IL). "A baby is a precious treasure that fills each day with endless pleasure."

John Gerst (Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge) was a hospital patient for foot surgery; Benji Knochel (Bro. Eric and Sis. Penny) for a broken arm; Andrew Joos (Bro. Ron and Sis. Chris) and Adrian Heimer (Bob and Paula) were in for emergency treatment. All are on the mend for which we are grateful.

Kim Sutter (Bro. James and Sis. Lois) and Doug Hoerr (Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruthie) are first year students at Spoon River College at Canton, IL. Carrie Hoerr (Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee) is attending nurses training at Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott, KS) and Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) were our visiting ministers this month. Our appreciation goes to those who spend themselves in His service as we all benefit.

The annual business meeting to choose new Sunday School teachers to replace those who have taught two years was held September 5. Teachers are: Bro. Steve Sutter, Bible class; Bro. Jon Knapp, Jr. Bible class; Sis. Lois Sutter, kindergarten; and Sis. Charlene Sutter, pre-school. A thank you is extended to Bros. Mike Stratton and Ron Joos and Sisters Elaine Hoerr and Janelle Scott whose terms have expired. May the new teachers, as well as the current ones, receive a blessing and God's help and guidance to teach our growing Sunday school of His love. May it be a happy hour that all would say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1.

We were recently reminded of the importance of bringing our little children to church and Sunday school and thankful for all who do this. We encourage, especially our friends, to keep coming! The following poem touches a tender spot in many of our hearts.

MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

Mary had a little boy.
 His soul was white as snow;
 He never went to Sunday school,
 'Cause Mary didn't go—
 He never heard the tales of Christ,
 That thrill the childish mind —

While other children went to class,
 This child was left behind.
 And as he grew from babe to youth —
 She saw to her dismay,
 A soul that once was snowy white,
 Became a dingy gray —
 Realizing he was lost —
 She tried to win him back.
 But now the soul that once was white,
 Had turned to ugly black.
 She even then went back to church
 And Bible study too
 She begged the preacher, "Isn't there
 A thing that you can do?"
 The preacher tried — failed and said
 "We're just too far behind,
 I tried to tell you years ago,
 But you would pay no mind —
 And so another soul is lost,
 That once was white as snow."
 Sunday school could have helped,
 But Mary wouldn't go!

Author Unknown

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY
Ed Aeschleman

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Dan Stoller and Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT). "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15. We are continually appreciative for the teachings of truth and good fellowship which are willingly brought to us.

Richard Diggelman (Bro. John and Sis. Mary) along with his wife, Helga, and son, Kevin, were here from their home in Saudi Arabia. We enjoyed their visit very much and wish them God's richest blessing as they begin their return trip on September 17.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN
Alice Virkler

Labor Day weekend was a special weekend for us when members of the Fortenbacher family from Kitchener, Ontario, assembled with us and were guests in our homes. For several years our ministers have served the family in Kitchener and we were happy that they could spend the weekend in our homes as many of us have enjoyed a short stay with them. On Saturday evening we had a covered dish dinner and song service in the Naumburg church and on Sunday, September 2, a covered dish meal and song service were held in the Croghan church. We want to thank them for their visit and also the many others who were with us for this weekend.

Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) ministered unto us on Wednesday evening, August 29, at the Naumburg church. We thank him and his family for remembering us and serving us.

Sis. Antoinette Schulz has been a hospital patient in Lowville.

Joe Bush, husband of Linette Virkler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Celia) was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for several days where he underwent surgery. At this writing, he has returned home and is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse for further treatment. We hope his stay will be short and that he can soon return home. Our thoughts and prayers have been with each one hospitalized or confined to their homes.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

It is always good news when we hear of one of our loved ones able to return home again after having spent time in the hospital and in a rest home. Sis. Rosella Schultz has been able to do this.

Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) visited us this month. Many thanks go to Bro. John. May the blessings of the Lord be with him.

We have spent a blessed weekend with the Fortenbacher family (Ontario) who came to visit us here in New York. We had a covered dish supper on Saturday and Sunday evenings with a song service on Saturday evening. It was nice that they were able to come.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

"Eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste; So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul . . ."

Proverbs 24:13, 14

Honey is here pictured as God's wisdom or Word. Honey protects from allergies. Bees manufacture honey from pollen, and if we eat the honey made in the area where we live, it will protect us from the allergy of that pollen. God's Word protects us from human viewpoints, and if we eat God's Word, it protects us from the allergy of false teaching.

Honey provides energy. God's Word provides energy and strength. Honey stimulates the taste buds. The ancients knew that when someone lost their appetite, honey would stimulate

their appetite. As we read God's Word, it stimulates our minds to want to read more.

Honey with cream is good for our skin. God's Word is good for our outward behavior. As we get God's Word in our minds, it reflects in our deeds.

So, as we eat honey because it is good and is sweet to our taste; so is God's Word good and sweet to our soul.

With joy we witnessed the baptism of John and Jan Graf, before which John's father, our retired Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, helped in sharing their testimonies. We rejoice with them for their faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ, and pray they will continue their growth in the Lord.

Bro. Dan Kurchev has had a total hip put in a polio leg, replacing a steel rod which was put in 40 years ago. Bro. Dan said this is the second time in this area for this kind of surgery on a polio leg and that a team of doctors performed the 5-hour surgery. He had polio when he was 9 years old and was 3 years in bed and on crutches at that time.

Sis. Edna VonGuten had the misfortune of falling and breaking some ribs. Ann Francis is home from the hospital. We hope they will be able to assemble soon again with us.

We thank Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Henry Dotterer for ministering to us recently.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Andy Hunyady

While Sis. Teresa and I attended services in Akron and witnessed the baptism of Bro. Jon and Sis. Janice Graf on Sunday, August 26, Bro. Lee and Sis. Desma Klopfenstein kept the doors open for services in Columbus. Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) conducted worship services. On September 9, Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) served us out of God's holy Word. Both brothers were accompanied by their dear wives and a number of visitors. We pray the Lord will bless these beloved servants for their willingness to obey the teachings of our Saviour: ". . . go thou and preach the kingdom . . ." Luke 9:60.

Passing through Columbus on their way home from the south and east, Sis. Mary Jane Streitmatter and Delores Baer (Princeville, IL) and Sis. Beverly Mogler (Iowa City, IA) stopped in for a brief visit on August 31. We all enjoyed a refreshing pause and fellowship. Bro.

Ferenc Szabo (Budapest, Hungary) also paid us a nice visit. His family home in Budapest has been a stopping point for many American visitors in recent years. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann Getz (Elgin, IL) stopped in for a get-acquainted visit as they helped move their son, Bro. Brad, to Columbus. Bro. Brad is attending Ohio State University. We thank all our visitors for their love and kindness.

As the new school season begins, we look forward to and welcome all our returning students to OSU and into our fellowship. Best wishes in your new endeavors!

We in Columbus covet the sincere prayers of everyone, so that we may grow in grace, in spirit and in numbers for the keeping of our souls according to the Word of God and to the honor and praise of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We continue to hold our meetings in the same school building, now called the Griswold Christian Academy (formerly the Worthington Seventh-Day Adventist School), 860 Griswold St., Worthington, OH. Worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

We extend a cordial welcome to all!

OHIO, GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

Before this issue is printed, summer will have passed and autumn will be here. The Lord has been true to His promise that, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:22. We praise Him for this promise and rejoice in the harvest of our fields and gardens. We thank Him, too, for the spiritual harvest we hear of in various churches. He has said that His Word will not return void, but it shall accomplish that which I please. Isa. 55:11. It is such a blessing to rest in His promises.

During the summer, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman (Eureka, IL) spent a Sunday with us. We also had a visit from Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller (Portland, OR). We enjoy these times of Christian instruction and fellowship. We have had numerous brethren from Akron and Rittman assemble with us and help with the worship services in songs and prayers. We thank you all for your love to us.

Sis. Ella Deislinger had the misfor-

tune of breaking her hip and is hospitalized at present. Sis. Margaret Kincaid had a bout with pneumonia, but is able to assemble with us again. Each one is so precious! We miss them when they are absent and pray for a speedy recovery.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

"... There is joy in the presence of the angels of God..." St. Luke 11:10; and we rejoice with them because three dear souls have repented, allowed God to begin His work of conversion, have found peace with God and their fellow man and are now ready to be baptized. Roger (Lisa), Peggy and Millie Manz will give their testimony, Lord willing, and be baptized in the near future. They are the children of Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

Visiting and bringing God's Word to us this month were Bros. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Gene Fetter (Toledo, OH) and Loren Stoller.

Our Bro. Alvin Manz is making good progress in recovering from a burn accident and expresses sincere thanks to all who remembered him while hurt.

OHIO, LATTY

Patty Gerber — Laurie Stoller

"In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul." Psalm 138:3.

Our prayers are with the hospital patients this month, which include Joni Klopfenstein (Bro. Keith and Sis. Joann), Jodi Stoller (Brent) and Douglas Gordon (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Connie). Let us remember these dear ones in our prayers, thoughts and works.

The child in me that often wished to wipe His brow and help Him up each time He fell,
now knows that wish is granted us each time we do any man
the loving thing.

Edward A. Gloeggler

We welcomed ministering Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH). It is indeed a blessed opportunity to gather with those of like mind and faith.

On September 15, Valerie Laukhuf (Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge) and Mike Klima were united in marriage. May they always keep God first in their lives and live for Him.

First-time parents are Brent and

Jodi Stoller. Welcoming Brock William are grandparents, Bro. Willis and Sis. Ellen Stoller and Bob and Sandy Eitnear.

As election day approaches, let us all prayerfully consider who God would have to be the leaders of our land. As Christians, we need to do our part in supporting believing men and women in places of authority. May we all let our voice be heard as we support God's truths and morality at the polls by choosing men of God to make the decisions for our future.

ELECTION DAY 1984

Today, Lord,
I will stand up to be counted
Among those millions of Americans
Liberty is responsibility.

To day, Lord,
Neither state of weather
Nor frame of mind
Will keep me from my polling place,
For I have seen too often
How bad officials are placed in charge
By good men and women who do not
vote.

Today, Lord,
I will stand up to be counted,
Intelligence at work,
Passion at rest.
And when this day is done, Lord,
Let me show respect for the losers,
As I pray the winners
Into your care.

Ruth Stafford Peale
Daily Guideposts 1984

Bro. Henry and Sis. Katie Breitwieser would like to thank everyone for all the good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts for the 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless you for your kindness.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter, so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Jeremiah 18:4.

The fall season is upon us and only God can change the colors of the trees from the green of summer to the changing vivid colors of reds, yellows, orange and browns of fall. So it is that only He can change our lives to be beautiful and lovely to look upon.

In a certain old town, there was a

great cathedral which had a beautiful stained glass window. Many people traveled for miles to see this lovely work of art. One day, there came a great storm and the violence of the tempest forced in the window and it crashed to the marble floor shattering it into many pieces. The people were grief stricken at such a loss and gathered up the fragments and put them in a box and carried it to the basement of the church. One day a stranger came along and requested permission to see the beautiful window and they told him of the happening. He asked to see the fragments and they showed them to him. He asked if they minded giving him the pieces. They replied, "they are no longer of use to us." So the man carefully lifted the box and carried the pieces away. Time passed and one day an invitation came to the custodians of the church. It was from a famous artist. The invitation was for them to come and inspect a stained glass window. Inviting them into his studio he stood before them a great veil of canvas. He pulled the cord with his hand and the canvas dropped. Before their surprised gaze shown a beautiful stained glass window surpassing in beauty all their eyes had ever beheld. The artist said, "This window I have wrought from the fragments of your shattered one and it is now ready to be replaced."

Once more a great window shed its beautiful light into the aisles of the old cathedral, but the new one far surpassed the glory of the old.

Have you failed in life's battle to accomplish your plans? Is your heart heavy laden? Do you fear the Lord's command? Do you feel that no one loves you and there's no use to try? Just bring your cares to Jesus, your soul He'll satisfy. You may feel that there's no hope, broken hearts just cannot mend; Tho you're torn into many pieces, Christ can make you whole again. Storms of doubt blow all directions, but don't you be afraid; God can make all corrections, He made a body out of clay. Pick up the broken pieces and bring them to the Lord, Pick up the broken pieces, trust in His holy Word; He will put them back together and make your life complete, Just place the broken pieces at the Saviour's feet.

R. Kitchen
Jesus Christ is a matchless life mender . . . TRY HIM!

Our dear sister-in-Christ, Becky Beer Vent, can now say Jesus Christ

has mended her broken life and can now praise Him for what He has done for her. On September 2, her wish was fulfilled and she was baptized as a member of God's family. Elder Bros. Joseph Ramsier (Rittman, OH) and Gene Pamer (Akron, OH) helped to complete her wish.

Bro. Wally and Sis. Helen Ramsier recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and many good wishes were extended to them at a lovely buffet dinner given in their honor by their children. We pray God will grant them many more years together.

New arrivals since last month are: little Heather Kay, born August 25 to first-time parents, Karla and Doug Stricker. The happy grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Janet Beer; Bro. Mark and Sis. Jeannine Masters have a new bundle of love born August 7. They named their new son, Aaron Eugene. Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer are the maternal grandparents. Bro. Lavern and Sis. Christine Dotterer are grandparents to a little boy named William Jonathan, born September 5. The proud parents are Eric and Georgann Dotterer.

Our dear Sis. Millie Matthes celebrated her 95th birthday August 20. Although she is seldom able to come to church anymore, we do miss her and know her thoughts are with us when we assemble, and we pray for her often.

With our many joys we also have sorrow. Dear Sis. Barbara Bricker could close her eyes and is now asleep in Jesus. Barbara found her life battered and broken until on June 11, 1967 she could surrender her life to Jesus and found that precious pearl and was baptized. How happy she could then be because at the same time her dear son, Bro. Richard, and daughter-in-law, Helen, could all be baptized on the same day and then be one in Christ. It truly was a day of rejoicing. She is also survived by two other sons, Harold and John, and a daughter, Helen Bunting; three brothers and one sister, Sis. Catherine Deturk. We will certainly miss this quiet, pleasant sister in our church circle.

Loving sympathy is also extended to Bro. Barney Washington in the passing of his brother, Corbin.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Catherine Armstrong, Bro. Byron Rice and Bro. Joel Beer. We pray they will soon feel better and God will grant his healing power.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Judy Stoller — Verla Stoller

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;" Matthew 6:33

Once again we rejoice in reporting that two souls are seeking the kingdom of God. They are Charlene Rufener (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas) and Stephanie Baltic (Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty).

". . . and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

Having first sought the kingdom of God, Bro. Ken Stoller and Sis. Lori Steiner now announce their engagement. Bro. Ken's parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller and Sis. Lori's parents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Carol Steiner.

Children are a blessing sent from heaven and surely we would wish God's guidance to "train up a child in the way he should go." Proverbs 22:6.

David and Teresa Marty have a new little son in their home. His sister, Amber, is there to welcome John David also. Grandparents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty.

Also welcoming a new little son, Justin Paul, to their home are Bro. Leon and Sis. Lori Rufener, as well as Heidi, Samuel and Abram. Grandparents are Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna Rufener and Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet Graf (Akron, OH).

After having three sons, Ryan, Rusty and Ricky, Tom and Anita Bauman were blessed with a daughter, Rachel Michelle. Grandparents are Richard and Gladys Bauman.

Another bundle of love, Marcia Dawn, was sent to the home of Don and Sis. Debbie Steiner. Michael and Michelle will enjoy a new little sister. Grandparents are Willard and Sis. Marian Steiner.

Rejoicing at becoming parents for the first time are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lori Riggenschach. They lovingly brought Joshua Robert into their home. Also glad at this birth are grandparents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggenschach and Boyd and Barbara Acker.

We are told, "In this world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

Those experiencing the trial of illness or injury this month were Sheri Steiner (Bro. Mark and Sis. Sue), Sis. Mary Jane Winkler (Bro. Andy), Dan Pope (Sis. Anita), Mark Maibach (Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann), Bro. Ralph

Christian, Sis. Mary Winkler and Sis. Clara Hartzler (Bro. Ben). We surely wish God's healing touch upon each one.

As well as our own faithful ministers encouraging us ever onward toward our heavenly goal, we were blessed by visiting ministers Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL) and Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT). May God bless them for their labors in our behalf.

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser had their 50th wedding anniversary in August. A thank you note was read at church for all the cards and tokens of love shown them. However, this did not reach many from other areas and states so they wish to extend a hearty thank you to them also.

We have experienced the privilege of hearing the conference tapes. We heard much about holiness which makes us stop to consider that we still have much to strive for.

May God ever grant us strengthening grace to be up and striving on the battlefield of life and that at the end of this life we can lay our armor down and enter into God's eternal rest.

OHIO, TOLEDO

Josephine Rehlau Frances Laidig

With the beauty of fall and harvest time approaching, a sad thought creeps into our minds. We are reminded that after fall comes winter — our trees without leaves and all the lovely flowers gone. We know, though, that God in His plan gives us hope for another spring and with it new life. Without winter there would be no spring. That can be a comforting thought.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: . . . a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted . . . and also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12, 13

Bro. Samuel Schlatter (Junction, OH) spent a Sunday with us. We thank him for his service of love in bringing to us in full measure the gospel of salvation.

Andy Fetter (son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty) was in the hospital for a severe reaction to a sting from an insect.

We enjoyed our annual Sunday

School picnic. It was a beautiful fall day and we had the added pleasure of the Latty Sunday School as our guests.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

On a recent beautiful Saturday afternoon, the Sunday school held its annual picnic at the Silverton City Park. The children and teachers gathered in the early afternoon to burn off a little energy and work up an appetite for the wiener roast later, that included the parents and everyone. Our sincere thanks to the Sunday school teachers for their efforts toward this welcome event and especially for their labors of love in the spiritual enlightenment of the children every Sunday.

Many heartfelt thanks to our visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner (Croghan, NY) and Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Sr. (Tremont, IL). We can never be thankful enough for sincere, God-fearing ministers who stand before us.

With the coming of fall and the children back in school, we quickly get back into the familiar routine of clock-watching, at least those of us with students living at home. (This humble home has two in each; grade school, high school and college.) The schedules are greatly varied and it is just as well, thereby giving the showers and mirrors a chance for changing shifts. "The bus is coming!" is a cry to strike fear into the heart of any tardy youngster who is still trying to find that other tennis shoe. Ours are no exception! We happen to have the advantage of living at the end of the line, so ours have always had a few extra crucial seconds, while the bus turns around, before they need to dash out the front door. We parents heave a sigh of relief anew each day as our children barely make it on time once again. Can't help but wonder . . . will it be that way on Judgement Day? Will our heavenly Father watch as some of His children barely make it in on time? Or will we be like that wise child that has their lunch made up the night before, and their homework done and waiting by the door? The choice is ours.

One of the more worthy projects to appear on the fall schedule is the World Relief Sewing Group which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month at the home of Sis. Esther Dettwyler. This year the group again intends to make (among

other things) patchwork lap robes to give to local nursing homes.

Another worthwhile project is the class to learn sign language. This class will be held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church Sunday school rooms. Classes for both beginning and advanced sign language will be offered.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Ann Gasser

We welcome two families to the Philadelphia area. Patrick Bennett and his new bride, Leah, have recently moved to Sharon Hill. He is again stationed at the Naval Base in Philadelphia. Pat Banwart and her son, Steve, are getting settled here also. They are originally from the West Bend, IA area. Pat attends medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. We look forward to seeing them often and hope that they'll feel at home here.

Our Sunday school picnic was held September 9 at the home of Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman. Several of our friends from nearby and visitors from Illinois joined us.

This month we were again blessed with a visiting minister. Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen Farney and their children traveled from New York to share God's Word with us. Although not always mentioned by name, each visitor is appreciated in the Philadelphia church.

TEXAS, DONNA-McALLEN

Joyce Nohl

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

Our schedule for services for the 1985 season is as follows: January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17 and March 3.

Services are held in a small building at Silver and Seventh Streets in Donna, TX at 10:30 a.m. We welcome anyone coming our way to worship and fellowship with us here in the Valley. If you are in this area during the week, please call us as we may have mid-week singings and fellowships. Our telephone number is 682-0219.

After a hot, dry summer, we are

welcoming some nice rains. The lawns are once again nice and green. The citrus was damaged this winter by a hard freeze, but those that survived are slowly coming back.

TEXAS, ZAPATA

Mary Plattner

Bro. Chuck and Sis. Coralee Knobloch are the parents of a son, born July 24. He joins Craig, Curtis, Carrie and Charles at home.

We've enjoyed our summer visitors, and anyone coming to South Texas is most welcome to join us for worship.

A Godly Mother's Last Words of Instruction

(Continued from September Issue)

David, my dear child, I herewith commend you to the Lord. You are the oldest, learn wisdom, that you may set your sisters a good example; and beware of bad company, and of playing in the street with bad boys. But diligently learn to read and write, so that you may get understanding.

Love one another without contention or quarreling; but be kind to each other. Let the one that is wise bear with him who is simple, and admonish him with kindness. Let the strong bear with the feeble, and help him all he can, out of love. Let the rich assist the poor, out of brotherly love. Let the younger obey the older in that which is good.

Admonish one another to be industrious, so that people may love you. Exhort one another to good works, to modesty, honorableness and quietness. Always care for one another; for the time has come that love shall wax cold; yea, if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived. (Matt. 24:12, 24). Hence, take heed and learn diligently to search the Scriptures, so that you may not be deceived; but always hold to the first and second commandment, which will teach you aright. Do not easily believe it when evil is told you of another, but examine the matter; and make no commotion when you are slandered, but bear it for Christ's sake.

Love your enemies and pray for those who speak evil of you and afflict you. Rather suffer wrong than that you should grieve another. Rather suffer affliction than that you should afflict another. Rather be reproached, than that you should reproach another;

rather be slandered, than that you should slander another; rather be robbed, than that you should rob another; rather be beaten, than that you should beat another, and so forth.

... Furthermore, my dear children, Betgen and Tanneken, my beloved lambs, I admonish you in all these same things, as that you obey the commandments of the Lord, and also obey your uncle and aunt, and your elders, and all who instruct you in virtue. To those whose bread you eat, you must be subject in all that is not contrary to God. Always diligently admonish yourselves to do your work, and you will be loved wherever you live. Be not quarrelsome, or too talkative, or lightminded, or proud, or surely of speech (arrogant or threatening in conversation), but kind, honorable and quiet, as behooves young girls. Pray the Lord for wisdom and it shall be given you. Diligently learn to read and write and take delight therein, and you will become wise. Take pleasure and engage in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Seek for the only joy. Learn to please the Lord from your youth, as did the holy women of old.

... See, my most beloved, when you have attained the years of understanding, see that you adorn yourselves with good works, namely, the works of the Spirit, that is, with all manner of goodness, gentleness, meekness, humility, obedience, longsuffering, righteousness, modesty, honorableness, purity, peaceableness, steadfastness, mercifulness, wisdom, diligence in good works, faith, hope and love; to love God above all that is in the world, and to do to your neighbor as you would have men do unto you, on which hang all the law and the prophets.

Behold, my dear children, this is the adornment of the saints.

This I leave you as a memorial or testament. If you put it to good use, you will gather more treasure by it than if I had left you many riches which are perishable; for the riches of this world may be lost through fire, war or misfortune . . .

O my dear lambs, see that you do not spend your youth in vanity or pride or drinking or gluttony, but in sobriety and humility in the fear of God, and diligence in every good work that you may be clothed with the adornment of the saints, so that God may make you worthy through His grace to enter into the marriage of the Lamb, and that we

may see you there with joy. Your father and I, and many others, have shown you the way. Take an example from the prophets and apostles, yea, Christ Himself, who all went this way; and where the head has gone before, there the members must certainly follow.

Herewith I commend you to the Lord, and to the Word of His grace. This is my last farewell, my dear lambs; always remember each other in love; diligently learn to read and write, and obey everyone in that which is good . . . Greet one another with friendly kiss of peace in my name.

... Written by me, Soetgen van den Houte, your mother in bonds; written in haste (while trembling with cold) out of love for you all. Amen.

(Soetgen van den Houte confirmed her faith in the ever-enduring Christ with her death and blood, on the 27th of November, 1560.)

"Martyrs Mirror"

SILVER THREADS

THE LAND OF FORGIVE AND FORGET

There's a land that I'm longing to see,
It's the country where people forgive;
Where nothing is seen that is little or mean,
No friendships are broken from unkind words spoken,
And goodwill and peace reign supreme.

There's a place where I'm longing to go,
It's the country where people forget;
Where nothing is heard of mistakes that occurred
In the past, and unkindness is left far behind us,
For nothing unpleasant will grow.

Buy why should I look to the east,
Or seek an ideal in the west,
When here just between is a land as serene,
Where most of our trouble would burst like a bubble
If each would consider the rest.

For the Golden Rule bends like a rainbow whose ends
Encompass the east and the west,
And if all caught its governing thought,
We could live without fear or regret
In the land of forgive and forget.

There's a land where I'm longing to live,
It's a beautiful country above,
Where we shall receive what earth could not achieve,
A golden tomorrow where heartache and sorrow
Shall be blotted out in His love.

God's Word has declared - so I know it is true -

That as far as the east from the west,
Translations have been, with all of our sin,

Removed . . . Christ has cancelled our debt . . .

What a land of forgive and forget!

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say -
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true
Carried with it this assurance -
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Sermon . . .

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with fervent heat! It is going to be dissolved. It is going to be all over.

But before that time, there will be scoffers. They are going to laugh, and they are going to mock and say, "Where is the promise of his coming?" II Peter 3:4. They will even say to the believers, "what promise do you have in living a separated life, in being a Christian?"

Beloved ones, those days are approaching fast, and we may find it harder to stand firm on the things that we really believe, the things which are written in this Book. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

What do we pray? Do we borrow a prayer from someone else, and do we learn to pray like someone else prayed? Or when we kneel by our beds, do we say, "Oh, Father, I'm so glad that you are my Father!" Is He really our Father? Can we feel it? If He is, do we

talk to Him often? Are we really praying as we should?

Children love their fathers, don't they? When children are young, the relationship is close, isn't it? When little ones are in your arms, the relationship is so sweet. As the children get a little older, sometimes something strange comes in between.

God said, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him." Hosea 11:1. Later He had to bear with their rebellion. Sometimes we parents have to bear with our children, don't we? But, dear ones, has our love changed any? Not at all! But we learn to bear, don't we?

Is God sometimes bearing with us? Is He being patient with us? Beloved ones, let us treat our heavenly Father as we would like our children to treat us. My, that gives a different view of things, doesn't it?

So, do we know Him as our heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ as our Savior, when we pray? Are we thanking Him for the saving of our souls through that death on Calvary's cross, or are we just going through forms?

In other words, it is very real. Why do we say this? Because the older brothers and sisters keep telling us, and we are finding out, that Satan never lets up. He never quits. Let's tell it just the way it is: Satan never quits and sometimes the way gets harder.

Sometimes we think, "After I am married and have a companion, my problems will be over." Maybe some are, but new ones begin. Some will say, "If I have a home and children, some of my worries are going to be over." We know that that isn't true. Some will say, "When these children are all married and taking care of themselves, then mom and I are going to relax and have it easy." That's not true, because there is another phase just around the corner. Some will say, "When I retire, then I am really going to have it nice. I am going to do all those things that I wanted to do in my lifetime." Then health breaks down, minds break down, and we can't think like we'd like to think.

Satan gets rougher. We want to prepare for the battle. In doing that, it is best to start in our youth. I am encouraged this morning. Let me turn back and review just a little bit about David. Who was David's dad? He was Jesse, wasn't he? He was a Godly man who taught his boys about God.

Fathers and mother, the best that is within us, the best time that we have,

will be spent training our children and working with them, loving them and praying for them. Let's be careful that we are not carried away with such fast living that we forget the youth. Let's encourage those children in Sunday school. Let's encourage the teenagers. They need our help.

David had a dad who encouraged his children. The day came when he heard about the battle with the Philistines. David's brothers were out in war on the front line; his dad told David to go and see how the boys were getting along. David took some food and went to the battle. He probably said, "Where are my brothers?" He was told, "They are up there," and he asked, "How is the battle going?" About that time, the big rough voice of Goliath defied the living God and the armies of Israel.

That hurt David, who was a young boy. He wasn't little because he could handle the bear and the lion. He walked up and said, "Who is this Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" I Samuel 17:26. All of that army was trembling. They told him that Goliath wanted someone to come out and battle with him.

David said something like this, "Don't let this thing trouble you. God will take care of this." You know the story. When they were afraid and saw no hope, what did they do? They resorted to God's way through a young man who seemed to have the least potential of any there. God's ways are far above our ways. Dear ones, though we don't always understand with our minds, let us have faith that God is able to do far more than we are even able to ask or think.

If there are young people here today in their teenage years, oh, trust Him with your life, with your future, with your job, with your companions! Let Him work it out.

David tried on the armour of Saul. It was heavy and clumsy, and it didn't fit. What was he used to? He was used to his sling, wasn't he? Did he just all of a sudden learn to use it? No, he learned to use a sling when he was keeping his father's sheep in the wilderness. It was there that he had communion with God, and there that God taught him.

Brothers and sister, do not think that God is not able to instill great truths into our children today. He can and He will if we do our part at the kitchen table, if we do our part along the way, if we do our part, as it says in Deuteron-

omy, when we rise up, when we sit down, when we walk and when we work.

David believed his dad. May God give us believing dads and moms, starting at the pulpit and going all the way through, so that we can be faithful. Then, dear ones, with courage and faith David walked out to face Goliath. Do you know what Goliath told him? He hollered at him and said, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? . . . I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air . . ." I Samuel 17:43, 44. David looked at him and said something like this, "No, you won't. God will deliver you to me. God will take your life, and I'll bring your head back."

David did something in which he trusted God. In Sunday school, our young people learn about the five smooth stones. We have had the joy of walking across that brook, and it is just that way. There are smooth stones there. It is just like that. But David didn't trust in those five smooth stones. (I often wondered about five, but Goliath had four boys. I don't know where they were then. I don't know Goliath's age, but he had four boys; we read that this morning.

David did what he knew he could do. He put the stone in the sling and slung it by faith. It was God's business to direct it. Beloved ones, that's what it means to trust the Lord. The odds were against David. Goliath had a shield, a buckler, a sword, a beam and a spear's head that weighed six hundred shekels. (We read today that his son had one which weighed three hundred shekels, about half the weight of his father's.)

God guided the stone and it hit its mark. It sank into Goliath's forehead and he died. David took Goliath's head as he had said that he would.

What kind of faith do we have? It is our duty to put the arrow in the bow, and to pull back. It's God's part to guide the arrow. How much faith do we have? Are we willing to really trust our dear God? These are good questions. These Biblical accounts were written to give us courage and to give us strength.

Then David became a king, didn't he? Did Satan let up on him? The young David's victory and his faithfulness to the Lord brought jealousy from others. Saul tried to kill him. His own son, Absalom, turned from him, and what did David do then? He wept like a child when he heard that Absalom was caught in the oak tree, and that the

darts were put through his heart. David wept like a child and said, "Oh, my son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!" II Samuel 18:33.

After all the evil that the son had done to his father in stealing away Israel, King David wept like a child until they came out to him and told him not to weep, that Israel wouldn't understand. But he kept on weeping.

God said that David is "a man after mine own heart." Acts 13:22. We talk about the "sure mercies" of David. Do you think, friends, that there is any pleasure in heaven in the death of a sinner? God is not willing that any should perish. His desire is that all would come to the knowledge of repentance. Repent and live.

Didn't David say that there is no use? Did he give up when Absalom's life was taken? He went on, didn't he.

We read in this chapter today, "And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines..." II Samuel 21:18. "And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David." II Samuel 21:16.

Do you see what enmity can do? Can you see what anger can do? Can you see what jealousy can do? That boy had his eye on David because David had killed his father. He had a new sword and he thought, "Now it's my turn to get that old man."

Then the Bible told us something beautiful. It says here that "David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines." II Samuel 21:15.

Sometimes we hear young people say, "We thank the Lord many times for our older brothers and sisters." Do you know that the older brothers and sisters today are still fighting the Philistines? They are leading us. Likewise, David in his older years led the way into battle. I believe that David saw the big fellow coming, but the Scripture says that one of his servants fought against him and slew him, because David became faint. That is what a church does. We help one another; we do not stand back and let everyone fight the battle alone.

I gather from this Scripture that David was old, and that Goliath's son was young, very strong and with a new sword. Someone loved David very much and probably told him, "I'll take

that challenge. David, go back and be more careful. We need you too much."

Young brothers, are we willing to do that for the faith? Are we willing to stand up for what we have been taught and what we have received? Think about it.

Was it all over? No, there was another battle. Another one of the boys of the giant came forth, and he was also slain. But the last one was quite a boy. "There was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes... and he also was born to the giant." II Samuel 21:20. Who do you think killed him? David's brother's boy. We read it in verse twenty-one. His nephew.

Beloved ones, what is the Lord saying to us? Young nephews, don't sit idly by. Put your hand to the plow and get into the battle. Let's love the fathers who have died in the faith. Let's battle for the faith which was delivered to the saints.

"These four were born to the giant in Gath, and (they) fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants." II Samuel 21:22. Another generation carried on the struggle.

Beloved ones, as we look into the Word, what is the promise for today? Jesus said, "I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4. Brothers and sisters, let's ask ourselves this question, and let's be very honest. Can we say that? Can we say that we have finished the work that God has given us to do? Think about it. Think of the things that we would like to accomplish for the Lord in our lifetime. Jesus could say that He had finished the work which God gave Him to do.

Some of us know of much that we want to do. Let's pray that God will help us to do it, and that we will be faithful. Let's not always ask for greater things. Let's pick up what is in our hands and let's be faithful with it, for that is what God wants us to do.

There are some friends here. I believe you know what God wants you to do. We can't finish a race until we start the race. So this morning we give that kind invitation: Start the race. What do you see? You say, "We see trouble. We see giants." Sure, you see giants, but you also see Davids, don't you? You see the young nephews coming up who help the Davids. You see the faithful-

ness of God.

The Bible says that there will be a way of escape. Whatever comes, we will be able to bear. Oh, how we plead this morning for those who have not made a beginning in the work. Start. The Lord will help us to finish.

It says here, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5. Think about it, dear ones. Let your mind go back to time before the world was, before the seas and the waters were divided, before there was light and darkness. Jesus said that there was a glory that He and His Father shared. He said, "Now glorify me with the glory" that We had before this whole earthly scene.

Beloved ones, if Jesus so loved us that He humbled Himself by coming down into this world and tasting death for every man, what a small thing it is for us to humble ourselves and die to sin and self, die to our own wills that we might be faithful to God's will.

Today we want our wills written. Lawyers tell us that we are not too old to have a will. Have we done that? Do we have a spiritual will? In His last will and testament, do you know what Jesus said? It's right in this chapter. "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundations of the world." John 17:24.

Jesus is pleading today for us, brothers and sisters. He wants us to spend eternity with Him. He wants us to see the joy which He had. "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross." Hebrews 12:2. He suffered so that someday He might be the captain of our salvation and lead His soldiers to heaven.

Beloved ones, this morning let's learn a lesson from David. Let's learn the cruelty of Satan. Let's learn the faithfulness of a father, Jesse. Let's learn the faithfulness of a Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Then let's remember that soon it will be Father's Day. That is when our Father will gather us home. On that day, dear ones, we will be so thankful. There will not be one who will feel worthy of anything in heaven; but, as Scripture says, they will cast their crowns at His feet, and they will praise and worship the Lamb of God who purchased us with His own blood.

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SERMON BY ELDER BRO. WENDELL GUEDEMAN OF FRANCESVILLE, IN II Samuel 21:12-22 and John 17:1-5

Do we fully realize what we have read this morning?

First, we listened to a conversation between heaven and earth. Jesus said, "Father, the hour is come . . ." John 17:1.

Beloved ones, that is a very touching statement. Mothers have made it, haven't you? "The hour is come." Young people go to the altar and promise to share their lives with each other. "The hour is come." Throughout life, that is our experience. "The hour is come."

Then, finally, there is a time when they say, "The hour has come for this soul . . . he passed away last night." We heard that this morning. One in our county passed away last night. His hour had come.

Now, dear ones, you and I are here this morning, and maybe this is the time when one of our friends can say, "The hour is come." Maybe this is the time one will think of his soul's salvation. Maybe this is the hour.

There are many areas of life in which we can say, "The hour is come," but for Jesus, it meant Calvary. He said here, ". . . glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." John 17:1. He was to be set apart, and to praise. Then we read some other statements which we are just going to touch on. May the Lord give us understanding. "As thou hast given him power over all flesh . . ." John 17:2.

I hope that somehow we can get a glimpse this morning of how much God loved His Son, how deeply He cared for Him. We sometimes get little glimpses of the love of earthly parents and children. Just looking out, I see a father here (it's beside the point who he is . . . names don't mean too much), who one time rode the truck at night in company with his son, hoping to help prevent an accident when the roads were bad. He went just to be with him. He would

have been much more comfortable at home.

Many times we have deep feelings for our children, and we think that maybe we are the only ones who feel them. But, dear ones, God has such a deep feeling for His Son, Christ Jesus.

Today we read a little bit about their relationship. We are just listening to their conversation together. Jesus said, "As thou hast given him power . . ." God has given Jesus Christ the power over all flesh. There is not one of us here listening to the gospel who will not someday come face to face with Jesus Christ. God has given Him such power that at His name every knee shall bow, someday, someplace, somewhere, sometime. The gospel was written that men might bow their knees in this life, that they might be converted and become the children of God and love Him. We can feel His guidance and protection, and then at that day worship Him in person.

It is not, beloved ones, that we should come to the end of life, and then bow a knee in fear and trembling without knowing Him. He is a Judge and He cannot be different. This is what the Word tells us.

It says here, ". . . that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." John 17:2. How many, beloved ones, did God give to His Son, Christ Jesus? Are we included? Or is it possible that just certain ones are going to be saved and no one else? Do you know what Jesus said? He said in Luke 19:10, "I have come to seek and to save that which is lost."

Now who are the lost ones? Isaiah explained it through the inspiration of the Spirit. He was "right on key" when he said, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way . . ." Isaiah 53:6. He also said, "We are all as an unclean thing, and our righteousness are as filthy rags." Isaiah

64:6.

Then in Romans we can read, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. Beloved ones, Jesus died on that cross for the whole world, for every soul, for everyone!

Let's ask this question, "What is eternal life?" What do we mean when we say those words? Jesus told us what eternal life is. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3. Beloved ones, how well do we know God? How well do we really know His Son, Jesus Christ?

We must put Scripture together and not just isolate one verse here and one verse there. The Bible tells us that, ". . . the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." I Corinthians 2:14. In other words, before we are converted, before we are born again, before regeneration has taken place in our hearts and lives, we cannot be children of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." John 3:6. Without the Spirit of God, no man can please Him. It says in Romans 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

So it is good to check and ask ourselves, "Do we have that Spirit within us?" We are talking about eternal life. We are talking about where we will spend eternity. We are talking about time without end. Here we measure time in years and months and days. Let's really think about it. Time is going fast. Soon Jesus is going to return again. We believe that.

When we hear, "Oh, not now. There's no hurry. We have plenty of time." It is the voice of Satan lulling someone to sleep. One of these days, dear ones, as it says in II Peter, chapter 3, verse 10, the earth is going to melt

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