



"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Psalms 19:1

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

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In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and the Earth

GENESIS 1:1

WHO?

Who made the golden sunrays?
Who gives us day and night?
Who spread abroad the heavens?
Who made the stars so bright?

Who dots the vale with flowers
Which bloom so bright and fair?
Who gives the rose its fragrance,
The lilies odors rare?

Who gives us spring and winter,
The summer and the fall?
Who plants the grassy meadows?
Who makes the trees grow tall?

Who paints the leaves in autumn?
Who makes the grain to grow?
Who gives refreshing showers?
Who makes the glistening snow?

Who set the hills in order?
Who made the winding streams?
Who made the sunny hillsides?
Who robes the woodlands green?

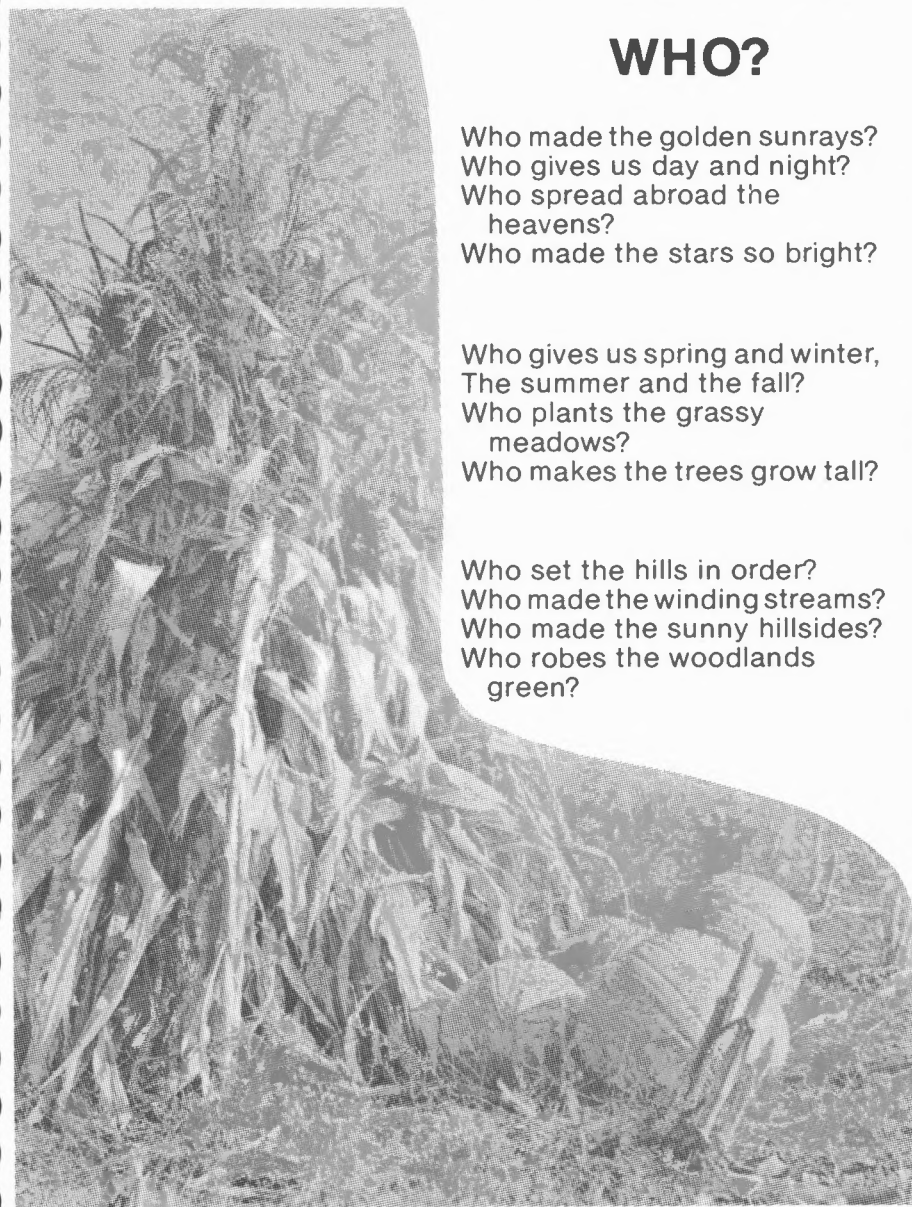
Who taught the birds their flying?
Who made their cheery call?
Who gave to man his reason?
Who set him over all?

Where'er we look or listen
In day or starry night,
There is an unseen presence.
Have you not felt its might?

Chorus

This is a weighty question
Wherever man may trod
Some people say it's nature,
But I will call it "God".

Bro. Henry Beer





Writings based
on God's Word

Light From The Word

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130).

GOD'S ORDER FOR THE BELIEVING FAMILY

If we build upon the scriptural pattern of life, our homes will be able to stand against the severe pressures directed against the family today. God has established an order from the beginning, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (1 Cor. 11:3). When this order is not followed, trouble is inevitable. Adam and Eve both committed the sin of disobedience by yielding to Satan's temptation. Eve also erred by taking upon herself the responsibility for making a monumental decision without even consulting her husband.

God has provided examples and instruction in His Word for order and leadership in the family, the church and the nations. He expressed confidence in Abraham as the head of his household, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment . . ." (Gen. 18:19). Abraham was in control of his household. In other words he assumed the responsibility which God has assigned to a husband and father. There has been a long history of failure on the part of many men to assume this responsibility and consistently take the initiative to give proper spiritual guidance and nurturing to their families. We live in a time in which the traditional family is becoming a small minority among the many types of living arrangements. We need to be on guard so that our beloved family circles will not fall prey to the powerful forces which have destroyed so many homes in our society.

The first and most important requisites for family stability are faithfulness of a husband and wife to the Lord and reliance upon His sacred Word for direction in their lives. If we are not submissive to the authority which is over us, we will not be successful in establishing godly order in our homes. Our own attitudes and examples have a profound effect upon our children. Therefore we help them the most when we obey the Scriptures and re-

main submissive to those who are over us: in the church (Heb. 13:17), in the work place (Eph. 6:5-7), in the various levels of government (Rom. 13:1-7) and, above all, in our relationship to God (Heb. 12:9). One very visible example of submissiveness to God's divine order is the wearing of a headcovering by a believing woman. God has given this ordinance as a simple but beautiful expression of the uniqueness of each member of His creation. It is seen by Him as such an important symbol that it is a mark of dishonor or shame to a woman's head (her husband) when this is neglected (1 Cor. 11:5). The husband who has assumed his responsibility for control of his household (like Abraham) will see that the scriptural order is followed.

Parents are charged by the Word to give diligent effort to teaching their children the ways of the Lord. Specific instructions to parents include the following terms: nurture, admonish, exhort, comfort, and charge (Eph. 6:4, 1 Thess. 2:11). An analogy can be made with caring for a tree. To prune or trim (admonish, charge) is just as necessary as to provide fertilizer (nurture, comfort). Too much or too little of either could kill the tree. The father is given a special warning not to provoke a child to wrath (Eph. 4:6). This may result from unreasonable demands, but it can also be a consequence of failing to commend or encourage. There is a delicate balance to be maintained in setting high standards for a child to achieve and still providing unconditional assurance of one's love and support. Some of the serious personal conflicts and disorders which individuals sometimes experience can be attributed, at least in part, to a lack of encouragement and support from an excessively demanding parent.

A couple of generations ago most of our families were in a rural setting and were less subject to the influences of a worldly, materialistic, and self-centered way of life. Today, we are surrounded by much greater pressures to conform to the world or be molded into its patterns of think-

ing. The pressures come from direct interaction with unbelievers as well as from the media. It is commonly known today that television is the avenue through which the minds of the people of our society are most heavily influenced. A recent study found that the average U.S. household spends 47-59 hours each week watching television. The portrayal of family structure via this medium is, for the most part, a gross distortion. Parents are depicted as old fashioned and "out of tune," fathers are seen as either workaholics who are seldom home or spineless individuals who can be easily swayed by their teenage children. Divorce and ungodly relationships are accepted as routine. If children are exposed to a diet of this type of influence, their respect for parental authority and instruction will be gradually eroded. It is a scriptural truth that keeping company with evil influences will lead to deterioration in one's behavior: "Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:33). We have been exhorted to avoid this "window to the world" and to keep our homes as the one place on earth that is as much like Heaven as possible.

Another great challenge to the family today consists of excessive demands which are allowed to be placed upon our time and energy. We have a few years during which the nurturing and exhorting of our children is to be concentrated. These are usually the same years when the greatest efforts are being expended to become established in one's occupation and to provide for the physical needs of the family, which is also an important scriptural responsibility (1 Tim. 5:8). Only by the grace and wisdom of God can a believing husband and wife find contentment with moderate living standards in the competitive, materialistic society in which we find ourselves. The Word says "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). May we always see the fulfillment of God's beautiful plan for the believing family as one of our greatest treasures here on earth.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE BUDAPEST, HUNGARY BRETHREN

Our dear brothers and sisters in the United States!

Loving greetings to each and every one of you who received mercy in Jesus Christ along with us who live here in Budapest. The Name of our God and Father be blessed forever, for although we were aliens to Him, He drew us close to Himself and poured out His Holy Spirit upon us. How wonderful it shall be when the Lord gathers all His people together. Then shall we, all, bless His Holy Name forever in the beautiful heaven, which also is the wish of my heart to all believers.

Our dearly beloved brothers and sisters whose hearts, when hearing of the needs of the congregation in Budapest, were roused to give so freely, and so generously for the building of a new church: thank you very much in the name of our Lord for your kindness and for your help. May our good Father bless each and every one of you for it and may He grant that when the "book of deeds" will be opened you may receive an everlasting reward in His kingdom for it.

Now, let me inform you in some words about what caused us to make

such a decision. You probably all know that lately our old church proved to be too small in comparison to the number of the membership. The number of the Sunday school children also increased greatly and additional blocks — such as toilets, cloak rooms, dining room, kitchen, etc. — are also small and few in numbers. Such circumstances helped us at last to decide to build a new church, to the building of which neither our strength nor the strength of the brotherhood in whole Hungary would have been enough. This is the reason why we turned to you for help. If God's willing we would like to start the building this autumn and then to continue it the following year. The project is ready and at present is at the authorities for permission. When we get the permission we shall surely find a way to acquaint you with it!

Finishing our letter, we send our best wishes to you and say farewell with the verses of Paul's letter to the Philipians: chapter 1, verses 4 and 5. Loving greetings to each and every one of you from the congregation in Budapest and from your least brother, Pap Janos, and my fellow elder brother, Ombodi Janos.

ASSISTING SMALLER CONGREGATIONS TO GROW Apostolic Christian Church Lexington, Kentucky

We would like to place an invitation once again in the Silver Lining for families to take residence with us here at Lexington, in support of the precious faith of our Lord and Saviour and Apostolic Christian Church. Many work opportunities are available in this growth area. However, more significant are the needs of fellowship and opportunities to serve as a song leader, Sunday school teacher, prayer brother or most significant supporters and helpers.

A modest, comfortable, 2 to 3 bedroom home adjacent to the church will be vacant November 1. For correspondence call or write: Lester Huber, 3938 Becknerville Road, Winchester, KY 40391, (606) 745-2541.

Your least ones in the fellowship of our precious Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ

ELGIN COOKBOOK "FAVORITE FIXINS"

Once again, the Elgin congregation has republished our cookbook, "Favorite Fixins". The proceeds from the sale of these cookbooks are benefitting our Apostolic Christian Resthaven nursing home in Elgin. If you would like to purchase one of these cookbooks, please contact Apostolic Christian Resthaven at 2750 W. Highland Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123 or you may call 312-741-4543. The price of our cookbook is \$14.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. If you have a multiple order, please contact Resthaven prior to ordering.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Uriel Gehring

With a tinge of autumn in the air, we look forward to a beautiful fall. We have enjoyed a diversified and profitable summer.

The farmer is enjoying a bountiful harvest, his labors being blest by the

Almighty. We at the Home are surrounded by farm ground, and we feel close to the soil and its productivity. We mortals cannot fully comprehend the planting and harvesting process but must quickly recognize the hand of the Almighty at work, with a time and a place for everything in a perfect blending. We are always encouraged at harvest time for the tiller of the soil — we see him plant and hoe and then see God giving the increase. The staff at the Home also plants seeds of goodness in the hearts of our children and must wait for the Lord to give the increase. As our children grow and we see changes in their attitude toward themselves, toward others, and toward God, we sense His blessings are upon our labors. Thus we march courageously forward, taking hold of the heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide" and He always does.

It's back to school for all our children, and they are adjusting well to their new fall routine and school schedules. Of course, there was an adjustment period, what with catching a school bus at

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IN MEMORY — EDITORS:
HENRY SOUDER
EDWARD SOUDER

a specified time, attending classes regularly, getting in the lunch line at school, and doing homework in the evening. We now have fourteen resident children, and it is interesting to see them get off the school bus at the end of Norr Lane and wend their way home after a day of "hitting the books." They are a fortunate group of young people, as were we, to have the educational opportunities afforded them, another extra for living in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." We trust they will take good advantage of these opportunities. We wish them all a prosperous school year.

We have two new boys in the East House: Mike and Jon. We welcome them to our family and anticipate many happy, productive hours together.

Two staff couples' children celebrated birthdays in September. Rebekah (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Annie Fehr) was two on the eighth and Erica (Bro. Tim and Sis. Jenny Sauder) was one on the ninth. Happy birthday to the two little misses. What fortunate children to have God-fearing parents.

We give thanks to Sis. Sheryl Luthi (Minneapolis, MN) who was our most recent volunteer. She lent a pleasant smile with her efforts at our Home — both much appreciated by staff and children.

At a recent staff meeting, one of our staff members read the following words: "Prayer is not meant to give you what you want, as much as to prepare you to receive what God wants for you. Ask for His will and you will never regret what you receive in return." Being mortal, that is, carrying flesh and blood, we sometimes fail to receive the

full blessing of prayer, because we ask amiss. If we ask for His will to be ours, it shall be well with us, for His will is perfect.

It was heartwarming when Bro. John Heiniger and his wife, Sis. Lucille, visited the Home recently. John had given us two ponies, Blue and Dancer, early last spring. He had a special whistle to beckon the ponies to him. He walked to the fence, whistled, and the ponies came running to him, their former master. They remembered the voice and the call, and as they came close to Bro. John, he very affectionately petted them both and they were happy and content. What a parallel we see to our Master who calls us to Him. May we answer His call because close to Him we find happiness and contentment, too. "Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus is my plea."

This reporter will no longer be serving as Public Relations Coordinator. It has been a privilege writing for the Silver Lining for the past few years; and being on the staff and working with the children, the staff, board members, volunteers and the Leo congregation. It was also a privilege to visit our churches, telling them about the Home. May the work of faith and labor of love continue, that many more special children may be given the special opportunities afforded them by the Home. Farewell, and may our heavenly Father add His blessing to every endeavor.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

August was a busy month for our residents and staff. Picnics were enjoyed and a camping trip on August 26

and 27 was a highlight for about 60 residents. Another group went fishing one day and a trip to the zoo was enjoyed. Quite a few went home for vacation which is always very special to them! And now the annual Pumpkin Festival in Morton is upon us. The parade will be attended by approximately 87 residents, so we are hoping for good weather.

Those having birthdays in October are very few — Carol Fahrni on October 5 and Kent Knobloch on October 14. Happy birthday, Carol and Kent!

On September 9 we welcomed another resident, Bryan Tiezzi. Bryan lived with his parents, Guido and Jean Tiezzi, in Washington, IL, before coming to the Home. He has 3 brothers, Curtis, Stuart and Craig. Bryan is 30 years old and his birthday is October 30. Spaghetti and rice are some of his favorite foods and Bryan enjoys bowling, any group activities and outings. He is very outgoing and enjoys meeting people. We're happy to have Bryan with us!

Here's another reminder of our Benefit Day coming up November 6. Many of you who receive the Handicap Times newsletter may have noticed that it said to have items for the sale in by September 30. That was an error and we apologize for it. It should have stated October 31. It would be very helpful to have most merchandise in by then, but we'll gladly accept items later on also. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend our Benefit Day (November 6) at the Morton fellowship hall. The times are as follows: Gift Shop, Craft Shop and Bake Sale — 9:30 to 2:30. Luncheon from 10:30 to 1:00. Hope to see many of you November 6!

"When I see the woodland flaming
In a brilliant red and gold;
I can only stand and marvel
At the splendor I behold.

Only could the Master Painter
Clothe a tree in such array;
Seems I get a glimpse of Heaven
Every sunny, autumn day!"

Daniel D. Rodes

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL Marilyn Walder

We ended the summer program with Sis. Kathy Huthman (Peoria, IL) volunteering a week of her time. We had a total of 21 people who volunteered

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Bibles Distributed By Our Churches

First Year — August 1983 thru July 1984 — 13,890
Second Year — August 1984 thru July 1985 — 10,812
Third Year — August 1985 thru July 1986 — 18,247
Fourth Year — August 1986 thru July 1987 — 23,048

Bibles Distributed — Fifth Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1987 —	2358	2358
September 1987 —	1023	3561

NOTE: Sets of Braille Bibles are available to give to the blind and KJV, Old and New Testament, on cassette tapes for those who can no longer read the large print. Also, pocket testaments with Psalms and Proverbs are available.

over 900 hours of time at our Preschool this summer! We are so thankful for each one and appreciate so much the time and talent given to the Lord. We will need many volunteers again next summer so if it did not work for you to come this year and you would have liked to, pray about coming next year.

We got our 1987-88 school year off to a good start. The new children are adapting well to the routine and those children who were previously enrolled are setting a good example. So far we have 30 children enrolled and have openings for quite a few more. We pray that we will be full soon. The children are eager to learn and their minds are like sponges soaking up new information. They have been attentive to the Bible stories which we feel are the most important for them to learn. We pray that the seed which is being planted will some day bring forth good fruit. Please continue to pray for us.

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Marilyn Walder

Our visitors this past month were from Atlanta, GA, Sarasota, FL, Princeville, Washington and Peoria, IL, and Junction, Rittman and Smithville, OH. We enjoyed the message of Bro. Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH) brought to us and thank him for allowing God to speak through him.

Recently we spent an evening with our Sunday school children. Twenty-five children attended and enjoyed playing games, having a cookout and singing songs. Every three months the children with perfect and good attendance are presented with a certificate. We presented ten of these this last quarter.

On September 6, we heard of the engagement of Bro. Mike Moore to Sis. Pam Hinrichson (Goodfield, IL). We pray that God will be near to them.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9. Bro. Joe Greenbank (Sis. Patty) is thankful he entered through the "door" and has become a child of God. He was baptized August 30 after giving his testimony August 29. Bro. Noah Herman was our guest minister and assisted Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach with the baptism. A church pot-

luck and singing were enjoyed that evening.

We are rejoicing that more dear ones are answering the call to "follow me, all ye that are heavy laden". Betty Lemons wants to build on the firm foundation along with her husband, Bob, and Alan Knochel (Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline). Alan related how he has been coming for years and is so happy to know the joy of becoming a believer.

Labor Day weekend, the junior and senior high Sunday school classes journeyed to Altadena, CA, for a weekend of Christian fellowship.

On August 19, Candy and M. Scott Phillips become first-time parents with the birth of little Michael Scott II. Bro. George Schuster is his happy grandpa.

While returning home from the conference in Rockville, CT, Bro. Steve Miracle was planning a stop in Rittman, OH, to visit family members, when he was involved in a rain-caused accident. Bro. Steve has had extensive surgery on his leg and he will need still more surgery. Let us all uphold Bro. Steve in our daily prayers.

Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA) was our visiting minister September 13.

There is World Relief work to be done in Juarez, Mexico. A group of workers from Phoenix who went to share in these duties included Bros. Jon Kokanovich, John Kaufman, Keith Kaufman, Herb Knochel, Robert Baum, Randy Meyer, Jim Beres and Sis. Lois Beres.

Dan Esslinger was severely burned in an electrical accident at his work and is at the Maricopa Burn Unit.

Our church extends sympathy to Bro. Ervan and Ione Rokey and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Katherine Laukhuf in the deaths of their family members.

ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

Wayne and Mary Koehl

God does not ask our abilities or our or our inability
only our availability.

Mary was available when Jesus came and her desire was to know more about this saviour, Jesus Christ, while Martha toiled with the everyday tasks. Are we available Christians as we walk the pathway of life? Is our main concern our own problems? When we see a soul in need, are we willing to be of service or do we depend on others to do the

job? We, as Christians, need to be available to reach out and take the time to touch the lives of our fellow men. As Christians, our lives should be as windows through which others may see and seek that peace that passeth all understanding, a gift from our Lord and Saviour. These were a few of the teachings when Bro. Greg Gramm ministered to us September 20.

"Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or as the cock-crowing, or in the morning:

"Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

Mark 13:35-37

These words of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, were meditated upon. It is a timely warning when we are all so busy with the daily business at hand that we do not even have time to Watch. We thank the brothers and their families for being with us.

Services are held the first and third Sunday of each month in Prescott. For more information, you may call Harvey and Ethel Smith (602) 445-2164 or 778-6130.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Elaine Graf

Our friend, Allan Crockett (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) was involved in a very bad car accident. It happened during the lunch break on the first day of school — his senior year. The driver of the car was killed. Allan is in critical condition as I write this. Please pray for him, his parents and his younger brother, Brian, and also for the family of the one who was killed.

Altadena hosted a number of visitors over Labor Day weekend. Sunday school students came from the Phoenix and Tucson, AZ, and San Diego churches. Also visiting that weekend wee some single members.

Ann Marie Pridemore has moved to California from Princeville, IL. She plans to go to school for at least one year in California. It is nice to have her in our church.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you . . ."

John 14:27

Todd and Kim Moser have claimed the blessing of peace with God and man. It is planned that they will give their testimonies at the Winthrop, MN, church in October.

CALIFORNIA, MAYWOOD
Ben Ammann

On August 22 our congregation was saddened with the passing of Irene O'hara. Irene's family and sisters wish to extend their thanks for the kindness to them at her passing. Bro. Carl Kinsinger held the graveside service.

COLORADO, DENVER
Mike Martin — Marlene Leman

Fall has begun to spread its beautiful colors across the landscape. From the golden aspen trees to the fresh fallen snow, God is changing our scenery. Likewise, Joel and Ted Schmidt have opted for a change in scenery and are now assembling with our congregation here. They are attending Colorado Aerotech. Parents of the two young men are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy Schmidt and Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn Schmidt (West Bend, IA).

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE
Martha Hany

We want to thank all of our elder brethren who so lovingly and diligently labored in the spirit during the conference to search the scriptures to determine God's will. Once again, they have appealed to us to continue on the narrow way as pilgrims, a separate people rejecting the trends and influence of the society to which we are subjected. "Peace" was the theme of the conference and this is promised us even as we sing: "If thus thou'lt overcome thy wishes and let God's will prevail in thee, Then thou wilt find peace in thy suffering; And grace thy great reward will be." Zion's Harp #171. What a wonderful goal is set before each of us, eternal peace and happiness!

Our hospital patients this month were Sisters Marion Andrews, Julie Bahler, Marie Hany, Ellen Kupferschmid, Frieda Hoffman, Esther Heintz and Rob Fluckiger. May the Lord hear their prayers, as well as others who may have been sick, for good health and strength to daily meet the challenges which confront a Christian.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the

other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24. We rejoice with the parents of Mark Kloter as he acknowledges this in repentance. Our prayer is that the Lord will grant him much grace and understanding in his youthful conversion from the natural man to life in the Spirit. Mark's parents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Sharon (Luginbuhl) Kloter.

Our sympathy is extended to Chris and Sis. Sue Moser in the death of her mother, Dorothy Johnson, age 67. She also leaves two sons, Scott and Todd. After a lengthy illness, Sis. Ida Luginbuhl, 89, passed into eternity September 18 and is now at Home. She leaves a brother and three sisters, Bro. John and Sisters Rose, Emma and Louise Ballasy. May the happy memories of the special love of a mother and sister comfort the families.

Day follows day and all things have an end, but, yet, there is always a time for a new beginning. Gary and Pam Trinque have experienced the birth of their first child, a son, Jesse Alan, born August 21. Grandparents are Lewis and Alice Trinque and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Martha (Schneider) Mangold. On September 3 Laura Elizabeth was born to Scott and Luanne (Luginbuhl) Hills. Brother Aaron welcomes his little sister home. Grandparents are Joyce Milliken and Bro. Rob and Sis. Pauline (Virkler) Luginbuhl. We wish these couples well with their new responsibility of love.

We were privileged recently to hear Bro. Christian Treftz's testimony of his conversion many years ago. Bro. Christian moved to Rockville (Longview Village) from Trumbull, CT. We are pleased to have him in our midst and wish him God's richest blessings in the future.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON
Catherine Klopfenstein
Rebecca Germann

In August we have had services here three Sundays in a row and we are grateful and thankful to those brethren and families who traveled to the conference and then traveled a little more to be with us here. We really appreciate their love and fellowship.

On Sunday, August 23, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) here to minister to

us. We enjoyed the day with them and their families and others visiting. After services some of us visited Arlington Cemetery and then had supper together. It was very interesting to hear Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie tell of Japan.

On Sunday, September 13, Elder Bro. Norbert Steiner was here. We thank him and his wife and those who traveled with them for their efforts also. During our afternoon service, we read from the book of Revelation which is sometimes difficult to understand. Bro. Norbert pointed out however that we can certainly see and appreciate some of the warning signals sent to us, just as we are grateful for the signs warning us of approaching danger as we travel the highways.

Anyone visiting our area is welcome to contact Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein, 703-979-3476 or Bro. Doug Germann, 703-481-5163. Services are the second Sunday of each month at the Westpark Best Western Hotel, just off the I-495 Beltway at the Tyson's Corner Exit. Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

FLORIDA, FORT LAUDERDALE
Terri Huber

Bro. Ron and Sis. Liz Jones were blessed beyond measure with the birth of their second son, Tristan Alan. Big brother, Lee, is excited but can't figure out why baby Tristen doesn't seem to be interested in playing with him!

Bro. Roger Sauder gave us a report on the activities of World Relief when he returned from the committee meeting in Rockville. We were interested to hear of the many projects and services that they are involved in, helping the oppressed and needy people that inhabit the world. It is gratifying to know that the money we contribute is being used to help the less fortunate and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ladies that meet to do crafts for donation to the various sales were privileged to have two nights of craft instruction by Kris Lovetro of Whoo's Hideout, which rekindled our imaginations for projects to work on this coming year.

Beginning in October we will be having Bible study the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall. If you are in the area, we hope you will join us.

FLORIDA, NORTH FORT MYERS
Kay Eisenmann

How quickly time goes by. It seems

like only yesterday, and here another month has gone. Do we remember what we did each day? Did we waste our time? What did we do for the Lord? Did we bring any love or hope to those around us?

We had the privilege to be with our family over the holiday. It was short, but sweet. Virgil, Liz and Sharrie opened up their hearts and home to us. We talked of the love of God and what is happening with our children (theirs as well as our own). May we all take more time for family, for as we grow older those times become more precious to us all.

We are looking forward to the return of our "winter family". May God's traveling mercy be with them.

We are all thankful for reasonable health. Dathan is in the sixth grade now and doing well. The doctor told Sue that Dathan is a miracle! Let us not despair if our prayers are not answered today, for all will be well in God's time. Possibly one of the biggest tests of faith is to "take our heartaches and problems to the cross and leave them there!" May we all receive grace to do this more!

Bro. Glenn Price (Sarasota, FL) ministered to us this past month. May God bless him for his message.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Lucille Heiniger

A number from here attended the conference at Rockville, CT. The theme was "Peace". We heard that "Peace is a harmonious relationship between God and us. The opposite of peace is confusion whose author is the devil or Satan. Peace comes from living in close relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Love God above all, love one another, keep His commandments and statutes and stay true.

Are we living up to the name of Christian? People view our actions and deeds. A soul that walks in the Spirit of God prospers and grows in faith. In maintaining peace, we should be submissive and obedient to God. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

We should be submissive to God's ways and will at all times. Peace is the complete absence of fear. Peace gives us comfort and joy.

Peacemakers exercise love and are

willing to esteem the brethren with an open mind. We must endure and keep on to the end. Be a peacemaker, not guilty of sowing discord.

Work together to maintain peace. Encourage one another to become better children of God, building on the rock of Jesus Christ.

Marilyn Bryant has found peace with her God and is anxious to give her testimony and be baptized.

The vacationers are returning home and soon the snowbirds will be arriving to spend the winter months with us here in the south.

Sis. Colleen Reardon has moved to Leo where she is among the workers there with the children at the Home. We wish her God's blessings and the enjoyment of her work there with the children. We will miss her presence here, but our loss will be their gain at Leo.

Our sympathy goes out to Bella Slagel in the loss of her dear husband and our dear Bro. Sam, as he has gone to be with the Lord. He suffered much in the last months of his life. The funeral was held at Fairbury, IL.

Several from here attended the wedding of Sis. Rosemary Eisenmann and Bro. Mark Larson September 6 at Latty, OH. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their lives together. Rosemary is a registered nurse and she spent some time here helping to care for Dathan when he was so very ill.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Ben Maibach and Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI). We appreciate each one who takes the time to come and expound the Word to us in truth.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA John Brewer

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. In a small congregation, this verse helps us remember that Jesus is blessing our gathering, no matter what size. For August and September, our visiting ministers were Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Willis Weigand (Goodfield, IL). Our congregation also had visitors from Sarasota, FL, and Goodfield, IL. We appreciate the time they took to share the Word of God with us.

We have services on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at the Bradbury Suites Best Western in Mer-

ietta, GA. The hotel is located off I-75 on the Windy Hill Road Exit, just north of the perimeter behind the McDonalds. For more information call Don Sellers (404) 923-0721, Nancy Foltz (404) 451-9191 or John Brewer (404) 949-7734.

ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Donna Hodel — Karen Brummitt

Praise ye in His sanctuary
Him who does such wondrous deeds!
Who to His eternal glory
All His ransomed children leads!

Laud ye Him with tears of gladness,
Praise Him now with harp and song!
Let us crown Him highest ruler,
Sound the chorus loud and long!

Then rejoice ye in His glory
Who from death to life arose!
Who a white and glorious garment
And rich gifts on you bestows!
Hymns of Zion #235

We congratulate first-time grandparents, Bro. Stan and Sis. Nate Yogel, on their new granddaughter, Abigail Lynn, born September 3. Bro. Phil and Sis. Cindy Witzig are the new parents.

Our congregation is happy to welcome Bro. Marvin and Sis. Pat Fischer from Columbus, OH, who have recently settled in the Bloomington-Normal area.

We extend best wishes to Brett Knobloch (Bro. Clyde and Sis. Charlene) and Angela Bianco (Joe and Velda Bianco) as they have announced their engagement.

Three evenings were set aside for the brotherhood conference tapes this past month. May God bless all the brethren for their love and concern for our precious faith.

Our congregation had the privilege to welcome the college students and their parents September 13 to the Bloomington-Normal area. We hope that each and every student will feel encouraged to freely visit our Bloomington-Normal church.

We express sincere sympathy to Sis. Dixie Knapp and Connie Grusy in the death of their stepmother, Frances Cargill. Sis. Dixie and Connie's father, Claire Gargill, were hospitalized for pneumonia. We pray God will bless them with healing strength and comfort him in the loss of his loved one.

Visiting ministers for this month were Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO), Bro. Marshall Heinold (Washington), Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont). We thank them for their labors of love.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD
Marilyn Tanner

The union of two hearts September 6 brought the promise of a new Christian home. We welcome Bro. Tim and Sis. Denise Kieser as they start on the path of life together and pray for God's abundant blessings on them. Bro. Nate and Sis. Esther Martin (Princeville) and Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser are their parents.

Katherine Ann is the new little one at Paul and Cheryl Ehnle's home. She is heartily welcomed, I'm sure, by big brother, Robert, and grandparents, Tom and Grace Wooden (Princeville) and Robert and Jean Ehnle (Kewanee).

We're thankful Bro. Kenny Dietz is home and recovering again after being hospitalized.

The visit of Elder Bro. Robert and Sis. Lucille Beyer (Naumburg, NY) Wednesday evening was enjoyed and much appreciated. We thank them for sharing with us.

It was a blessing having Sis. Kathy Kieser home from Japan for a month. She has returned to her duties there, and would welcome your prayers on behalf of the Lord's work and the dear ones in the little churches in Japan.

Sis. Lois Endress would like to thank each one who remembered her with prayers, cards, visits and all other loving deeds while in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you.

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN
Cheryl Mangers

August 23 was a big day down here in C-U as we welcomed the biggest group of new students there has ever been - 43. These 43 students come from 18 different churches and together with the returning students give us a total of approximately 90. We appreciated ministering Bro. Bob Pflederer lending himself in service that day. Greetings were given from 19 different churches. After church, we enjoyed our traditional Kentucky Fried Chicken picnic that was organized by our student officers: Pres. - Mike Walder, V.P. - Phil Baurer and Sec. - Renae Meiss.

We estimate there were close to 300 present at the picnic. It was such a great way to begin a new school year.

Bro. Les and Sis. Patti Marti have been blessed with a son, Levi Allen, born August 29. Grandparents include Bro. Les and Sis. Dorothy Walder (Cissna Park) and Sis. Delores Marti (Gridley).

Our love and appreciation go to our visiting ministers this past month. They were Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Bros. Jim Byrd (Roanoke), Lenny Meyer (Chicago) and Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO).

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO
Kathy Schlatter

Recently I felt reminded of a very sobering spiritual thought through physical experience. Both my daughter and I have just gotten braces on our top teeth. Previously I was ignorant of the pain involved. The first day I was in agony. My teeth felt strange, but worst of all was the underside of my upper lip. This strange metal apparatus rubbed it raw! Two years of this I was not going to be able to endure. The first week was really rough (and I was very aware of this terrible intrusion), yet near the beginning of the second week, I could tell that the inside of my upper mouth was not so tender any more. I wasn't always aware of the foreign object. Oh, of course, there was a twinge now and then. There still is - but there is more time in between when I'm reasonably comfortable. Spiritually I think there are two ways to think of this. First of all, I think of the eight years when I was convicted of my sins - and unrepentant. I shudder to think of how calloused I could have become if the Lord had not taken hold of me when He did. If one does not answer when the conviction hits the tender heart, what will be the result when the heart becomes thickened and less responsive, becomes more of the time less aware? Nevertheless, as His own, we still struggle against the flesh, and the flesh is prone to error. Do our spiritual nerve endings cry out in pain when we have thought or said or done wrong? We pray so, that we may be healed: lest we fall into greater and greater complacency with our life full of foreign matter.

We cherish the visits of our ministering brethren, Bro. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley) and Bro. Walt Herrmann (Princeville).

Their warnings and exhortations are timely. It was mentioned that we are still prone to temptations of peer pressure, regardless of our age. Maybe that doesn't make our struggles any easier, but we can better guard against the weak spots of our spiritual wall when we are taught of them.

During the Wednesday nights in September we have also been privileged to hear the deliberations of our elder brethren from the brotherhood conference held in August in Rockville, CT. If we can steal away from the world for a couple of hours, we will be more prepared to meet its onslaughts with His peace.

We look forward to spending time with three new students. Sis. Gloria Streitmatter (Sarasota, FL) will be living in the area for several months, working/observing in area hospitals as she furthers her education towards an M.D. Bro. Todd Stoller (Morton, IL) comes to our area to attend the University of Illinois School of Dentistry. Sis. Laurie Gallatin (Wichita, KS) is also attending school in the area. We are excited about the Lord's direction in their lives and appreciate the time we will have to fellowship together, however long or short. We pray that they will feel close to our church body and know they will add to its quality and strength.

Fire and flood have taken their toll on several homes among our brethren. Accidents have befallen others, surgery awaits some, and grief over loved ones' deaths has struck as well. Yet the Lord has been good, through His people, through His care even in the time of trouble. As a song says, "My heart can sing when I pause to remember, A heartache here is but a stepping stone, Along a trail that's winding always upward, This troubled world is not my final home." (Stuart Hamblen). In that same song, a different verse, is a lovely analogy which says, "The soul of man is like a waiting falcon; When it's released, it's destined for the skies." Bro. Sam Slagel's soul was released as he lay suffering in Fairbury Hospital. For him we are so glad and praise our Lord's name; for his beloved wife, Belle, and his family we extend our sympathy and prayers for the Lord's care, and for ourselves we remember the joy that the Lord gave us through Bro. Sam in his many years in the Chicago area. We look forward to meeting him again up there - in the Lord's own time.

As I look around my house, preparing to pack to move, I see some items which will probably not go with us. They may be cracked or worn, be missing pieces or have outlived their usefulness in other ways. Analogously though, only Satan would have us feel that way about ourselves, using our physical decline against us. The Lord, on the other hand, looks at us spiritually. He knows that our graying, balding, wrinkling, falling exterior is not important ultimately — nor is our youth, strength or energy. Rather, He is concerned about our use of our time, our talents and our tithing, as we were so well reminded by one of our elder brothers at the conference. May we become more concerned, less complacent, about our time management. May we become more creative, less covert and secretive, about our available talents; and may we become more committed, less covetous, with our tithing. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalms 23:1.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Elaine Sauder — Mary Knapp

Our congregation has increased and been blessed with the addition of new faces. Sis. Ida Laubscher has returned to her hometown after many years of labors in the Chicago area. Also, Bro. Anthony and Sis. Patsy Blade have moved to Cissna Park where Bro. Anthony has sought employment. We welcome them and know they will enrich our congregation with their presence.

We have new bundles from heaven, three new first-time parents and two sets of first-time grandparents. A little boy, Levi Allen, came to join Bro. Les and Sis. Patti Marti August 29. Happy grandparents are Sis. Delores Marti (Gridley) and first-time grandparents, Bro. Les and Sis. Dorothy Walder. On September 4, Bro. Tom and Sis. Karol Stock welcomed Mindy Kay as their first-born. Bro. Les and Sis. Arlene Stock and Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger are her grandparents. Sarah Elizabeth was born to Brian and Terry Jacob, also first-time parents. Doris and Wayne Jacob and first-time grandparents, Jim and Betty Hofbauer, welcome her. Another newborn arrived seven weeks early to first-time parents, Orlen and Debbie Munsterman. Tiny Marcus Alan at this time is still at Carle Hospital in Urbana gaining strength until he can join his parents at home.

His grandparents are Bro. Jun and Sis. Betty Feller and Edna Munsterman. How much joy but what a challenge and responsibility these small bundles bring into our lives.

This past month we had several hospital patients, Sis. Marge Alt, injuries from a fall and Sis. Elsie Bauer for tests. Alvin Rudin suffered a broken hip in a fall and required surgery and little Cory Young (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Anna Marie) underwent an appendectomy. We have witnessed God's healing touch for all.

Visiting ministers this past month have brought us teachings which have truly been enjoyed and appreciated. Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN) spoke the Word and shared of themselves. This past week we heard the last of the conference tapes. There is much labor, love and concern shown us and it reminds us of our special walk in Christ.

We deeply appreciate all the visitors who come throughout the month and welcome them all to come join us often.

As harvest season progresses — may we all think of Who has provided all the proper proportions of ingredients and essentials needed for the bountiful supply.

Let's take time to remember our elderly and shut-ins who cannot assemble with us regularly. A kind word or smile goes a long way.

MUCH FOR LITTLE

How little it costs if we give a thought,
To make some hearts happy each day,
Just one kind word or a tender smile
As we go on our daily way.

Perhaps a look will suffice to clear
The cloud from a neighbor's face;
And the press of a hand in sympathy
A sorrowful tear efface.

It costs so little; I wonder why
We give it so little thought.
A smile, kind words, a glance, a touch —
What blessing by them is wrought.
Author Unknown

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Gail Leman — Susan Zobrist

"... Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."
St. Luke 12:31

What a blessed event to witness four new lambs entering the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice and glorify God for the wonderful work He has performed in the lives of these precious souls, Sis. Larissa Schrock (Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary), Sis. Sara Knapp (Bro. Rick and Sis. Kathy), Sis. Denise Banwart (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene) and Sis. Lynnette Stahl (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma). It was truly a blessing to meet them as sisters-in-the-Lord. What a wonderful event it will be to someday meet them in heaven with our Lord.

On such a special occasion, we had many visiting brethren to minister the Word to us. Sharing our joy were Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka), Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart (Fort Scott, KS), Bro. Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN), Bro. Kenneth Knapp (Taylor, MO), Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Marshall Heinfeld (Washington). Also willing to work in the Lord's service in our behalf was Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI).

During our life there are times of joy along with times of sorrow. Our hearts were saddened by the death of a loved one, Dave Zimmerman, who touched the hearts of many. We extend our sympathy to his daughter, Dorothy Baer, and her family.

Our hearts have been uplifted and encouraged as we listened to the tapes that were inspired by God, from the brotherhood conference. May we learn from the words of the loving elder brethren and strive onward toward our heavenly goal. Learning to live by our Lord's loving example, may we unto the death prove our faithfulness.

Be True, Be True the Lord is by thee standing,
Joyful with Him at last will be the ending.
Though hard the strife and long the conflict be,
Through faithfulness the Lord will honored be.

Zion's Harp #172

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Elizabeth Schambach
Betty Bachtold

At the present time, we are privileged to listen to the brotherhood conference tapes. It is well if we receive it with a submissive and obedient heart. "The law of the Lord is perfect, con-

verting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." Psalms 19:7, 11.

Another soul in her youthful years has felt the need of repentance and wishes to live for Jesus. May Sarah Braun (Herman and Sis. Sharon) be given much grace and strength as she begins this new walk of life.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Sue Braun rejoice in the birth of little Mary Elizabeth August 22. She was welcomed home by her sister, Rebekah, and brothers, Philip, Timothy and Matthew. Best wishes are also extended to grandmothers, Sisters Cecelia Braun and Mary Jane Hirschey.

Our merciful Father came gently and relieved our dear Sis. Ida (Braun) Wahl, 75, from all her sufferings and earthly trials. While she was among us, her life portrayed a true faith in God. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Revelation 21:3. She leaves one son, Bro. Fred (Sis. Libby) and one grandson, besides two sisters, Julia and Lydia, and one brother, Gottheif.

The family of Sis. Ida wishes to thank all who remembered them with prayers and deeds of love during their mother's illness and passing.

We sympathize with Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kay Cargill in the passing of his step-mother, Frances Stevig Cargill.

We are especially mindful of our hospital patients, Sis. Pam Steinbis and Bro. Bill Wewetzer. May they find comfort in God's unchanging promises.

Visitors who came and served willingly in the Lord's vineyard include Bros. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS), Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA). We appreciate and pray God's blessings upon them and their families.

In appreciation we thank all who helped in any way at our second annual Benefit Day at Resthaven. We especially thank the Chicago brethren for their love and support.

Cookbooks are available again at Resthaven. They are \$14.00 each if purchased here, or \$16.00 if purchased through the mail. Anyone interested in making a purchase should contact: Apostolic Christian Resthaven, 2750

W. Highland Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. Phone (312) 741-4543.

Bro. Cal and Sis. Dena Weiss rejoice in the birth of a new grandson, Richard Allan, born September 8. He is the first child of Kurt and Lori Weiss (Denver, CO). Other happy grandparents are Roland and Norma Wardlow (Osceola, IN).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA
Kathy L. Rocke

Think of three things;
Whence you came,
Where you are going,
And to whom you must account.

We were thankful for brothers who were willing to lend themselves in God's service this past month. Sharing God's Word with us were Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR), Gary Brown (Forrest) and Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS).

Those who have spent time in the hospital are Sis. Wanda Leman (Bro. Roy), Sis. Viola Leman (Bro. Vernon), Sis. Doris Fehr, Henry Blunier (Sis. Wilma), Bros. David Leman (Sis. Ann), Sam Schmidgall (Sis. Gladys) and Lewis Martin (Sis. Arletta). "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart." Psalms 27:14.

September 13 we witnessed the wedding vows of Sis. Marlene Wettstein (Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna) and Bro. Chris Leman (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Margorie, Roanoke). Also present with us this day were Elder Bros. Eugene Bertschi and Don Sauder and Bro. Jim Leman (all of Roanoke) and Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville).

We have set aside four Wednesday evenings to hear the conference tapes. What a blessing to hear each dear elder brother speak the concerns of his heart and give us timely warnings. May we accept these words of admonition and encouragement to strengthen our spiritual lives as we go forward in our separate battlefields. Surely God has been with us!

To a man who himself strives earnestly God also lends a helping hand.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Jean Bachtold — Crystal Fehr

Sis. Trish and Bro. Martin Steiding-er's home was blessed August 31 with a baby boy, Kent Alan. His brothers, Alex and Wesley, are happy to have

another playmate. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber (Forrest) and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alma Steiding-er.

Our congregation enjoyed having five visiting ministers this month. They were Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Lenard Meyer (Chicago), Kenneth Weerts and Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park).

Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Kaupp celebrated their golden wedding anniversary September 6 with an open house at the fellowship hall.

Fairbury hosted the Londonaires reunion. It was a nice day spent together. Just think of the reunion we will have on yonder shore.

We are thankful to Rockville, CT, for hosting the brotherhood conference. Now we have the privilege to be encouraged spiritually by listening to the tapes.

Sis. Joy and Randy White and children have moved to the Philadelphia, PA, area. They will be greatly missed but we pray the Lord will be their staff. Their new address is 2 Dogwood Lane, Cleona, PA 17042.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Samuel Slagel. He passed from this life into eternity August 26.

Also we extend sympathy to Sis. Tillie Rinkenberger over the loss of her sister, Sis. Sophie Kellerhals (Gridley). She was a resident of Fairview Haven and will be missed by all.

We pray for all that were hospitalized this month: Sis. Lydia Wiedman, Sis. Gwen Knapp, Myrna Moser, Margaret Kelson and Bro. Tom Steiding-er.

THE BEST REFUGE

In sorrow and pain Thy trust do retain
In Jesus the merciful Saviour.

He'll lighten the load, And level the
road
And bear thee on hands of compassion.

He'll shield and defend His child to the
end;
No suffering or death shall appall thee.
Zion's Harp #46, vs. 1, 3, 5

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Sharon Adams — Patsy Stoller

Our cups were once again filled to overflowing through God's inspiring Word. Visiting ministers this past

month were Bros. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH), John Hartman (Fairbury), Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Neil Widmer (Wolcott, IN), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville) and Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI). May God bless each one for their labors.

Raya Steidinger (Bro. Ray and Sis. Shelly), Sis. Alice Lehmann, Ben Rinkenberger (Minnie) and Sis. Sally Schaeffer (Bro. John) all spent time in the hospital this past month. We are thankful all are home again. Once again God has healed the afflicted.

We have been richly blessed and strengthened as we heard the tapes of the exhortations of our dear elder brothers from the conference held recently. May we continue to pray for our shepherds and strive to walk the straight and narrow way.

The engagement and approaching marriage was announced of Bro. John Kyburz and Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid. May God bless their union.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Debbie Roth have been blessed with another son. Zachary Daniel is the brother of Nicholas and Jonathon. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ruth Roth and Bro. Jim and Sis. Leota Byrd (Roanoke). Bro. Mark and Sis. LaVerne Aberle have been blessed with a daughter. Jamie, Shelly, Shane, Shawn, Bryan and Marcus are Ashley Nicole's brothers and sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean Aberle.

I wish to express my thanks to everyone for their visits, cards, gifts and prayers for me while at the hospital and since returning to my home.

David Metz

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Trish Gerber

The Lord has blessed two couples from our congregation with the joy of life together. Bro. Ben Bauman was wed to Sis. Kris Leman (Denver, CO) August 9. Their parents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman (Denver, CO) and Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman. Rob Wiegand, son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen and Kelly Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Carla, were joined together in holy matrimony September 6. May the Lord continue to bless these loved ones and constantly be their guide.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN). Also we

are in the process of listening to the conference tapes and our thanks are extended to the visiting elders who are assisting with this. Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville) and Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont, IL) have lent themselves in this manner.

It is so uplifting to see that souls are still heeding God's gentle calling. We're looking forward to sharing in the testimony of Greg Wagner September 26. May the Lord ever be by his side as he begins his walk of faith.

We are so happy for Sis. Pam Hinrichsen on hearing the news of her engagement to Bro. Mike Moore (Athens, AL). Their parents, Elder Bro. Lavoyd and Sis. Doris Moore and Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen, thank the Lord for having drawn their children together through Him.

It is good to know that Aaron Hohulin (son of Bro. Bruce and Sis. Charlene) is back home and feeling better after his brief stay in the hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Bros. John and Ira Rokey for the loss of their sister, Mamie (Sabetha, KS). We also pray for God's comforting arms of love to surround Sis. Carla (Bro. Dick) Hohulin in the passing of her father, Elmer Johnson (Cherry Valley, IL).

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Perry Klopfenstein

Autumn gives evidence of God's presence as the combined hue of gold and red foliage reflects a gorgeous sight to behold. Such beauty is rooted in heaven and makes fall a favorite season for many.

Another noteworthy observation in the Midwest this fall is the grain surplus. As one drives through central Illinois, he notices the enormous stockpiling of corn. Huge piles of corn have been placed in outside "bunkers", treated for safekeeping and covered with huge canvasses. This results from our nation's superb ability to produce corn. Ironically, in other parts of the world there exists, in one degree or another, hunger and destitution. Inadequate logistics and other complex considerations inhibit the flow of food to areas where it is often needed the most.

Our corn surpluses can prompt us to look at our spiritual surpluses and our subsequent stewardship of these surpluses. We as a people are honored from above far beyond the "mercy drops" the hymnwriter wrote about.

Indeed, we are "showered" with spiritual blessings. As we take the time to count our spiritual blessings, long lists result. To name a few, we are blessed with freedom of worship, free and open access to an infallible and inerrant Word, a loving brotherhood and a special understanding of God's plan of salvation.

In the midst of these preponderant spiritual blessings, various questions arise. Are we stockpiling our spiritual surpluses while others around us are destitute and dying, spiritually?

Do our spiritual blessings remain as a reservoir, or are they being channeled to awaken and comfort those who are spiritually hungry? Are we burying our talents, or are we letting them multiply for God's glory?

As God's people we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world". The Lord said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, who is in heaven."

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 12, for Frances L. Cargill who resided in West Plains, MO. She is survived by her husband, Jay Cargill, and a sister, Sis. Pauline Witzig (Gridley).

Sis. Sophie Kellerhals (Fairbury), formerly of Gridley, was also laid to rest September 12. She is survived by one stepson, Levi Hofer, (Albuquerque, NM), and three sisters, Rose Rinkenberger (Fosston, MN), Sis. Tillie Rinkenberger (Fairbury) and Sis. Minnie Rinkenberger (Forrest).

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Hermine Miller and Viola Hany, and Bros. Henry Gramm and Reuben Stoller. The prayers of the saints are a comforting balm to those on sick beds.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Phyllis Farnley — Marcia Kelley

Bro. Bill and Sis. Jane Martin wish to express their humble thanks for the prayers, cards, visits and gifts of love offered during Bill's hospital stay and since his return home. God does answer prayer!

Bro. David Metz also wishes to thank everyone for their love and prayers while in the hospital and since returning home. God bless all who were so kind.

The family of Bro. Carl Vierling would like to extend their appreciation to all who were so loving and thoughtful

during the illness and death of their dear husband and father.

The Lord has blessed our congregation with two new babies this month. Bro. Phil and Sis. Cindi Witzig became first-time parents to precious little Abigail Lynn September 3. Her happy grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Dorothy Witzig (Morton) and Bro. Stanley and Sis. Naomi Vogel (Bloomington-Normal, IL).

There was a new little addition to the home of Bro. Mike and Theresa Kelson. Ryan Michael was born September 18. His sister, Ashley, is excited to have a little baby brother. Ryan's grandparents are Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson (Fairbury, IL).

School bells have called many children and young adults back to their classrooms. We pray that God will watch over them and guide our precious students in their education.

Rich blessings came our way through our ministry of visiting Bros. Ron Heinger (Bloomington-Normal, IL) and Glen Funk (Garden Grove, IA). We are thankful to God for their willing service.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Kathy Huthmann

A PEACE OF MEDITATION

So we may know God better
And feel His quiet power,
Let us daily keep in silence
A Meditation Hour —
For to understand God's greatness
And to use His gifts each day
The soul must learn to meet Him
In a meditative way,
For our Father tells His children
That if they would know His will
They must seek Him in the silence
When all is calm and still . . .
For nature's greatest forces
Are found in quiet things
Like softly falling snowflakes
Drifting down on angels' wings,
Or petals dropping soundlessly
From a lovely full-blown rose
So God comes closest to us
When our souls are in repose . . .
So let us plan with prayerful care
To always allocate
A certain portion of each day
To be still and meditate . . .
For when everything is quiet
And we're lost in meditation,
Our soul is then preparing
For a deeper dedication

That will make it wholly possible
To quietly endure
The violent world around us —
For in God we are secure.

Helen Steiner Rice

Our appreciation for sharing the Word with us is extended to Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson, AZ).

First-time parents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Peg Hoerr (Champaign), have been blessed with a little boy. Chad Douglas was born August 19. His grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Velma Hoerr (Peoria) and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter (Taylor, MO).

Our condolences are extended to Sis. Mary Reiman and her family as Bro. Robert Reiman has passed away recently.

Over Labor Day weekend, our young group had the opportunity to visit Lester, IA. May God bless them for the love and hospitality given to us.

Bro. Carl Hancher and Sis. Dorothy Hohulin were hospital patients this month. May we keep them in our prayers and may God's healing power be upon them.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Marjean Lehman

"Holy virtue, graceful wonder, might of God, love, innocence! In Thy face the high are humbled, only God's work has defense."

Holy Simplicity

Visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) and Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford). Our thanks goes to them for sharing the Word of Life as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

"A father and mother living together with their children, tender in their love, pure in their lives, strong in their convictions, simple and orderly in their habits, do infinitely more than presidents and governors, legislators and clergymen can do in making a strong nation."

S. D. Gordon

Greg Douglas Herrmann was born August 31 to Sis. Dawn and Bro. Dean Herrmann. Big sister, Kimberly, is helping welcome him into the family. Grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis.

Jane Leman (Bradford) and Bro. Noah and Sis. Evie Herrmann.

Angela Beth Knobloch was born September 8 to Sis. Pat and Bro. Lori Knobloch. Marla, Amy and Matthew are glad to have a baby sister. Grandparents are Bro. Levi and Sis. Faye Pfister (Morton) and Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille Knobloch. May these new little ones be a blessing to the entire family circles.

"This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus, we walk the path of life, while cheer and trust increases. Where God in truth abides, where two join hand and heart, we find a three-fold cord, not lightly rent apart."

The Union of Hearts

On September 6, Sis. Denise Martin and Bro. Tim Kieser exchanged wedding vows and were joined in holy matrimony. Parents are Bro. Nate and Sis. Esther Martin and Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser (Bradford). May God bless them in their walk together as they look to Him.

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is for me to have no trouble: never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's cross, manifest in those of His own who are definitely subjected to the Holy Spirit."

Andrew Murray

Hospital patients have been Herb Schick for tests and Sis. Caroline Joos, Bro. Craig Martin and Bro. Ray Wagenbach for surgery. May God's healing hand be upon each one.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Marge Leman — Judy Luginbuhl

This is harvest season in Illinois. God has been so good to us again and we humbly thank Him for His bountiful blessings. It is our prayer that everyone gets through this harvest safely.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Fanny (Bro. Louis) Zimmerman whose brother, Henry Yergler, died August 25 at Cissna Park, IL.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Val Wuethrich are rejoicing over the birth of their third child and first daughter September 4. Olivia Marie has two big brothers, Ross and Chris, to welcome her home. Bro. Wally and Sis. Rosella Bucher (Francisville, IN) and Bro. Willis and Sis. Florence Wuthrich (Eureka) are Olivia's grandparents.

Sis. Angela (Bro. Joe) Rassi has been a surgical patient this month. Bro. Orie Aeschleman (Sis. Marie) has moved to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. We pray God will touch these loved ones with His healing hand.

August 29 was the wedding day of Sally Martin and Stacy Amigoni. Parents of the happy couple are Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen Martin and Gene Amigoni and Phyllis Amigoni of Roanoke.

Bro. Chris Leman and Sis. Marlene Wettstein were united as one in the Lord September 13. Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge Leman and Bro. Bob and Sis. Verna Wettstein (Eureka) are parents of this happy couple.

On the weekend of August 29 - 30, our congregation was privileged to host the brotherhood sing. What a blessing it was to have so many visitors in our midst and to listen to these many brothers praise God in beautiful song. The hymns were so inspiring and the joy was evident on the faces of the brothers as they blended their voices together. May our heavenly Father bless each one who participated.

This month Elder Bro. Phil Stetner (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville), Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville), Bro. Glen Dill (Tremont) and Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury) were our visiting ministers. We are grateful for their service and invite them back again.

On September 19 our single brothers and sisters hosted a dinner for the "senior Citizens" of our congregation. It is a blessed annual event that both groups look forward to. We thank the younger brothers and sisters for sharing their time and talents. It is truly a labor of love.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT
Dorothy Wagenbach
Carolyn Bolliger

Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) was our visiting minister this month. We

want to thank him for spending himself in our behalf and may God bless him and his family.

Happy parents are Bro. Dan Jr. and Sis. Julie Koch, as they welcomed Rebecca Ann, born August 21. Helping take care of her are Lisa, Jonathan, Jason and Michael. Grandparents are Sis. Madelyn Tabler (Elgin) and Bro. Dan Sr. and Sis. Carol Koch.

First-time parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Marsha Koch. Craig Dean was born August 22. Grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Arlene Huetti and Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence Koch.

Darryl and Peggy Stoecker also had a sweet baby girl, Darci Mae, born September 6. She has a sister, Ashleigh, to play with. Grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie Koch and Clifford and Helen Stoecker.

Ron and Julie Koch had a baby boy named Benjamin David, born September 18. He is welcomed home by his brother, Matthew, and sister, Beth. Grandparents are Harold and Ruth Hillman and Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie Koch.

Bro. Mike Meister (Sis. Dorothy) injured his shoulder, requiring surgery and Les Staker (Beverly) was hospitalized for a short time. Sis. Emma Aberle (Bro. Al) had eye surgery. We are happy that all have felt God's healing power and are assembling with us again.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Frieda Schaefer and family, as her husband, Bro. Ernest, passed away. We will all miss Bro. Ernie but know he was looking forward to reaching that heavenly home for which he longed.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON
Vicki Bucher

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is Silence — when your words would hurt.

It is Patience — when your neighbor is curt.

It is Deafness — when a scandal flows.

It is Thoughtfulness — for others' woes.

It is Promptness — when duty calls.

It is Courage — when misfortune falls.

Author Unknown

We share in the joy and happiness experienced by Bro. John and Sis. Ellen Cox as they have received into their hearts and home their son, Joel William, born in Korea a couple of

months ago. Joel's grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward and Bill and Mary Cox (all of Burlington).

We also congratulate Bro. Scott and Sis. Marvella Steffen on the birth of their son, Layne Eric. His grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffen (Remington, IN) and Sis. Iola Knobloch (Lester, IA).

"And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 11:19. These are the instructions that we, as parents, are to teach our children whom God has entrusted to us.

Just a reminder to the Washington subscribers that October is the month to collect for the Silver Lining. Thank you!

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Lucille Isch — Becky Isch

Our thankfulness goes to Bro. Michael Thomas (Valparaiso) and Bro. Will Schieler (Milford) for visiting us and sharing God's Word.

At the age of 92, Sis. Lydia Kaehr has passed away. She is survived by her daughter, Gretchen Kaehr.

The marriage of Bro. Nathan Gerber (Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo) and Sis. LeAnn Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi) took place in Morris, MN, August 23. They are making their home in Leo as they are both employed at the Children's Home. May the Lord be their guide as they walk life's pathway together.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Jean Steffen are the parents of Alicia Michelle born September 4. Alicia has three sisters, two brothers and grandparents, Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth Schwartz and Bob and Betty Steffen.

Twin sons, William Anthony and Bart David, were born to Bro. Kris and Sis. Ann Frauhiger September 15. Two brothers and a sister welcome the babies along with the grandparents, Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Fiechter and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Frauhiger.

Loved ones hospitalized were Sis. Justine Aschliman (Bro. Kenneth), Bro. Roger Compton (Sis. Carol), Sis. Helen Stoller and Mildred Krill (George). May God give each of them His love as they recover.

After hearing the tapes of the elder conference, we feel very thankful for

the concern the elder brothers have for the church, the Word and each of us.

Live thou as thy wish will be
To have lived, when thou expirest.
Treasures which have come to thee,
Fame and wealth which thou desirest
Will not make thy death more sweet
For they are not thine to keep.

Zion's Harp #253

In memory of Sis. Ruth Schwartz, who died in an auto accident one year ago, November 12, 1986.

She wished no one a last farewell
Nor even said goodbye.
She was gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
Her memory is a treasure
No one can ever steal,
Her death was a heartache
That no one can ever heal.
God gave us strength to face it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to love and lose her
No one will ever know.
Even though it's been a year
We're still missing you,
Your smile, your laugh,
Your pleasant ways
We're still missing you.

Sadly missed by:
Her family

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Sheri Leman

"For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as we were among you for your sake."

I Thessalonians 1:5

Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) and Bro. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton) visited our congregation this past month. Their willingness to lend themselves in service is appreciated and they and their families are welcome any time.

Bro. Ted Kipfer (Sis. Theresa) has spent more time in the hospital. May both Ted and Theresa feel our prayers. Michael Gordon (Bro. Trent and Sis. Tami Reimschisel) was hospitalized also. We are thankful he is home and doing better.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucy Haab in the passing of his brother, Bro. Elmer Haab (Milford).

Bro. Larry Pfladderer (Bro. Bob and

Sis. Norma, Francesville) and Sis. Darlene Gerber (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Pauline) announced their engagement September 6. We are happy for them and wish God's presence in their life together.

With pleasure, we tell of our new arrivals. Jenna Lynn Steffen joined her parents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Kay, and her big sister and brother, Janelle and Ryan, August 5. (My apologies, this was overlooked last month). Her grandparents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen (Bluffton) and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice Fiechter.

September 4, Bob and Betty Steffen celebrated the birth of their granddaughter, Alicia Michelle (Bro. Craig and Sis. Jean Steffen, Bluffton). Thanks be to God for this "heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3).

... "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

Ephesians 5:20

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Lynne Wuethrich

Our Francesville congregation would like to thank our two visiting ministers this month, Elder Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Glenn Price, Jr. (Sarasota, FL). We so enjoy our visitors.

We've had two hospital patients this month and I'm happy to say they are both recovering well. Sis. Maxine Novotny (Bro. Art) and Sis. Carol Overmyer (Bro. Danny) are both home and we wish them a continued recovery.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Phyllis Wuethrich (Bro. Bob) and Sis. Nettie Haab in the passing of their father, Bro. Elmer Haab, 86, (Sis. Esther, Milford). His death was rather sudden due to complications of hip surgery. We ask God to comfort his dear family.

A new baby boy was welcomed into our congregation. Fred, Jr., and Darlene Gutwein are the happy parents of Mavrick Kyle born August 22. Mavrick has a happy brother, Freddy, and his grandparents are Bill and Carmen Lewark (Knoxville, TN) and Bro. Fred and Sis. Madeleine Gutwein (Francesville).

We rejoice with Bro. Larry Pfladderer and Sis. Darlene Gerber as they announced their engagement Sunday, September 6. We pray God will continue to lead them and bless them. Parents of these dear ones are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Pauline Gerber (Bluff-

ton North) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma Pfladderer (Francesville).

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Kathy Freed — Gail Bradford

Visiting ministers assisting Bro. Ken Wuethrich were Bros. Wendall Gerber (Bluffton North), Jack Bollier (Leo), Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Don Gudeman (LaCrosse).

Bro. Steve Fischer was hospitalized for burns suffered in an accident at home. We are thankful his injuries are healing.

Children and adults enjoyed the annual Sunday school picnic on a warm fall afternoon. During September and October, we have many visitors who travel south to Brown County, Indiana, to appreciate God's handiwork in the beautiful fall leaves. We look forward to their visits.

There are many exciting and unusual occupations today in which we can earn a living. We can become a mapmaker and travel to uncharted lands. We can be an archeologist and uncover wonders of the past. We can be a physician and discover the cure for a dread disease.

But who among us dreams of being a servant? Why, a servant's job isn't very exciting. They don't get paid well, and it's very hard work. Who would want to be a servant? They aren't rich and they certainly aren't famous.

But wait . . . we need to think this over. Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was a servant. He served His Father, our God. He served the people of His time, bringing the good news of the kingdom of heaven to earth. And He continues to serve us today, calling us to change our lives and follow Him.

His life is our example. He sought no fame or fortune, yet he was very well known and rich in the love of God. He is the greatest man who ever lived, yet He was a servant. . . . "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant." Philippians 2:7.

We, too, can become servants of God and of man. There are so many opportunities to help one another, to give of our time and our resources. Don't wait for a "big" moment, a "large" gift. Be a servant in small ways, but be one NOW. Seize the moment. Look to Jesus as your example. He did not wait for a more convenient day. You may not be famous, but you will be blessed, and rich beyond measure.

INDIANA, LACROSSE**Sandy Heinold**

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7. What a joy it is to have this peace, which comes from knowing that our heart is right with God. Yet there are so many things that can disturb this peace, that we must be on guard at all times so Satan cannot take this precious gift from us. We have been assembling to hear the tapes of the brotherhood conference and are so thankful we have this avenue which is able to stir up our hearts and minds unto greater service for our Lord, so this peace may never be lost.

After a short vacation, our Sunday school resumed. With it comes a great responsibility for the teachers who will be sowing the good seed in hopes that it will someday bring forth fruit fit for the Master's use. New teachers are Bros. Tom Troxel, Eugene Heinold and Curt Frank and Sis. Sandy Heinold. Our appreciation is extended to Bros. Lynn Feller, Glen Heinold and Sis. Norma Nuest for their years of faithful service as their terms are now ended.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Grace Heinold in the loss of her brother, Dan Eisenmann.

On September 13, the engagement of Bro. John Lehman (Harold and June Lehman, Wolcott) and Sis. Ruth Ann Nuest (Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet) was announced. We rejoice with them during this special time of their lives and may they continue to seek God's direction as they plan their future together.

**INDIANA, LAFAYETTE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY****Gina Huber**

It has been a blessing to gather together as Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Bro. Neil Widmer (Wolcott) and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) shared God's Word with us. It brings such joy to our hearts to be reminded that our God can be, and longs to be, trusted with everything out of His great love for us; that if we really trust in Him with all our heart, He will direct our paths.

**INDIANA, LEO
Thelma Schlatter**

In times of trouble, God's trusting child may say; He brought me here. It is by His will I am in this difficult place; in

that I will rest.

He will keep me here in His love and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child.

He will make the testing a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends for me to learn, and working in me the grace He intends to give.

In His good time He can bring me out again — how and when He knows.

(Silent Evangelist)

"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

Psalms 50:15

Dean Allen Stoller (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dean Stoller), who has been a long time shut-in, was recently hospitalized when his condition worsened. How prayer has sustained him and his parents through these many months of illness!

Bro. Uriel Gehring is recuperating at home following a hospital stay for surgery. He, too, is in the care of the Great Physician.

Sympathy is expressed to Sis. Mildred Schlatter and Sis. Helen Norr of this congregation in the death of their sister-in-law, Gladys Stavenik, widow of their late brother, Victor.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Bollier are blessed with a new granddaughter, Megan Annette, a happy addition to the Gary Bollier family of Indianapolis.

There have been opportunities for extra encouragement, guidance and challenge offered through Bible topics given by Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Dave Wiegand (Urbana, IL) and through conference tapes.

Vision for service was also enlarged through a presentation given by Robert and Vera Stewart and Chavannes Jeune who are in Christian work in Haiti. Works Projects has sent a number of construction teams to help in building schools in Haiti.

Bits of This and That:

Anyone who Christ has found can find someone else. Pray to find someone. Be kind; it's a doorway to the kingdom.

A legalist is harder on others than on himself. A disciple is harder on himself than others.

How sad if our labors should be consumed like hay, straw and stubble because they were not done with the

right motivation. Evaluate your motive to be sure that it's done out of love and not out of expectation of reward.

It's not what we have that's so important; it's what we do with what we have that's important.

INDIANA, MILFORD**Sue Schieler — Marguerite Hoerr**

The sympathy of our entire Milford congregation goes out to the family of Bro. Elmer Haab, who left us to be with the Lord Monday, August 17. To his local family, his wife, Sis. Esther; his daughter, Sis. Dorothy (Walt) Steffen; and three sons, Bros. Ray, Don and Steve, we express our loving thoughts. These feelings are extended to the rest of his children, Sis. Phyllis (Bob) Wuethrich (Francesville), Sis. Ann Sinn (Ray, Haviland, OH), Sis. Irma Stoller (Millard, Paulding, OH), Sis. Nettie Haab (Lafayette) and Bro. Paul (Quincy, IL) and to his 43 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Included also are his brothers and sisters, Bro. Roy (Bluffton), Bro. Jesse (Milford), Sis. Laura Kammerer and Sis. Priscilla (Milford) and Harley (New Paris).

Bro. Elmer was born in Claytonville, IL, December 20, 1900 and was the son of Theodore and Eliza (Suttor) Haab. On March 3, 1929, he was married to Sis. Rose Beer, who preceded him in death in April, 1969. In October, 1970, he married Sis. Esther Beer, who has lovingly cared for him during the ill health of recent months. Bro. Elmer was an integral part of our church here in Milford and his absence will be keenly felt.

Our hearts also go out to the family of Bro. Frank Beer, whom the Lord called to be with Him August 23. Frank had been a patient in Goshen General Hospital during the last days of his extended illness. He leaves to mourn him his wife, our Sis. Ruth (Graff); three daughters, Sis. Carol (John) Hurd, Sandy Frantz (Steve, Milford) and Emily Fisher (Warren, Nappanee); and his son, Dale (Elkhart). Also missing their grandfather are eleven grandchildren and his first great-grandchild, born just one week previous to his death. Frank was born in Mansfield, OH, September 18, 1905. He was the son of Joel and Josephine Beer.

A personal note about Bro. Frank. He worked for my father on the farm when I was a young girl and I have fond memories of that time, being 9 years

old when he and Ruth were married.

Our four ministering brothers, Elder Bro. Jesse Beer, Bros. Walter Steffen, Nelson Beer and Will Schieler, attended the annual conference in Rockville, CT, during the week of August 17. Bro. Jesse made the trip back to attend to the funeral of his uncle, Bro. Elmer Haab, and then rejoined the brothers in Rockville for the remainder of the conference. Our Milford church is currently hearing the tapes of that conference.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Bob Meyer and Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North), Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka, IL), Bro. Harold Emch (Girard, OH) and Bro. Garth Steffen (Portland, OR).

Hospital patients were Walter Wuthrich, Goshen General and Tina Lehman, Kosciusko Community Hospital. They've both received medical treatment successfully and have been released to their homes. We thank God for His healing powers and for excellent medical facilities.

Bro. Dan Beer narrowly escaped serious injury when his foot became caught in an auger during corn harvest. He was fortunate to be able to free himself and is healing nicely.

Bro. John and Sis. Carol Hurd are experiencing the new joy of grandparenting. Their son, Blane, and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of their first child, a daughter, Danielle Christine. She was born August 15 in Elkhart General Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Mary Ann Hendershot. Paternal great-grandparents are Agnes Hurd (Milford), and Ruth and the late Frank Beer. Little Danielle will learn to know and love her grandfather through family memories, as he lived just one week following her birth.

Our dear friend, Randy Beer (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby), has made his intentions known to live for the Lord. We look forward to his baptism and will welcome him as an integral part of our Milford church.

INDIANA, REMINGTON
Beth Virkler — Susan Getz

**HOW MUCH MORE
 COULD I HAVE DONE?**

Before the judgment seat of Christ, my service will be judged not by how much I have done but by how much I could have done:

In God's sight, my giving is measured not by how much I have given but by how much I had left after I made my gift.

Not by its size is my gift judged, but by how much of me there is in it. No man gives at all until he has given all: No man gives anything acceptable to God until he has first given himself in love and sacrifice.

While Christ was the perfect example of the healthy, normal man, He yet did not live a normal life. He sacrificed many pure enjoyments to give Himself to the holy work of moral rescue. His conduct was determined not by what was legitimate or innocent, but by our human need.

He pleased not Himself but lived for the emergency and as He was, so are we in this world!

It is in view of this that all our Christian service must be evaluated.

A. W. Tozer

Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) all visited our congregation on the same Sunday as they were attending several reunions hosted here.

Hollis May (Sis. Angeline) now resides in the Rensselaer Care Center, Rensselaer, IN.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO
Trish Bucher — Peg Huber

The trees are being transformed into breathtaking, brilliant beauty. May we, too, be transformed, living lives that can be explained in only one word. Jesus. "Disrobe me of self. Clothe me with Thyself."

We are grateful again for our visitors this month who assisted us in worshipping the King through prayer, song and praise-filled lips. A special thanks to His ministering servants, Bros. Ken Schneider and Earl Kilgus (Remington) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL).

We all love the blooming of new life in the spring and the pleasant, relaxed days of summer. But sometimes God does His greatest work in a life during the fall — in times of disappointment and pain. How inspiring when God grants us the opportunity to witness modern day "Jobs" among the brethren whose lives shout "though they slay me, yet will I trust in him . . ." Job 13:15. "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus . . . one glimpse of His dear face, all sorrow will erase, so bravely

run the race, till we see Christ." Melodies of Praise #59.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lorene Furrer — Elaine Bahler

Believing it is the Lord's will, the engagement of Bro. John Lehman and Sis. Ruth Ann Nuest (LaCrosse) was announced September 13. May God richly bless them as they plan for their marriage. Parents are Harold and June Lehman and Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest (LaCrosse).

We were thankful to have Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis) minister the Word September 20. It is our prayer that God will bless Bro. Ken for his labor of love.

IOWA, AMES/DES MOINES
Rhonda Reker

This past month we started church services once again to coincide with the school year for those in the Ames/Des Moines area. Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville) was the visiting minister for our group of about 70 in attendance.

We are thankful not only for the ministers who so willingly share God's Word with us but those who live and work in this area and also to the parents of students at Iowa State University or colleges in Des Moines.

We welcome anyone who travels through this area to worship with us whenever possible.

We meet at 525 Main Street at Midland Financial Savings & Loan building of Ames, IA.

Services are held in the basement community room with song service at 1:00 p.m. and church service at 1:30 p.m.

1987/88 schedule: October 11, November 8, December 1987 (no service), January 24, 1988, February 14, March 6, April 10 and May 1.

IOWA, BURLINGTON

Karen Schulz — Dixie Messner

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dan Eisenmann (Clarksville, IN) and especially to his sister, Sis. Clara Frank, of our congregation.

Several from our congregation have been in the hospital including Fred Strong (medical), Bro. Harvey Heinger (surgical), Ken Massner (surgical) and Sis. Tillie Frank (medical). We are thankful that God has seen fit to heal each one and they are able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Wood-

ward are the happy grandparents to Joel William. He just recently entered the home of Bro. John and Sis. Ellen Cox (Washington, IL).

We are presently listening to the tapes of the brotherhood conference. How thankful we should be that our elders take this time to share these concerns with us.

IOWA, ELGIN
Gloria Frieden

I'm sure we all have noticed how quickly the new begins to look old if not kept up and cared for. If not cleaned from time to time it can become permanently stained. Tears become bigger if not mended. So in our spiritual lives we need to do frequent cleaning, mending and repairing.

We have recently resided our little church here in Elgin and we hope the extra insulation will help keep out the unwanted heat and cold. We have also been privileged to listen to the tapes of the recent church conference. Just as we hope the insulation will keep out the unwanted heat and cold that can creep into small cracks, may these timely exhortations help us to withstand the evils that want to test our precious faith.

We offer our humble thanks to our beloved elders for their love and concern for the flocks. May they each be blessed and encouraged in God's service.

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE
Glen and Sally Funk

We want to thank Bro. Kent Heimer and his family for coming to Garden Grove, bringing company with them, and taking care of our needs. We were gone to the conference and could only hear about the blessings received from their visit.

We would like to share with you a little about our trip to Rockville, CT. We had not been to a conference for three years for several different reasons. The Lord began stirring our hearts in June that we should go. It sounded so far away and so expensive for our family. We almost felt guilty considering it, but the Lord kept speaking in a still small voice and made an impossibility look possible. We didn't know anyone in Rockville and got there to find out we were to stay with a family who also have five children, three boys and two girls, the same ages as ours. Our hearts were

overjoyed to see our children go freely and smiling with friends they had never met. As so often happens in our wonderful fellowship, we found that we were related to our host family and our parents knew each other. The Lord had so wonderfully fulfilled our needs, and our children's. In the next four days as we were in the midst of so many brethren, we both found that each time we sat down for a service, singing, etc., the Lord placed us by someone that was a blessing to us and made our trip so worthwhile. Our needs were provided and now as we sit and talk about our memories and remember our tearful parting, we cannot express enough words of thanks to God for making it all possible, and to the Rockville brethren for all their work and willingness to be used by God.

We would like to welcome Walter and Judy Bodjanac from our sister congregation in Akron, OH. They are residing in Des Moines where Walter is continuing medical studies. We are overjoyed when they can attend worship services with us. Their new address is 701 41st Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

IOWA, IOWA CITY
Bonita Frank

Father, my life is in tangle,
 Thread after thread appears
 Twisted and broken and knotted,
 Viewed through the lapse of years.

I cannot straighten them, Father;
 Oh, it is very hard;
 Somehow or other it seemeth,
 All I have done is marred.

I did not see they were getting
 Into this tangled state;
 How it has happened I know not —
 Is it too late, too late?

Is it? "Ah, no!" Thou dost whisper,
 "Out of this life of thine
 Yet may come wonderful beauty
 Wrought by My Power Divine."

Take them, the threads, O my Father,
 Let them Thy mind fulfill,
 Work out in love a pattern
 After Thy holy will.

Charlotte Murray

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont, IL). We thank him for coming to serve us.

Note: October is Iowa City's collection month for subscriptions to the Silver Lining.

IOWA, LESTER

Kathy Metzger — Mary Knobloch

Labor Day weekend brought many welcome visitors to Lester. The single group enjoyed brothers and sisters from Lamar, MO, Tremont, Peoria and Roanoke, IL, Fort Scott, KS and Pulaski, IA. On Saturday evening, September 5, a timely message, delivered by Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski), was appreciated and again on Sunday God blessed our gathering with the words of Bro. Doug.

On Saturday, August 22, Kenneth Leuthold (Bro. Art and Sis. Emily) and RaNae Cadman exchanged wedding vows. May God bless them as they establish a home together.

Melinda Sue was born August 30 to Bro. Ron and Sis. Sandy Feucht. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold and paternal grandparents are Emil and Ruby Feucht. We pray a special blessing on this new little baby and her family as they endeavor to raise her according to God's directives.

Bro. Ted Gerber and Sis. Emma Feucht (Bro. Carl) submitted to surgery and are home again and recuperating well. Rosalee Mogler (Bro. Brian and Sis. Beverly) was hospitalized for several days and is also home and making a rapid recovery. May our heavenly Father continue to bless those who suffer pain and discomfort.

Once again Sunday school is in session and our thoughts and prayers are often for and with our precious children and teachers. May God give the brothers and sisters who teach much wisdom, patience, respect and understanding and in turn may the children be given much wisdom, patience, respect and understanding that ALL may learn more of God's great and wondrous Love!

Food for thought:

I would like to go back o'er life's
 pathway
 And retrace every footstep I've trod.
 And remove the rough spots where I've
 stumbled,
 Erase every vestige and clod.
 I would like to go back o'er life's
 journey
 And call back every harsh word I've
 said,

Recall every wrong deed and action
 Causing sorrow or tears to be shed.
 I would add many words left unspoken
 And retract many words idly said,
 And heal every heart bruised or broken
 By replacing kind words in their stead.
 Then, when at the end of life's journey
 I'm asked my past story to tell,
 There would be no rough spots on my
 pathway
 No trace where I stumbled and fell.

God does not always grant the
 chance for us to do this, so may we
 strive to walk a better walk with Him.

IOWA, OAKVILLE Debbie Wagenbach

Bro. Mark Larson and Sis. Rosemary Eisenmann (Latty, OH) were joined together in holy matrimony September 6. May God bless their union.

Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL) and Victor Bauman (Smithville, OH) have recently been visiting ministers in our Oakville congregation.

As I don't have much news this month, I thought I'd share a paragraph that I recently came across. It seems so true and fitting of many of our everyday lives. It goes like this:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

IOWA, PULASKI Mary Jane Knapp — Sarah Teubel

With harvest upon us, we find ourselves busy. Let us take time to stop and thank the Lord for the bountiful year. As the earthly harvest ripens, so is the spiritual harvest ripe. We must remember to work in the Lord's fields as hard as we do in our own.

"The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Luke 10:2

Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Bro. John Rowell (Burlington, IA) shared with us the message of our blessed Lord this past month.

Our hospital patient this past month was Bernard Schaer. We are glad he is able to assemble with us again.

IOWA, WEST BEND Polly Zaugg — Phyllis Banwart

"Follow me, the Saviour calleth;
 Come to me, I am the way!
 What is lacking I will give you;
 Trust in me and watch and pray!"
 Zion's Harp #95

We were again reminded of the beautiful words of this hymn when a visiting minister was with us recently. Our thanks and appreciation go to Bros. Joe Gerst (Iowa City), Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN), Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) and Elder Bros. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS) and Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN) who have been with us.

We are grateful to God that we could all be hearers of the conference tapes in the last few weeks.

Hospital patients this month were Mike Bruellman (John and Cindy), Jill Bruellman (Bro. Mark and Sis. Deb), Alice Marie Metzger (Bernard) and Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr. We wish them all speedy recoveries and patience to wait for the healing process.

We ask God's blessings on our two new married couples. On August 29, Craig Banwart (Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn) and Tina Miller (Lannie and Charlene) were united in marriage and on the evening of September 10, we were privileged to witness the marriage of Bro. Verner Wirtz and Sis. Betty Schmidt.

JAPAN, SHIODA Kathy Kieser

We are thankful for the blessed time we shared together at our summer fellowship meeting held this past July 27 - 28. Our guests from the States who shared this inspirational time with us were Bro. Victor and Sis. Dorothy Beer (North Fort Myers, FL), Florence Beer Henne (Winterhaven, FL), Bro. Roger and Sis. Sally Koch (Tremont, IL) and Sis. Vicki Ramseyer (Bay City, MI).

In August, a Bible camp was held for graduates of our kindergarten program. Our efforts were blessed by God as the

children seemed to enjoy being together again and open-heartedly heard the Word once more.

What a blessed day it was when Sis. Kuniko Iijima gave her testimony of faith and was then baptized, a soul faithful enough to "come out from among them . . .", the first in ten years here in Shioda. Many hearts were touched Sunday, September 6, as we witnessed her sincerity and joy in the Lord. May she, and all of the redeemed, never forget that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58.

Ryohei Takeshita passed away in his home Monday, September 14 at 90 years of age. He was highly respected in the community as a Christian and was likewise respected by our elders when they visited Japan in the early years of our church here. He was instrumental in starting our church and his conversation was largely about the Lord and the Bible when he had visitors during his illness. He was an uncle to Sis. Tamino Inoue and, therefore, a great-uncle to her children, Bro. Akito, Bro. Hisato and Sis. Junko Saegusa and their cousin, Sis. Hiroko Natori.

JAPAN, TOKYO Frank and Kathy Sauder

We were happy to welcome Elder Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue back to Japan after spending time in the States with their family and at the brotherhood conference. It's been an uplift to us to hear about the spiritual encouragement they received and the fellowship they shared with our brethren in America.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4. September 6 was a special day for us as we traveled to the Shioda church for the testimony and baptism of our new sister-in-faith, Kuniko Iijima. We welcome her into the family of God and pray that, by His grace, we can all fulfill our purpose together as part of the body of Christ. When asked why she wanted to be part of the brotherhood, she responded that she realizes that it's difficult to make it in a life of faith without the support of our brethren. May we be an encouragement to one another as we continue on as a light for Christ in this world, while traveling on towards heaven.

Bro. Bill Sanders (Phoenix, AZ) was

in Japan on business and we were thankful that he took advantage of a free weekend to travel from the southern island, Kyushu, to be with us. His efforts were appreciated, as his fellowship was a blessing.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Akito and Bro. Hisato Inoue and family at the death of their great-uncle, Ryohei Takeshita. As a believer from early in his life, he had a tremendous influence on their family. He also assisted in the beginning of our churches here in Japan.

KANSAS, BERN
Lori Baumgartner
Shirley Strahm

We enjoyed having Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO) and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha) and their families with us this past month. We appreciate the effort these brothers put forth by ministering God's holy Word.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Bro. Roy, Bro. Melvin and Bro. Joe Rokey at the passing of their sister, Sis. Mamie Rokey (Sabetha). The death of a loved one always leaves our hearts lonely and sad. But, when we think of meeting our loved ones on heaven's shore, it brings great joy to our hearts.

While listening to the conference tapes, we have alternated meeting at Sabetha and Bern the last four Friday evenings. Hearing these exhortations always helps set our priorities in their proper order. One Friday evening we were reminded that we are only guests here on this earth. God is our host. This brought several thoughts to mind. When we are a guest in someone else's home, how do we feel? Don't we feel calm and at ease? We are never in a dither or worry about things. We let our host take charge. If we go for a meal, we are always eager to help out in any way we can; but, we always ask our host for something, a glass of water or whatever it might be, we don't want to cause them any extra trouble. We never demand it, but instead ask them meekly. And, we always thank them for all that they have done for us. Do we put forth as much effort to be a trouble-free guest to our heavenly host as we do to our earthly hosts?

The family of Mamie Rokey wishes to express a sincere thank you to all who have remembered them with cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy at the time of their loss. They find

comfort in believing that she has been laid to rest in the arms of her Lord and Saviour as is expressed in one of Mamie's most favorite hymns, "Jesus Is Mine."

"Farewell, mortality; Jesus is mine.
 Welcome, eternity; Jesus is mine.
 Welcome, O loved and blest,
 Welcome sweet scenes of rest,
 Welcome my Saviour's breast; Jesus is mine."

"Jesus Is Mine", vs. 4
 Jane C. Bonar, Author

KANSAS, GRIDLEY
Vola Young — Judy Kraft

Sis. Lena Strahm recently required hospitalization and subsequently, due to infirmities of the aged, has moved from her home to the Apostolic Christian Home for the aged in Sabetha. Our prayers go with her. As a child of God we can have faith that God will direct and guide our lives. Hebrews 13:5 gives comfort, "for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

KANSAS, KIOWA
Janice Bahr — Darcy Kisling

Dear God, much too often
 we seek You in prayer
 Because we are wallowing
 in our own self-despair . . .
 We make every word
 we lamentingly speak
 An imperative plea
 for whatever we seek . . .
 We pray for ourselves
 and so seldom for others,
 We're concerned with our problems
 and not with our brother's . . .
 We seem to forget, Lord
 that the "sweet hour of prayer"
 Is not for self-seeking
 but to place in Your care
 All the lost souls
 unloved and unknown
 And to keep praying for them
 until they're YOUR OWN . . .
 For it's never enough
 To seek God in prayer
 With no thought for others
 who are lost in despair . . .
 So teach us, dear God,
 that the Power of Prayer
 Is made stronger by placing
 the world in Your care.

Helen Steiner Rice

We have so many to place in God's

care this month that this poem just seemed proper!

Sis. Laverne Roth suffered a broken arm. Sis. Kathryn Miller is still recuperating at home from her broken leg, but was so thrilled when she got to join us for church one Sunday recently and it makes one wonder if we who are healthy really appreciate this wonderful fellowship God has so graciously and freely given us. Lydia Circle, who suffered a stroke, is at home now but still has tests she must face. All of our friends and loved ones at the Rest Home where we held services this month need our love and prayers. Our elder and ministering brethren who gathered at the conference in Rockville, CT, to try, with God's help, to keep the church in unity and faithfulness during these hard times we are living in, also need our prayers. Last, but not least, we need to pray for each other as well as the sick and helpless. We all need God, His love, His care, His continued guidance in our daily lives; and when we pray for one another, He hears our prayers and answers the requests of our hearts according to His own precious will. In other words, it is all summed up perfectly in I Thessalonians 5:17 — Pray without ceasing.

KANSAS, LAMONT
Mary Isch

NO FAVOR DO I SEEK TODAY

I come not to ask to plead or implore
 you,
 I just come to tell you how much I
 adore you,
 For to kneel in your presence makes
 me feel blest
 For I know that you know all my needs
 best . . .
 And it fills me with joy just to linger
 with you
 As my soul you replenish and my heart
 you renew,
 For prayer is much more than just
 asking for things . . .
 It's the peace and contentment that
 quietness brings . . .
 So thank you again for your mercy and
 love
 And for making me heir to your
 kingdom above!

"Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

"The Lord is my strength and my

shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."

Psalms 28:6, 7

Marla Schrader (Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy) was married to Michael Donovan August 22 at Denver, CO. We wish them God's blessings as they begin life together.

Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch wish to express their sincere thanks to all who remembered them on their 50th anniversary with cards, prayers and gifts.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Nita Grimm — Charleen Hartter

Go to slumber, without cumber,
Dear with God united heart!
All is silence as thy substance
Sleeps away all pain and smart!

Author Unknown

How beautiful it is to see a victory won in death, and yet how it hurts to sever ties with a loved one. Sis. Mayme Rokey, 79, passed away September 5. She leaves seven brothers who have many dear memories of her. They are Bros. John and Ira (Goodfield, IL), Bro. Ervan (Phoenix, AZ), Bros. Roy, Melvin and Joseph (Bern, KS) and Ben (Sabetha, KS). We are comforted with the hope that Sis. Mayme is now in our Savior's keeping.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Jolene Edelman welcome a fresh, new life from God into their home. Jacob Lynn was born August 18 and will have Brett, Scott and Amy at home for playmates. His grandparents are Sis. Betty Schmidt Wirtz (Bro. Verner, West Bend, IA) and Clifford and Sis. Barb Edelman.

Bro. Noah Steiner and Sis. Elsie Lambert (Bro. George) were surgery patients recently. We pray that God will heal and comfort them in their need.

We just finished hearing the exhortations of our elder brothers from the general conference. We are thankful for the teachings that can help us live more fruitful, overcoming lives. We are also thankful for admonitions that smart and maybe even bring inward pain to us as we acknowledge our errors and see where some lustful desire or pet sin has separated us from God. We beseech God that our ministering brethren will always preach the

truth in a time of increasing wickedness.

John the Baptist's message from the wilderness was not, "Smile, God loves you." It was, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Jeremiah was not put into a miry pit for preaching, "I am OK, you are OK." It was for crying against the adultery, idolatry and other wickedness of his nation. Noah's message from the steps of the ark was not, "Something good is going to happen to you." He condemned the world and was a preacher of righteousness. Jesus Christ was not crucified for saying, "Consider the lilies, how they grow," but for saying, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites . . . children of hell . . . fools and blind guides . . . whited sepulchres . . . generation of vipers."

Author Unknown

KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

The Lord has blessed us again by bringing Sis. Patti Knoblock from Lester, IA, to our congregation. Sis. Patti is preparing to be a dietician and is taking classes at the KU Medical Center, Wichita Branch. She will return to Kansas State University in Manhattan second semester to complete her degree requirements.

Our Bible study class is underway again, and we are studying the Life and Times of Joseph. We expect both blessings and challenges as we look into this portion of God's Word.

Sis. Dora Young has taken up residence at the Terrace Gardens Nursing Home, 1335 Northwest Street, Wichita, KS 67203. Her address is provided so you can brighten her days with a word of friendship. Sis. Dora assembles with us nearly every Sunday.

The area Sunday school youth will hold their fellowship weekend at the Wheatheart Campgrounds east of Wichita the weekend of September 26 - 27. The Wichita congregation is pleased to host this event.

MICHIGAN, ALTO

Juanita Gerst

Once again the fall colors are coming into view. God's wondrous creation is showing us the difference in seasons. As each season passes we know that we are closer to His coming but "it is not for you (us) to know the times or the seasons . . ." (Acts 1:7).

We again have had the opportunity in Alto to hear the brotherhood conference tapes from this year's conference. How thankful we should be that God has again given the elder brethren words to speak. We should be thankful for the words of encouragement and the words of chastisement that they give us each year. It seems that our spiritual life wouldn't be as full if we didn't have things to work on because then we wouldn't have opportunity for more growth in Him.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City) for bringing us the Word in truth and sincerity as he was directed by the Spirit and not through the preparation of man. The Word is much more blessed this way!

Note: It is time to renew the Silver Lining. The fee is \$7.00.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Pam Schlatter

New babies are exciting news! We are always thankful when they arrive with a sound mind and body. God has blessed two couples with new babies this month. Bro. Scott and Sis. Tonya Wieland have added Samuel Scott to their family circle. Jesse is Samuel's older brother. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. LouAnn Wieland and Larry and Sis. Sandy Guingrich (Peoria, IL). Ken and Cathy Grew, along with older sisters, Lydia and Jennifer, have a new baby girl, Melissa Delrae, at their home. Grandparents are Delor and Sis. Inez Grew.

We thank Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit, MI) for ministering to us. May God richly reward him for all his labors in our congregation.

Bro. Curt Heimer has returned from Columbus, OH, after several months following his bone marrow transplant. We are pleased his recovery has progressed well.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Donna Hartzler

We extend sympathy to Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth Knochel in the passing of Sis. Ruth's sister, Helen Weitzell, who died August 26. Helen had been a resident of the Rittman Apostolic Christian Nursing Home.

Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN) ministered to us Sunday, August 23. We thank Bro. Steve and his family for their short visit on their way home from the brotherhood conference.

We welcome Warren and Kay Rauhe and their children, Jason, Kristen and Kevin to our congregation. They are residing in Okemos as Warren has accepted a teaching position at Michigan State University in Lansing.

Sis. Mary Pentik has been unable to assemble with us due to ill health. May she feel God's presence and our prayers on her behalf.

Note of thanks: We wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation to all, and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who remembered us in prayer, kind thoughts and gifts of love; and also our special gratitude to the ministers and their wives who so generously gave of themselves, standing by our side, strengthening our faith and supporting us in love at the hard and trying time during the illness and death of our beloved son and brother, Paul Jr. Your thoughtful acts of love not only brought relief and comfort to Paul, but to each of us. May God richly bless each and every one.

Sis. Maria Sabados (Paul, Sr.)
and children

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Strassheim

With open arms we welcome Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Berg, Billy and Keri into our little flock. They were formerly of Denver, CO. May God richly bless them as they worship and fellowship with us.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven to hear Renee Messner (Todd) has answered the call and turned to the Lord in repentance. We are certainly very happy for her.

Sis. Julie Fehr has moved back to Morris. Our special prayers are with her as we will miss her in our congregation.

Sis. Madonna Moser (Morris) was in the hospital in the cities and has since returned home. May we continue to lift her up to the Lord in prayer as we need the prayers of those we love and need to remember to pray for one another always.

After a month of vacation, Sunday school has reconvened. We encourage one another to let God direct our every thought and the words we speak that it might be a blessing to these young and tender hearts.

We appreciate Elder Bro. Harold Messner for bringing us the Word and also for sharing in our ceremony held on the beautiful grounds where we,

Lord willing, plan to build our new church. We pray for God's blessings in this important undertaking. We trust that God will be glorified and appreciate all the prayers and donations given on our behalf. We are a smaller church and appreciate so much all the love and support we feel.

Please feel welcome to assemble with us. Anyone interested in visiting our church after October 11 should contact one of the ministers for an alternate meeting place until our new church building is complete.

"The Lord is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."

Psalms 199:105

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Ruth Nohl — Hildegard Koehl

Summer has once again gone and fall is upon us. We would like to thank the many visitors who came to worship with us while they were vacationing in Minnesota. May God bless them for their efforts.

We are thankful for all the visiting ministers we have had the past month. They were Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo, IN), Bro. John Bollier (Leo, IN), Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Bro. Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Bro. Kent Mogler (Lester, IA), Bro. Myron Knoblock (Lester, IA), Bro. Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO), Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA) and Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA). We appreciate their labors of love so much and invite them to come again. May God continue to bless the ministers as they bring forth the gospel of salvation and may God's Word always give us strength to journey toward our reward which is awaiting us in heaven if we remain true and faithful.

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

Zion's Harp #237

Sis. LeAnn Wulf and Bro. Nathan Gerber were united in holy matrimony August 23. Their parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf and Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber. We wish them God's blessings as they make their home in the Leo, IN, area.

Once again we have had loved ones

hospitalized. They were little Lucas Koehl (Bro. Ray and Sis. Janell), who had the misfortune of being run over by the wheel of a tractor, Sis. Gwen Gramm (Bro. Tim), Bro. Don Schmidgall and Bro. Carl Joos. May God's healing hand continue to touch these dear souls.

Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl Messner have welcomed a new son into their family. Ken David was born August 22. He has three brothers and three sisters. Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner and Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Ellen Wiegand are the grandparents.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy Wulf were blessed with a precious baby, Scott Albert, born August 23. He is welcomed home by Mike, Curtis, Kevin and Paul. Grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet and Lloyd and Dorothy Durkee.

Note of Thanks: We certainly want to thank our many friends and relatives who so generously gave of their time to remember us with cards, gifts, food and visits at the time of Lucas' accident and during his recovery at home. A special thanks for the kind concern and prayer offered on our behalf. It is all very much appreciated. May God bless each one.

Ray & Jenell Koehl
Lucas & Kurtis

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Ella Mae Schmidt Wanda Messner

As Abraham trusted in his servant to find a helpmate for his son, Issac, so have Sis. LeAnn Messner (Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva) and Bro. Dave Rufener (Bro. Elton and Sis. Velma, Rittman, OH) trusted their dear Lord to provide their helpmate. They are planning a wedding November 8. May the grace of God be with them during their engagement.

We were privileged to host the Zapata reunion. Everyone enjoyed fellowship with old friends and new acquaintances. What a rejoicing it will be when the Lord holds His great reunion in heaven. Visiting ministers and their wives were Bro. Elmer Schrenk (Alto), Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN). Bro. Carroll recited the poem, "Tis the Night Before Christ Came". Time is not measured by God as we measure it. Is it the night before?

We heard from the conference tapes that peace is a harmonious relationship

between God and us. We must try daily to maintain that beautiful peace at home, church and at work. We thank the beloved elders for letting the Spirit work through them in our behalf!

Kelley Messner (Bro. Marland and Sis. Lois) and Kim and Todd Moser (Altadena, CA) have felt that wonderful peace in their hearts and now await baptism.

Hospitalized was Brendon Messner (Bro. Dean and Sis. Wanda). Many expressed their prayers for the healing of their happy child.

Shirley Stressman has announced her engagement to Lowell Demm (Winthrop).

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

Linda Ziegenhorn

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19

In remembrance of Christ, we had communion services. One dear sister commented afterwards, "It gets better every year." Just as it should be, for day by day we should grow closer to Christ, loving Him more, and following Him more faithfully.

We are happy to announce the engagement of our dear Sis. Anna Lou Mattix to Bro. Ben Aberle (Sabetha). The wedding is planned for late September.

We welcome Bro. Randy and Sis. Karen Kellenberger and their four sons, Brent, Gaylon, Neil and Scott, to our congregation. They have moved here from Grand Rapids, MI, where Randy just finished a residency in Emergency Room Medicine. He is taking a position as Emergency Room Physician at the Medical Center of Independence, MO.

We thank God that our congregation is growing. Many times as we see people move away, we despair and wonder if our church will ever grow, but before long, God sends someone else, and often in greater numbers than we lost. God will supply all our needs, if only we will trust Him.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Carol Braker — Janice Stoller

Once again summer is drawing to a close and we find our children wending their way back to school. We certainly

are glad to have Sis. Michelle Knecht back in our congregation after spending the summer in Illinois. She has returned to college now.

This month we were privileged to have with us ministering Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL). We certainly appreciate his willingness to be used in our behalf. May God bless his efforts.

Our dear Bro. Art Banwart has been hospitalized recently for surgery. Our prayers have certainly been with him.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR Loida Hodel — Lori Marquart

TRUST

Sure, it takes a lot of courage
To put things in God's hands,
To give ourselves completely,
Our lives, our hopes, our plans;
To follow where He leads us
And make His will our own,
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone.

B. Kline

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab at the death of Paul's father, Bro. Elmer Haab (Milford, IN).

"There is never a life without sadness,
There is never a heart free from pain;
If one seeks in this world for free
solace,
He seeks it forever in vain.
So when to your heart comes the sorrow
Of losing some dear one you've known
'Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest
Since He reaps in the fields He has
sown."

We congratulate grandparents, Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge Sutter at the arrival of Chad Douglas to their daughter, Sis. Peggy and Bro. Doug Hoerr (Champaign). Paternal grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Velma Hoerr (Peoria).

Joseph Knochel (Bro. Eric and Sis. Penny) and Dana Meyer (Danny and Jody) have experienced a bout with "mono" this past month and are recovering satisfactorily.

We are happy to welcome a new family to our church circle. Bro. Scott and Sis. Anna Hoerr, and baby, Ashley, have lived in the San Diego, CA, area since their marriage. For Scott this is moving back home. May God bless this step in their lives and we hope

Anna will soon feel at home here in Taylor. Their address is RFD 1, Palmyra, MO 63461 and 314-769-2417 is their phone number.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."

Romans 15:13

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY Heidi Haerr

Our little congregation is thankful for all of our visitors during the past month. We have had visits from the families of several of our members. It's wonderful to see and feel the love and support expressed by each family, even though they may be concerned about the dangers of metropolitan life and fellowship in such a small congregation. Sometimes it helps to remind them that God is indeed ever-present; with us always and anywhere.

We are especially grateful to the following ministers who travelled to share God's Word with us. They were Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North, IN) and Bros. Kevin Ryan, Lee Bahler, Everett Gerber and Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT.)

NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

Word which God has spoken,
Word of peaceful token,
Gospel of the Lord!
Fount of benediction,
Comfort in affliction,
Holy Spirit's sword!
Source of might, Of life and light!
Joyful message of God given,
Sent to us from heaven!

Author Unknown,
Zion's Harp # 97

God's Word is still being spoken by faithful brothers as a guide for us and a source of comfort and strength in this day. We have been blessed with the Word by many visiting ministers during the month of August. We are thankful to God for allowing them to visit us and serve in His work. We also thank each of them and their families and traveling companions for visiting us.

On Wednesday evening, August 19, visiting ministers were Bros. Eugene Metzger (Lester, IA), Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) and Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH).

On Saturday evening we gathered in the Croghan church and on Sunday,

August 23, we gathered in the Naumburg church for services and a covered dish meal, and in the Croghan church for evening services. Our visitors were Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), John Lehman (Bern, KS) and Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH).

On Saturday evening, August 29, Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) was with us and presented a slide program of the work in India. We enjoyed the information which he shared with us and our prayers are for continued blessings for those loved ones so far away from us. On Sunday we gathered in Naumburg for services and a covered dish meal and in Croghan in the evening for services.

The family of ministering Bro. John Widrick hosted a reception in honor of Bro. John's 90th birthday Sunday, September 6, following afternoon services. We are thankful for the many years Bro. John has so faithfully ministered God's Word unto us and pray for an added blessing unto him and his wife, Sis. Berdena, for continued strength and health.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Jacob Bruckman who was called from this life. Services were held by Bros. Norbert Steiner and Floyd Graves.

We are thankful that Loren Virkler was spared from more serious injury in a farm accident. He suffered burns to both hands but they are healing well.

Tom and Holly Farney have welcomed their first son, Thomas Brent, born September 18. His grandparents are Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney and Neil and Fran Kirch. May he bring an added blessing to this "new" family.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

There were several from this area who traveled to Rockville, CT, to attend the conference. Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Sis. Lucille and Bro. Leland Hirschey and Sis. Bernice were among them.

It was a very special weekend of August 23 when elders and ministers and many other visitors were with us who were traveling through, homeward bound from the conference in Rockville. We assembled at the Croghan church Saturday evening and Sunday.

Sunday evening services were held at Naumburg. Included were Elder Bros. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Bros. John Lehman (Bern, KS), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) and Dale Frank (Oakville, IA). May God richly bless these dear brothers for coming to us and giving us many blessed teachings.

Another blessed weekend was enjoyed. On August 30, Elder Bro. John Klotzle was here with us for Sunday worship and then in the evening he showed slides of India. We thank Bro. John for the time he spent with us. May God's blessings be on him.

On Labor Day weekend, Bro. Leland and Sis. Berneice Hirschey celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Their children and grandchildren present numbered 54 besides 30 relatives and friends who gathered for the occasion.

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

Mephibosheth was lame on his feet. II Samuel 9:13. How sad that no one told the good tidings to his nurse that his father, Jonathan, and David, had a covenant which meant protection and blessing. Since no one shared with his nurse, she was frightened when David came, and dropped the five-year-old boy and he became lame. Symbolic today of many lame conditions because we in God's covenant fail to tell the tidings of the covenant. David came to bless them, not to frighten them — as today Jesus blesses us. Mephibosheth means a shameful thing. He thought he was a dead dog and he went to live in Lodabar which means a dry place. But David had a covenant, the terms of which were mentioned last month, and sought him and restored Saul's land to him, and told him he shall eat at the king's table continually as one of the king's sons. Isaiah 52:7 states: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good tidings. The good tidings to share are that God takes lame and shameful things who have their feet stepped on by Satan, dead dogs out of dry places and brings us to His table to eat, anoints our head and spreads the table for us with abundant blessings in His covenant.

The engagement of Sis. Erika Bako and Bro. Eric Graf was announced. Parents are Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy Bako and Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet

Graf. Our best wishes go to them. We know the Lord has directed them, has drawn them together, and will be with them in their plans for their future.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Esther Graf as her sister, Helen Weitzel, passed away.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Graf won a trip to the State of Washington through a project of Dave's work.

Amy Stoller (Bro. and Sis. Millard Stoller, Latty) is in radiation therapy training at Cleveland and we welcome Amy as she has been assembling with us Thursday evenings.

We appreciated our visiting elders and ministers and their wives: Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Ed Ringger, Bros. Henry Dotterer, Merrill Laukhuf and Merle Hartzler.

OHIO, COLUMBUS

Karen Laparo

It was been several months since we shared any news from Columbus. Our small congregation has suddenly gotten considerably smaller! In June, Bro. Lee and Sis. Desma Klopfenstein moved to Fort Wayne, IN. Bro. Lee is completing his residency there. Carlton Schlatter began veterinary work in Wauseon, OH. Bro. Randy and Sis. Shirley Miller and their family moved to Van Wert, OH, in July and Bro. Marvin and Sis. Pat Fischer were transferred to a new mobile home park in Normal, IL, in August. It was hard to see our dear ones leave and we miss them very much, but we wish them all God's nearness and blessings in their new homes and jobs.

We pray that you will remember us and support us with prayers and visits. We need Christian fellowship so much.

We also have some good news to report! We are glad to have a new brother-in-faith here in Columbus. On August 16 we witnessed the testimony and baptism of Bro. John Grimm (Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou) in his home church at Princeville, IL. May God watch over him and keep him in His tender, loving care.

We also are excited to welcome a new family to Columbus. Bro. Dave and Sis. Lynn Steiner and their two sons, Nathaniel and Isaac, have moved from Rittman, OH. Bro. Dave is starting a new job here. May God watch over them, too, and shower His blessings on them.

We wish to thank all the ministers who have visited us in the past few

months. Bro. Vic Bauman (Smithville, OH) and Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) were here in May; Elder Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron, OH) came in June; Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton, IN) came in July; Bro. Hartzel Kaisner (Detroit, MI) was here; Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal, IL) spent a Wednesday evening with us; and Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) came with his family in September. We always receive a blessing from these visits. May God bless each one.

OHIO, GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

We had a really special Sunday following the conference. Our little flock enjoyed messages from Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN), Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka, IL), Bro. William Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN). It was a red letter day to be sure!

Our special thanks goes to Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) and Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman, OH) who served in our pulpit in our absence.

We always appreciate the brethren who come to worship with us and help with our singing.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Les Manz

Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton) visited us and brought us God's holy Word. What a privilege it is having Almighty God talk to us through His servants each week. Our prayer needs to be that our hearts could be more ready to receive His Word. As His Word is delivered by His servants through His Spirit, we are reminded of Christ's promise made nearly two thousand years ago when He was preparing His disciples for His departure in St. John 15:26. "But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

OHIO, LATTY

Marlene Reinhard — Patty Gerber

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

Mrs. E. W. Chapman
Hymns of Zion #122, vs. 2

Many dear souls from our congrega-

tion have recently had the sorrow of saying that last "goodbye" to their loved ones. We trust that they can hold to the hope of again uniting some day in heaven, where they will never say goodbye.

Sis. Hilda Wenninger peacefully passed from this life to eternity. She will be remembered for her compassionate character by family and friends. Those who survive Sis. Hilda are her two sons, Bro. Don (Sis. Josephine) and Harold (Sis. Ramona); two sisters, Sis. Marie Stoller, Sis. Mildred Hartzler (Smithville); four brothers, Bro. Richard (Sis. Jeri, Goodfield, IL), Bro. Alvin (Sis. Katherine, Phoenix, AZ), Bro. Ken (Sis. Marge) and Bro. Merrill (Sis. Dolly); and several grandchildren.

Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Henry Dotterer (Rittman) were with us for this service.

Also experiencing the death of a loved one were Sis. Irma Stoller (Bro. Millard) and Sis. Ann Sinn (Bro. Ray) with the death of their father, Bro. Elmer Haab (Milford, IN); Sis. Dolly Laukhuf (Bro. Merrill) with the death of her sister, Helen; and Bro. Lee Eisenmann (Sis. Mary) with the death of his brother, Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families in mourning.

Our hearts were lifted and encouraged by the news that two souls have turned their backs to a world of sin and have begun their repentance. Kevin and Della Wenninger are experiencing the conversion process as they have made known their desire to walk with the Lord. We truly pray for God's guidance and grace in this serious work.

September 6 was a special day for Sis. Rosemary Eisenmann (Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary) and Bro. Mark Larson (Merlin and Evelyn, Oakville, IA) as they were united as one in the Lord. As their years of marriage together increase, so may their love for each other.

We were blessed with several visiting ministers this month. Those preaching the Word were Elder Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan), Bros. Lloyd Kraft (Gridley, KS), Don and Ben Manz and Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Edwin Bahler and Ken Schneider (Remington, IN), Albert Aberle (Tremont, IL) and Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN). We always enjoy having the visiting ministers and their families in our midst. May God bless each one.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Bro. Ben, Bro. Bob, Bro. Dave, Bro. Ed, Sis. Francelia and Sis. Hermine in the passing of their brother, Bro. Frank Beer (Milford IN). "One by one their seats were emptied, One by one they went away, Now the family is parted, Will it be complete one day? Will the circle be unbroken By and by, by and by? In a better home awaiting In the sky, in the sky?" (Ada R. Havershon).

Hospital patients this past month have been Jenny Banks (Bro. Larry and Sis. Nancy), surgery, Bro. Ben Beer (Sis. Freda), surgery, and Sis. Katie Bocka, stroke. "When long and steep the path appears Or heavy is the task, Our Father says; "Keep on, My child; One step is all I ask." (Our Daily Bread).

"Ready to speak, ready to think, Ready with heart and brain; Ready to stand, where He sees fit, Ready to stand the strain. Ready to speak, ready to warn, Ready o'er souls to yearn;"

We are thankful for the brothers who are willing to stand and speak God's Word to warn and exhort each to Godly living. Bro. Andy Stoller (Smithville) stood before our congregation Sunday, September 20.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Diane Gasser — Stephanie Baltic

Eternity is drawing near;
O, seek your soul's salvation!
Upon the narrow path of life
There's mercy and protection
Eternal is the great reward
If on the pathway of the Lord
You fear not the afflictions.

Zion's Harp #106

We are thankful when one turns his back on the world and leans on the Lord. We rejoice with Darrell Rufener as he heeds God's call. His parents are Bro. Chester and Sis. Roma. We wish him God's grace as he seeks to follow the Lord.

We greatly appreciate those brothers who faithfully and lovingly bring forth God's Word unto us. This month we were blessed with many visiting ministers. They are Elder Bros. Bob Walder (Congerville, IL) and Leroy Huber (Eureka, IL), Bros. Bill Brake and Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Paul Eisenmann (Burlington, IA), Walter Anliker (Eureka, IL) and Ken Sauder (Mans-

field, OH). May God reward them for their services.

We read in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Believing that it is the Lord's will, on August 30 we heard the engagement of Bro. David Rufener (Bro. Elton and Sis. Velma) to Sis. LeAnn Messner (Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva, Winthrop, MN).

August 31 was a happy day for first-time parents, Tim and Kim Hanzie, as their son, Andrew Michael, came into this world. His proud grandparents are Glenn and Sis. Ella Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hanzie.

Kelly, Gerri, Sarah and Rachel welcome home their new baby sister, Ruth Marie. Her parents are Greg and Sis. Peg Tieche. Grandparents are Bro. Andrew and Sis. Lillian Maibach.

We want to welcome Bro. Vern and Sis. Deanna Lanz into our congregation. They had been living in Rockville, CT. May they find much love and acceptance here at Rittman.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Randy and Sis. Bev Moore in the death of their nephew, Jason Slone. May the Lord comfort them in their grief.

And he said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

II Corinthians 12:9

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Fred Widmer, Bro. Rich Steiner (Sis. Pat) and Bro. Steve Miracle (Bill and Loretta Clark). We wish them a speedy recovery.

OHIO, SARDIS

Alice Ramsier

We have had several visiting ministers this past month teaching us from the Word of Life. These dear messengers were retired Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker (Lamont, KS), Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN) and Bro. Glenn Rigenbach (Smithville, OH). We thank each of them for serving us, and pray God's blessings upon them.

Steve Miller (Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris) underwent minor surgery. We are glad that he is doing well, and pray that his healing will be complete.

In recent weeks we began listening to

the conference tapes. May the teaching about peace be reality in our lives.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE

Ann Maibach — Verla Stoller

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25. What a blessed privilege we have to gather together in God's house and hear His Word brought forth in its truth and sincerity. Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Bro. Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Bro. Walter Herrmann (Princeville, IL). May the Lord bless these brothers for their efforts.

Another precious daughter, Angela Joy, was welcomed into the hearts and home of Bro. Steve and Sis. Jollene Hofacre. Stephanie and Jennifer are glad to have another sister. Happy grandparents are Raymond and Gloria Hofacre and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Liz Gasser.

Little Jessica Dotterer (Bro. Dave and Sis. Luanna) was hospitalized for a short time this month. How thankful we are that God heals and restores as only He can.

OHIO, TOLEDO

**Josephine Rehklau
Frances Laidig**

The promise of true pastors given;
Hearts like Thine own do Thou in them
instill.

Thy holy Word was never broken;
We know that Thou this promise wilt
fulfill,

The enemies before Thy hand shall fall;
Thou art forever King and Lord of all.

"The Call For Laborers"

Zion's Harp #111

We were blessed by having visitors from various congregations. Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Bros. William Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Merle Hartzler (Rittman, OH) had comforting messages for us as they were inspired by the Lord. It also was so good to have with us Bro. Rudy and Sis. Betty Graf (Akron, OH). We have missed their presence here since Bro. Rudy no longer serves as our elder.

The Junction Sunday school were

guests at our annual Sunday school picnic. We wish to thank everyone who came to spend the day with us. It was a beautiful day for a Sunday of fellowship and a picnic which was along a small lake with perfect weather. Only God could give us such outdoor beauty. We were most thankful for this day of love and protection.

On Thursday evening, for the next few weeks, we plan to listen to the tapes of the conference. It is always interesting and enlightening to hear the special messages which were given at those meetings.

Fall is here again, children mostly anxious, going back to school and college students returning to their classes in various places. We are always pleased to have out-of-town students return and welcome any new students. We hope they will assemble with us, when possible, on Sunday and at our midweek, Thursday evening services. May God stay close to them wherever they go and guide them in the right direction so that the knowledge which is acquired can be used in places where they will be a reflection of our Lord.

"... Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us."

Psalms 4:6

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

September has been a busy month for many of us, including our Sunday school children. In addition to the annual preparations, both mental and physical, by family and students for the return to school, the Sunday school children, teens and teachers have been busy planning and hosting the Sunday school picnic and car wash.

The Sunday school picnic was held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend at nearby Evergreen Wayside Park. The usual menu of German sausage, sauerkraut, buns, salads and fruit has a "special for this occasion" addition of plenty of ice cold canned pop and ice cream bars that the children always look forward to at the close of the day's activities. There was a good turn-out and we thank the teachers, children and their families for this special event.

Two Saturdays later the Sunday school sponsored a successful fund-

raiser car wash at the home of Harold and Sis. Linda Hari. A barbeque lunch and snacks were also sold throughout the day. Later this fall a bottle-drive (Oregon has a five-cent deposit on all beverage containers) is planned in conjunction with an apple cider making day, wiener roast and hay ride. The Sunday school is raising funds for a Sunday school weekend with a visiting minister later this year or early next year.

The Silverton congregation welcomes Bro. Mark Ramseyer (Bro. Joe and Sis. Dorothy) of Bay City, MI, to our area. Bro. Mark is a participant in Purdue University's co-op work/study program. In conjunction with Oregon's Tektronix, Inc., Mark alternates several months of study time at Purdue with several months work time at Tektronix, Inc.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Jerry Isch


We had several visiting brethren stop at our congregation, including 13 visiting ministers. They were Elder Bros. Bud Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI), Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Joe Ramseyer (Rittman, OH), Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ) and ministering Bros. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH), Jim Byrd (Roanoke, IL), Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR), Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Roy Luginbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA).

It was such a blessing and encouragement for our congregation to hear many of the brethren say how their churches started out small and were blessed by God. We were exhorted to be steadfast in our faith; When everything goes smooth it's not too hard to be faithful. It's when things get tough that our faith is tried and we need to stick right in there believing God will help us through. Job, in his affliction said concerning God, Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him... (Job 13:15).

We have such a wonderful Christian heritage to be born or brought into a church where the truth is preached and protected. May we each do our part to support that which has been tested and proven: (The gold that's been tried in the fire).

We had a wonderful time at our Sunday school picnic, both young and

old enjoyed a special time together. May our children learn to know the truth and live their lives for Jesus.



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Spirit said, "No." It says, "... the Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:7.

Now we don't know what might have been there. We don't know whether it was a matter of their attitude and their desires, or if it was simply the fact that they were waiting for Paul in Macedonia, a fertile field. Paul did not know as he went throughout Galatia, and as they tried to go into Asia and into Bithynia.

It wasn't until after they were obedient unto the Lord and stayed the course, dear ones, that the vision came to Paul of a man in Macedonia praying and saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9.

Oh, how quickly Paul responded. It says that 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 16:10. We might wonder and just put ourself in Paul's place . . . Paul, Luke, Silas and the others that were traveling together: "Oh, what is it that the Lord wants us to do? Here we are and we wanted to go preach the Word, and the Lord said, 'No'. We wanted to go there and the Lord said, 'No'. Now where are we to go? What is it?"

Then that precious vision came: "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9. Oh, how they must have rejoiced that the Lord was now guiding them again and they could feel a purpose.

Sometimes the Lord's guidance might be the closing of doors. Other times the door is opened. We are so thankful. Both kinds, dear ones, can help us and both kinds can strengthen us.

It says they went "... to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis: And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony of Rome, and we were in that city abiding certain days." Acts 16:11, 12. It doesn't say what happened in those days, but maybe it was a little bit discouraging.

Most of the times when Paul went into one of these cities, he found a synagogue and there he preached. Perhaps here there wasn't any. Maybe there weren't that many Jews in that city. But there was a place by the river "... where prayer was wont to be made." Acts 16:13. There were a few there who gathered together to pray on the Sabbath and so they went there. They sat down, "... and spake unto the woman which resorted thither." Acts 16:13.

There was one who listened. "A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God . . ." Acts 16:14. She worshipped God. She knew the God of Israel, a desire, dear ones, and the Lord brought forth that Word to her heart, and opened her heart. It says, "... she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." Acts 16:14. She heard that Word gladly, was willing and gave her heart to God. She could repent of her sins. It says that she was baptized, and it wasn't her alone that was able to hear, but her whole household. Perhaps it was her children, the slaves or the employees, but they were all able to hear, believe and be baptized. There they stayed. She had a desire to do something. She said, "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there." And it says, "She constrained us." Acts 16:15

One day they were going to prayer, and there was a damsel with a spirit of divination . . . a spirit from Satan. Through her, her owners made a lot of money. Just how much that spirit could proclaim the future, dear ones, we don't know.

But here that spirit showed her that these men were servants of the most high God. She followed them and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew

unto us the way of salvation." Acts 16:17. It is really surprising, we might think, that so often the very spirits of Satan that were in people, were the first to recognize, and often even proclaimed the truth.

Paul was grieved. He "... turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." Acts 16:18. Oh, dear ones, the spirits of evil — the spirits of Satan — cannot stand against the power of God, can they?

Now, dear ones, there was a consternation among her masters. She wasn't of any use to them any more. There was no more hope of them using her to take money from people. So they caught Paul and Silas and brought them into the marketplace unto the rulers, and said, "These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans." Acts 16:20, 21.

There wasn't much of a charge, was there? They didn't say they teach this and that, but just brought in again the fact that they were Jews. "The multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them." Acts 16:22. So there in the marketplace, Paul and Silas were beaten with many stripes. Then they were cast into prison, and the jailer was charged to keep them safely.

The jailer must have thought that there must be something terrible here. He was given a special charge to keep them and he took them down "... into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks." Acts 16:24.

We might wonder, "What were their thoughts?" "We have done what God has told us to do, and now we are down in the deepest of the prison and we have our feet fastened. What can we do? Why?"

But, no. It says, "At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Acts 16:25. What must have been their reaction and their thoughts as they heard these two men, who were cast into the inner prison and whose feet were fastened in the stocks, singing and praising God?

Then, the power of God had that earthquake shake the very foundation of the prison, so that the prisoners were released. The doors were opened.

There was nothing there physically to restrain anyone any more. The keeper of the prison was sleeping, but now hearing and feeling this, he woke up and found everything open. He knew that his life would be forfeited for his prisoners if they would escape.

Of course, with the prison being open, dear ones, we would not expect anyone to stay in there, would we? The natural inclination would be to rush out those open doors and flee into freedom again. The jailer was ready to kill himself, but Paul cried out with a loud voice, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Acts 16:28.

What must have been the reaction of that man as he heard that cry? It says that "... he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas." Acts 16:29. He must have heard something of their teaching somewhere. He may have heard them singing and praying, but he knew that here was someone from God. He could feel the very presence of God in their conduct and in their lives.

He said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30. Dear ones, that question still resounds. Sometimes even as we grow up in the very faith and hear of it, yet we still have to wonder, "What must I do?" Perhaps we put it off, thinking, "I don't really know exactly what I have to do." Yet, dear ones, it is still that simple call, isn't it? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Acts 16:31.

If we believe that He died for us, it will bring a sorrow to us, won't it? It will bring us that sorrow of our sins, and we will come with a repentant heart and ask Him for forgiveness. We will want to unburden our soul and have that precious salvation.

"And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." Acts 16:32.

"And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway." Acts 16:33. Oh, dear ones, that power of God can work miracles, can't it? Here it worked a miracle in the very heart of that jailer. We would not normally think of a jailer as someone being very compassionate. They are with hardened criminals and they have to keep them safely.

But, dear ones, God brought compassion into his heart, and God brought

conviction unto him. What was looking like a victory for Satan, to stop the preaching of Paul and Silas in the streets of Philippi, came to be a victory for God. The Word was preached even to that jailer, and he was willing to believe and give his life.

When it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants and said, "Okay, go on get out of here. We don't want you around here. Get out of this town." (See Acts 16:35). But they had not realized, dear ones, that Paul and Silas were Romans. Roman citizens, to whom the law was very specific, were not to be beaten; nor were they to be cast into prison without a trial. Here the magistrate had done both.

Now Paul sent word back. "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison: and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily: but let them come themselves and fetch us out." Acts 16:37. It must have been a humbling experience and a frightening one for those magistrates when they heard that these men were Romans. They were not just a couple of Jews that they had beaten and thrown into prison, but they were Roman citizens. The magistrates could then be called into account for what they had done.

So, "they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed." Acts 16:39, 40. So, the Word of God continued to go forth. Satan cannot stop it. When we, of our own will, don't want to hear it, then, dear ones, the Lord will stop it, won't He?

As long as there are those who want to hear the Word of God, and those who hunger and thirst, I have full confidence that God will continue to provide His Holy Word for us. He will bring it forth. It may not be eloquent, but the power of His Spirit, will bring the Word into our very hearts if we want it and want to live it.

May we have that fervent desire to hide that precious Word of God in our hearts. May we have that fervent desire to hear the precious message, to be reminded of what God has done for us, to be reminded of what we must do for Him . . . and to be reminded of that heavenly home that is waiting for the children of God.

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Faith In God Is Very Precious Acts 16

As Paul and Silas went on this second of Paul's missionary journeys, they came "... to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek." Acts 16:1.

We can read in Paul's letter to Timothy where he speaks of the unfeigned faith that was found first in his grandmother and then in his mother. (II Timothy 1:5). How precious it is when faith can be passed down from one generation to another!

Now, dear ones, you and I are the generation of today. We have a faith... a faith which some have received from their mothers and fathers by the very grace of God. Whether we have received it in our generation, or whether we have received it from generations past, dear ones, it is still the same faith from our God, our Father in heaven.

You and I have the opportunity to pass this faith along. Some of us may have children. Some may never have children. But we still have the opportunity to pass that faith along to those we meet. We can also preserve it so that the next generation can still find faith here.

The Lord said, "When I come again, shall I find faith on the earth?" (See Luke 18:8). Dear ones, it is a sobering thought that there could come a time when there would be no faith upon the earth.

But, dear ones, let us make sure that it is not our fault. While the Lord gives us grace and life here upon earth, let us see to it that we hold fast to "... the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

Faith that God has given, as the Bible records, was evidenced in the lives of the apostles. We can see it in the teachings they taught, and the

sufferings that they went through.

It says here, "... as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4, 5.

How precious it must have been to hear Paul say how the brethren have assembled together and the Lord had been in their midst. These are the conclusions that they have reached: "They delivered them the decrees for to keep ..." It says, "And so were the churches established in the faith." Acts 16:4, 5.

Dear ones, if each is off by oneself, then problems can arise, can't they? We find that it is so easy to judge things according to our own standards. Yet, if we would each take the Word of God as our standard, then there would be no deviation, would there? Then there would be no differences.

But we find that it is so easy for us as weak human beings to begin to put our own thoughts into it. In our own ideas, there are differences which can creep in.

How sad it is as we think of the area here that Paul went through. He preached in the regions of (what we call today) Turkey, down across the sea into Macedonia, Yugoslavia, Greece and in that area. Yet, dear ones, we look how this church changed down through the years. There were those who brought in other doctrines so that what had begun as a holy church of God became a church of nominal Christendom. In some of these regions, there came the Muslims, who taught against the Word of God, tried to say that Christ was not the Son of God, conquered the land and persuaded many by the sword.

Yet, could that really happen to a

child of God? If they were children of God at the time, could someone coming in with a sword have really changed their belief? No. Many of the early disciples and the early children of God gave their lives because they had that precious faith to believe that what they had to suffer on earth was but a minor thing. They counted it a privilege if they could suffer for God and for Christ.

Dear ones, we need to have true faith. You and I don't know what we are going to have to face in this world yet. In the life that we have here, dear ones, we don't know what kind of trials or what kind of tribulations we might have to face.

But let us be assured of this: if we have a strong faith in God, if we hold fast to that faith, and, if we strengthen the things that God has given us, then when the trials come, we will be able to stand fast.

There will not be anything that can overcome us. Oh, dear ones, Paul wrote to the Romans about what can separate us from the love of God. Not principalities, not powers, not darkness: there is nothing, dear ones, that can separate us from that, is there? (See Romans 8:38). Nothing, except ourselves.

So dear ones, let us have that faith. Let us keep that faith. Let us strengthen it so that whatever we might come up against we have that precious faith to hold to. Then there won't be anything that Satan can ever use to shake us and to turn us away.

We might wonder why it was that as they went through Phrygia and Galatia and into the province of Asia, that it says, the Holy Ghost forbade them. They "... were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia." Acts 16:6. As they went through Mysia, they wanted to go to Bithynia, but again the

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