



"That I may publish the voice of thanksgiving and tell of thy wondrous works."

Psalm 26:7

"Let us come before his presence with Thanksgiving."

Psalm 95:2

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## THANKSGIVING 1989

### *Thanksgiving Proclamation*

*By Abraham Lincoln, 1863*

*It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.*

*We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subject to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins; to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?*

*We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.*

"Be careful for nothing, but in **every thing**, by **prayer** and supplication with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known unto God."

*Philippians 4:6*

## MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

### CARIBBEAN BOARD

#### Bro. Roger Sauder

The Caribbean Board was established at the World Relief meeting at Latty, OH, in December 1988.

The Board was created as a result of the organizational flow chart that was prepared to establish a communication line from the various projects to the National World Relief and Work Projects Committees.

The purpose of the Caribbean Board is the oversight and coordination of all projects in the Caribbean, principally Haiti and Jamaica.

The Board is made up of the following brothers: David Bertsch, Counseling Elder; Robert Pflederer, Medical Coordinator; Robert Sutter, Water Aid and Vocational Schools; Robert Beebe, Veterinarian Assistance; Harold Witzig, School Building Projects; Harzell Kaisner, Material Aid - Construction Coordinator; and Roger Sauder, Chairman.

The Board with the exception of Robert Sutter made an inspection and evaluation trip to Haiti from October 13-21, 1989.

We met at Miami on Friday, October 13, from our various locations. We were glad to see each other and expressed our thoughts about our nine days in Haiti.

Our first stop from the Haiti airport was Grace Children's Hospital. This is a 80 bed facility for the treatment of Tuberculoses in children. We met with the staff and toured the hospital. We send barrels of medical supplies and materials to them.

Saturday, we drove to Albert Schweitzer Hospital at Deschapple, located approximately 3 hours north of Port-au-Prince. Again we toured the hospital and met with staff.

We had a nice lunch in the home of Mrs. Gwen Mellon, who along with her husband, founded the hospital. He passed away in August of 1989 and was buried on the hospital grounds.

Most of our work in Haiti is in conjunction with the organization called Missionary Evangelical Baptist Church of South Haiti (MEBSH). They were our hosts for the remainder of the trip.

Sunday, we attended worship services in a rural village. The people expressed their appreciation for our coming and the help we give them. Sunday evening, Bro. Bob Pflederer led our church service at the guest house at Cite Lumiere.

We ate our meals at the home of Bob and Vera Stewart. Bob oversees and prepares for our school building

work teams, Vera is in charge of the Child Care Program.

Monday, we toured the Vocational school at Simon. We are helping supply them with tools and equipment to teach plumbing, electric, masonry, welding and carpentry. We met with Chauvannes Jeune at Integrated Rural Development (IRD). He told us about their entire program of which we help in veterinarian services, well drilling, nursing home for the elderly, and Hospital Lumiere. Several of the brothers took a day trip to Port a Piement to inspect the newly dedicated vocational school. We also supplied them with power tools and equipment to teach the students.

Wednesday afternoon, we met with the MEBSH executive board. We were welcomed by their president, Pastor (Continued on Page 4)

## TRANSITIONAL LIVING COORDINATOR

### AT GATEWAY WOODS

There is an immediate opening at Gateway Woods (Apostolic Christian Children's Home) for a sister to serve full-time as Coordinator of the Transitional Living Program. This recently developed program attempts to meet the numerous needs of young people who are moving from the Children's Home to independent living.

The Coordinator will live in an off-campus house (in Fort Wayne) with 2 - 4 young women (ages 17 - 19) and provide guidance and training with independent living skills, as well as emotional support. In addition, the Coordinator will work with youth still at the Children's Home main campus, to help prepare them for independent living.

If you have experience working with teens, please pray about applying for this position. It's an exciting and challenging opportunity to work with teens and Christian staff members.

Compensation includes salary and living expenses, plus fringe benefits. For more information, call or write one of the brothers listed below.

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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).*

## THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

It is important to keep in mind the purpose or mission of the church as established by the Holy Scriptures. We should be able to feel that we are personally involved in fulfilling these responsibilities and that our church is faithfully following the patterns intended by the Lord Jesus Christ, who is its Head.

The parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates the two-fold mission of the church. The traveler who had been robbed and severely wounded was facing death. Only through the compassion and life-saving measures administered by the Good Samaritan (exemplifying Jesus Christ) was death averted. Long-term care and nurturing was then provided by those who constituted the inn, which represents the church. Thus, saving of lost sinners and maintenance of the believer are the prime missions of the Saviour and the church, which are to function spiritually as one (Eph. 4: 15-16).

The Word plainly foretells the consequences of unreconciled sin: "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). The certainty of eternal death for all who are not saved is a far worse fate than loss of physical life. The one and only hope for man's wretched state is realized through faith in the shed blood of Christ, freely given for all mankind on Calvary's Cross. "By grace are ye saved, through faith..." (Eph. 2:6). The role of the church includes preaching and living the Gospel message, as well as helping the new believer through the crisis stage of recovery from the doom of sin. True faith will produce the fruits of repentance; and the humble, upright soul will be converted into a "new creature," (2 Cor. 5:17) by the grace of God. The church also is commissioned to fulfill the sacred rites of baptism and laying on of hands for the converted soul.

The mission of maintenance of the believer then commences as represented by the inn. The Lord promised to supply whatever would be needed for the long-term needs of

that wounded traveler. The church of its own strength could accomplish nothing, but through its God-given position as the Body of Christ (always looking to Him as its Head and source of power) the essential work of the Lord can flourish here upon this earth (Col. 1:18).

A basic aspect of maintenance is "feeding the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through both teaching and preaching the principles of the Scriptures are expounded for the instruction and edification of the believers (Eph. 4:11-13). This is to help develop a strong, enduring relationship with Christ, to encourage obedience and good works and to assist in overcoming temptation (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25).

Fellowship within the church is a special blessing to those who are united in the love of Christ. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). A closely-knit church family provides an essential support group for each member of the body. Every brother and sister both gives and receives in this very special relationship. The evidence of the extent to which this abounds in our church is overwhelming. We can enter the door of any one of our 80 or more churches and feel an immediate warmth and familiarity. This represents a genuine "household of faith," the members of which are viable parts of a spiritually and personally integrated body. True compassion is manifested overwhelmingly when trials such as illness or death occur. Hospitals and funeral homes which serve our church families quickly recognize a unique and powerful force which produces an outpouring of support for every suffering individual or family. These attributes do not develop by accident, they result from the power of the Holy Spirit working within a unified fellowship of God's children, and they should be deeply cherished.

Loving admonition and discipline are also intrinsic to the maintenance

of a purified and spiritually healthy body of believers. Each of us needs others to love us so much that they will tell us when we have erred and will help apply the scriptural remedies needed to remove the stain of sin from the brotherhood. Sometimes individuals fall back into a measure of self-centeredness and lose their willingness to accept admonition. An unchecked human desire for "being one's own person" can lead to disaffection with the intensity of the relationship which exists in an all-encompassing spiritual inn. True love for God is manifested in willingness to sacrifice self for the brethren: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). This intense godly love will overpower all personal hindrances when hearts are truly humbled and are allowed to be filled with His grace. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him" (1 John 2:10).

In order for a church to fulfill its missions effectively, its members must have common convictions and a shared vision. Brethren must be united in their interpretation of the Word and its application in everyday life. There must be a total commitment to Christ and to each other (Matt. 10:38; John 17:22-23). The spiritual strength derived from Christ, our Head, through full integration within His Body will preserve the essential faith by which we were first rescued from eternal death. We are initially saved by faith and we remain saved by continuation of that faith. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6-7). We must continually thank and praise our God for giving His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and for providing the sacred spiritual inn, which is Christ's Body, the church, to nurture and preserve true faith upon the earth.

Lozoma. They expressed their appreciation for all our help, as did all groups that we visited.

Thursday, we spent the entire day at Hospital Lumiere, located at Bonne Fin. We toured the facility and met with staff. They shared with us the current needs list that we will present at our next World Relief meeting.

Friday, we traveled to Port-au-Prince. We were glad to arrive safely as the roads can sometimes be hazardous. In the afternoon, we held a Caribbean Board meeting. Friday night, we met with Eris Labaly. He told us of his projects and needs.

Haiti is a beautiful country. However, it is physically deteriorating and economically ravaged by inflation, unemployment. School enrollment is down 30 percent. Their hope lies in the Lord and the Christians working to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We returned home on Saturday, October 21.

We thank the Lord for his guidance and protection on our trip.

A November evaluation trip is planned for Jamaica.

On behalf of the Caribbean Board, I want to thank each brother, sister and friend, who has helped in the past with material aid, financial aid, or in the giving of their time for these projects in Haiti.

We appreciated the prayers of our brethren while we were on the trip. May God bless this work and add increase according to his will.

Roger A. Sauder, Chairman  
Caribbean Board

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

### Pre-School, Athens, AL

Sis. Julie Bauer, who is currently serving as program coordinator and teacher, is engaged to be married and will be leaving about March 1, 1990. If you have a B. A. Degree in Child Development, Elementary Education or related field, and have an interest in this position, please call or write to Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore, Route 5, Box 75A, Athens, AL 35611, phone 205-232-2035 or 205-233-0591.

## WORK PROJECTS COMMITTEE

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men . . ." Galatians 6:10

### Approved Projects - 1989-90

The following work projects have been approved for 1989-90 by the Work Projects Committee. Any members or friends interested in volunteering for these or future projects should contact the committee secretary and/or submit a volunteer information form available from their local

TEAMS	DATES	CHURCH/AREAS	PROJECT LEADER
1	11/3 - 11/11	#8 Western Illinois	Mike Finley (309) 376-7301
2	12/1 - 12/9	#5 Bluffton & Indianapolis	Carl Hackenjoes (219) 692-6311
3	1/5 - 1/13	#4 & #6 Nothern Indiana, Michigan & Western Ohio	Phil Isabel (219) 261-3541 Kurt Bahler (219) 261-2877 (H) (219) 261-2157 (O) Glen Hackenjoes (818) 422-4957
4	1/19 - 1/27	#11 & #12 California, Oregon, Arizona & Colorado	Leonard Dolce (419) 589-6285 Craig Emch (216) 939-4591
5	2/2 - 2/10	#1, #2 & #3 Connecticut, Eastern Ohio, Alabama, Georgia & Florida	Richard Schmidgall (612) 392-5241 Jim Walter (815) 635-3158
6	2/9 - 2/17	Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Texas & Canada	
7	2/16 - 2/24	#7 Eastern Illinois	

### Apostolic Water Aid Water Wells

This is a waterwell drilling project in Haiti, with equipment owned by Apostolics. Volunteers welcome. Those with rotary drill operating experience would be most appreciated.

### Vocational Schools

Work Projects has funded several Vocational Schools to help instruct the Haitian nationals in the building trades. Current plans are to send two volunteers in the early part of September to help instruct the students the use of hand tools.

(Contact your local elder and/or Bro. Bob Sutter (219) 334-5552.)

### Veterinarian Assistance Project

Bro. Bob Beebe, the coordinator for the Veterinarian Assistance Project is scheduling field teams for the 1989-90 season, in Haiti, in cooperation with the Christian Vet Mission, headquartered in Seattle, WA. Any interested party should contact Bro. Bob Beebe, (219) 291-2158.

elder. The completed form should be sent to: Apostolic Christian Works Projects, Arnold Gerst, Committee Secretary, 1107 Madonna Dr., Quincy, IL 62301, or phone (217) 223-8424.

### Foreign Work Projects Haiti Work Teams (Building Projects)

(To be staffed by volunteers grouped by World Relief Geographical Areas [see map on back cover of World Relief Policy Booklet].)

### Juarez Project

In 1987-89, the Christian charitable organization, AMMAR, was the recipient of material and labor assistance from the Work Projects, which provided a building for them. The community center at Granjas do Chapultepec is now completed, with a free medical clinic, space for feeding the children of the area, and room for holding Bible classes and Sunday School.

Phase 1 of the building project, Kilometro #20, the 2nd project has been approved and funds have been allocated. Construction began the 3rd week in August.

### DOMESTIC WORK PROJECTS

#### Church Addition - Junction, OH.

September volunteer needs include roofers and brick layers. The brick laying will require the greater number of volunteers during this phase of the construction. Finishing skills will be required for the interior of the structure.

Please contact: Bro. Elias Manz, Route 1, Box 489, Paulding, OH 45879, (419) 399-5848, for details.

**Church Addition - Tucson, AZ.** Construction of church addition is now in progress. The exterior is now being stuccoed and drywall is being installed. Volunteers are needed in September and October to complete the interior finishing and floor covering. Contact Bro. Jay Knapp, 8812 East Palisade Terrace, Tucson, AZ 85749, (602) 749-8509, home phone: 790-5413, business phone.

**Respite Care Project -** A long term project to provide "respite" care for the handicapped, near the church in Lexington, KY. This will give a couple or two sisters the opportunity to serve, and also the help the brethren in the Lexington congregation. Contact Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Route 1, Box 4, Francesville, IN 47946, (219) 567-2798.

**Roof Repair - Athens, AL Church** - Roofing repairs are needed on the church at Athens, AL, including replacement for shingles and possibly some of the sheeting. Contact Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore, (205) 232-2035.

### SPECIAL ON-GOING WORK PROJECTS

#### European Relief Food Packages, Bluffton Distribution Center

Activated in December, 1985. On-going. Individuals or groups. Currently on hold as the Romanian Government will not permit the importation of the food parcels. (Contact Bro. Gerald Fiechter 219/597-7494.

#### Assisting Smaller Congregations To Grow

To aid and encourage internal, external and migratory growth of smaller Apostolic Christian Congregations. On-going. (Contact your elder for details.)

#### Gateway Woods, Apostolic Christian Children's Home, Leo, IN

There is a continuing need for couples for the Houseparents' Staff. If there are any that feel led to consider this opportunity to work in the

Lord's vineyard, please contact your local elder and Bro. Tim Sauder, Home Administrator. (219) 627-2159.

Additional volunteers are needed for maintenance projects throughout the year at the home. The following tasks are over and above that which is possible for the children to accomplish. It is hoped that these tasks can be completed this fall and winter.

Administration Building: a) Paint offices; b) Install attic fan; c) Paint exterior doors; d) Insulate classroom ceiling.

Houses: a) Reinsulate east house and west house; b) Refinish concrete stairwells; c) Caulk around windows; d) Wallpapering

Woods: a) Build footbridges; b) Cut, split and stack firewood; c) Cut down dead trees; d) Clear foot path;

Out Buildings: a) Replace metal siding on shed; b) Install lighting under loft.

Grounds: a) Landscaping; b) Install driveway lights; c) Grade and sow grass; d) Move pasture fence; e) Repair tile in pastures.

#### Jamaica

The following is a list of items needed for the 1990 shipment to Jamaica. Should you have any of these items available, please contact; Bro. Kurt Munsel (517) 686-6634, Bro. Roger Sauder (305) 584-0947, or Elder Bro. David Bertsch (219) 627-2923.

#### Communities:

Mattresses (twin); cloth for school uniforms (brown, blue, khaki, and white for blouses); crayons.

#### Granville Place of Safety:

Typewriter; file cabinet (locking type); calculator with tape; baking mixer; baking tins; mattresses 30x72; crafts; clothes patterns; 1/2" pipe thread shower head (four); hardware; measuring cups and spoons; rubber spatulas; cookie sheets; cake pans; toasters; Pyrex dishes.

#### Waldensia All Age School:

Crayons; typewriter; file cabinet (locking type).

#### Infirmiry Falmouth:

Dressings; bandages; utensils - forks, spoons, dishes.

### FUTURE WORK PROJECTS - IN PLANNING STAGES

**Church Building Project -** Silverton, OR

**Fellowship Center Project -** Lafayette, IN

**Remodeling Project -** Kitchner, Ontario

**Mexican Children's Home**

**Hospital Aide Project -** Haiti

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WORK PROJECTS

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men . . ." Galatians 6:10

To: Elders, lead ministers, World Relief and Work Project Committee members, treasurer representatives and interested brethren.

Dearly beloved and esteemed brethren in the Lord,

Trusting that in all of your labors you are being undergirded and strengthened by His grace and love.

On the behalf of World Relief, Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, ministering brother from our Detroit, MI, congregation, spent Saturday, October 7, surveying the devastation, in and around Charleston, South Carolina, caused by Hurricane Hugo. Many homes were completely destroyed, some were covered with visqueen for temporary protection, others were just open to wind and rain. Brother Hartzell met with city, county, civic and relief organization officials, establishing contacts and seeking ways how we as God's people could best help those in so great a need.

A conference call, including brethren from World Relief and Work Project Committees, was held Thursday evening, October 12 and the following conclusions were reached.

1. Financial support and temporary enclosures are of top priority.

2. Work teams equipped with chain saws and truck are needed immediately to help clean up debris.

3. Our primary endeavor would be to assist the low income and uninsured people, predominately black, with temporary and permanent enclosures. It is assumed that most places of business are covered by insurance.

4. It is recommended that an opportunity be given to the brethren and friends of our churches to contribute to a special World Relief collection. Funds would be distributed by the World Relief Committee as the needs are identified.

5. We would encourage work teams to be organized by the local church(es) and that all communications be directed to Bro. Arnie Gerst, Work Project Committee secretary at 1107 Madonna Drive, Quincy, IL 62301, 1-

217-223-8424. He will notify the proper authorities in the Charleston area of the sizes and times of arrival of our work teams. Overnight accommodations will be provided for all volunteers.

6. Work teams shall be self or local church supported, where possible, and should furnish their own tools and transportation.

7. We would encourage several brethren (couples) who could, to remain in the area for an extended

period of time for the purpose of coordinating and maintaining the continuity of efforts.

Your Servant,  
Nathan Steffen  
Chairman of

Work Projects Committee

NOTE: A devastating earthquake has caused much damage as loss of life in the San Francisco/Oakland, CA, area. This collection will be shared for the needs of residents involved in the earthquake. Funds will be distributed by the World Relief Committee as the needs are identified.

## --NOTICE --

### Repair and Distribution of Worn Bibles, Bible Story Books, Hymns of Zion, Tabernacle or Gospel Hymn Books

In 1984 we read in the Guideposts concerning the unfilled need for 10,000 Bibles. We wrote to the organization and started sending some repaired and some new Bibles. Since that time, we have sent over 500 Bibles, much Sunday school materials and song books.

During this past year, Sisters Becky Knapp (Dave) and Jane Huetter (Curtis) from Goodfield, IL, have been helping in this work.

If our churches or individual members have Bibles, Bible story books, Hymns of Zion, Tabernacle or Gospel Hymns that are worn and in need of repair, please let us know or send them to us. We tape and repair the books and obtain names and addresses of people in foreign countries who want and need them, package and mail them in large canvas mailing bags. It costs 55¢ a pound to send books or \$1.10 for printed material of less than 30 pages. On a recent shipment to Africa, the cost to send a Bible was 72¢.

If you have any questions or wish to send material for repair, please call or write:

Jerry and Arlene Banwart  
Box 132  
Congerville, IL 61729  
Phone (309) 448-2416

### 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  
Fifth Year -- August 1987 thru July 1988 -- 25,969  
Sixth Year -- August 1988 thru July 1989 -- 25,509

#### Bibles Distributed -- Seventh Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1989 --	2210	2210
September 1989 --	1627	3837
October 1989 --	2102	5939

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

### HEFT AND HUNGARIAN TAPES

You can send a Christmas gift to our brethren in Eastern Europe! Simply by purchasing the Heft and/or Hungarian tapes, you can be a part of blessing them. All proceeds from the sales of these lovely cassettes, above the actual production and duplication costs, go to our needy brethren behind the Iron Curtain. Many of them, especially those in Romania, are in dire straits. Christmas for them will be brighter because of money and gifts forwarded to them from the sales of these tapes.

The Heft tapes, produced in Austria, feature renditions of the beloved "Long Book" hymns played on the classical guitar and other instruments. (Also there is some singing). Thus far the sales of the Heft tapes through us have generated more than \$20,000 profit which has been sent to Austria for distribution.

Volume I includes songs 1-11, 13-18; Volume II includes songs 12, 19-31; Volume III includes songs 33-48. Each tape costs \$8.00. For shipping costs on orders of 1-5 tapes, add 75¢ extra for each tape. On orders of 6 tapes or more add only 30¢ extra for each tape. Make checks for Long Book Tapes payable to the Long Book Tape Fund.

The Hungarian tapes include hymns from the Zion's Harp, Long Book and other hymns played and sung by the combined Hungarian orchestra and choir. Thus far the sales of the Hungarian tapes has generated \$8,300 profit which has been sent overseas for distribution.

The two tapes, "Holy Love," a tape

of orchestra and "Blest Be The Tie," which has both orchestra and singing, are available at \$6.75 for each tape. For shipping cost on orders of 1-5 tapes, add 75¢ extra for each tape. On orders of 6 tapes or more, add only 30¢ extra for each tape. Make checks for Hungarian tapes to the person you order from.

Heft (Long Book) Tapes and Hungarian Tapes may be ordered from:

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(309) 266-6810

Hungarian Tapes ONLY may still be ordered from:

Al Betz  
455 Logan Road, Apt. A-2  
Mansfield, OH 44907  
(419) 756-2756

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
HOME FOR THE AGED  
EUREKA, IL**

There is a need for a night nurse at the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged. If you are an R.N. or an L.P.N. and willing to work part-time or full-time, please contact Sis. Jane Stoller, Director of Nursing, at (309) 467-2311, or write to Sis. Jane at 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, IL 61530.

**EAST AND WEST GERMANY -  
1989**

**Report by Bro. Gene Lehman  
Wolcott, IN**

Several years ago, there was an article in "The Silver Lining" concerning some households of believers in East Germany who were elderly and separated from any fellowship. There was an appeal to anyone who could write in the German language to correspond with these people. After some investigation and getting names and addresses, Gene wrote letters to each of them. They were: Arno and Traudel Markert, a minister in his nineties and his single daughter who live together; Elisabeth Pamer, whose mother and mother-in-law, who were both members, died in 1988, leaving her alone in the faith; Maria Braun, a dear old sister in her eighties living in an apartment, being hospitalized from time to time; and Helena and Heinrich Hartman, residing with their children in the north part of the country, many miles away from all the others.

The initial letters brought response from each person, and resulted in regular exchange of correspondence. Heinrich is the most prolific letter writer. A tender appeal concludes each letter, "Antwort macht Freude" answers make joy. It is not hard to respond to such an appeal of love.

As the ties of Christian kinship developed, there also developed a desire on all sides to meet one another face to face. Prayers were offered on both sides of the ocean and the iron curtain that the way could open up. (For the purpose of this

report, the titles, Brother and Sister will not be used, recognizing that we are all equal who have been purchased by the blood of Christ.) Peter Weber, a member of the Peoria church, had been encouraging Gene and Verna to go with him to Europe for several years. He was to make an extended trip in the summer of 1989, and began making inquiries as to possibilities of going together.

After a great deal of soul searching and prayers, we finally decided about the end of July that if tickets could be had at a reasonable cost, and visas could be obtained, we would plan to go. Such was the case. Pete had been in contact with Hans Heer, elder of the Scheppack church in West Germany, who is well acquainted with all the dear souls in East Germany (DDR). Hans wrote with a suggested trip itinerary, and Pete forwarded the letter to Gene.

The day we booked the tickets, Gene called Hans, whose question was, "What about Visas into DDR?" We had been told by visa companies who provide such papers that they could be had at the border. Hans said that was impossible. There was a flurry of activity and phone calls across the Atlantic, and Hans took the initiative of writing to East Berlin for the necessary permits. He said we had enough time to procure these papers, and so we proceeded. Gene wrote a letter to each of the members we intended to visit, asking them to pray sincerely that all would be well.

We left Chicago on September 5, clearing customs there, and flying to Detroit Metro Airport where we changed planes for the direct flight to Frankfurt, Germany. The international flight departed about 5:00 p.m., and took us over northeastern Canada, flying away from the sun. As we passed over the Maritime Provinces, we left the land of North America behind in the darkness.

At about 10:00 our time, we passed over the United Kingdom, seeing the light outlining Northern Ireland. As we crossed the English Channel, it was still dark, as it was when the continent came in view and we could see the lights of Belgium with France to the south.

Thoughts came to mind of the stories the cold and stormy waters

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**ON-GOING NEED FOR  
HOUSEPARENTS AT GATEWAY WOODS**

At Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home, we periodically have openings for couples to serve as houseparents for troubled children. Often when these openings occur, we maintain for extended periods understaffed as we wait and pray for couples to respond to the Spirit and to the needs of these kids. It is our hope that a list of qualified couples could be developed in order that these positions could be filled quickly with minimum disruption to children's lives.

Houseparenting is challenging, rewarding, spiritually stimulating, and reasonably compensated with salary and benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in the residential child care field, we encourage you to explore the possibilities further by contacting Bro. Tim Sauder at P. O. Box 151, Leo, IN 46765, (219) 627-2159 or 627-2606, or Elder Bro. David Bertsch (219) 627-2923.

**AN APPEAL FOR HELP TO MEMBERS IN EAST GERMANY**  
**Bro. Gene Lehman - Wolcott**

In the communist country of East Germany, there are four households of believers, which is the last remnant of our faith in that country. By the grace of God, brethren have been able to visit them in their homes, sharing many blessed hours in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

These dear souls, four sisters, an old minister in his nineties, and a dear man in his eighties, live for any communication they can find with believers. If there is anyone, young or old, who is able to write in the German language, we ask you to help in this work of aiding these precious souls to complete their journey in faith.

It is possible for letters to get in and out of East Germany with no problem whatsoever. We also send tapes of sermons or singing when we can find them. In corresponding, the content should be about families, and encouraging them in faith. This will cause them no problem, even if the authorities should open the letters. We always avoid any reference to political or governmental affairs.

Anyone who is able to help in writing such letters should contact any of the brethren listed below for additional information. You will experience blessings far beyond expectation if you will do this.

Phillip Webber, 212 Jackson St., Pella, IA 50219 (515/628-4271); Peter E. Weber, 522 W. Westwood Dr., Peoria, IL 61614 (309/682-8837); Gene Lehman, Route 2, Box 123, Remington, IN 47977 (219/261-3313).

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**NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE**  
**Bro. Andy Hunyady**  
**Columbus, OH**

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" . . . "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord . . . I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, . . . I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord . . ."

Psalm 116:12, etc.

Greetings Beloved!

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us sincerely thank God for his many benefits for there are many, remembering that there are countless millions of people all over the world, who would like to enjoy some of the good things that we take for granted, while they go hungry, without shelter and clothing, and most importantly, without the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation for their souls!

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:**

Last month, Bro. Leon Graf and I and several brethren met in Akron with Elder Bro. Jan Zibritovsky from Czechoslovakia. He was visiting his son in the Akron area. (In 1985, Bro. Vernon Leman, my brother, George, and I visited in their home, but we missed meeting him as he was gone out of town to conduct funeral services for an old sister. Later we met him in Budapest and carry on correspondence with him regularly.) This meeting was very useful for all of us as he brought us up to date with the church conditions as they appear in their country today. We are happy to hear that they enjoy more freedom to carry out the necessary church functions, which three or four years earlier would have been very risky. The Nazarene faith is not recognized and so, they can not own church property. Worship services are held in homes. The homes are in the name of families, who occupy the home, a larger room is added along with the necessary rooms, to accommodate the number of worshippers. Last year, such a home was purchased near the town of Bratislava, and currently another home is being purchased in another area. Funds have been provided by brethren from the various churches in the U.S. Services are attended by a number of younger people as well as children. Being the only elder in that country today, he is assisted by elder brethren from the neighboring West Germany and Hungary and he hopes that in the near future another brother can be appointed to the eldership.

It is estimated that there are about 120-150 members in Czechoslovakia today, some live as far as 100 kilometers away from the nearest church. In earlier years, brothers served 3

years in prison for not bearing arms, or 10 years, working in mines under contract. By an unpublicized government decision, the situation has been somewhat relaxed and now the brothers serve in a noncombatant assignment for two years instead of prison or mine work. Currently, however, there are still three brothers and one, "serious church attender" who are working in the mines until their 10 year contract expires, as these contracts cannot be annulled.

The government required the church to submit a statement of faith and the hymnal used in worship services. Ministers are free to hold funeral services openly. Several baptisms have taken place in the past year, an indication that there is a slow, but steady growth in contrast to a steady decline in membership during the restricted periods. We thank God and praise Him for the changes that are taking place today in the entire eastern region.

About the economic conditions in the country, we were told that the stores are well supplied with food and clothing, only a very few elderly are receiving supplemental assistance. Medical care, hospital services and medications are paid by the state, services are good. Workers on medical leave receive about 90% of their wages until they return to work.

All incoming mail is inspected and whenever a check or money is enclosed from abroad, the inspector places a "form" into the envelope with instructions that it should be presented at the bank, which in turn returns the form to the inspector to verify that the exchange was made in the bank and not in some other place, thus preventing black market speculations or illegal exchanges.

Bro. Zibritovsky apologized that as much as he would like to, but unable to visit our churches due to his time schedule, which is very short. He asked us to convey his heartfelt thanks and greetings in behalf of the believers in Czechoslovakia to all the churches in the states.

**HUNGARY**

In Budapest, Hungary, work on the new church has slowed down as the funds have been nearly depleted, due to rapidly rising prices of building materials in the past three years



and an unexpected payment for the one half of the parcel upon which the new building is being built. It was owned by the government, and it was promised to the brethren that they can own this land and title would be transferred to the church after the building has been erected. When the time came to transfer the title the brothers were informed that the cost of the land is one-and-half million (1500,000.00) forints which had to be paid, thus greatly reducing the balance on the construction account.

Members of the Heritage Tour visiting in Budapest last summer were deeply impressed with what they had seen and experienced, and upon their return home, were moved to put forth an effort to help raise additional funds to help the Hungarian brethren to finish the new building and also to save the old church which can be converted into a retirement center for the elderly at a later date. It is estimated that an additional 65-75 thousand dollars is needed to complete and furnish the new church. As the Lord blesses you and moves your heart to help out in this very worthy cause, please, send your voluntary contribution to Elder Brother Eugene Marti, Secretary-Treasurer, Apostolic Christian Mission Fund, P.O. Box 23356, Overland Park, KS. 66223-0356. This, as well as your most generous contributions in the past, will always be remembered and greatly appreciated by the brethren in Hungary. May God bless you for your love, your support and your prayers!

#### ROMANIA

We are somewhat relieved to hear reports that the food package distribution and deliveries in Romania is beginning to normalize after more than two years of uncertainty when some packages disappeared or delayed for months. Visiting brethren who just returned told us that a number of families received the parcels and several were notified that a parcel is at the station for pickup. We were told of the joy as the families opened the parcels and found some long dreamed-about items in them. I also received several letters from brethren expressing their thanks for being remembered "month-after-month and year-after-years". Here is

a letter from a young girl: "I am twelve years old, I was adopted by I.K. and his wife when I was very young. They were old but had no children. My mother and I cared for them while sick. They always shared their good things with us and the neighbors from the boxes they had received from you. Now they are both dead and I am living with my mother. We want to thank you and we thank the good God for everything. The Lord Jesus bless you with good health and eternal life in heaven. My name and address is: Klara E. K. etc..."

One elder brother writes: "I sent you several letters but I received no response and neither did I hear your voice (over the phone) lately. We do remember you in our daily prayers. Most of the families here are fairly well except Bro. O., who is 94 and had one leg amputated for poor circulation. Now he is much better, but cannot walk... A number of the area brethren received your packages and some have just been notified that another one is at the station for pickup. They asked me to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation, for it came when things were very hard to find here. We thank the good God for you and all the brethren in America for their love and concern for us. The parcels contained the following items: coffee 1 1/2 lbs., rice 2 lbs. sugar 2 lbs., lunch 1 12 oz. can, corned beef 1 12 oz. can, nonfat dry milk 1 4 lb. box, flour 10 lbs., yeast, soybean oil 1 gal., 25 pcs. of hard candy and a bag of multi-vitamins. The prescription medication you had ordered from W. Germany for M. is gone and more is needed urgently, I am enclosing the doctor's prescription."... "Money you sent us to buy food in the Dollar Shops for the needy, was most useful and it worked out real well. If you wish to continue, it is entirely up to you and the brethren. The families are very grateful, we could select some of the most needed food items that are not available elsewhere."

#### YUGOSLAVIA:

As we had reported to you earlier that the Yugoslav government had adopted a new law, whereby conscientious objectors, who refuse to bear arms while in the military, will no longer be committed to prison. Most of the young men were released but

at this time, we are not certain of how many are yet in prison. Those who have served for a period of several years, after being released, find it most difficult to restart in the civilian life do to severe economic conditions and mostly for having a "prison record", they face difficulties in finding good paying jobs etc... In order to provide some assistance, the World Relief Committee is providing some financial support to several of these young men, whose names are submitted after approval by the Yugoslav elders. Please, continue to remember these young men in your prayers, who for the name of Christ were willing to suffer.

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#### GATEWAY WOODS Apostolic Christian Children's Home Shay Nelson

Living in Fort Wayne and driving to Leo every day has given me the pleasure of watching nature change from one season to the next. One road is practically lined with trees which creates a canopy. At the end of this road, across a field, is a group of trees that has quickly become my favorite. I have seen these trees all green and waving in the wind seeming to enjoy the summer. Then, as summer came to an end, I watched as slowly and then all at once they burst into a riot of rich colors. Red, gold, orange, and yellow filled my vision. It was then, I noticed off to one side a small lone pine tree which seemed to almost apologize for being there because it was still green. The brighter the other trees became, the smaller and more insignificant and overlooked this pine became. Then many of the leaves started to fall, but the pine not being able to do that either still seemed over shadowed.

Then, overnight, we were hit with 3 to 8 inches of snow! That morning, as I looked at what I've started to think of "my" trees and even larger changes had occurred! The pine looked magnificent with the snow sprinkled all over its still green full branches while the others looked bare and cold with wet and droopy leaves.

That morning, it really struck me how much like that pine we, as Christians, can be. Many times we are surrounded by others and go unno-

ticed in "good weather" when everything seems right. Then changes come our way and we feel insignificant as the world around us becomes bright and glorious with its many colors and temptations. But if we remain steadfast and unmovable in Christ Jesus not trying to conform to the world, but to Him, He will be glorified and honored through us.

Just like that pine who having withstood its trial of the brilliant fall colors seemed to be wearing God's blessing in a beautiful white robe of glory. Isn't it wonderful to know that our Savior is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow? That unlike the wind which always changes, He'll always be the same.

Change, giving us many of life's challenges, has been ever present on campus this month. The biggest change has come from switching the East and West Houses. Bro. Jeff and Sis. Brenda Thames have started houseparenting in the co-ed home, now the West House. The all-girls house, staffed by Sisters Carol Kieser, Susan Getz and Liz Martin, is now the East House. May God give them all an extra blessing as they settle down into their new houses and form two new families. Sis. Maxine Sauder, who has served at the Home for over five years as Assistant Houseparent and Houseparent will be missed for her sweet consistency which has been such a blessing to many.

We also send our thanks to several Indianapolis couples who substituted in the houses on the weekend of October 6-8. Most of the staff enjoyed a refreshing and unifying camping trip that weekend from which many cherished memories will remain.

Recently, many of our staff attended the conference of IARCCA (Indiana Association of Child Caring Agencies). Sis. Judy Luginbuhl and Sis. Cindy Baurer presented concerning our TLP (Transitional Living Program). Also, our Administrator, Bro. Tim Sauder, was elected to the IARCCA Board of Directors.

We welcome back two girls who have been with us before. Wendy E. and Barbie S. are back in the all-girls house (EH). We enjoy seeing their smiling faces around again.

In the past month, presentations about the Home were given in Lexington, KY, and Bluffton, IN. If your

church would like to learn more about the Gateway Woods Program, please contact your Local Church Representative, or the Home at (219) 627-2159.

May God bless everyone with a wonderful Thanksgiving. We here at Gateway Woods have much to be thankful for and would love to express our heart-felt thanks to all of you for your prayers and support.

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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

With the first snow flurries of the season floating to the ground this morning, we are vividly reminded of the passing of one season and the beginning of a new one. Each of our lives too has its seasons, and we can be so grateful that God's grace is sufficient for the needs of each season.

Some special times have been a part of our fall activities. Several of the ladies from here were guests at a luncheon in Gridley. The Morton young group came for a singing. A visit was made to Wildlife Prairie Park. And autumn wouldn't seem official without the wiener roast in our picnic area.

As we near winter, we want to remember the December birthdays: Bryan Streid (8); Dianne Baltic (10); Lisa Menold (15); Delores Wieland (15); Nancy Wernli (17); Phil Fehr (18). At Oakwood, Doug Clauss will be celebrating his birthday December 23.

Sharilyn Rowell had open heart surgery and is recuperating at home. Bruce Steffen is happy to be back at ACHH after a brief hospital stay.

During the past months, ACHH Board of Directors and Staff have been challenged to provide appropriate residential services for some people, that we are committed to serve, who are too independent and capable to reside at ACHH or Oakwood. To meet the challenge, we plan to develop residential services in small settings (4-6 residents) which will be located in residential sections. This fall, we purchased a house in Morton which will be a home for four women to share. Three of them have jobs in the community and the other is employed at the workshop. They all shop, have friends, and go to church in Morton.

We will provide services and supports for them based upon their individual needs. Generally, assistance will be in the areas of money management, decision making, homemaking, transportation, etc.

Initially, 24-hour supervision will be provided but we propose to decrease the amount of supervision as the women transition to more independent living. The women are anxiously awaiting possession and the remodeling of the home. We will assist them with decorating and purchasing furniture for their individual rooms.

At the present time, the state of Illinois doesn't provide funding for people who need only minimal assistance. The women will pay based upon their income, but this will not cover the expenses. Part of the money which ACHH receives as general donations will be used to pay the balance of the expenses.

As we continue to branch out in our services to the handicapped, the need for your prayers is keenly felt. How great it is that God's willingness to hear our prayers never goes out of season!

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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL Julie Bauer

"Father, we thank thee for the night and for the pleasant morning light; for rest and food and loving care and all that makes the day so fair; help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good; in all we do, in all we say, to grow more loving every day. Amen."

Anyone who has spent time here at the preschool has become familiar with this prayer. It's one of the prayers we say every day. It's important that we teach these children about prayer -- that when we pray, we are talking to God, and He is listening, so He deserves our undivided attention. They need to know that He is worthy of our praise, and we need to thank Him for all the blessings He provides.

Recently, one little girl whose daddy had been in the hospital asked if we would pray for him, and so we took a little time from our lessons and said a special prayer for her daddy.

They all have such powerful faith that God can do anything! We want to teach them that God is interested in every detail of our lives and He takes care of all of us.

Our theme for October is Community Helpers, so we have been learning about different occupations. A policeman from the Athens Police Dept. came and spent some time with us and we all enjoyed his visit. We've also been busy learning our ABC's, numbers, colors, shapes, and many other things.

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### ALABAMA, ATHENS

**Pamela Moore**

As fall comes to Alabama, again it is such a beautiful season of the year. The weather is cooler, and the leaves begin changing into their new fall wardrobe. God paints such a beautiful landscape!

The last weekend in September, Athens church traveled to Bluffton, IN, for a weekend of fellowship. We enjoyed a sunny Saturday at the 4-H Park in Bluffton, and supper and a singing at the fellowship hall in the evening. Sunday, many of us were able to visit both Bluffton and Bluffton North churches, some for the first time. Sunday was a mixture of emotions, full of joy from a full weekend of fellowship, and sad to leave our new-found friends. We are so thankful to the Bluffton Young Group for organizing such a blessed weekend.

We appreciate Bro. John Reinhardt (Bluffton, IN) for traveling to Athens this same weekend, to minister to those staying home, enabling Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore to travel with us to Bluffton.

On Sunday, September 24, we elected Bro. J. R. Hall as our new trustee, to replace Bro. Harold Haggemaker, whose term had ended. Bro. Winifred Kelley and Bro. David Coulter serve as our other two trustees.

Four brothers spent October 12, 13 and 14 in Athens on a work project. Bro. Hank Collins (Akron, OH), Bros. Loren Ruefner and Craig Emch (Smithville, OH) and Myron Weber (Smithville, OH) completed a work project to repair the roof on Athens church building. We thank these brothers for the time and effort they gave to this project.

Those children having perfect attendance the last three months in Sunday school were recognized during church on October 15. They were Sam, Lance and Jacob Harris, Robby Howell, Jessica, Scott and Greg Link. Those having good attendance, missing only one Sunday, were Melissa, Buddy, Alvie, Melody and Anthony Lynn, Billy Link, Robert Harris and Veronica Howell. We pray that these children can continue to have perfect attendance in church as they grow older.

We sympathize with Bro. James Massey in the death of his sister in September. May the Lord be near and comfort him.

We continue to ask for prayers for the family of Bro. David and Barbara Coulter, as their daughter, Kendra, has again been hospitalized this month. We pray that the Lord will comfort and strengthen them.

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### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

**Ron and Ev Hoerr**

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Though we've enjoyed visitors every month and our winter residents are returning, there is a warm welcome to come visit the church in the "Valley of the Sun."

We extend sympathy to Bro. Harlan and Sis. Vivian Ramsier on the passing of his father. They went to Rittman, OH, for funeral services.

Also, our sympathy to Bro. Lee and Sis. Patsy Eslinger and girls on Grandpa Metzger's death.

The weekend of September 30 - October 2 was a great time of Christian fellowship when 70 of our church family gathered in Prescott. The center of attention was our heavenly Father which enhanced the fun and food. Bro. Greg Gramm had the church services.

A work weekend (9-21-25) in Juarez, Mexico, was well blessed with much work accomplished. Phoenix had a crew of the following brothers and sisters: Robert and Chris Baum, Todd and Scott Baum, Bob Lemons, Bob Farney, Randy Meyer, Jim Beres, Todd Roth, Earl Roth, Greg Gramm,

Dick and Marie Beery, Kim Huber, Herbie Knochel, Nate Knochel, John Kaufman, Joe Greenbank, Jay Le-man, Chris Frautschi, Connie Frautschi, Sarah Ricketts, Barb Ringger, Ed Frautschi, Jim Zollinger, Lynn Fisher.

Sis. Martha DeMille is hospitalized. Floran Klopfenstein is home, though the progress is slow. He and Mary Ella appreciate your prayers.

Bro. George Schuster is recovering from ear surgery. Jason Roth (Bro. Dan and Sis. Patty) had the misfortune to break a finger playing football.

The Phoenix congregation extends wishes for a happy holiday season to all. Our gift to you is His love.

Melvin and Bertha Miller were recently honored with a 50th wedding anniversary surprise celebration.

Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

To have a super day, include Christ.

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### ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Lisa Knapp**

We were very sad to say goodbye to Sis. Liz Martin as she moved to Leo, IN, to begin her work in the Children's Home. Sis. Liz has been with us for a few years now and we have grown to love and depend on her. She was a Sunday school teacher here but we will miss her in so many other ways. We are praying that she will continue to feel the Lord's guidance and presence as she begins a new period in her life. We look forward to her visits.

We recently held our Sunday school picnic and, as always, we had so much fun and received many blessings. We hope the children will remember the warmth and love of the church for years to come.

The conference tapes were played the past few Wednesday evenings. A lot of sound advice and timely warnings were given -- the love of elder brothers was so evident.

Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix) was with us recently for the day. It was a blessing to spend time with him and his wife, Sis. Barbara. We are grateful for their visits.

Bro. Jay Bertsch is in the hospital at this writing. We are praying for a

speedy recovery. May Bro. Jay feel the love of God and our prayers.

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**COLORADO, DENVER**

**Marlene Leman**

We were happy to have Karl Braun home from the army on leave for about ten days. He is stationed in Fort Hood, TX.

It is always amazing how the weather can change from beautiful summer days to a dreary winter day in such a short time. Yet we need to remember that our life can end in just as short a time as the summer changes. But how thankful we should be that the end of this life is but the beginning of life eternal for all who have availed themselves of the blood of Christ and have lived for God.

We have so many reasons to be thankful, including the fact that our government has set aside a day in which we are encouraged to consider all the things we are thankful for and to thank God for them. We can all come up with a great long list of the things we are thankful for but consider this: we should be thankful for the fact that God is to be found in the humble and the quiet things of this world and that we do not have to get all worked up at a pep rally or a ball game or seek Him with the thrill-seekers of this world or in the entertainments of this world. Are we in the places where God reigns or in the places where the world holds sway?

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**CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE**

**Martha Hany**

A blessed weekend of October 14 was ours when we had the privilege of hearing the testimonies of four precious souls who repented and were converted by the Lord during the past year. We, who have been converted for many years -- or even just a few -- could readily identify with their experiences; for example, when Ernie Buser, brother of Sis. Elsa Champ, repeatedly stated that it was impossible for him to put into words the joy he feels in his heart during his conversion as well as the thoughts and convictions expressed by Jennifer Kloter (Bro. Eric and Sis. Sharon), Scott and Luanne (Luginbuhl) Hills (Joyce Milliken and Bro. Robert Luginbuhl). Elder Bros. willing to give of

themselves in the Lord's work helping Elder Bro. Corbin were Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Art Nohl (Morris, MN) and we thank them for being with us.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

John 14:2

Listening to the tapes of the brotherhood conference, we were again lovingly reminded by our elder brethren of the seriousness and necessity in this latter time of having a "single-ness of purpose" based upon the Word of God if we hope to see those mansions.

Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR) took time out to visit us the week of October 2 and we thank him for allowing himself to be used by the Lord in proclaiming His plan of salvation.

We are thankful that Bro. Kevin Ryan's mother, Margaret, is home again and our prayer is that she can enjoy moderate health in the future, as well as those who may be under a doctor's care -- perhaps even for a short or long-term depression as our life experiences and natures are so uniquely different, both of which the Lord is aware even as He said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Matthew 10: 29-31).

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
WASHINGTON**

**Catherine Klopfenstein**

Visiting ministers in October were Elder Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka, IL), Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH) and Bro. Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL). There were additional visitors from Bluffton, IN.

Attendance has been smaller, in number, than average, but the blessings have been abundant. The opportunity to assemble twice monthly, the efforts of the visiting ministers, and the visits of the many other brethren and friends are truly appreciated. We assemble in a small hotel meeting

room, but we always feel the presence of the Lord's Spirit with us.

Services are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. eastern time, at the Westpark Hotel on Route 7, 1 mile west of I-495. For information or assistance, call Ralph or Catherine Klopfenstein, 703-979-3476. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE**  
**Terri Huber**

We are all excited to welcome the arrival of Stacy Lynn Troxel. Her parents, Bro. Brad and Sis. Dahlys, and big brothers, Brandon and Douglas, are delighted with the newest member of the family. May God provide Stacy's parents with grace and wisdom to nurture her body and soul in the coming years.

The Sunday school took a trip to Metro Zoo one Saturday in October. We had a good turnout, and though it was a very warm day, we cooled off by riding the monorail and being sprayed with water by the elephants!

We have been listening to the conference tapes on Wednesdays.

Bible study has resumed. We meet at the fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Our topic is the true gospel. We have discussed the presence of false doctrine in Biblical times as well as in our world today, and how we, as believers, can be wary of and recognize false teachings.

We are thankful for our visiting minister this month who was Elder Bro. Joe Braker.

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**FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS**  
**Kay Eisenmann**

Once again the world takes time to set aside a day of thanksgiving, just how thankful are we? Our country is not perfect but we are so much better off than other countries. "Thanks be to God" then let's ask ourselves, just what we, as one person, are doing to make this a better world? As our Saviour, Jesus, did make it all so different, by dying for us. He has made it possible to repent and gain heaven. May we all work to that end.

We are thankful to have Bro.

Ivan and Sis. Maxine Stoller home safe from their trip to Europe where they were able to visit with their exchange student they had in their home. We are sure they enjoyed seeing how she lives in her country.

We are also thankful that Bro. Vic and Sis. Dottie Beer and all their family were able to arrive home safely after their trip to Francesville, IN, for Sis. Dottie's mother, Sis. Katie Gutwein's, funeral. All but two of the 54 grandchildren were at their grandmother's funeral services. To have lived till 100+ years old, she was more than ready to go home to her loving Saviour. How do you feel about death? It is something we all must meet. Ask yourselves this question, "What if it comes today?" Oh, Lord, give us all more grace to be ready.

Dathan is having some problems at this writing, so please keep him in your prayers as we do all those who have a heavy cross to bear, be it physical or spiritual!

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Suellen Ott  
Kristine Price

Our small congregation has so much to be thankful for at the time of this writing. We are gracious to God for sending a precious baby boy to our friends, Doug and Donna Martin. May God give them wisdom to raise little Chad Douglas. The grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin and Joe and Doris Klingel, all of Sarasota.

As one life brings joy to our lives when it is born, so does the blending of two; that of man and wife. We wish God's richest blessings on the union of Jeff Bryant and Angela Perella, both of Atlanta, GA. Bro. Gordon and Sis. Marilyn Bryant (Sarasota, FL) and Frank and Rita Perella (Tampa, FL) are the parents.

We are happy to have Bro. Ben and Sis. Betty Rassi living in Sarasota now as they have moved here from Fort Myers. Bro. Ben is also home recovering from knee surgery at this time. We hope to soon see his smiling face back in church.

Sis. Juliana Kittl is also recovering from recent hip surgery. We wish her God's healing touch and pray He

will ever be near her and comfort her at this time.

With love and kindness, several of our brethren travelled to the Carolinas to the area hit by hurricane Hugo. They took clothing, food and money to assist those who had experienced loss. May we be every thankful for God's protection from the earthly storms in life as well as the spiritual storms that abound in the world.

God's Word has been so carefully delivered to us by our dear ministers as well as visiting Bros. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton, IN) and Will Scheiler (Milford, IN). May each of the ministers feel the love of God deep in their hearts as the seed of love they have sown in His behalf.

#### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Marcia Bauer - De Anderson

On September 13, 20 and 23, our congregation had the opportunity to hear the conference tapes. We were all reminded how we should put our trust in the Lord and not in material wealth.

When we realize how brief our time here on earth is, we realize what we do for our Lord while we are here is what is so important for eternity. We appreciate the teachings we received.

On October 1, the engagement of Sis. Joan Schrock to Bro. John Yoder was announced. Their parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri Schrock (Congerville) and Devon and Sis. Laveille Yoder (Gridley). We wish them God's blessings as they grow in love for each other and love for God.

Blessed is that marriage  
In which each receives the other  
As a gift from God  
To love and cherish.

Such shall know  
A deepening devotion and desire  
For each other  
And both will know God  
Daily a little better.

John M. Drescher

Our hospital patients this month are Sis. Ella Schlipf and Chris Huette. May God's healing hand be upon them during this time.

#### WHERE DID HE GO?

I'll only have this little boy but  
once.  
Sometime, a few years hence,  
You'll come to visit, and you'll ask,  
"Where did that little tousled-  
headed, brown-eyed infant go?"  
And I will say,  
"I do not really know,  
I only know that now a man,  
Tall, self-possessed, intelligent,  
Is here instead.  
But where that scamp'ring little  
fellow went,  
The one who threw my good shoes  
out the door  
And tossed his dinner plate upon  
the floor  
And tore the pages from my best  
loved book  
And haunted every corner, crevice,  
nook,  
I do not know, I cannot really say  
Just where he went, but here to  
stay  
Is this tall lad --  
Our little boy in larger garments  
clad."

Helen Good Brenneman

This poem came to mind the weekend of October 14 and 15, as our church had a large group of teenagers present. Our Bible class hosted students from Taylor, MO, Champaign and Gridley. The theme for the weekend was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Bro. Dennis Kaufmann spoke to them in the morning and Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley) in the afternoon. As parents, we realize when our children reach their teen years, how quickly the time has gone by and how important it is to encourage good, Christian friendships. We know that parents, teachers, and our ministers all have such a concern for their souls, and we pray that they will realize how important it is to serve Jesus and to have Him as their Best Friend. We thank Bro. Earl for sharing his afternoon with us.

We also want to thank Elder Bro. Dave Bertsch (Leo, IN) for sharing God's Word with us on a Wednesday evening.

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD****Karen Ringger**

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever."

I Chronicles 16

May we ever remember to thank our great God for the blessings He bestows unto us, not only during this Thanksgiving season, but every day throughout the year!

"Love of all gifts is the greatest..." Bro. Bill Endress and Sis. Renee Grimm (Taylor, MO) were joined in holy matrimony in Taylor September 24. Parents are Sis. Lois Endress and Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Grimm (Taylor, MO). We certainly welcome Sis. Renee into our Bradford congregation. On October 1, Bro. Mark Knobloch (Morris, MN) and Sis. Brenda Schmidgall (Morris, MN) were also united in holy matrimony in Morris. Their parents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy Knobloch and Bro. Richard and Sis. Corinne Schmidgall (Morris, MN) We wish both of these couples God's richest blessings in this important undertaking.

Our congregation extends its sympathy to Sis. Sharon Elsasser (Bro. Jordan) in the passing of her dear mother, Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont).

On October 2, Kalla Lynn was born to Bro. Alan and Sis. Mary Ann Knobloch. Little Kalla has a sister, Raquel, to welcome her home. Happy grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Ehnle and Bro. Ed and Sis. Francis Knobloch (Princeville).

Special thanks goes to Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington) for bringing God's Word to us October 15.

**ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN****LaRae Dill**

The last Saturday in September found a group from our congregation busy with church cleaning. Thanks to Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier for efficiently organizing this project, and to those who spent time cleaning.

Our annual wiener roast/hay rack ride was held October 8, a beautiful, chilly fall day. The Manger's family hosted us at their rural home where we could enjoy the woods and country

air. We all appreciate this opportunity for fellowship and reminiscing as families who previously attended the Champaign-Urbana church often come "home" for this event. This year we enjoyed the visits of the Virg Metzger, Loren Schrenk, Bill Blunier and Harold Fritz families.

Ministers visiting our congregation were Bros. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL), Ken Weerts (Cissna Park, IL), Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL), Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL), Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO) and Art Baurer (Princeville, IL). We thank these brothers for sharing God's Word with us.

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

I am not best at sewing problems, but one of those was what my daughter brought me the other day. She had folded the material over to make a casing for elastic; however, trying to get the elastic through on the one side nor could I get it through on the other. In desperation I tried the middle course (which I thought I had tried first) and it went through smoothly. I was abruptly reminded of my life when sometimes I try so hard (I think) to work something into a schedule, for example, first on one side and then on another. Indeed if it is wise, a middle course often opens us, and if it were not, I do pray that the Lord will always have sewn it shut.

We have been blessed by several visitors: Bros. Art Baurer (Princeville) and Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL), and Jack Bollier (Leo, IN). The Sunday school teachers, ministers and spouses were also privileged to hear Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) speak on the values of teaching at their annual meeting. We thank the Lord for you, brothers.

Always our greatest delight is when one turns to the Lord in repentance, and we are most uplifting by the public testimony to the church and baptism which follows. Our dear friend and now sister, Mancika (Margaret) Jankovich, gave us more. For years she yearned for the faith; now she has it, but she was so frail that her baptism was to be by sprinkling in her home. Nevertheless, her desire was to come to church for her testimony

and baptism. The Lord was good and gave her strength, as He has provided for her a loving family, son, Sandor; daughter-in-law, Rose; and grandson, Alex, who brought her in the afternoon of Sunday, October 8. Mancika exerted herself so much, by God's grace, to tell us of her love for the Lord, and we were privileged to observe her baptism as well. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of her life. Psalms 23:6.

Marriage in the Lord is often a second important step that the Lord allows His children. We rejoice with Bro. Phil Snare and Sis. Deonne Baurer of our congregation that the Lord has made clear to them that His way for each of them should be a path walked together. May He bless with submission to each other as He has first given them a unity of purpose.

Again, we welcome newcomers. Bro. Chad Wettstein (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Tyler Reimschisel (Bluffton, IN) are attending educational institutions in our area. Julie Johnson and Glen Anderson come from the Joliet area to worship with us. We hope we can be a support to each one, for we truly are enriched by each one who joins our church family.

Our prayers go to Bro. Frank Fisher who has been to Mayo's. May we be more and more mindful of each of our brethren, especially those who are older and in pain and ill health more than we are aware.

We send sympathy to so many on the death of their grandparents. Bros. Boyd and Virg Metzger have lost Grandpa Metzger (Lester, IA); Sis. Karen Beutel, Grandma Wagenbach (Tremont, IL) and Bro. Dan Gude-man, Grandma Gutwein (Francesville, IN).

A former student came to visit this afternoon. He spoke of serious actions he had committed, broken relationships, too. Finally, he told me, he decided to seek help. I agreed that such a decision seemed wise (and almost simple to me). But, I am reminded that the Lord often must look down on me in wonder, knowing of the power at His command, thinking, "Surely she will call on me now." May I remember that immediately seeking the Lord's help is the only admission of strength a child of God can have or ever need. All else is vanity and despair.

### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Karol Stock - Mary Knapp

A lifetime resident of Cissna Park has now made Fairview Haven at Fairbury her new home. We will miss Sis. Laura Bauer and wish her well as she makes the adjustment. Not only has she been in service to our heavenly Father, I can remember her cheerful disposition when she served our own little children for many years in the local grade school cafeteria.

Sunday evening, September 24, our local Bible class and their leaders traveled to Morton to attend ACYF.

This month our sick list has been active; hospital patients have been Bro. Lynn Young, treated for burns from a grill explosion, Bro. Elmer Kaeb lost two fingers in a farm accident and Bro. Ed Alt (medical). Bro. Elmer Bauer was confined to his home with pneumonia and Sis. Mary Knapp also confined at home following foot surgery. Being confined gives one ample time to meditate and reflect of how we could make better use of our time when we are out and about again.

We are thankful that Sis. Marie Kaufmann has improved that she could return to her home but is still recovering from an auto accident several weeks ago. Hopefully, she will too be able to be out among us. All the shut-ins need to hear from us and be remembered in prayer.

Deepest appreciation is extended to those who traveled to minister to our congregation this past month; Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Bros. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN), Bill Hodel (Roanoke) and Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka).

Expressions of sympathy are extended to the family of Louis Janssen, age 71. Survivors include his wife, Helen (Bauer) Janssen; his two sons, Darrel (Dallas, TX) and Dennis (Buckley); one daughter, Linda Walcher (Archdale, NC); five grandchildren; and one sister.

Also sympathy to Sis. Laura Hodel, Bro. Harry Young (both of Cissna Park) and Bro. Ray Young (Chicago) on the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Young (Dan, Watseka).

Much of the fall harvest was accomplished earlier during the warm sunny days of Indian Summer weather. We should be appreciative for such bountiful harvest and supplies. Even today the newspapers are

full of reports due to the strong earthquake in California telling of the damage and injuries where now their harvest will hopefully be human lives. Such happenings effect many families.

The family of David Kupferschmid wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for the love, sympathy and deeds of kindness shown to them during the time of his illness and death. May God richly bless you all.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalms 49:1

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Sandy Knapp - Deb Dietrich

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High."

Psalms 50:14

Believing the Author of love has directed their lives, Sis. Joan Schrock of Bloomington (Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri, Congerville) and Bro. John Yoder of Gridley (Devon and Sis. Laveille) have announced their engagement. May the Lord bless their lives together.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), and Bros. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke) and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest) for ministering God's Holy Word to us. May they be richly blessed for their labors of love.

Hospitalized this past month was Sis. Sarah Dietrich (Bro. William). May we always remember to thank God for good health and to pray for those who suffer bodily afflictions.

If you can't think of anything to be thankful for, you have a poor memory.

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Elizabeth Schambach Betty Bachtold

#### GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE

God's love is like an island  
In life's ocean vast and wide,  
A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the restless, rising tide . . .

God's love is like a fortress  
And we seek protection there  
When the waves of tribulation  
Seem to drown us in despair . . .

God's love is like a beacon  
Burning bright with Faith and  
Prayer

And through the changing scenes of  
life

We can find a Haven There!

Helen Steiner Rice

We welcome Sis. Sandra Darlington into the family of God. On September 23 we listened to her testimony of faith, how she sought the Lord in repentance and now desires God's Holy Spirit to be at home in her heart. Her parents are John and Ella Martin (Marengo, IL). Sis. Sandra, her husband, Jerry, and son, Joseph, live many miles away in Waco, TX; may our prayers ascend to our heavenly Father for each other's welfare. Bros. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX) and Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL) shared the Word and the joys of the occasion.

Barbara Haas, daughter of Edwin and Sis. Carolyn and Paul Leclerc were united in marriage September 30. He is the son of Maurice and Janice Leclerc (Chicago). Mary Kay Kinsinger (Bro. William and Sis. Sandra) and Roger Smithberg (Barbara and the late Donald, Elgin) were wed October 7. We wish these couples much happiness and God's blessings.

Bro. Wilmar and Sis. Esther Troike are thankful that their loved one, Bro. Victor Schieber (Morton) could be relieved and enter into that heavenly rest.

Sis. Shirley Schifferer (Bro. Glenn), as well as Bro. John Feucht and Neal Kellenberger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon) spent time in the hospital recently. We are always thankful when God restores health to both young and old.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Kathy Leman

We read in His Word that the angels rejoice over one sinner that comes in true repentance. We are thankful that Cherry Rocke (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bev) has turned her back to the world and is seeking the Lord. May she be given much grace to make a good beginning in Him.

Our hospital patients this month were Bros. Art Anliker (Sis. Carol) and Vernon Leman (Sis. Viola). We are thankful they are both home again and able to assemble with us. We remember Sis. Caroline Leman (Bro. Milton) who is confined to her home due to afflictions of the body. May He grant her His grace and comfort.

We are thankful for brothers who are willing to be used in His service and for coming to visit us. May the words be blessed that were spoken as they were given by His inspiration from His servants, Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) and Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR).

We have loved ones in our congregation that have had loved ones pass away. Our sympathy goes to Sis. Evelina Sinn in the passing of her sister, Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont). Also to Bros. Melvin and Willis Stoller in the passing of their brother, Floyd Stoller. May the Comforter be with them at this time.

Thank you:

We want to thank all our brothers and sisters-in-faith for the many cards that were sent to us, and for the many prayers which we have felt. May God bless each one of you.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Boni Blunier.

Found: A woman's long, black, winter coat was taken by mistake. Will exchange. Telephone (309) 467-2596.

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**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY**  
**Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr**

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

We praise God in everyday life as we live thankfully. Especially this time of year, our nation has set aside a special day for Thanksgiving. May we remember to be thankful for God's unlimited love and especially for that priceless gift, our salvation.

There is joy among the angels,  
 When a sinner heeds the call;  
 When he turns to Christ believing,  
 and from Him is love receiving,

Grace that saves us one and all.

Gospel Hymns #171  
 Edward A. Barnes

"And as many as receive Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God."

John 1:12

We rejoice with Dawn Meiss (Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane) who has begun repentance for her sins.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Jean Greiner and their family have moved to Bloomington. They will be missed by our Fairbury congregation, but may they ever feel God's nearness in the Bloomington-Normal congregation.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Merle Kaisner, Jason Kilgus, Sisters Helen Sohn and Colleen Walter. We are grateful that they are recovering and may the Lord be with each one. "The way of the cross leads home."

Lending themselves in the Master's service for our benefit were Bros. Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Walt Herrmann (Princeville). May God bless every minister that depends on His Spirit.

We were deeply humbled and wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers and kind expressions of love shown to me during my hospitalization and since returning home. May God richly bless each one.

Bro. Anthony and Sis. Lila Fehr

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**ILLINOIS, FORREST**  
**Sherri Kelson**  
**Sandra Schneider**

So now again Thou hast to us a blessing given.

Our handiwork is blest by Thy good Word from heaven.

Thou blessest food and drink our needs to satisfy.

Therefore, we give Thee thanks; our song shall rise on high.

Zion's Harp #13

We have so much to be thankful for at this Thanksgiving season. The Lord has blest the harvest and the crops are being gathered in. We are even more thankful for the souls that have repented and been gathered in in the past year, along with all the other many spiritual blessings the

Lord has blest us with. Let's keep this thankfulness in our hearts every day of the year.

We are glad that Sis. Mary Ann Plattner (Ed) and Steve Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy) are both experiencing a good recovery after having spent some time in the hospital.

In days of youth seek ye the Lord,  
 His love and truth with one accord,  
 Go offer Him thy youthful days  
 And walk within the Saviour's ways.

Zion's Harp #135

How wonderful that five dear souls could offer their lives to the Lord in the days of their youth! We experienced many blessings as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Sis. Sharon Adams' two daughters, Shawna and Jenni, Kendra Steffen (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Janice) and Roger and Sheila Steidinger. We really appreciate Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann and Art Bahler for coming to help our Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman in this work. How often our elders give of themselves to serve the church! We are also grateful for the ministers, Bros. Mike Thomas (Valparaiso, IN), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Bill Hodel (Roanoke) and Everett Hari (Bloomington) who came to share in this blessed weekend.

We want to ask God's blessings on Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin), Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) and Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) for visiting us and being willing to be used in the Lord's work. We need to remember the great responsibility our ministers carry and to always support them in prayer.

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**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD**  
**Trish Gerber**

Our congregation rejoices with our new brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord. We enjoyed listening to the testimonies and witnessing the baptisms of Brad and Karen Wiegand and Mark Farney and Beth Wiegand. May God ever be by their side as they live their lives for Him.

Many thanks are extended to our visiting ministers and their wives for sharing God's Word and blessed fellowship with us. Those brothers are Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Ed Fritz



(Washington, IL) and Elder Bros. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) and Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL).

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Lorene Kloter (Bro. Edmund) and Darren Friedinger (Duane and Vermeda). We pray for God's healing power and love.

Much sympathy is extended to Helen and Les Bauman and their family in the loss of Helen's dear mother. It's so comforting to know there is a loving God who can comfort and provide for us in times of sadness.

The Bible class students spent a very enjoyable weekend in Bluffton, IN. The Spirit of God was certainly present as we enjoyed our common faith with our brethren there. It is our hope that our precious children will form lasting friendships as we have, and learn to cherish these special times.

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### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry Klopfenstein

During the past month our church has rejoiced over the marriage plans of two young couples. On October 1, Bro. John Yoder was announced to Sis. Joan Schrock (Bloomington). His parents are Devon and Sis. Laveille Yoder. Sis. Joan's parents are Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri Schrock (Congerville). On the same day, Sis. Peggy Ringger was announced to marry Bro. Mike Stoller. She is the daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Dixie Ringger and his parents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Vyra Stoller, all of our local congregation.

Victoria Layne Stoller was born October 5, and is the daughter of Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Stoller. She has two brothers, Christopher, 3, and Joshua, 1. Grandparents are Sis. Lola Schlipf and Ruth Dunn (Gridley) and Arthur Stoller (Bloomington).

On September 24, Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Alphai Moser (Morris, MN) preached to our congregation. On October 8, Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN) and Bro. Ralph Garber (Morton) were our guest ministers.

Recently, it was necessary that I undergo minor surgery. This procedure, however, required general anesthesia. Even the most gallant

person feels anxiety at such a prospect, and I was no exception. At times like these we truly draw closer to God. The evening before the surgery, I attended a singing at our fellowship hall. My soul was in great need as I felt the heaviness of anxiety pressing down on me.

Yet, God knows our every need. The words of the opening hymn, "No, Not One," filled my heart and put my soul at rest. The chorus goes:

"Jesus know all about our struggles. He will guide till the day is done; There's not a friend like the lowly

Jesus,  
No, not one! No, not one!

Verse three was especially comforting:

"There's not an hour He is not near us,

No, not one! No, not one!  
No night is so dark, He is not near us,  
No, not one! No, not one!"

The hymn tune and the words stuck in my mind and lended me great comfort. ". . . and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24).

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### ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

In a congregation the size of ours, it is not unusual to experience both joy and sorrow in the same month. Romans 12:15 tells us to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that do weep." Through the Holy Spirit working in us, may we always be able to empathize with those around us.

We had occasion to rejoice with Bro. Lonnie Klein (Linda) and Sis. Julie Dunbar (Bro. David and Sis. Karen, Peoria) as their engagement was announced. We pray they will continue to draw closer to God and to each other as they await their forthcoming marriage.

Don, Liz, D.J. and Cassie Shepphard are rejoicing in their new son and brother, Adam Abraham, who was born September 19. His happy grandparents are Oscar and Edith Beckham (Morton) and Dennis and Jan Shepphard (Pekin). We wish God's rich blessing on Adam and his loving family.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Kathryn

(Strunk) Rassi recently celebrated a joyful 50th wedding anniversary. They were married October 6, 1939. Their friends and relatives were able to share in their joy at an open house hosted by their children Jane Waldbeser, Jan Blosser, Alan and Kenneth.

We also had occasion to weep this month as four dear ones were laid to rest. Yet we can rejoice that even in death there is victory for those who die in Christ. We are thankful the family of Victor Schieber, who died October 5, has this comfort. May God continue to uphold his wife, Sis. Lourine; his five sons, Robert, Donald, Alyn, Leon and Loren; his 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; his brothers, Carl and Harvey; and his sisters, Emma Schieber and Esther Troike. Sis. Nettie Birkey was called home October 10 at the age of 91. We thank God for the comfort His promises bring to her five daughters, Marian Waldbeser, Sis. Ruth Krantz, Sis. Louise Mae Kiefer, Sis. Judy Huber, Kay Gudeman; her sisters, Sis. Mary Grimm and Helen Heiser; and her 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Sophia Schmidgall was called into eternity October 10. May God comfort her two sisters, Emma Schmidgall and Marie Hoerr and her nieces and nephews. Martha Miller was also called into eternity and her funeral was held October 16. Our sympathy is extended to her brother, William Miller, and her nieces, nephews and friends.

We rejoice that there are always brothers who are willing to visit us and minister unto us. We thank the following brothers for making the effort to be with us. Bros. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Walt Herrmann (Princeton, IL), Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Ronald Allenbach (Kiowa, KS).

Bro. Christ Getz wishes to thank all the ministers, relatives and friends for the prayers, cards, gifts and kindnesses shown during his recovery from his tractor accident.

Sis. Lourine Schieber wishes to thank everyone for the loving support and gifts of food, money, cards, prayers and visits extended to them during her husband, Bro. Vic's, hospitalization and death. She assures us that the outpouring of love has brought great comfort.

**ILLINOIS, PEORIA**  
**Joe and Jackie Herman**

**FRIENDS**

I think that God will never send  
A gift so precious as a Friend,  
A Friend who always understands  
And fills each need as it demands.  
Whose loyalty will stand the test  
When skies are bright or overcast.  
Who sees the faults that merit  
blame,  
But keeps on loving just the same;  
Who does far more than creeds  
could do  
To make us good, to make us true.  
Earth's gifts a sweet enjoyment  
lend  
But only God can give a Friend.  
Dr. Rosalie Carter

Sis. Emma Staub (Bro. Edwin) was in the hospital this month, she would like to thank everyone for prayers, gifts and cards she received while in.

Three couples have announced their engagements this month. A November 19 wedding is being planned by Bro. David Sauder Jr. (Bro. Dave and Sis. Rita) and Sis. Rachel Meister (Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda). Bro. Tim Feucht (Bro. Walter) and Sis. Robyn Wieland (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Erma) are planning a December 10 wedding. Anticipating an April wedding is Bro. Lonnie Klein (Morton) and Sis. Julie Dunbar. Parents are Linda Klein (Peoria), Mike and Mary Klein (Chicago) and Bro. Dave and Sis. Karen. We wish these couples our prayers and congratulations as they plan for their second biggest step in life.

God has blessed a few homes with precious little bundles of joy. Aaron Michael Roecker was born August 11 to Bro. Tim and Sis. Diane. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Marie Hohulin and Bro. Ed and Sis. Barbara Roecker (Morton). Bro. Tom and Sis. Becky Hoerr welcome Tyler William, born June 26. Grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr and Bro. Walter Feucht. Also, Bro. Gary and Sis. Gina Kempf, along with son, Tyler, welcome Ryan William, born July 31. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Clara Kempf (Eureka) and Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger. We welcome all these new

little ones to our congregation.

Peoria was privileged to host the semi-annual combined men hymn sing August 26 - 27. Saturday brought nearly 150 brothers together to practice several hours and then record a tape. On Sunday the choir put on a hymn sing immediately following afternoon services. Many thanks to Bro. Bob Hoerr and all committees who oversaw this weekend. Also, special thanks to all the Peoria brothers and sisters who lent their help.

It was our privilege this month to welcome these visiting ministers to our congregation. We wish to thank Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso, IN), Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN), Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton North, IN), Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN), Bro. John Rowell (Burlington, IA), Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington) and Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville) for their labors of love.

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**ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE**  
**Marjean Lehman**

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."  
II Chronicles 7:14

We express our thanks to our visiting ministers this past month. They were Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS), Bro. Steve Martin (Eureka), Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Bro. Nate Stoller (Bradford). May God richly bless them.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."  
Proverbs 31:10-12

On September 17, we witnessed the wedding vows of Bro. John Grassi and Sis. Cheryl Wagenbach as they

were joined in holy matrimony. Parents are Salvatore and Mary Grassi (Jamestown, NY) and Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach. May God bless them as they walk life's pathway together.

On September 17, we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Deonne Baurer and Bro. Philip D. Snare (Chicago). Parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Joy Baurer and Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. Snare (Annapolis, MD).

On October 15, our congregation heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Mary Beth Gray and Bro. Brian Elsasser (Bro. John and Sis. Lil). May God's blessings be with these dear souls as they make their preparations to be united in the Lord.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Lil Elsasser (surgery) and Herb Schick. May God bless them with His healing blessings.

"For the hand that rocks the cradle,  
Is the hand that rules the world."  
W. R. Wallace

On September 12, little Grant Michael Herrmann was born to Sis. Dawn and Bro. Dean Herrmann. Grant is welcomed home by big sister, Kimberly, and big brother, Greg. Thankful grandparents are Sis. Jane and Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford) and Sis. Evie and Bro. Noah Herrmann. May God bless their family circle.

"What I have done is worthy of nothing but silence and forgetfulness; but what God hath done for me is worthy of everlasting and thankful memory."  
B. Hall

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**ILLINOIS, ROANOKE**  
**Sandy Leman - Patsy Kaeb**

Come, follow me, the Savior spake  
All in my way abiding!  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake;  
Obey may call and guiding!  
O bear my cross whate'er betide;  
Take my example for your guide.  
Zion's Harp #57

We welcome four dear souls into the church, Bro. Wally Knecht (Kay), Bro. Willis Hodel (Margaret), Sis. Sally Hodel (Bro. Willis and Margaret) and

Sis. Linda Blunier (Wayne and Sis. Marge). They gave their testimonies, and were baptized October 1. May God bless each of their lives as they continue to grow closer every day.

We were thankful to have several visiting ministers this month, Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park) who conducted our Bible study. Also Bro. Will Schieler (Milford, IN), Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR), Bro. Don Braker (Kansas City, MO) and Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria). We appreciate the time these brothers and their families have given to us in preaching God's Word.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Cheri Maher were blessed with a baby girl, Sara Danielle, August 24. Sara has three big brothers, Joshua, Cody and Zachery. Grandparents are Bro. Irvin and Sis. Alice Kempf and Charles and Dorothy Maher (Yates City, IL).

The engagement of Justine Martino (Mark and Ruth Ann) and Daniel Hodel (Roger and Elaine) was announced and we wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 30. May God bless them with many more years together.

Sis. Ella Belsley was hospitalized for a short time and has returned home for which we are thankful.

Sis. Minnie Hodel passed away September 25. We extend our sympathy to her children, Bro. Warren (Slim), Viola, Gladys Hartwig (Peoria) and Shirlee Baer (Morton); also her two sisters, Sis. Bena Steffen (Eureka) and Sis. Viola Gudeman. We know she will be missed by all.

#### Card of Thanks:

We wish to thank everyone who in any way helped us to commemorate our 50th wedding anniversary September 30. We appreciate all very much and may God richly bless you all.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker

I greatly appreciated everyone's prayers, cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you for your kindness.

Sis. Wilma Sauder

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Have A Great Day!

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT Marsha Koch - Carolyn Bolliger

We recently gathered on a Sunday evening to witness the impressive ceremony which made Bro. Charles Sauder on ordained deacon. Elder Bros. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Art Bahler (Fairbury) assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch in this work. We are thankful to Bro. Chuck for taking on these new duties and pray the Lord will richly bless him and his wife, Sis. Miriam, and their family.

We always appreciate all of our visiting ministers and would also wish to thank Bros. Don Manz (Junction, OH), John Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) for their efforts in bringing us God's Word.

Our congregation was saddened by the sudden death of our dear Sis. Louise Wagenbach. We will all miss her quiet and loving ways. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Bro. Simon, and their nineteen children who survive her. In Tremont she is survived by sons, Bro. Robert, Simon, Jr., Bro. Jim, Stephen, David and Bro. Ron; also daughters, Sis. Jeannette Beutel (Bro. Fred) and Sis. Kathleen Rocke (Bro. Nelson).

Our Bro. John Huette has been a recent hospital patient and has since moved and will make his home at Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. We are happy to report Bro. John is feeling much better and we are sure he would welcome visitors.

Bro. Ed Sauder (Sis. Julia) has also spent some time in the hospital and we are thankful he, too, is able to be home again.

As we approach another Thanksgiving season, we all need to slow down and count the many blessings the good Lord has given us.

Note: We have been asked to report that a short winter coat, size 16 (ladies or girls), royal blue with a blue and black scarf attached, has been left on a coat rack in our church basement since last spring. Please contact Sis. Kathy Post, P. O. Box 723, Tremont, if this coat belongs to you.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Carol Schick

We wish to thank the following

ministers for the extra effort they put forth in bringing us God's Word, Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke) and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka).

Our monthly Bible study was on the topic of controlling our tongues. We want to thank Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley) for the time he spent in preparing and sharing many thought-provoking ideas and scripture references. Sometimes it seems we have such a long way to go to be pleasing in God's eyes, but by the grace of God we can inch closer to perfection each day and, praise God, He is patient and forgiving as we learn.

Everyone who attended the monthly hymn sing October 15 enjoyed the company of our many visitors from the Roanoke congregation. We thank each one of them for coming and hope they feel free to visit us often without an invitation.

Our Bible class was invited to Bluffton, IN, for the weekend of October 14. May God bless everyone involved in helping our young people have an enjoyable and spiritual weekend.

Our dear Sis. Sue Ruppert has once again undergone surgery this past month. Many prayers have gone heavenward for Sis. Sue and her roommate, Sis. Denise Romersberger, who is so faithful in lending Sue support of every kind during her dark hours. We hope everyone will continue to keep Sis. Sue and Sis. Denise in their prayers.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Pearlina and Sis. Lydiann Wyss (Bro. Carl) in the loss of their father, Fred Metzger (Lester, IA).

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk ye in Him: . . . abounding therein with thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6, 7. November is the month Americans everywhere celebrate Thanksgiving. Most of us have an abundance of everything which is what we think of first when we begin to give thanks. But let us this year make a special effort to verbally give thanks for our trials and temptations in life. What a witness we can be to our children and friends if they hear that we thank God not only for the good but also for the painful things in life. We must not lose sight of the fact that the unpleasant things in life many times are used by God to teach us or

strengthen us for His honor and glory.

We have witnessed God's merciful hand in the life of Doug Fritz (Bro. Ed and Sis. Sally) as his life was spared in an accident recently. We are glad to see Doug is recuperating and is back at work. May he feel God's nearness not only in times of trouble, but in every aspect of his life.

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### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

**Jean Moser - Shari Feichter**

Thank ye the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord,

For He is gracious, His mercy it endureth evermore.

Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord!

My soul remember His goodness and His gifts bestowed on thee.

Hymns of Zion #245

Doesn't the autumn season give a person so many reasons to give thanks to the Lord? The harvest of crops is in full swing, the gardens have produced and food has been stored for the coming winter. Our homes feel so warm and inviting now that a cool nip is in the air. The Thanksgiving holiday is approaching quickly and we anticipate being with our families enjoying luscious meals prepared because of God's rich blessings to us.

Our church family was richly blessed on the weekend of September 31 - October 1 as the Athens, AL, choir spent time with us and shared with us in song. We were privileged also to have Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore and Bro. Tom Schrenk share the Holy Scriptures with us. Thank you brothers, sisters and friends from Athens for coming to be with us!

We also wish to thank Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) and Bro. Dennis Kaufman (Bloomington, IL) and their wives for being with us and for "feeding the flock." Bro. Tim Sauder (Leo, IN) gave our congregation an interesting presentation of the Children's Home on a Tuesday evening. Thank you, Bro. Tim.

Four families in our congregation were blessed with bundles from heaven this past month. Bro. Kim and Sis. Lisa Troxel, Tiffani and Ashley were excited about Dirk Michael's arrival September 21. Grandparents, Bro.

Bob and Sis. Evie Gerber and Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel (Fort Lauderdale, FL), rejoiced also. One day later, September 22, Trevor Clay Tonner made Bro. Dean and Sis. Julie first-time parents. Also enjoying Trevor are his grandparents, Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane Frauhiger (Bluffton North) and Bro. Gary and Sis. Diann Tonner. Bro. Rich and Sis. Wendy Runion rejoiced September 30, when their first child, Jenna Marie, made her entrance into this world. Happy grandparents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Rosie Kipfer and Ed and Betty Runion. Elizabeth, Jacob and Katie were excited to hear of a new little sister when Ellen Joanna was born October 7. Bro. Nick and Sis. Jeanette Ringger are Ellen's pleased parents. Little Ellen's grandparents are Bro. Gary and Rosetta Ringger and John and Roberta Eisaman.

We also wish to congratulate three sets of grandparents on the births of grandchildren born to their children who live away from Bluffton. Bro. Harry and Sis. Ada Gerber were happy to hear of Lydia Rae's arrival to Tim and Sheryl Gerber (Louisville, CO) October 7. On October 9, Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber received word that a new grandson, Philip Lee, had been born to Bro. Nathan and Sis. LeAnn Gerber (Minneapolis, MN). Bro. Dan and Sis. Tammy Neuenschwander (Indianapolis, IN) became parents of little Jacob Ryan October 17 making Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander grandparents again.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Gerber and family in the loss of Sis. Mary's mother, Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont, IL). We hope that you can feel our prayers.

Many from our congregation have spent time in the hospital this month. Our prayers have been with Sis. Marie Sprunger (Bro. Kent and Sis. Sheila) as she underwent surgery for a malignant tumor and still faces many treatments in the days ahead. Sis. Marjorie Ringger will soon be going home and we rejoice with her. Prayers have gone to the Father for Sis. Leona (Bro. Ralph) Schwartz, Sis. Sarah Schwartz, Sis. Sherry (Walt) Snodgrass, Sis. Lorena (Bro. Ramon) Steffen, Sis. Francis Kipfer, Sis. Twila (Bro. Terry) Longenberger, Sis. Brenda (Bro. Troy) Kipfer and a little

Trent Earney (premature infant of Bro. Todd and Sis. Teresa).

Our high school Sunday school students and teachers hosted a fall weekend for high school students of the Goodfield, Roanoke and Washington, IL, Sunday schools October 14 - 15. Everyone seemed to enjoy the planned activities and fellowship. The Indian Summer weather made it a perfect weekend. Thanks for visiting us!

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### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

**Lois Drayer  
Debbie Aeschliman**

Our congregation is rejoicing with the baptism of four souls. Our new brothers and sister-in-Christ are Bro. Ked Moser (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Pat Moser), Bro. Rob Honegger (Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary), Bro. Jason Craighead (Bro. Mike and Kay), and Sis. Kelly Manages. They were baptized September 23. We also rejoice with Rachel Honegger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy) who has begun her walk with Christ. We wish these five precious souls much joy and grace.

We warmly thank the visiting ministers who spent time with us this past month. Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) were with us for the baptisms.

On the weekend of September 30 and October 1, Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore and Bro. Tom Schrenk, along with 44 members of their Athens, AL, congregation came by bus to the Bluffton area. Their choir sang on Saturday evening at the fellowship hall, where we enjoyed a blessed evening of beautiful singing and fellowship. We thank them for coming and welcome them back.

Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane Frauhiger are grandparents of Trevor Clay, born September 22 to Bro. Dean and Sis. Julie Tonner (Bluffton). Bro. Dale and Sis. Beth Aeschliman are thrilled with their new little daughter, Emily Beth, born October 5. Emily has three big brothers, Benjamin, Joseph and Luke and paternal grandparents, Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman. We wish these families happiness with their new arrivals.

Loved ones who were hospitalized this past month are Bro. David Roberts

(Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. James Geisel  
(Sis. Dorothy).

**LET YOUR WISH  
BECOME A PRAYER**

There's no problem too big and no  
question too small,  
Just ask God in faith and He'll  
answer them all --  
Not always at once, so be patient  
and wait  
For "God never comes too soon or  
too late" --  
For no prayer's unanswered and no  
prayer unheard.

Helen Steiner Rice

We wish to extend our sympathy  
to Sis. Dulla Gilliom, Sis. Nora Gil-  
liom, Sis. Lucy Haab (Bro. Roy) and  
Sis. Violet Isch (Bro. Roger) in the  
loss of their brother, William Gilliom  
(Zella) who passed away at the age of  
85 October 20.

On October 14 and 15, our high  
school Sunday school hosted approxi-  
mately 95 students and teachers from  
Roanoke, Goodfield and Washington,  
IL. They arrived at 3:30 on Saturday  
afternoon and had many activities  
planned throughout the day. On  
Sunday they attended church with  
the Bluffton congregation and left for  
home after supper. We hope that those  
who participated made many new  
friends and lasting memories.

Our prayers go with Michelle Wall  
(Sis. Pat) who is living in Germany  
for one year to further her studies.

We extend a loving welcome to  
two families who have relocated in  
our area and are worshipping with  
us. Bro. Lynn and Sis. Valerie Kipfer  
and children, Arlo, Abby and Laura,  
have moved here from Illinois. Bro.  
Lynn has taken a job at the new  
Christian Care Retirement Center.  
Ron and Kathy Meyer, along with  
their daughters, Sarah and Rebecca,  
have moved here from Michigan. We  
hope these families will feel at home  
here.

Since Thanksgiving Day is ap-  
proaching, let us take a moment to be  
thankful for the pilgrims who landed  
on Plymouth Rock in 1620. Here are  
a few verses from Bro. Henry Beer's  
poem entitled, "The First Thanksgiv-  
ing Day."

Some say the first Thanksgiving day

The pilgrims did ordain  
Was when they offered thanks and  
praise  
For life and food and grain.

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

We wish everyone a blessed  
Thanksgiving Day.

**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE  
Jacki Huber**

Our time spent on earth flies by so  
quickly when we're busy and enjoy-  
ing life, however, when a loved one  
fails in health, days seem to drag by  
at times, and we find ourselves pray-  
ing that God will relieve them of their  
suffering and take them home to live  
forever in peace with Him, if it can be  
His will.

Such were the prayers of many for  
our dear Sis. Katie Gutwein who lived  
six months past her 100th birthday  
here on earth.

Sis. Katie was born April 5, 1889,  
and passed away October 4, 1989.

Our thoughts and prayers are with  
her remaining family members and  
friends, especially her three sons, Bro.  
Harvey Gutwein, Edwin Gutwein and  
Bro. Glen Gutwein; and six daugh-  
ters, Sisters Louise Heinold (Bro. Orie),  
Esther Gray (Bro. Joe), Fern Leman  
(Bro. Sid), Marcella Gudeman (Bro.  
Wendell), Suzanne Cook (Herb), all  
of Francesville, and Sis. Dorothy Beer  
(Bro. Victor, North Fort Myers, FL).

Visiting ministers this past month  
were Bros. Wayne Lehman (South  
Bend, IN), Victor Beer (North Fort  
Myers, FL) and Neil Widmer (Wolcott,  
IN). God's Word is alive and reaches  
us beautifully through His servants.  
We thank them!

On Sunday, October 15, Bro. Eli  
and Sis. Priscilla Anliker celebrated  
their 50th wedding anniversary. We  
rejoice with them and were thankful  
to have Elder Bros. Gene Marti  
(Lamar, MO), Walt Anliker (Eureka,  
IL) and retired Elder Bro. Sam An-  
liker (Lamont, KS) here for the occa-  
sion and to share God's Word with us.  
Our day was blessed by their pres-  
ence.

"And the peace of God which pas-  
seth all understanding shall keep your  
hearts and minds through Christ  
Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

Nothing is more precious than to  
fell God's peace in our hearts. We're  
happy for Helen Metz (Bro. Ben and  
Sis. Miriam) as she testifies of finding  
God's peace after seeking Him in  
repentance. We joyfully anticipate  
hearing her testimony in the near  
future.

Correction: In last month's news,  
the parents of Bro. Gene and Sis.  
Sherri Huber should have read, "Bro.  
Gene and Sis. Barb Huber of Franc-  
esville and Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda  
Beer of Milford, IN." Thank you!

**INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS  
Miriam Gudeman - Kathy Freed**

"O give thanks unto the Lord: for  
He is good: for His mercy endureth  
for ever."

Psalms 136:1

We want to wish everyone a blessed  
Thanksgiving! November is here, and  
with it starts the busy plans for the  
holidays. Planning the family gath-  
erings and preparing meals for this  
joyful occasion are a few of the things  
most on our minds. But no matter  
how busy we tend to get, we need to  
take the time to reflect upon the things  
God has done for us. There is so much  
to be thankful for and so little time in  
which to show our gratitude to the  
One who has given us so much. Don't  
wait -- do it now!

We are thankful for our visiting  
ministers this past month. They were  
Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington), Bro.  
Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL), Bro.  
Micheal Thomas (Valparaiso) and Bro.  
Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). We are espe-  
cially thankful for our Elder Bro.  
Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Elder  
Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville)  
and Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) for being  
with us October 1 as we prayerfully  
examined our hearts and sought God's  
will in the decision for a second min-  
ister. It is the Lord's will that we  
should wait yet again, and with hope  
in our hearts, we will continue to  
pray that the Lord will guide us in

this future decision as He has in the past.

Bro. Danny and Sis. Tammy Neuenschwander are thankful for their new baby boy, Jacob Ryan, who was born October 17. His two big brothers, Johnathon and Joseph, welcomed him into the family, as did his grandparents, Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander (Bluffton), and Curtis and Janelle Adams (Morristown, IN). We wish Bro. Danny and Sis. Tammy much joy with their new little blessing.

On October 15, we enjoyed a weekend of fun and fellowship with college students from all over Indiana. Thankfully, we had such beautiful weather, and a great turn-out. We appreciate all those who came and made it such a wonderful event.

A few couples from church went to the ACCH/Gateway Woods (Leo Children's Home) and substituted as temporary houseparents for a weekend this past month. It gave the present houseparents and assistant houseparents a chance to revive themselves mentally, physically and spiritually. This project, which began on a trial basis, ended up as a huge success, thanks to the Lord! There were a lot of blessings shared between the children and us. Friendships were made, and tears were shed as we said our goodbyes. We want to encourage other churches to send some willing couples who feel led by the Spirit to serve as temporary houseparents for a weekend. Not only will you receive a blessing from it, but you will have made a friend for life!

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**INDIANA, LACROSSE**  
**Mary Lynn Massner**

"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."  
II Corinthians 9:11

I recently read that a large majority of our young children in the United States have no idea why we celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving! It's the one holiday originating in our country that came about solely to thank God for the blessings He has given us. We have a large obligation to make sure our children learn about the Pilgrims and their struggles. Through

it all they kept their faith and continued praising the Lord, even though they struggled daily with very little food and the loss of many loved ones. Many of us tend to forget that the first Thanksgiving was not for a great harvest, but just for their freedom and survival. Maybe it was just that thankfulness for only the very basics in life that allowed the Lord to bless their efforts with a truly bountiful harvest the next year. Their second Thanksgiving was a great feast!

That more than a holiday set apart, Thanksgiving's the mark of a grateful heart.

Fred Bauer

Our congregation would like to express sympathy to our dear Sis. Martha Cadwalader for the loss of her brother, Bill Ringger. Our love and prayers are with her at this sad time.

Our Bro. Art Gudeman has recently been hospitalized, and we pray for his speedy recovery and the Lord's nearness.

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**INDIANA, LEO**  
**Doug Kellenberger**

"... by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

Could it be that God's response depends in part upon our appreciation for what He has done for us in the past? If that's the case, every time we pray is the time to give thanks.

One of the Sunday school teachers asked his student to give a report on her recent World Relief trip to Juarez, Mexico. The student replied, "Once I got there, I forgot that the people were poor because of how happy they were."

Happiness would be a pleasant way to overcome problems. Perhaps more gratefulness would help produce that happiness.

On October 8, our Sis. Anna Steiner was 100 years old. More than 80 of those years have been lived for the Lord. She has constantly testified that it has been the Lord who has worked, healed and blessed in her life. Her birthday was celebrated at

the church with visitors as far away as San Diego, CA, and South America. Being from Elgin, IL, we were happy to see the Elmer Getz family. Leon Schlatters were also present. They are home on a missionary furlough. Sis. Anna and her sisters are so faithful in intercessory prayer. We are glad to have them with us as long as the Lord wills.

On October 12, Brad and Ellen Gehring became the grateful parents of a healthy newborn baby. They named him Jacob Clark. We wish them love, patience and wisdom from God's grace.

Our hearts were sparked by the ministry of Bros. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis) and Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI). Their messages were personal and direct.

Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal, IL) also visited us for a weekend. On Saturday evening he spoke to us on the topic of God's two covenants. We want to thank him again for his time and effort spent to deliver this message.

I've often thought how these two covenants illustrate the two different ways in which we approach God. The old covenant demanded an exact performance on our part in order to earn God's acceptance. This approach to God produces either pride, perfectionism or inferiority in us, or a critical and judgmental attitude toward others. The new covenant which is the New Testament, is based upon guaranteed promises from God (II Peter 1:3-4), apart from our own performance. With this approach to God, we don't depend upon our efforts to earn the reward. We have to humble ourselves, believe, and let God perform His will in us. He will flow His peace, security, and Spirit through us if we will let Him. This approach is the only one that will get God's work done, because unless He does it, those that labor (even though in sincerity) will labor in vain.

Bro. Ron explained how these two covenants are depicted in the life of Abraham and Sarah. Their first son represented the old covenant. He was conceived by their own effort and therefore was not accepted by God. Their second son was the accepted one. He represented the new covenant. He was conceived as a result of God's promise. Abraham and Sarah

had to believe and then wait upon God to receive him.

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**INDIANA, MILFORD**

**Marguerite Hoerr  
Sue Schieler**

Our congregation welcomes Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch who have moved from Girard, OH. May God richly bless them for the labors of love they so willingly did all those years in Girard. We trust they will feel our love, and feel at home here.

Bro. Charlie Baumgartner met with misfortune in an accident at work lately, but is recuperating and able to assemble with us again. Sis. Mary Gerber fell and broke her hip and is in Goshen hospital at this time. We pray she will experience God's healing.

We thank Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso), Bro. Chris Huber and Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville), Bro. Glen Price (Sarasota, FL) and Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) for sharing the Word with us recently.

Bob and Sue Bowerman confess peace with God and man, and we look forward to hearing their testimonies in the near future.

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**INDIANA, REMINGTON**

**Beth Virkler**

Bro. Maurice Getz had surgery for an extensive injury he sustained in an accidental fall. Sis. Angie may also spend some time in the hospital.

Bro. Niles Bucher (Bluffton North, IN) exhorted us on practical, Biblical living September 24.

Most of us are familiar with the multitude of scriptural commandments concerning the importance of being thankful. We have read them many times and perhaps we even get a little troubled as to why we find ourselves not as thankful as we know God's Word instructs us to be. Following is a collection of thought concerning thanksgiving from various people down through the ages. Actually, they are Biblical thoughts simply paraphrased.

"If we can't be satisfied with what we receive, let's be thankful for what we have escaped." (Earl Wilson)

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day." (Robert C. Lintner)

"Attitudes sour in the life that is closed to thanksgiving. Soon selfish attitudes take over, closing life to better things. Thanksgiving puts power into living, because it opens the generators of the heart to respond gratefully, to receive joyfully, and to react creatively." (C. Neil Strait)

"The modern American seldom pauses to give thanks for the simple blessings of life. One reason is that we are used to having so much. We simply assume that we will have all the good things in life. Another reason is that it hurts our pride to be grateful. We do not want to admit that God is the Provider of all good things. We are simply His stewards. Being thankful requires humility and faith in God. When we have these, we can be grateful." (Richard B. Douglass)

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**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**

**Sue Beebe**

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Psalms 107:1, 2. At this time of Thanksgiving, our utmost thanks should be to our God who sent His Son to die for us and redeem us from our sins. The second part of thanksgiving is "giving." As God gave so much for us let us be willing to give of our lives and hearts in service for others, not just as Thanksgiving Day is celebrated, but every day.

On October 1, our junior/senior high students spent a day of fellowship with the students from LaCrosse. Following church services, an outing to Warren Dunes State Park, MI, was enjoyed.

October 14 was the wedding date for Dale Lehman (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Shirley) and Cathy Jones (Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, Jonestown, OH). We wish them much joy and many blessings in their new life together. Dale and Cathy reside in Indianapolis.

We are currently listening to the tapes from the brotherhood conference on Wednesday nights.

We thank our visiting ministers this past month. They were Elder Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) and Jesse Beer (Milford).

Our Harvest/Thanksgiving program was held October 22, followed by a church dinner and time of fellowship.

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**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**

**Beth Heinold - Anjie Heinold**

We rejoice as Sis. Summer Thomas became a part of the family of God. We were enlightened by her testimony of God's work in her life. Our assembly was filled with family and friends desiring to witness her baptism and the covenant she made with the Lord.

The brothers and sisters of our congregation were blessed with the exhortation of the memorandum, lovingly read by our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN). We were grateful for the edifying words of the conference report.

Once again we were reminded of Christ's suffering for our sins as we were able to partake of communion. We were inspired by the closeness we felt to the Lord in remembrance of the first communion Christ shared with the disciples. We want to thank Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) for assisting our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann in leading us in communion.

Also visiting our church this month was Bro. Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL). We thank him for sharing God's Word with us.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**

**Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp**

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thessalonians 5:18

As Thanksgiving time approaches, we have a special opportunity to count our many blessings. Let us try to have this spirit of thankfulness in our hearts each day. It is sometimes hard to be thankful for trials and tribulations but we know that these difficulties strengthen our spiritual lives and our faith in God.

We were truly thankful for a blessed weekend September 23 and 24 when we heard the testimonies of faith and witnessed the baptisms of six dear souls. With joy we welcome

Sis. Erica Furrer (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Shirley), Sis. Sheri Bahler (Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla), Bro. Dave and Sis. Merri Schieler (son and daughter-in-law of Sis. Marilyn) and Bro. Troy and Sis. Lisa Furrer (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Don and Sis. Rita). It is such a privilege to greet each one as a brother and sister-in-the-Lord. Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) assisted our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler in this work. Bro. Nile Bucher (Bluffton North, IN) and Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH) also shared this weekend with us. Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Mike Rinkenger (Congerville, IL) ministered to us October 15. We thank all these brothers for their love and willingness to lend themselves and we pray that God will bless each one in His service.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Heidi Bahler are thankful, first-time parents of Abigail Marie, October 7. Happy grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner (Bern, KS) and Bro. Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler. We rejoice with them!

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Virginia Oberlander in the death of her sister-in-law, Blanche Oberlander.

Our thoughts and prayers are with two dear sisters as they are hospitalized at this time. Sis. Emma Furrer suffered a heart attack and Sis. Linda Oberlander sustained injuries in a car accident. We wish them both a quick recovery and hope it won't be long until they can assemble with us.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

#### **Karen Schulz - Deyona Massner**

Bro. Curt and Sis. Jean Eberhardt are the happy parents of another son, Kent Loren. He is welcomed by his brother, Seth, and sister, Katie, and by grandparents, Bro. Jody and Sis. Ruby Eberhardt (Oakville) and Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Wuthrich (Pulaski).

Services were held September 26 for Ella Reeser who passed away after a lingering illness. We extend our sympathy to her son, Randy, as well as the rest of her family and loved ones.

Sis. Tillie Frank and Sis. Verna Woodward were hospitalized for a

short time this past month. We are thankful they have both recovered and are assembling with us again.

We were thankful to have Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) minister to us this past month.

Our congregation has been encouraged and strengthened as we have had the opportunity to listen to the tapes of the brotherhood conference. May it increase our faith and renew our first love.

### IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

"O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

Psalms 95:1-2

With Thanksgiving Day nearing, it seems we begin to think more on our many blessings which we, perhaps, take far too much for granted, as we enjoy them day after day. As we think on them now, may we remember the Giver and give Him all thanks and praise.

At the time of this writing, my father, Edwin Friden (Sis. Joy) is in the hospital scheduled for open heart surgery tomorrow. It is our prayer that the Healer of body and souls will be ever present.

Our thanks to Bro. Wayne Grimm (West Bend) for his visit and for ministering God's Word to us.

We need to cultivate the habit of being thrilled by the little benefits that each day brings. We should not need a spectacular event to stir our appreciation of our blessings.

Sunshine Magazine

### IOWA, GARDEN GROVE

#### **Dawn Moser**

How fallible humans are and how almighty and all-powerful God is! As I write this, daylight is coming over the Bay area in California. Time now to assess the damage and take count of those killed and injured in last night's devastating earthquake. Our prayers should be that they all will

acknowledge God and His power and might and not curse Him.

We welcome Mark Webber and Keith Massner to our congregation. Mark is back home after spending time in California and Keith has been recently employed in Des Moines. We look forward to worshipping and fellowshiping with them.

Our Sunday School has been busy. In September, they went to Fort Scott, KS, for the Kansas Youth Fellowship Weekend. In October, they were in Oakville, IA, and have plans yet to be in Pulaski, IA, at the end of the month. Our thanks to these churches for their time and love extended to our children.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Mike Leman (Denver, CO); Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL) and Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA). May God bless you for being willing instruments in His hands. Our thanks also to their families and the many visitors we have had. Each one adds so much to our gathering. We thank you for your efforts in coming and for your prayers.

At this writing, I believe I can say that Sis. Verle is regaining some strength. her radiation treatment are over, but she still has some chemotherapy treatments yet. Our prayers are still with her that she will rely on God's strength and endurance. As I wrote last time, she is a constant source of strength and comfort, especially in this new fight of hers.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY

#### **Janette Schulz**

Greetings to all! Grateful appreciation is extended to our many visitors this month, including Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) and ministering Bros. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) and Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO).

At our annual meeting, several responsibilities within the church were "reassigned." Our sincere thanks to those who have fulfilled their terms, as well as our prayerful support to those just beginning their duties.

It is so uplifting to hear or read of new converts across the land! In our praying for the new converts and for those still outside the fold, let us not forget to also pray for our brothers and sisters who might be struggling with their faith. After hearing of such



a soul, I was encouraged by the words of the following hymn:

**BELIEVE, AND KEEP ON BELIEVING**

I believed in God's wonderful mercy and grace,  
Believed in the smile of His reconciled face,  
Believed in His message of pardon and peace;  
I believed, and I keep on believing.

I believed in the work of my crucified Lord,  
Believed in redemption alone thro' His blood,  
Believed in my Savior by trusting His work;  
I believed, and I keep on believing.

I believed in the heart that was opened for me,  
Believed in the love flowing blessed and free,  
Believed that my sins were all nailed to the tree;  
I believed, and I keep on believing.

I believed in Himself, as the true Living One,  
Believed in His presence on high on the throne,  
Believed in His coming in glory full soon;  
I believed, and I keep on believing.

Believe! and the feeling may come or may go,  
Believe in the word that was written to show,  
That all who believe, their salvation may know;  
Believe, and keep right on believing.  
Gospel Hymns, #288

**IOWA,  
IOWA STATE UNIV.  
Angela Metzger**

A warm welcome is extended to all students, both new and returning, at Iowa State University, their families, and others who live in the area and attend service regularly.

During the 1989-90 school year, we will be meeting twice per month in September, October, February, and April, on the second and fourth Sundays. Because of university holidays, services will be held once per month

during the remainder of the school year on the following dates: November 12, December 10, January 28, March 25, and May 6. Our song service begins at 12:00 p.m. with the church service starting at 12:30 p.m.

We have been blessed by the presence of visiting ministers already this fall. In September, Bros. John Schmidgall (Oakville) and Dwayne Metzger (West Bend) brought forth the Gospel message. Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) ministered to us October 8. Our small congregation certainly appreciates the efforts of these ministers in supporting our services, as well as all the families and friends that regularly attend.

We welcome anyone interested to join us for our services. For more information, please contact Bro. Robert Fehr at (515) 292-6824.

**IOWA, LESTER  
Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch**

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

God has just recently plucked up two precious souls from among us. On her Christian birthday, September 21, Sis. Linda Moser (Jim) laid down her cross in exchange for a crown. Her love for Jesus Christ, along with a beautiful example of faith and obedience, has left a lasting imprint in our hearts. Linda's funeral was on September 24, which would have been her 43rd birthday. She is survived by her husband James; one son, Stuart; and her daughters, Amy and Mary. Also surviving are her father, Bro. Jacob, and stepmother, Sis. Donna Metzger; four brothers, Bro. Gene, Bro. Dale, Bro. Bill and Bro. Marvin, all of Rock Rapids; five sisters, Sis. Eleanor Popkes (Rock Rapids), Sis. Barbara Reutter (Bro. Alfred, Tolland, CT), Sis. Mary Metzger (Sioux Falls, SD), Sis. Margen (Bro. David Peasley, Rock Rapids) and Sis. Jane Klotzle (Bro. Wayne, Sardis, OH).

At the age of 104, our dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, brother and uncle, Fred Metzger, passed from this life

into eternity. What a comfort to know that his suffering is now over and a victory is won. Many, many precious memories will linger forever in the hearts of so many lives touched by "Grandpa Fred." Among many survivors are 12 children: Sis. Emma Meyer, and Bro. Ernst (Sis. Ella), both of Lester, Bro. Wilhelm (Sis. Julia, Oneida, KS), Bro. Jacob (Sis. Donna, Rock Rapids), Sis. Freida Mogler (Bro. Andy, Lester), Bro. Elmer (Sis. Mariann, Larchwood), Bro. Eli (Sis. Alice, Alvord), Sis. Karoline Wuthrich (Bro. Russell, Bloomfield), Bro. Frederick (Sis. Esty, Hills, MN), Sis. Lydiann Wyss (Bro. Carl) and Sis. Pearline Streitmatter (both of Washington, IL) and Bro. Roy (Sis. Evelyn, Bloomfield). Also surviving is one sister, Sis. Tillie Kellenberger (Sabetha, KS).

We have also recently shared the sorrow of our loved one, Sis. Lois (Bro. Jim) Metzger and Sis. Charlotte Metzger (Bro. Bill), whose mother, Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont, IL), passed away. May we continually remember in prayer all our loved ones who are mourning the great loss of those who have passed on to a "better land."

God has "planted" a precious life into a home. On September 26, Ross Philip was born to Bro. Rodney and Sis. Lois Mogler. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Edith Knobloch and paternal grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie Mogler. May God richly bless this family as they rear their new son.

We knew in our hearts that the angels in heaven rejoice over one lost sinner that repents. The weekend of September 16 and 17, we assembled together to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of two dear souls. We welcome Sis. Jeni Gerber (Bro. Bill and Sis. Erma) and Bro. Doug (Charlene) Leuthold (Bro. Art and Sis. Emily) as brethren in the body of Christ. Assisting Elder Bro. Leo with these important duties were Elder Bros. Wayne Fehr (West Bend), Art Nohl (Morris, MN) and Arthur Bahler (Fairbury, IL). The same weekend we witnessed the ordination service of Bro. Dennis Warner and we pray that God will grant him much grace and wisdom in his duty as Elder and may he always feel our prayers and support in this important undertaking.

Other ministering brethren who gave of themselves were Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR), Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN). May our ears never become dull of hearing the precious words of Life and may our hearts always be open and receptive to the beautiful gospel of Salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are now listening to the tapes during our mid-week services and are thankful for the admonitions, instruction and encouragement from our elder brothers.

Sis. Shelly Knobloch (Bro. Merle), Bro. Alfred Feucht and Lou Moser were hospitalized for surgery. May we remember them in prayer as they recover and return to good health once again.

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**IOWA, OAKVILLE**  
**Debbie Wagenbach**

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Ella Reeser. After suffering through many bodily afflictions, Ella was called from this life. May God comfort the hearts of her brothers and sisters who remain on this side of the grave.

"These things I command you, that ye love one another." John 15:17. We rejoice with our Sis. Janelle Metzger as her engagement to Bro. Von Ringger (Detroit, MI) was announced October 8. Sis. Janelle is the daughter of Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Metzger and Bro. Von is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn Ringger (Bluffton, IN). We wish them God's richest blessings and trust that they will always seek His will in their life together.

We were very thankful to have Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) in Oakville October 8. We could certainly feel the Lord's presence throughout the day.

Once again the waters have been troubled in Oakville and we have souls who are turning aside from sin and seeking out their salvation. We rejoice with them and pray that God will provide for their every need as they begin their journey toward Zion.

As I sit tonight typing the news, I just heard about the devastating earthquake in California. We just pray for those souls who are still without their salvation and hope that they will wake up before it is too late. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

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**IOWA, PULASKI**  
**Teresa Schock**  
**Ginny Wuthrich**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Karoline Wuthrich and Bro. Roy Metzger in the passing of their father, Fred Metzger (Lester, IA). Fred lived to be 104 years of age and had a good life. Many precious times were spent together and many these memories ease the sadness of his passing.

Surgical patient this month was Sis. Leah Schear. She is recovering at home now. Also, hospitalized was Lana Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn). May God provide for each one's needs.

We wish a special blessing on Brian Knapp (Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Jane) and Karla Licht as they plan their married life together. May they feel Thy guidance.

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**IOWA, WEST BEND**  
**Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber**

After experiencing a few weeks of improved health, our dear Sis. Clara Bruellman has again required hospitalization. We certainly feel she appreciates the prayers and concerns that have been expressed in her behalf.

Congratulations to Dean and Irene Banwart on the birth of Laura Beth September 21 to Terry and Deb Banwart. She also has a sister, Jenna. Grandchildren are a special blessing.

On October 8, Brooke Ann was welcomed into the family of Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Judy Metzger, Mandy, Bridget and Shelby. Grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger (Dallas, TX).

We offer best wishes to Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman on the engagement of their son, Shon, to Julie Besch (Dennis and Judy, Algona). May they look to God as they establish a home. Thanksgiving comes

but one day a year. Let us not forget to be thankful each day of our lives.

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**

Thanksgiving comes to us each year,  
Some pray, some feast, some rest,  
I fold my hands and bow my head  
And count the ways I'm blest.

Lucille Crumley

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Renee Baurer**

The fresh mountain air of the Kiosato area was refreshing to us as we gathered together for our fall fellowship meeting October 9 and 10. This was a special time of fellowship for us and we appreciated Bro. Akito Inoue speaking to us about holiness.

In the past months many prayers have been offered to God for the physical as well as spiritual welfare of Sis. Eiko Noyawa's father, Mitsuo. We, therefore, were saddened by his recent death, but also rejoice believing that someday we will meet him again in heaven. We plan to have a memorial service for him November 5, and pray that God will continue to bless Sis. Eiko and her family with His strength and peace.

We were happy to hear of Sis. Kathy Kieser and Bro. Mike Drestke's engagement. We appreciate the four years that Sis. Kathy spent with us and wish her and Bro. Mike God's blessings as He leads their life in new directions.

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**JAPAN, TOKYO**  
**Frank and Kathy Sauder**

Since her arrival in Japan at the end of the summer, Sis. Terri Gramm's monthly visits to the Tokyo church have been greatly appreciated. We warmly and thankfully welcome her as she has willingly followed God's leading to serve Him here. Her supportive, positive spirit will be an asset to the Lord's work.

The coming of fall has brought two meaningful annual events. As the green of summer begins to color and then die, we remembered the death of the Lord for our salvation in a communion service. We thank Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle for coming to assist in serving our congregation.

Several of us travelled to a moun-

tainous, wooded area to join the Shioda church for a fall fellowship meeting. The fresh mountain air and scenes of rice harvest were a welcome change. Our topic of "holiness" challenged and chastised us.

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Kathy Strahm**  
**Lori Baumgartner**

Our cups are full and running over as we rejoice with the many new converts in our congregation. We are thankful for each new soul who has answered our Lord's pleading call. Those recently repenting are Mike Strahm (Bro. Alphie and Sis. Mammie), Mike and Sue Rokey (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila) and Carol Renyer (Greg). We rejoice with Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth Hertzler as their son, Gary, and his wife, Ellen, of the Sabetha congregation are repenting. May each one strive to build upon that Solid Rock.

We appreciate the visiting ministers who have assembled with us and shared the Living Word of God: Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont, KS), Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) and Bro. Raymond Banwart (Fort Scott, KS).

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Leola Lehman (Bro. Ed) and family upon the loss of her brother, Andy Locher. Bro. Andy passed from this life October 10, 1989, at the age of 91. He was a resident of the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Sabetha.

We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Julia Metzger upon the loss of Wilhelm's father, Fred Metzger (Lester, IA). He passed from this life at the age of 104.

We apologize for failing to mention earlier that Bro. Fred and Sis. JoAnn Edelman and family have also experienced the loss of a loved one, Levi Edelman (Fairbury, IL). Bro. Fred was a son of Levi. May the Lord comfort as only He can.

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**KANSAS, FORT SCOTT**  
**Karen Sinn**

We have been listening to the conference tapes on Wednesday evenings. We thank the Elder Brothers for their love and concern for our souls.

Hospitalized for surgery this month were Sis. Gayle Robb (Steve) and Sis. Wanda Kraft (Bro. Harold). We are thankful they are able to worship with us again. We pray they will continue to gain health and strength.

Sis. Ella Banwart, who now resides in the Home at West Bend, came "home" to Ft. Scott to celebrate her 98 birthday. What a joy it must have been for her to have all her children worship with her in church on Sunday. Sis. Ella has long been a pillar in our church through her kind deeds and quiet example. May God bless her and her family.

As Thanksgiving time draws near, let us remember to be thankful each and every day. God has been so good to us.

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**KANSAS, GRIDLEY**  
**Vola Young - Judy Kraft**

We have had refreshing rains, followed by beautiful Indian Summer days. The fields are yielding bountiful harvest. The leaves are falling and the crisp autumn chill is upon us. Thanksgiving calls to remembrance that we indeed are blest and indebted to our Creator; today - tomorrow and always!

With mixed emotions we bid Sis. Leona Kraft a fond farewell at a potluck supper and singing. She will be missed in our small congregation, as she leaves her home in Gridley to take up residence at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

Loved ones who have required hospitalization are Bro. Sam Kraft, Sis. Matilda Beyer and Bro. Joseph Somerhalder.

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**KANSAS,**  
**KANSAS STATE UNIV.**

I once read of a woman who was seeking a better understanding of the Biblical analogy of trials and tests to the refining of gold. She visited the village goldsmith to ask him how he knew when the gold was pure. He replied, "When I can see my face in it." I'm encouraged by this to rejoice in trials, knowing that only through much purging will my heart ever be pure enough to reflect the face of the Master.

I apologize for neglecting to mention two of the new students in our

fellowship at K-State this fall. We are glad to have Becky Wysong (Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice, Sabetha) and Kamari Neal (Kiowa) here with us.

Our sincere thanks go to ministering Bros. Ben Wysong (Sabetha) and Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City) for bringing us that old story of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Bro. Randy echoed our feelings when he spoke of how Wednesdays were the highlights of his weeks during the years he spent in school here. We appreciate the efforts of all who have come to worship with us.

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**KANSAS, KIOWA**  
**Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr**

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

Psalms 95:2

What better time to count our blessings than in this season of Thanksgiving! When we are busy counting our blessings, we are less likely to focus on our trials.

Bro. Henry Hodel and Sis. Edna Reed were hospital patients this month. Both are feeling much better. Sis. Dorothy Brown has been having health problems for some time. She has now been diagnosed as having a serious illness and is being treated as an outpatient for her condition. Bro. Vern and Sis. Marie Schurter have been unable to attend services because of ill health. May the Lord grant His healing to all these loved ones.

Our service at the rest home this month was well attended. May God bless our rest home residents.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA**  
**Sharon Strahm - Beth Hartter**

Our Junior and Senior Bible Classes along with their teachers enjoyed a weekend in the Fort Scott Church September 16 and 17. "Thank-you" to all the kind hosts in the Fort Scott Church. May God bless you and all who gathered there to be further instructed of God's goodness and mercy.

We have again had loved ones in need of special medical attention. Included are Sis. Marie Kellenberger

who had a pacemaker inserted; Bro. Joe Steiner was once again hospitalized with heart problems; little Molly Edelman (Bro. Rod and Sis. Joleen) was a medical patient; and Sis. Marie Plattner has recently undergone tests. It's a comfort to know that God cares for and will provide for all those who love Him.

Sis. Esther Gimm wishes to express a thank you to all who remembered her with prayers, cards, and gifts of love while she was in the Peoria Hospital.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Esther Terry send their sincere thanks to all their relatives and dear friends for the many cards and gifts of love they received for their 50th anniversary. That "God will richly bless each of you" is their prayer. We congratulate Bro. Charles and Sis. Esther on this milestone that God has allowed them to reach; and we too wish them His goodness and continued nearness.

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." (Romans 6:17) We are so thankful, so humbled, and so uplifted to be able to report again of souls who are answering God's call. It truly is a miracle to witness how God can convert a heart from unrighteousness to one of diligence to serve Him. Marilyn Metzger (Bro. Doug and Sis. Betty), Shari Eisenbise (David), Gerry and Ellen Hertzler, and Tim and Margaret Eleman are our new converts. We thank God He is yet throwing out the life-line to danger fraught men; to those who might otherwise sink in the seas of sin.

Bros. Darrel Stoller and Harvey Grimm were our visiting ministers this month. We appreciated having these Bern brothers share words of truth and encouragement with us.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA

**Emma Miller**

We are thankful for God's work as the Great Physician. Bro. Harvey Farny was hospitalized for several days, recently. Bro. Phil Bowers has undergone some medical testing.

Sis. Gussie Wullleger spent several weeks with her son, Richard, and his family in Michigan. While there, she had the privilege to help welcome her new grandson, Robert Alexander, into the family.

We are thrilled to have Sis. Paula

and John Read worshipping with us in Wichita. Their children, Carrie and David, make a nice addition to Sunday School.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

I will love thee, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high power.

Psalm 18:1-2

Harvests are bountiful this year. With the blessing of rain and sunshine to make it so much better than last year. It is amazing to me as we change from season to season how a true wonder God's plan was when He made the Earth. How we depend on him to harvest our crops when they are plentiful and walk with us and grant us grace to make it through when they are not. So much the same in everyday life. We thank Him to walk even more closely when things are not.

This time of year reminds me of Chapter 3 in Ecclesiastes;

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:

We thank the good brother who visited our humble church in the country this month: Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI).

And add a special blessing on Bro. Elmer Schrenk that he may soon return to teaching our flock now that he is out of the hospital. For we reflect on this time of year as Thanksgiving and must also include our ministers and elders as they lead us each and every Sunday. Some who travel man miles to bless and fill us with God's precious words.

"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the Earth!"

Psalm 8:9

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Sue Gasser

As we see God's power mani-

fested on the coasts of our country, let us be reminded of how important it is to be totally submitted to our great God so that His power can be manifested in our lives also.

We appreciated the visit of ministering Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) and his family. God bless you for your willingness to be used.

We rejoice with Ken Martin (Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen) as he turns to the Lord in repentance. We're always so thankful when souls can turn around, leave the world behind, and follow where Christ leads.

We are happy to announce the engagement of our Bro. Von Ringger (Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn, Bluffton, IN) to Sis. Janelle Metzger (Taylor, MO). Janelle's parents are Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo (Oakville, IA). God be with you and bless you as you plan for your January 7 wedding day.

We want to thank all who put time and effort in to our Woodhaven Bazaar on October 14 and 15. We're thankful also for all who came. We appreciated your support and fellowship.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner recently spent time in South Carolina and Haiti. We're thankful for God's provision of safety and are reminded how blessed we are when he shares his experiences.

Our Detroit Choir spent the October 22 and 23 weekend in Roanoke, IL. Many thanks for your hospitality, love, and fellowship. We felt God's Spirit so strongly among us, unifying, encouraging, and lifting us up.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let's each make a list of things we're thankful for and share it daily with our Lord.

Bay City, MI, will host services at Apostolic Christian Woodhaven Tuesday evening, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Smithville, OH, will host services in Kitchener, Ontario, December 17. For directions or additional information, please call Bro. Walter Fortenbacher at (519) 699-4133.

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Strassheim

We've had a beautiful and colorful fall season to reflect on God's creation and to give thanks.

Bro. Rob and Sis. Kathryn

Schmidgall are thankful for their first child, Austin Robert, born October 5. Philip Lee is the name chosen by Bro. Nathan and Sis. LeAnn Gerber for their new son born October 9. He is welcomed home by his little sister, Sarah. May God direct these two families as they bring up their children in His love.

We were blessed with visiting ministers this month. Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop) and Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) both shared God's Word with us and we thank them.

The Sunday school children invited Winthrop Sunday school for a hayride and bonfire. It was fun for all the children and teachers and parents to be together.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Christa Sauder - Ruth Nohl

We were surprised, but happy, to hear another engagement announcement in our congregation this month. Sis. Shawn Nohl (Bro. David and Sis. Eileen) and Bro. Paul Schmidgall (Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda) have been led by God to each other. They are planning a November wedding. We wish them God's blessings as they make plans for their life together.

We enjoyed many visitors in our midst on the Sunday of October 1. Many came to witness the wedding vows of Sis. Brenda Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine) and Bro. Mark Knobloch (Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy, Bradford, IL) and to share in their joy. We wish them God's richest blessings in their married life.

We want to thank the ministering brethren who visited us this past month. They were Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA), Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL), Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN). May the Lord bless them for their ministering of the Word to us.

Those of us who have experienced the peace of the Lord are always happy to hear when a convert testifies to having found that precious peace. Mike Domnick (Bro. Gary and Sis. Velma) feels he has found that peace that passeth all understanding, and is waiting to give his testimony to the congregation.

We have one birth to report this

month. Gary and Claire Sauder (Columbus, OH) have welcomed a little daughter, Chelsea Marie, into their lives. Her brother, Erik, welcomes her too. Virgil and Mildred Sauder are Chelsea's grandparents.

Our prayers are with those who have been hospitalized this month. They were Janet Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen), Emil Schaefer and Bro. Jake Koehl (Sis. Mary). May the Lord provide strength and comfort when the physical strength of the body fails.

#### Note of Thanks:

Bro. Albert Joos wishes to express his thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, gifts and visits during his hospitalization and while convalescing at home. God bless you richly.

Bro. Albert Joos

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

##### Ella Mae Schmidt Georgia Messner

We were thankful to have Bro. Wes Moser and his family as a visiting minister.

The residents of the St. Peter State Hospital are grateful for the good donations of clothing, treats and household items. We want to thank each and every one.

Each day we should give, "Praise and thanks for God's blessings." Zion's Harp #13. We are especially reminded of this as Thanksgiving approaches.

Lord God we honor Thee  
And praise Thy mild compassion,  
That Thou so gracefully  
Dost hear our supplication!  
Thy love is truly great;  
Thy mercies are untold  
Thou givest food and drink  
For spirit, flesh and soul.

So now again Thou hast  
To us a blessing given  
Our handiwork is blest  
By Thy good word from heaven  
Thou blessest food and drink  
Our needs to satisfy.  
Therefore we give Thee thanks.  
Our song shall rise on high.

Thy living Word is sent  
Our souls to feed and nourish  
Thou wilt that in our hearts

Thy love and praise we cherish.  
Thou sheddest light and pow'r  
Upon our pilgrim way,  
And lead'st us by Thy hand  
To heaven day by day.

We sing our heartfelt thanks,  
Thy truth and love adoring.  
For guidance and for light  
Thy Spirit we're imploring.  
Our hearts we offer thee  
For life and every day,  
That with Thy grace we tread  
The straight and narrow way.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts while I was in the hospital and since I've returned home. May God bless each of you.

Sis. Joyce Messner

#### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

##### Carole Kellenberger

We were privileged to listen to the tapes of the annual brotherhood conference. Modern technology has brought fantastic changes and the ability to hear and see many things, but we must use caution. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." Hebrews 13:7, 8. May we all be diligent in reading God's Word, the basis for our faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hebrews 10:17.

Many, both young and old, gathered October 14 for a work day at church. The inside of our building received a thorough cleaning, and much was accomplished outside to improve the landscape. We sat down together for a delicious lunch, and all enjoyed the beautiful, unseasonably warm day working with one another.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Karen Kellenberger (Bro. Randy) in the loss of her dear grandfather, Bro. Fred Metzger (Lester, IA).

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

##### Carol Braker - Becky Marti

We are enjoying a variety of beautiful fall weather. Fall harvest is nearing completion. How very im-

portant it is that we each one make sure our souls are ready for harvest so that we will not need to say "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20.

Bro. Troy and Sis. Vanessa Luthi wish to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and all the love shown to them after Bro. Troy's accident. May God bless each one of you. We are thankful that Bro. Troy has now been able to return to work.

### MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

**Kathy Knapp**

We are thankful for the visiting ministers who came to share with us recently. They were Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka, IL), Frederick Knapp (Congerville, IL), Lawrence Luthi and Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO). May God bless them for their efforts in our behalf.

We appreciate having visitors and extend a warm welcome to all. Services are held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. at the Ben Franklin Motel.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Loida Hodel - Lori Marquart**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Psalms 33:12

### A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

"Faith of our Fathers" renew us again  
And make us a nation of  
God-fearing men  
Seeking Thy guidance, Thy love  
and Thy will,  
For we are but Pilgrims in need of  
Thee still --  
And, gathered together on  
Thanksgiving Day,  
May we lift up our hearts and our  
hands as we pray  
To thank You for blessings we so  
little merit  
And grant us Thy love and teach us  
to share it.

Helen Steiner Rice

September 24 was the wedding day for Sis. Renee Grimm (Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona) and Bro. Bill Endress

(Sis. Lois and the late Bro. Dan, Bradford, IL). Many relatives and friends gathered to share this happy occasion. Among them were Renee's grandpa, retired Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park, IL), Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), and ministering Bros. Nate Stoller, Marvin Leman, Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL), Walt Herrmann (Princeville, IL), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Tom Troxel and Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN) and Ron Joos (Pulaski, IA). We wish Renee and Bill God's blessings as they establish their Christian home in the Bradford area.

There is beauty all around,  
When there's love at home;  
There is joy in ev'ry sound,  
When there's love at home.  
Peace and plenty here abide,  
Smiling sweetly on ev'ry side,  
Time doth softly sweetly glide,  
When there's love at home.

Hymns of Zion #64, vs. 1

Congratulations to Sis. Janelle Metzger (Bro. Galene and Sis. Mary Jo, Oakville, IA) and Bro. Von Ringger (Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn, Bluffton, IN) whose engagement was announced October 5. Janelle has been working and living in Quincy and we feel like she is part of our church family. May God lead and direct this couple as they plan their wedding day.

Sis. Judy Huber (Vernon) was a medical patient this month and our sympathy also goes out to her and Vernon at the passing of Judy's mother, Sis. Nettie Burkey (Morton, IL).

### BEYOND LIFE'S GATEWAY

There's an open gate at the end of  
the road,  
Through which each must go along,  
And there is a light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own --  
Beyond the gate your loved one,  
Finds happiness and rest  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His saints."

Psalms 116:15

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### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

**Sally Dotterer**

We gratefully acknowledge the following visiting ministers and their wives who came to visit and share the Word with our small congregation: Bro. Earl and Sis. Susie Berry (Rittman, OH); Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen Farney (Croghan, NY) and Elder Bro. Andy and Sis. Roberta Stoller (Smithville, OH).

It is with mixed emotions that I write this column, as it is the last one I will be writing for the Union City church. I have accepted a position in Lafayette, Indiana, and will be relocating to that area around Thanksgiving time. I will miss Union City and most especially the fellowship of the many loved one here and of those who come to visit. It is difficult to leave the area as I see the numbers left worshipping here dwindling. However, it was recently pointed out to me that when the Lord says "Go", you go. Also, I trust that the Lord will provide for those who remain. I am just thankful that I had this experience and can take so many good memories with me. My prayers go out to those continuing to worship in the Union City area.

Also, we would like to remind any who may wish to attend church in Union City that services are currently held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Visitors are certainly welcome and appreciated.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN/NAUMBURG

**Alice Virkler**

We gathered together on three evenings to hear the tapes of the recent brotherhood conference. We are thankful to be privileged to listen to the kind words of advice and encouragement given to us by our beloved elder brothers. May we find the needed strength and grace to carry on each day as we have been so lovingly reminded again of our duties and obligations to our great God.

On Sunday, September 24, it was announced to our congregation that Bro. John Widrick was retiring from the ministry. We are deeply indebted to Bro. John for the many years of service he has given to God and to us. He began serving in the ministry in

January 1950. He celebrated his 92nd birthday September 7, and we are thankful that God granted him these many years to minister unto us. He will be missed on the pulpit and we have missed him in our assembly this fall as he has not been feeling well enough to assemble with us each Sunday. Our prayers are that God will restore him to a measure of good health and that he and Sis. Berdena will soon be able to assemble with us again.

As some leave God's service, we are thankful that God calls others to carry on His important work on earth. A blessed weekend was enjoyed by all October 7 and 8 when Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) and ministering Bros. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA) and Lee Bahler (Rockville, CT) were with us. A song service was held in the Naumburg church on Saturday evening. Sunday services were held in the Croghan church followed by the ordination service for Bro. Duane Farney to serve us as our ordained deacon. This service was carried out by the two visiting elders and Elder Bro. Robert Beyer. We pray that God will grant Bro. Duane and Sis. Karen the needed grace to carry out these important duties that have been laid upon them. May we all together be blessed and given guidance to live our lives according to God's direction. A meal was enjoyed by all and a song service was held in the evening. We thank the ministering brothers, their traveling companions, and the many others who traveled to share the weekend with us.

Sis. Polly Grau has returned to her home following surgery. Ethel Karcher is a hospital patient at this time. Our thoughts and prayers arise to God for those who cannot assemble with us each Sunday. May each one be blessed in their station of life.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we are filled with thankfulness for God's continued love for each of us. May we always remember to thank Him for the many blessings which He continues to shower upon us in this lifetime. He sent His Son to die for us that through Him we may find our salvation and be assured of eternal life. Are we worthy of His love and sacrifice for us? Let us show Him that we are by remaining close to

Him and loving and serving those around us each day.

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

“. . . and exalt the horn of his anointed." I Samuel 2:10. This is the first time the revelation of the anointed, or in Hebrew the Messiah, was given, and God gave the inspiration to a woman named Hannah, who is a wife of Elkanah. Hannah prayed for a son, and when God answered her prayer, she praised the Lord, and God gave her the revelation. Hannah named their son, Samuel, took him to Shiloh, and lent him to the Lord. Hannah gave her first born to the Lord, and then God blessed her with five more children. Samuel become a prophet, a priest and a judge. He anointed both Saul and David to become kings. Samuel started a school for prophets and most of the prophets came out of the school he started. One-fourth of the essence and character of Jesus is in the books of the prophets. We're thankful we have Hannah for an example of prayer, of praise, of receiving special revelation, of lending to the Lord, and then receiving five times more for herself, and many receiving the blessings through what she lent to the Lord.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Arliss Pamer were blessed with a baby girl, they named Rebecca Susan. Other children are Daniel, Beth and Matthew. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Gene Pamer and Bro. and Sis. Don Walder.

Harold and Sis. Esther (Barna) Fritz will be having a golden wedding anniversary, as they will have been married 50 years December 2. They were blessed with four children, Diana Stingley, Bruce, Mark and Dennis.

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**OHIO, COLUMBUS**  
**John Grimm**

On September 24, the Columbus church welcomed our university students. Fifteen students and their families (around 100 people total) attended our Sunday worship services and a picnic in a local park. We were especially blessed with Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) being here for the day. May God bless him for ministering God's Word for us.

Also, Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Bro. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton, IN) ministered God's Word to us. May the grace of our Lord be with them.

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**OHIO, JUNCTION**  
**Laurie Schlatter**

We thank ministering Bros. Ron Palitto (Akron), Merle Hartzler (Rittman) and Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), as they visited our congregation this past month.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter welcome home Anita Lynn. Her brothers and sisters are Warren, Charlene, Melissa, Kent, Gary and Beverly. Sis. Juliet Schlatter and Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold (LaCrosse, IN) are happy grandparents.

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

Proverbs 22:6

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**OHIO, LATTY**  
**Marlene Reinhard**  
**Rhonda Stoller**

Two families in our church have been blessed with a baby boy.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Deb Graf were blessed with Jason Alan. Jason will have a fun time playing with his big brother Ryan.

Bro. Todd and Sis. Janet Sinn are thankful for Calvin Lee. Bro. Todd, Sis. Janet and their little boy Thad welcomed Calvin with open arms.

We ask God to richly bless these parents with Godly wisdom to raise these precious souls.

Sis. Irene Stoller (Bro. Dave) came across this poem some time ago. With November the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, she thought it would be appropriate for all of us to read it and reflect upon its meaning.

**THANKS TO GOD**

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,  
Thanks for all thou dost provide,  
Thanks for times now but a memory,  
Thanks for Jesus by my side.  
Thanks for pleasant, balmy spring  
time,  
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,  
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,  
Thanks for peace within my soul.

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,  
 Thanks for what Thou dost deny,  
 Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
 Thanks for all Thou dost supply,  
 Thanks for pains, and thanks for pleasure,  
 Thanks for comfort in despair,  
 Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
 Thanks for love beyond compare,  
 Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
 Thanks for thorns their stems contain,  
 Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
 Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain,  
 Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
 Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,  
 Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
 Thanks for all eternity.

Author Unknown

OHIO, MANSFIELD  
 Linda Morrison

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord, he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Psalm 100

That is my favorite psalm and it seems so appropriate for Thanksgiving. The time of planting and reaping are over; winter is upon us . . . so it shall be for the souls of all mankind, the time of planting the seeds of God's love and truth will be over . . . are we doing our part?

On October 16, 1989, God gave Matt and Sherrie Washington a son, Jesse Jay. Thankful for a new grandson are Bro. Bernie and Sis. Bev Washington and Bob and Dorothy Lunsford. May they teach God's truths unto this new generation.

Hospitalized have been Sis. Carmean Gebhart, Sis. Mabel (Bro. Richard) Banks and Elmer Sauder. We are thankful they are again able

to come before God's presence with singing and again able to join us in his gates with thanksgiving.

Our prayers continue with Sis. Katie Bocka. We trust God's everlasting mercy will continue to encourage her and support her.

OHIO, RITTMAN  
 Diane Gasser - Lois Stoller

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock."

I Peter 5:2, 3

We are thankful Bro. Henry Dotterer is willingly accepting the tremendous responsibility of serving as our new elder. On October 15, Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH), Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH), Gene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) assisted with the duties of ordination. Certainly we all wish to support Bro. Henry; his wife, Sis. Martha; and his family as he performs the important duties of counselling and leading us.

After serving in the ministry nearly forty-two years and as an elder sixteen years, Bro. Joseph Ramsier is retiring from this work. We are grateful to him and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, for giving many hours to the church, more than we may realize. We wish God's blessings to both Bro. Henry and Bro. Joe as they accept these changes.

September 30 was the wedding day for Mike Miller (Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene) and Carol Christian (Bro. Ron and Sis. Joanne). May God continually direct them.

October 8 marked a change for Bro. Bob Hartzler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane, Smithville) and Sis. Lisa Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean) as they were married. We wish them happiness as they grow together in the Lord.

Those who have been ill and in the hospital recently were Sis. Beverly Moore (Randy), Reid Beery (Bro. Earl and Sis. Susie) and Paul Pope (Dan and Sis. Anita).

We wish to remember with sym-

pathy the family of Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier, who died October 1, at the age of 98 years. Her children are Bro. Harlan (Phoenix, AZ), Bro. Robert, Bro. James, Bro. Wallace (Mansfield, OH), Bro. Kenneth, Sis. Arlene, Gladys and Sis. Eleanor Ramsier, and Sis. Norma Saylor. May God bless those who willingly cared for Sis. Elizabeth during her last difficult years.

Marvin Gasser died October 8 and we extend condolences to his wife, Lois, and to his brothers and sisters: Mrs. Walter Marty, Sis. Mildred Christian, Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mrs. Charles Lane, Bill, Bro. Bob, Lloyd, Roy and Wayne Gasser.

Ministers who have visited and served us were Bros. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH), Ron Palitto (Akron, OH), Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Gene Fetter (Toledo, OH).

OHIO, SARDIS  
 Paula Figel

"We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear." (Hymns of Zion #156) We had many a sympathizing tear to shed since our last writing. Sis. Jane Metzger Klotzle (Bro. Wayne) received notice on two different occasions of the passing into eternity of next of kin. Sis. Jane's grandfather and sister, both of Lester, IA, are forever with the Lord. We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Mark Ramsier (Sis. Alice) who's grandmother (Sis. Lizzie Ramsier, Rittman, OH) passed away. Friend Clara Stalder and family were saddened by the death of Clara's brother-in-law, Bob LaCava, our friend and neighbor. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Jason Brake (3-year-old son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam) had been seriously ill. Jason was a patient in the Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. The doctors have diagnosed his condition of leukemia. At the time of this writing Jason is recuperating at home but has to go to the Children's Hospital in Columbus three times a week for treatment. We certainly wish the family much grace and would want to lend ourselves in whatever capacity we can. From our human viewpoint we often wonder why God allows



certain events to come to pass but we cannot see nor comprehend the total picture from God's eyes. We can only in faith trust Him and pray for grace.

Although it seems we had our share of sorrows recently, we have certainly been blessed with wonderful fellowship and good instruction in God's Holy Word. We had several visiting ministers who encouraged us to press on toward our heavenly goal. Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Doug Harman (Toledo, OH) were inspired by God to instruct us in His holy will. We certainly need and appreciate not only our visitors, but our own dear brothers who lend themselves to speak the Word unto us.

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18. It is easy to remember to be thankful at this time of the year as we approach our national Thanksgiving holiday. But how do we do the rest of the year? It occurs to me that before we can express gratitude for something, we need to do two things. We first of all need to recognize it as a blessing -- this many include many things we take for granted or things that seem more like misfortune at the time. Next, we have to acknowledge God as the source instead of taking the credit for ourselves. I for one need stronger spiritual "glasses" so that I can more clearly recognize my blessing and their source and thus have a more thankful heart.

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**OHIO, SMITHVILLE**  
**Stephanie Luginbuhl**  
**Kim Stoller**

"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Psalms 34:11

Children are a blessing from the Lord. Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Stoller welcome Craig Edward into their home. Sisters, Elizabeth and Holly, look forward to help take care of their new brother, Craig. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller and Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Bough (Rittman, OH).

This past month we were privileged to have Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo,

IN) minister unto us from the Word of God. May we ever heed the instructions that the Lord has for us.

October 8 was the wedding of Bro. Bob Hartzler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane) and Sis. Lisa Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean). May the Lord guide this couple as they learn to walk this path of life together.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Psalms 23

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Frances Laidig**  
**Josephine Rehklau**

Again, it is fall with all the beauty of color in the trees, even if it is almost dark, wherever there are trees with golden leaves there is still a special glow of light. Only God could cause this. It compares with the light which surrounds man and all things wherein the Lord dwells.

We welcome and thank all the college students that come to Toledo. Many blessings are added to our church because of their presence.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
**Jane Rocke - Brenda Knobloch**

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thessalonians 5:18

At this Thanksgiving season, may we be renewed with gratitude for God's will being done in our lives.

We thank Bro. Ed Knecht (Silverton) for ministering God's Word to us.

Our prayers are with Sis. Connie Steffen (Bro. Garth) who is recover-

ing from surgery. Hopefully she will be able to assemble with us soon.

We welcome Lori Virkler (Sis. Carol and Bro. Perry) to Oregon. She moved from Minneapolis, MN, and has found employment in Salem.

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**PENNSYLVANIA,**  
**PHILADELPHIA**  
**Franz Soni**

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

II Corinthians 5:17

Timothy Lanz (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn) has heard God's call to repent. We rejoice with him and wish him God's guidance and blessings as he starts his new life.

We said farewell to Sis. Dorleen Messner (Winthrop, MN) who returned to school. We enjoyed her fellowship this past summer. We welcome Sis. Jennifer Kellenberger (Morris, MN) who has found employment in this area. We also welcome Dana Trumbower who worshipped at our Chicago church while attending school there.

On September 10, we held our Sunday school picnic. It was a good day of fellowship. We are so fortunate to have brothers and sisters who give so willingly of themselves to teach our children. Our Sunday School class schedule has changed from mornings to afternoons. Since December 1987, our congregation has more than doubled and this change was needed. Our church has been blessed with growth.

We welcome all visitors. Services on Sunday begin at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

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**East and West Germany . . .**

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of the ocean and channel could tell of the life and death struggles of men and sea through the centuries. It was across these very waters that our fathers came to begin life in a new land, which resulted in our own opportunities at this time. In four hours of total comfort, we made a journey

which took many weeks and cost uncounted lives.

The sun was breaking in the eastern skies as we entered German air space, bringing the "Morgenrot" (morning red) which inspires poets and hymn writers. We could see the spires and buildings of Frankfurt am Main (Frankfurt on the Main River) below. We passed through customs with no problems whatsoever.

Working our way through this huge international airport, we came to the exit gate where we saw the familiar face of Pete and met Hans for the first time. The greeting was most loving, and a kinship between Gene and Hans began from the first embrace of love. He is 65 years old, recently retired from a large corporation. By this time, it was 7:00 a.m. in Frankfurt, and we had lost the night. Our first experience with jet lag began.

Pete checked some luggage into storage, and he and Verna reconfirmed our return tickets while Hans and Gene found Hans' Mercedes in the parking garage. We finally got all our stuff aboard, and drove to Adolzfurt where Hans and his loving wife Dinah (pronounced Deena) have a beautiful and comfortable home in the small village nestled in rolling hills. Dinah had lovely pastries and coffee waiting for us, and after this brief repast, Gene and Verna went to bed for a two hour nap while Hans and Pete went shopping for groceries to take to the folks in the DDR. The beds were most comfortable, and the covers were a feather tick which was light and warm. The American World Relief Committee had sent a check to Hans to aid the DDR members, and Hans converted this check into West German Marks, which can be used in the DDR. He proportioned the funds according to need, and an envelope was left at each home as we visited the people.

After our nap, Dinah had a most delicious lunch of veal, potatoes, salad, hard rolls, plus drinks and dessert. It is not customary to drink water, so wine, mineral water, juices, and beer are served at each meal, along with coffee.

In the afternoon, Hans showed us his 1400 grape vines on the beautiful hillsides around the village. The grapes of several varieties are used for making Reisling wine, processed in the area

of the vineyards. The scene was picture perfect, and the ripe grapes tasted very good.

We stopped in the small town of Oehringen, where we exchanged some dollars into Deutschmarks for our journey, and looked around the picturesque village. The narrow streets, paved with cobblestones, wind between shops and houses, very much as we had expected Germany to be.

After supper at Hans' home, we attended services at the Altersheim (Old Folks Home) at Neuhuetten, which were conducted by Minister Karl Christ. Gene spoke briefly in German at the close of the services, and extended greetings from America. We went to bed early that night.

After a wonderful breakfast of hard rolls, large dark soft pretzels, cold meats, jam, honey, and coffee, we set out for the East German border. We had the full confidence that many prayers had gone up on our behalf, but little did we think how vividly the power of the Almighty would be displayed in the week which lay ahead.

The trip to Hof, the border crossing, was mostly over an autobahn, and Hans kept the Mercedes rolling about 130-140 km/hr. This is approximately 85 miles per hour. Many cars passed us, as there is no speed limit in West Germany on the autobahns. The country was rolling, with here and there a castle on a hill. It was all clean, neatly groomed, and looked prosperous. We stopped at a place along the autobahn, fueled up, and bought some drinks to take along with us. Here we ate the sandwiches which Dinah so kindly had sent for our lunch.

Tension in the car could be felt as we approached the border, which is somewhat like the toll plazas around Chicago, but with much more security. A high fence separates the countries, with electric wires on top, and a bare strip of earth is kept open with no place to hide. Here we surrendered our passports and certificates to the Communist police, who were polite, but firm. We watched as they opened some car trunks ahead of us, wondering what our lot would be, although we had nothing to hide. Hans told us it would take from 1/2 to 2 hours to be cleared. We were motioned forward twice, expecting to be asked to get out of the car, and submit

to a search, but on the second forward move, an officer simply handed us our passports, stamped and ready. We had cleared the Communist border in less than 15 minutes without leaving our seats! There were no dry eyes when Hans told us that in 50 border crossings, he has experienced that only twice, the other time with Wendell Gudeman. With a beautiful voice, and perfect pitch, he led us in singing, "Nun danken alle Gott" (Now thank we all our God). The first of many demonstrations of God's power had come.

We noticed the difference in the country as we drove away from the border. Here and there were signs, "Strong Socialism Saves The Peace". The few cars we saw were small and older, with hardly ever one from America. (Actually, we saw very few American cars on the whole trip.) At fueling points, there were long lines, and the people seemed indifferent. There was an obvious lack of incentive.

We passed through the interesting medieval city of Zwickau, and on winding, narrow roads, finally reached the village of Lichtenstein where Markert's live in a 300 year old house. Here we found another demonstration of higher power. Arno Markert had been unable to walk the day before we got there, yet was able to be up and with us that day. Maria Braun, whom they had almost given up for dead last year, had come there with her daughter-in-law. Elisabeth Pamer had come with them, and we had a delicious meal of boiled beef, potatoes, red cabbage, with the usual drinks. Traudel had lovingly prepared this on a range fired by coal. The rooms were small, yet we all felt the comfort of being together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. After this good meal, we looked around the old house and its setting on top of a hill where one can see over the roofs of the houses of the town. It is really quite a picturesque scene, one which has changed little as the years wore on.

Shortly thereafter, we had our first worship service in the DDR. Generally, they all followed thus: Hans had a prayer in German invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, Gene read from the Word in German, and spoke in English, with Pete translat-

ing. Hans concluded with a few words, and Pete then had a prayer, after which we sang several songs. Hans speaks some English, Gene some German, and Verna speaks only English. The rest spoke only German. Yet we got by very nicely, and sincerely felt the presence of the Lord in our midst in fulfillment of the promise that when only two or three are gathered, He would be there. These precious souls hunger and long for spiritual nourishment to the extent that it moves one to tears. Pete, of course, is fluent in both languages.

Afterwards, Gene sat on the couch with dear old Maria, visiting with her, and she asked him, "Please pray for me that I can go home to the Lord. That is my heart's wish." Gene squeezed her shoulders, and placed a tender kiss on her wrinkled brow. He assured her the Lord is faithful, and would sustain her to the end. It was a touching experience, one of many. Maria was very tired, and they all left about 5:00, but not before a "snack" of pastry, coffee, and a surprise of ice cream, which Maria's daughter-in-law, Krystal, purchased for us from somewhere in the small town. It was all very tasty.

After they left, Traudel asked us to go with her to the grave of her mother, who had died a couple of years ago. The ancient cemetery is at the crest of the hill, with a view of the centuries-old town. Traudel visits the grave every day, and keeps it covered with flowers. In hopes of giving her some small comfort, Pete had a prayer beside the grave.

Together, Verna, Traudel, Pete, and Gene, strolled through the narrow winding streets of the quaint German village. Here, to Pete's utter astonishment, Traudel showed us the place where the house of the Schupert family once stood. One of their family served the Peoria Church as elder for many years. Going back to the cemetery the next morning, we found a grave with the Schupert family name on it, and that capped off another amazing experience for Peter. Incidentally, in Germany, after 20 years, a graves is re-used, and a payment must be made yearly during that period. Along the stone wall around the cemetery are a great many old stones that once marked graves. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust becomes

very vivid as one observes them.

In the evening, Traudel fixed a nice supper, after which we met some of Markert's other children, and were shown to our quarters for the night. Pete and Hans slept on the third floor, with Gene and Verna occupying Traudel's apartment on the second. There was no hot water or shower, but heating water on the stove, and standing by the kitchen sink in one's "altogether" allowed for a sponge bath that did bring comfort. The toilet was in the hallway staircase, a bit primitive by our standards, but one can always get by. Although it is not like home, Markert's ancient house is a place where one can find comfort and peace and rest. It was a good experience.

On Friday morning, after a good breakfast and another stroll around the town, we left for Klingenthal on the Czechoslovakian border to visit Elisabeth Pamer. Hans' Mercedes provoked a lot of interest as it was parked on the old cobblestones by Markert's. Lots of people who walked by stopped and looked it over. No such vehicles are available in the DDR, and it is a 15 year wait for such as your can get. That would take some getting used to for Americans, don't you think?

Arriving in Klingenthal about noon, we ate lunch in the "Sporthotel", in this village where winter skiing is a tradition. The amount of food served and its quality are simply amazing, and the price is quite cheap.

Before we had left Lichtenstein, it was necessary for us to exchange 25 West German Marks per person for every day spent in the DDR for East German Marks at the rate of one for one. It is said that on the street, one can get three DDR Marks for each Deutschmark, but we didn't try it. We also reported to the police where else we intended to travel in the DDR. The policeman was kind, and we rather enjoyed the experience, giving him a picture post card of Chicago, and a small flashlight. He seemed to appreciate it.

As we were finishing our meal in the restaurant, to our surprise, Seigfried Pamer, Elisabeth's son, came in to have a glass of beer, and recognizing Hans, came to us immediately. While he was drinking it, Verna and Gene gave some bubble gum to some

children eating there with their parents. Such treats cannot be had in the DDR, and it gave us a chance for some exchange of good will. We had a nice visit, and Verna showed the kids how to blow bubbles.

Seigfried took us up a high hill, a real challenge, at least for some of us, where we came to the border of Czechoslovakia. It is forbidden to cross it, even though at this point it is unguarded. The rebel spirit in the three Americans got the best of them, however, and while Hans and Seigfried walked ahead, Pete, Verna, and Gene stood by one of the signs forbidding entrance and took pictures on the forbidden ground. We meant no harm, and felt we would not invoke divine displeasure by this small indiscretion. Nothing happened to make us think we had, for blessings didn't stop after we did the forbidden deed.

Elisabeth has a nice apartment in one of the complexes which are so very common in the DDR. Although very basic and functional, the contain all the necessities, and one can live quite comfortably. They are very well kept, with many flower boxes on the balconies. They certainly don't have the freedoms we enjoy, but life does go on, and it can be a good life.

Elisabeth's daughter, Eva, was there, and served us an astounding amount of pastries with drinks to go along with it. It was delicious, and Seigfried, who is very thin, ate them like there would be no tomorrow. It make one think this variety is not served every day, which only makes sense, anyway. We give our guests the best here in America also. The tables are always decked with a lovely tablecloth, and the best settings they have are put forth. Elisabeth has lovely glassware, and the apartment is nicely decorated, all in all, much better than we expected.

Hans held a service in German for them, after the snack, exhorting both children to follow the Scriptural directives of caring for their mother. It was very tender and yet firm and kind, as the instructions of a wise father. It is easy to see that Hans, who is indeed a real Shepherd of the flock, is loved by all these people, and it is also easy to see why. When the Shepherd loves the flock, the flock naturally loves the Shepherd. Perhaps we could interject at this point

that we shared is having the meal-time prayers, mostly in German language, including those by Gene. Once in a while, Gene prayed in English. He knows his German is far from perfect, yet there seems to be no trouble in communicating.

Leaving the Pamers with a fond farewell, we traveled the 30 or so kilometers to Auerbach to visit Maria Braun. She also lives in a large apartment complex, with many buildings. We had a little difficulty in finding it, yet soon were there. Her quarters although ample, are quite small. She, too, has the necessary conveniences for life, such as plumbing, etc. One can be comfortable there.

Maria's son George, daughter-in-law Krystal, and granddaughter Anje were there with us. They had a nice supper prepared, and we had a good visit with them all. Gene had a prayer for them in the German language, and we came to the time when here too, we had to say, "Aufwiedersehen". None of us know whether we will meet again on earth, but we cherish the hope of a better home when the struggles of this short life have come to an end. It was another tender time when we felt God's nearness.

Also we should mention that Seigfried Pamer works for the post office, and he had some very beautiful DDR stamps that we purchased from him with Deutschmarks. Pete appreciated them, as we all did, and we mailed some postcards home to friends.

It was late when we got back to Lichtenstein to Markert's for the night, and we soon retired, for it had been a full Friday for everyone. Also we should note that each family we visited gave us gifts when we left. Verna came home with four table cloths, and a host of small treasures as memories.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, we had a brief service with Gene speaking and Pete translating, and then we left for the 5 hour trip to Goldberg to visit the Hartmann family. Speed limit is 100 km in the DDR, and is enforced by radar. An officer explained this to Hans on a former trip, and he took no chances this time. Besides that, 60 mph on those autobahns was fast enough anyway, for they aren't in the best of repair. One see cars with trouble along them frequently. They have places called

"Intershops", where one can purchase things with Deutschmarks or dollars that are not available generally in the DDR. No DDR currency can be used. We stopped at one and ate sandwiches Traudel had made for us, and purchased some drinks and candy plus bubble gum to be used later. It turned out to be rather valuable.

We had called home from Hans' before we left DDR, and told the family we would be out of touch for five days, which Gene dislikes very much. However, they said we could send a telegram out of the DDR, and it would get there the same day. It gave Gene great comfort to send the kids a telegram, to let them know how greatly prayers were being answered. He felt a lot better even knowing they knew that much. The telegram arrived five days after we got home, but the thought was nice, anyway. Somehow, nothing like that seems to work too well in the DDR. Even the typewriters in the banks date to before the war. We haven't seen one like that for years.

Northern Germany is flat, and very fertile. We saw fields of corn much like here at home. Many sugar beets are also grown, plus some rape-seed which we call canola.

We arrived at Hartmann's at about 4:00 p.m. with a warm and emotional greeting. They all love Hans, embracing him and us warmly. The home is very nice, and would be suitable for anyone, really. We would have no difficulty living in it with very few modifications. They own it themselves, and have a few acres of land to farm. (They being Andreas and Suzanne Wenzl, Hartmann's daughter's family). They have a lovely garden with fruit trees, plus some rabbits. They grow a lot of their own food.

Wenzl's daughter, Kirsten and her little boy, Sasha, were there from Berlin, so we had a full house. Also, Paul and Elke, another son and wife, were there to be with us. They served us another amazing assortment of pastries that Suzanne had made, far too much for one with a weight problem, and the fellowship was superb. They took us around the community, showing us many very interesting sights, including a large old monastery now being used as a home for handicapped persons. They showed us their growing crops, and Paul, and Elke's apartment, as well as the lake

and vacation camp that is near by. It was all quite interesting.

The supper table actually seemed to groan with the weight of veal, hamburger balls, rainbow trout, potatoes, dumplings, plus the usual drinks. Too much for a fat man! Fellowshiping together kept us up rather late, but we enjoyed it immensely. The children retired early, kissing each one before going to bed. Also, each night, at each place, all bid one another farewell with a kiss at night, as well as the good morning greetings. They were all very concerned for our comfort. It was touching.

Our beds were all very comfortable, with bathrooms with both tub and shower. Hot showers felt very good after two days of sponge bathing. Interestingly enough, the door to the bathroom had a very large panel of frosted glass in it, as did the bedroom doors. If the light was on in the bathroom, there was somewhat of a view from the hallway. Hans told Pete we're all made the same, anyway. As you will find out if you read further, an American in Europe finds he must sometimes compromise with his modesty in order for everything to function as needs must be. The quality of life at Hartmann's belies some of the stories we hear about East Germany.

A delicious German breakfast was served at 8:30 a.m., and once more we found out that the necessities of life are available and cheap in the DDR. It is things like coffee, candy, certain clothing, cars, etc., that are not considered necessary from day to day that come dear to these people. We must confess we were surprised with what we found at Hartmann's. It was testimony to the fact that when people are willing to work and apply themselves, life can have a quality to it. Andreas and Suzanne are both school teachers, Paul and Elke both have jobs. Each family has a car and Paul told us he has had his name in for a new Trabant for 14 years, and hopes that next year he can get a new one. His 6-year-old car is in such good shape that he thinks he can get almost as much for it as the 13,000 Marks the new one will cost.

We all gathered together in the living room, and had worship services on that beautiful Sunday morning. The order of services was as

described earlier in this report. Gene did tell them that in America the streets are not paved with gold, and we, too, must struggle for the things that we need in life. However, he reminded them that those things which endure are the unseen things, and that they are to be found only through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. We were not a large group, yet they had prayed for us in three churches in West Germany, and in many in America, and the Spirit of God moved in our midst. We could all feel it, in both languages, and one more time, in a continuing series of events, God was present in our midst. The presence of Hans, that man of God, by our side, gave the comfort of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

To those of you who read this report, we can only say that it is impossible to express on paper or with voice the feelings of heart at such a time. It goes far beyond what the world has to offer and give, and strengthens our faith that there is a God in Heaven who watches over all His children, no matter where they are, and hears and answers prayer.

After services, they served another of those incredible meals, and the love flowed from heart to heart, physically and spiritually.

When lunch was finally over, and all were full, we set out in two cars, Hans' and Paul's Trabant. Gene, Verna, Paul and Suzanne, went in the Trabant, and the rest in the Mercedes. We found out that even the smallest of the cars we have here at home are easier on the kidneys than those in DDR, but we traveled the 50 or so km to Schwerin in northern Germany without incident or problems.

In Schwerin there is a castle (Schloss) that has stood for hundreds of years, and was the home of royalty in early Germany. Here we saw splendor which perhaps might even rival that of Solomon's temple. We toured the rooms which were open to the public, and it was all very impressive as pertains to what man can do. However, Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 2, that he had all these things, yet came to the point where he hated life, for he had tried to satisfy the human flesh and had found it to be an impossible task. That's what we found in

the Castle at Schwerin.

As we left, we saw some Russian soldiers going to their garrison, and wanted to take their pictures. Some said, "NO," but Paul did take a picture with our camera. Then we parked the cars and saw a group of Russian soldiers who had given a band concert and were entering a bus to return to barracks. Pete said to Gene, "Let's go," and we went.

We asked a Russian officer if we could have their picture, and he spoke to those in the bus, at which point, the entire group got off the bus, and posed for our photos. When it was done, Gene shook hands with all who were near, told them we were Americans, and gave an officer all the bubble gum he had in his pocket. They gave us an address, and asked that we would send them a copy of the photo, and as the bus drove away, at the windows, the soldiers were waving to us. Love is the same in all languages.

We went up a television booster tower, which seems to be a pride in the DDR, in an elevator. An amusing incident happened, which is more meaningful to those who do understand a bit of German, but as we crowded into the elevator, and it strained to rise up to the seventh floor, as it shook and halted at the third level, Pete asked, "Muessen wir hier umsteigen?" (Do we have to change trains here?), the group burst out into laughter. The elevator operator didn't think it was funny, but Gene laughed for 10 minutes. It probably depends upon your perspective.

We then returned to Hartmann's, where we had another service in the evening following the same format as formerly. As we retired for the evening, we all felt that we had experienced a full day, both spiritually and physically. We were grateful to God.

On Monday morning, Paul, Elke and Suzanne took off work, and the three of them, with the four in our group, set off for East Berlin, the showplace of Communism.

The ride along the autobahn took us past a place where there was a pull off, and the pressures of the human body could be relieved. Here, we have rest stops with tiled washrooms, but in the DDR, they have bushes. That's right, just bushes, and you must walk carefully, for someone has been there before you were. As necessity com-

mands, modesty flees, and nature takes its course. Gene had a package of moist towelettes which he passed around, and all was well. We could proceed without pressure.

As we drove into Berlin, once more the presence of the Almighty was felt. The police waved us off to the side, but when they had examined our papers, they said we could proceed. At this point, there was a very large monument welcoming guests into East Berlin, the capitol of East Germany. There was a police car at the base of this monument, and Gene asked the policeman if he could take a picture of the monument. The officer said, yes, but not of the police car, and he said he would move the car. After taking the photo of the monument, Gene approached the policeman, told him in German that we were Americans on our first visit to Berlin, and thanked him for moving the car. He offered a piece of gum, which the officer at first refused, and then accepted. Later on we were pulled over once again, but allowed to go on without delay.

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#### TODAY I GIVE THANKS

So many blessings come my way,  
From morning 'til the close of day,  
Wherever I am, whatever the time,  
Appreciation floods my mind!

I count the good tidings I have in store  
There's so much to be thankful for!  
My heart's overwhelmed and I must  
raise  
My voice in gratitude and praise!

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#### Sermon . . .

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do not know what God has brought to your heart or what God has brought to mine and we need to let God continue to be the judge.

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3. Because if there is unity, there will be peace. Those two things go hand in hand.

If there is not harmony, then there can't be peace. If we have a difference with our brother or with our sister, something that we feel that we can't live with, then there is not peace between us. Perhaps, instead, there

is that grudge between us. Perhaps there is an unforgiving spirit within ourselves.

"There is one body, and one Spirit . . ." Ephesians 4:4, and that goes along with this whole idea of unity. There is one body. There is one Spirit. So it is important that we all keep our oneness of purpose . . . that we work together and that we don't pull apart . . . that we seek to edify one another and not to tear down.

" . . . even as ye are called in one hope of your calling," and he goes on elaborating, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God . . ." over and over again. Ephesians 4:4-6. It is not that we can each go our own separate way and for every man to do that which is right in his own eyes, because that is what they did in those days of Noah, did they not? Every man did that which was right in his own eyes, and God was not pleased. We know what happened . . . the flood came on the earth and almost everyone was destroyed.

We need to think about where we are today. Are we all doing that which is right in our own eyes? Or, are we endeavoring to be united to work together and to be one body, even as we read further on that every joint supplying that which is necessary. (See Ephesians 4:26).

We can work together because we all have been given distinct and unique abilities, talents and gifts that this body needed because that is why God has us here. He knew what this body needed. If we don't exercise that talent, if we don't exercise that gift, then we weaken the whole body and it is just like a chain reaction. It is so important that we not bury our talent because we know that if we do, if we bury our talent in the ground, God will take that talent and give it to somebody else.

What if that person isn't in this body? Then this whole body is going to suffer. So we truly are, in some respects, our brother's keeper because we are responsible to be strong where our brother is weak. That is how we all work together in the body.

There may be things in your life that are so easy for you to do, maybe things that are so easy for you to overcome and maybe I struggle with that every single day. Conversely, there might be things that I am real

strong in and you are weak in. That is how we work together and that is how we help one another. That is why this faith is so special and that is how God designed it.

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Ephesians 4:7. We have grace so we can accomplish these things that perhaps from time to time cause us to go up against our nature. We have inherited within us that evil nature that is inborn in us from the sin in the Garden of Eden.

Yet, grace is there so that we can go up against our nature so that we can even be pleasing in God's eyes.

He goes on to elaborate on that. This chapter just flows so well. He said that as far as these gifts, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Ephesians 4:11. Everybody has their own unique gift. There are some that are terrific in the Sunday School. There are some that do a wonderful job with church dinners. There are some that are so talented with visiting the sick. We all need to do that, but some just have that special gift. They can just go and make anybody feel better.

We ALL have been given something special and we need to look at our life and we need to be consciously aware of what it is that God has given us.

What is that little special thing in our life that we perhaps are able to do sometimes a little bit easier than other people? I wanted to say, maybe a little better. We know that it is easier for us to do some things than it is for other people. Then we need to exercise that every day. We need to find opportunities to use that because that is what God has given us.

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man . . ." Ephesians 4:12, 13. We know that we strive and strive for perfection and it is a never-ending process. We know that we will never attain unto perfection in this life, but we know that we can become more perfect every day. We can become more the way God wants us to be.

"That we henceforth be no more

children, tossed to and from, and carried about with every wind of doctrine . . ." Ephesians 4:14. Think about that . . . be no more children. We read in first Corinthians chapter thirteen that when we were a child, we thought as a child, we spoke as a child, we understood as a child, but when we became a man, we put away childish things. That is where all of us find ourselves today. We are in adulthood so we put away childish things.

We be steadfast and we be firm in what we believe, and we be not carried about with every wind of doctrine. There are so many doctrines in this world. As we say again and again, so many times false doctrines are easily discerned by the fact that those people that embrace them, do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as One with God.

But there are many other doctrines that perhaps don't deviate that far. Maybe there is just something that is a little bit different. If we run to that wind of doctrine, perhaps we should begin to lose a little bit of holiness. Perhaps we would begin to lose a little bit of grace and then it would be a downward spiral. So we need to be very, very careful.

We know why we are here. We are here because we know that we can work out our salvation here. We have that confidence or we would not have made the choice to come into this body. We consciously made that choice and now it is important that we not be carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, cunning craftiness because there are a lot of cunning people out there. (See Ephesians 4:14).

When you think about all the deception that is in the world, I know that it just makes you shudder as it makes me shudder when we think about certain religions where the people think that they are doing right. It is their leadership that is deceiving them. You really have to feel sorry for those people who are following those leaders because they really, in their heart, think they are doing right.

We need to pray for those people and not judge them. Let God be the Judge. But there are certain groups where you can tell it is different than what the Word of God teaches.

" . . . whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Ephesians 4:14. We certainly

like to think that people who are deceiving other people are doing it unknowingly, and woe to that person who lies in wait to deceive.

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Then going on to the whole body, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:15, 16.

Think about the strength that is found in unity! Look at what happened in this country when we had the Civil War, when the north was against the south. If at that time, there would have been another country that would have come in and attacked us, we would have probably not been successful in winning the war.

Think about it in a church then. If there is a church that is divided and if they are not working together, then there can be so much opportunity for a doctrine to come in that isn't right, or just for anything that can take away what we've got. What we have is precious and we need to work to keep it.

"... walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened..." Ephesians 4:17, 18. I'm not sure exactly what that means except that it could be that when we think we've got things so together, we need to take heed if we think we stand, lest we fall because satan is so strong.

No matter how well we know this Bible and how good we think we are walking, Satan can still come and entice us away. He knows where we are the weakest and so we need not be vain in our mind and think that we are a little too righteous for satan to come in and affect us.

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Ephesians 4:18. That is rally where it all is, isn't it? In our heart. What is our heart like? What is our heart like? What things do you think about every day? Are they holy things? Are they things that will edify one another and will cause other people

to see the joy of salvation that is in you and in me?

"Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Those are some pretty strong words there. But he goes on to say, "But ye have to so learned Christ." Ephesians 4:19, 20. We all know better.

These things that we are sharing together today, it is nothing new. It is just good reminders and we need these reminders from time to time and as often as we have the opportunity because we forget and because we are in the flesh and because satan is strong.

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man..." It goes along with when we were children. When we became adults, we put away things that are childish. It is the same thing, we put off the old man, "... which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Ephesians 4:22.

When we arise in the waters of baptism, truly we are a new creature. We have been given new energy... that grace that comes from God that gives us the ability to overcome sin... that ability to be victorious... and that ability to live a life that is pleasing unto God.

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:23, 24. We sing in the Hymns of Zion, "Take Time To Be Holy" and it is good instruction. We need to take time to be holy in this busy life. It seems like the world is moving faster than it ever has before. It moves fast because we are moving fast. That is where the pace comes from. It is more important than it ever was before that we take time to be holy.

Perhaps it is different for you than it is for me, but we know that works for each one of us... whether it is coming apart to a quiet place to meditate, to read the word, to sing hymns, to commune with God, or whatever it is. If we are in the car, turn off the radio for awhile and concentrate on God, because if we don't concentrate, then our minds will drift.

We need to take time to be holy. Speak often with our Lord. Spend

much time in secret with Jesus alone.

"Wherefore putting away lying..." Ephesians 4:25. I think that verse speaks so well to me. There are so many times when what I don't say or what I do say can be misleading. I think that is something that in my own life, I really have to work with. Really that is nothing more than a lie, and that is not pleasing unto God. We can deceive people so much by what we withhold from them, or to get a point across. We can justify it in our mind by saying, "Well, the end result will be good." But that is not pleasing unto God. So we need to put away lying.

"... speak every man truth with his neighbor... Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath in the family situation if there is disagreement or whatever comes up.

Every night before we go to bed, if we would ask for forgiveness, then we can sleep without that guilt on our minds. I know I was blessed to be raised that way. We were taught that growing up. Just from little kids on up, we always used to do that. If we fought when we were younger, we would have to go to one another and say that we were sorry. I couldn't sleep otherwise. That is just the way we were raised. It is the right way to raise your children because you can sleep in peace every night.

"Neither give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:27. Don't give him opportunity to work within your life or in my life. "Let him that stole steal no more..." Ephesians 4:28. In other words, if there is anything in your life that you are happy about and you know that God is not happy about it, put that behind you and go forward tomorrow and you can overcome that!

The victory is there in Christ Jesus and the grace is there!

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:29, 30.

Then that last verse, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32.

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## SERMON BY BRO. RANDALL GASSER OF DETROIT, MI

### "God's Eternal Purpose In Christ" Ephesians 4

The last verse of the chapter pretty well sums up the entire chapter, maybe even the whole New Testament, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32. There is a lot of instruction right there.

If we are kind and tenderhearted, we will love our neighbor. We will put our neighbor's good before our own, and our brother's good. We will seek for those things that edify other people and we will minimize that tendency to lift ourselves up and to, perhaps, have pride in our life.

It is so important that we forgive one another because we know that if we don't forgive our brother or our neighbor or whomever, God won't forgive us.

We have got to have a forgiving spirit. That is a prerequisite to having God's forgiveness.

So if we ever have any type of grudge or hard-feeling or perhaps we choose not to greet this brother or that sister because there is something between us, we need to take care of that because that is not pleasing to God. Perhaps grace could be a little withdrawn from us in that we have chosen to not follow in the way that we have been taught.

"... even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32 When we think about the forgiveness of God, that is that all-encompassing forgiveness that took care of ALL of our sins. That made us even an heir unto heaven, and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. It is a forgiveness that is far greater than any forgiveness we will ever be asked to provide for

anyone for anything. So it is certainly a little thing that God asks of us in exchange for what He gives us.

We are instructed to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Ephesians 4:1. We have been called with a higher calling unto salvation, unto the discipleship of Jesus Christ and we need to walk worthy of that.

How do we walk worthy? What do we need to do? What does God expect of us? There is a verse that says, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

God has expectations for us and we know that our righteousness is as filthy rags before God. (See Isaiah 64:6). So the minute that we think we have got things pretty well in check and we've got things pretty well in line, we have to know that scarcely the righteous will be saved. (See 1 Peter 4:18). So God has tremendous expectations for each one of us. He communicates that to us regularly through His Holy Spirit within us.

He goes on to explain or to elaborate, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering . . ." Ephesians 4:2. Think about that . . . longsuffering! How many times is there something that comes into your life or comes into my life that is difficult to deal with. Perhaps it is a tremendous trial or tremendous test. It could be a sustained illness or it can be maybe just a neighbor that is difficult to live with.

It can perhaps get "under our skin" and irritate us and we can become short and forget that we have been

called unto a higher standard of living. That is when longsuffering comes in. That is when we have to be willing perhaps to even suffer wrongfully. Perhaps even have our name degraded or defamed even if it is in the wrong . . . to take that and not be upset.

We read further on that we will perhaps be angry from time to time. Anger perhaps is inherent within each one of us, but we are to sin not. What is sin? "All unrighteousness is sin," 1 John 5:17. So if we are going to be angry, we had better stop and think about the fact that there is absolutely nothing that we can do negative to vent that anger because that will be sin, and we are instructed to sin not. (See Ephesians 4:26).

I think it is good insight on the part of Paul that he put in here that we will be angry because that does happen. (See Ephesians 4:26). We are sorry when it happens, but sometimes it does happen and that just shows the very real side of Paul that anger will come from time to time.

"... forbearing one another in love." Ephesians 4:2. Think about forbearance. I think that goes hand in hand with tolerance. Sometimes people don't always see things the way that we do. Perhaps some people are convicted a little differently than we are, and we need to forbear one another because the minute we let that become a wedge between us, then we lose unity. We know that if we are not united, then we won't stand. So I think that first and foremost, we need to have unity. If it takes tolerance, then so be it.

Because we are not to judge. We  
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