



"GIVE THANKS unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."  
Psalms 136:1

"Now therefore, our God, we THANK thee, and praise thy glorious name."  
1 Chronicles 29:13

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**WE THANK THEE LORD  
EVERY DAY  
IS  
THANKSGIVING  
DAY**

# MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

## NOTICE

**Apostolic Christian Publications**  
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The Apostolic Christian Publications has moved its Bookstore operations into a new home, a 30 x 100 brick building located at 805 West Cruger Street in Eureka, just west of the Eureka Church. The building itself was completed this past summer, and the paved parking lot and landscaping recently finished.

This project could not have been accomplished without the blessings of Almighty God, and the support, prayers and voluntary efforts of so many brethren and friends. We want to offer a very sincere "Thank You" to everyone who contributed in any way. May God be your rich Rewarder.

The Apostolic Christian Publications has been in existence since 1968. Its mission is to develop, print, publish and distribute religious material and publications relating to their purposes and functions of the Apostolic Christian Church. Some of the items sold through the Bookstore are Bibles, Hymn books, Froehlich's translated writings and Sunday school and Vacation Bible School materials developed by this organization.

We extend to one and all a most cordial invitation to stop in and see our new facility, or telephone (309) 467-3611. The Bookstore is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

## NOW IS THE TIME HOUSEPARENT COUPLE NEEDED

For the past several months, we have had a general notice about the need for Houseparents that comes up from time to time. Now is that time.

Bro. John and Sis. Patsy Stoller, who have served so faithfully for the past 2½ years, will be leaving soon. We are trusting that a mature couple will respond to the Lord's leading to be parents to a household of teens who need Godly love and guidance.

Please contact of the brothers listed below to learn more about qualifications, training, competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

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**"YOUR INNER SELF"**  
Elder Bro. Willis Ehnlé  
Shioda, Japan

"Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." These are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in Luke 17:21. What did He mean when He made this statement?

The Pharisees had just asked him when the kingdom of God should come, thinking it was something that they could see and observe. His answer indicated that there is within the heart or soul of a human being, room for a kingdom, God's kingdom. Every kingdom should have a ruler and it stands to reason that God should be ruler of His own kingdom. This kingdom within you I call "Your Inner Self."

If God is permitted to rule in our inner selves, we tend to be willing to give up anything that might be displeasing to God and we tend to be willing to do anything that might please God. We speak lovingly and respectfully to others and about others but we do warn against sin on the basis of God's Word.

It is great not to have to pretend, both when you are at home and when you are away from home, to simply be yourself. If a person wants to simply be himself, he needs to have a good "self," a "self" that does not need a "cover-up." The condition of our inner selves is of the utmost importance. Outwardly everything is fine but what about your inner self and what about my

inner self?

How can we have an inner self that is loving, kind, gentle, respectful and genuinely holy? Romans 12:1 may be the clue. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples."

Psalms 105:1

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## THE SILVER LINING

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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 CHURCH—A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

The Lord's church is manifested today as closely knit bodies of believers with the mission of promoting the glorious cause of Christ. This involves proclaiming the Gospel of salvation to the unconverted and providing a haven for the nurturing and spiritual guidance of the believers. It is life's highest calling to be a part of the body of Christ, the church.

For a church to reflect the true light of Christ, its doctrines and teachings must be based on the Word and its members must be truly converted individuals, who are no longer living in sin (Rom. 6: 1-2, 11, 14).

According to the Word, Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 5:23), the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20), and the individual members constitute His body. The Head (Christ) and His body (the church) are inseparable. Individual members co-exist symbolically within the spiritual body. Their similar spiritual understandings and exemplary walks of life allow the church to reflect the light of Christ.

Likemindedness (Rom. 15:5), unity of spirit (Eph. 4:13), and common observation of godly lifestyle standards (Phil. 3:16) allow the church to perform its mission in a gracefully coordinated manner, "fitly framed" (Eph. 2:21) and "perfectly joined together" (1 Cor. 1:10). This enables the church to be recognized as a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation" (1 Pet. 2:9), and as the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).

Christ's true church is to be kept free from sinful leaven (1 Cor. 5:7-8). Indeed, the Apostle Paul exhorted that the church should be one "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). This is a very high standard. Many times it is casually said that no church is perfect because it is made up of human beings. This may be true, but

it does not alter the fact that God has established a perfect standard to which we should aspire. Christ has given the church the authority to "bind and loose" (Matt. 18:18), which is a very great responsibility. When appropriate, admonition or discipline must be carried out, in the spirit of love, for the eternal welfare of the erring individual and the preservation of the purity of church.

As a church conforms to the biblical blueprint, it will shine forth to unbelievers. Its members will become visibly distinct from the world. Their attitudes and lives will exemplify the virtues of the Lord Jesus Christ. Themes such as "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 19:19), "love your enemy" (Matt. 5:44), and "whatever you do to the least of these, ye do unto me" (Matt. 25:40) will draw attention. As believers show love and concern for the sick, for the grieving, and for the lost, indeed for all mankind, the Spirit's light will shine brightly and will glorify God. Compassion, forbearance, kindness and mercy should be hallmarks of every child of God.

By the same token, the practical application of the various principles of the Word by humble believers, will draw attention to Christ. Examples such as simplicity and moderation in the material aspects of life, modesty in outward appearance, and refraining from worldly entertainments often arouse questions about our faith. This provides an opportunity for expression of the hope that is within us (1 Pet. 3:15). "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

The example of a humble, obedient Christian "lifestyle" is a type of evangelism whereby many unbelievers have been drawn into the faith. Consistency in visible holiness serves to reflect a bright and

clear light to the world. It gives identity to the fact that we are God's people and that we are devoted to obeying the Word as believed and understood by the Apostolic Christian Church family. Modesty and restraint in all aspects of life give a strong message of solidarity. This confirms that the believer's affection is for spiritual, not earthly things. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Today, however, Satan is trying to dim the light of Christ as projected by our churches. The enemy, on a worldwide basis, is trying to diminish holiness and confuse unbelievers. Individualism, lukewarmness, and a lack of spiritual maturity are all factors which help to create a dim light. Sometimes brethren are unknowingly persuaded by Satan's trickery. By living an independent, non-conforming lifestyle they give a clouded message to those who are seeking spiritual stability in the midst of a "crooked and perverse" world (Phil. 2:15). The Apostle Paul wrote, "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle" (1 Cor. 14:8). The other extreme of placing unreasonable emphasis upon insignificant matters is also not profitable (Heb. 13:9). Each member should examine his heart to insure that he is adding to, not detracting from the church's light to the world.

Someday the complete church of Jesus Christ will be revealed. This "mystical" body will consist of believers from all ages and all nations who have been found faithful. They will be joined as one to live forever with the Lord.

Today the true light of Christ rises from within the individual sanctified hearts of God's people. When they are united and fully committed to the New Testament pattern established for Christ's church, this light shines forth as a powerful, visible force, piercing the darkness of the world.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WORLD RELIEF WORKS PROJECTS HAITI

**November '90 - February '91**

*"... As Ye therefore have opportunity, let Us do Good unto all men."  
Galatians 6:10*

*"... And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."  
Hebrews 10:24*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### What do I do if I am interested in going on this mission?

Contact the World Relief representative from your local church or one of the brothers listed as the project representative for your area.

You will receive an information packet which includes:

- 1) maps, 2) background information on Haiti, 3) a calendar, 4) healthcare form, 5) list of items to take with you, 6) commonly used words in English/Creole, 7) gift suggestions, 8) volunteer form, 9) liability release form.

### GEOGRAPHY

Area: 27, 750 sq. km. (10,714 sq. mi.); about the size of Maryland.

Cities: Capital - Port-au-Prince (pop. over 1 million). Other Cities: Cap-Haitien (pop. 50,000).

Terrain: Mountainous.

Climate: Warm, semi-arid.

### INSIGHTS INTO HAITI

Economy: "Poorest nation in Western Hemisphere, plagued with overpopulation, soil erosion, illiteracy and disease."

- Operation World

Land Used for Agriculture: 31% (some people farm only to raise their own food).

### HAITI SCHOOL BUILDING WORK SCHEDULE

PROJECT NUMBER	DATE*	WORLD RELIEF AREA	AREA COORDINATORS
1	11/30 - 12/8, '90	#7 E. IL	Jim Walter R#2, Box 3 Chatsworth, IL 60921 (815) 635-3158
2	12/7 - 12/15, '90	#5 Bluffton & Indianapolis	Carl Hackenjos Monroe, IN 46772 (219) 692-6311
3	1/04 - 1/12, '91	#8 Western IL	Mike Finley Box 176 Carlock, IL 61725 (309) 376-7301
4	1/11 - 1/19, '91	#9 & #10 KS, MO, MN, IA, TX, CA	R. Schmidgall 955 Lyon Street Hancock, MN 58244 (612) 392-5241
5	1/18 - 1/26, '91	#4 & #6 N. IN, MI, W. OH	Phil Isabel Route 2 Remington, IN 47977 (219) 261-3541
6	2/01 - 2/09, '91	#1, #2 & #3 CT, E. OH, AL, CA, FL	Craig Emch 11856 Miller Road Sterling, OH 44276 (216) 939-4591
7	2/15 - 2/23, '91	#11 & #12 CA, AR, OR CO	Glen Hackenjos 10564 Haverly El Monte, CA 91731 (818) 442-4957

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It is easy to sincerely echo the Psalmist as we open our eyes and look about us here at the Home for the Handicapped and our satellite facilities. In this special Thanksgiving season, we see the awesome change in the well cared for landscape. The beauty and function of the buildings which comprise our homes also give reason for thanksgiving. Observing the staff with their myriad of skills in caring for and improving the quality of life for our residents inspires us to whisper, "Thank you, God!" And then there are the families with their unending love and concern for their dear ones who are here. The various personalities, and, yet, even the special needs, of the folks living here are also reasons for gratitude. We also thank God for the many, many generous hearts who have shared of their time and gifts over the past 19 years.

Each new resident adds to the activity and vitality of our ACHH family. In recent months we have welcomed Randy Siebenthal (Wyoming, IL), Marian McMenamin (Peoria, IL), Christina Otten (Canton, IL) and Michael Oates (Pekin, IL).

The final move of some of the men to Oakwood took place October 15, so there are now 15 people residing at Oakwood Estate, four women at 540 N. Main, six men living at the Hazelwood home, and 97 current residents here at ACHH.

## GATEWAY WOODS

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**1991  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
AUCTION AND SALE**

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 10, 1991**

Some highlights of the fall activities were visiting the Amish settlement at Arthur, IL, and a wiener roast at the Blunier Family Barn at Eureka.

December birthdays at ACHH are: Bryan Streid (8), Christina Otten (9), Diane Baltic (10), Lisa Menold (15), Delores Wieland (15), Nancy Wernli (17); at Oakwood - Phil Fehr (18); at Hazelwood - Doug Clauss (23).

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**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL**  
Joan Meister

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

Matthew 19:15

As we work each day with these precious children, it is easy to forget the lessons that can be learned from them. Each week as the children eagerly work on a different letter of the alphabet, they also learn a Bible verse beginning with that letter. It is encouraging to hear the children practice their verses and have their parents talk about them as well.

Our themes for the month of November are colors, families, and of course, Thanksgiving. Since so many of our holidays are commercialized, it is great to be able to

always bring out and emphasize the true meanings of these celebrations.

November is again time for our semi-annual board meeting. We just wish to thank each of these brothers for their concern and effort as they serve on this board. Please continue to pray for us and our board as they make decisions throughout the year.

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**GATEWAY WOODS  
Apostolic Christian  
Children's Home**  
John and Patsy Stoller

As I lay me down to sleep  
And pray the Lord my soul to keep  
I wonder where I'd be tonight  
If mommy and daddy wouldn't  
always fight.

I wonder and it hurts so much  
They never even keep in touch.  
I had a birthday, they didn't call  
All I got was a basketball.

I guess it's that they just don't care  
What I eat or what I wear.  
They never said "I love you son"  
But always "Look at the wrong  
you've done."

The people here say I'm okay  
And there's going to be a brighter  
day.  
But I lay here at night and it seems  
It'll be only in my wildest dreams.

One thing I know as sure as I'm  
alive  
When I'm a daddy I'm going to  
strive  
To be the daddy I wanted mine to  
be  
And have my son be so proud of  
me.

Poem by Houseparent  
John Stoller

Sometimes we can't quite understand what our children feel because we have never been there ourselves. We try to understand their feelings and pray God will give us wisdom and patience to help them through.

We need your continued prayers as we work with these needy teenagers. We also encourage any who would have the desire to work with young people to listen and respond to the call of the Lord.

Some very visible things have been happening at Gateway Woods. First, light poles and lights have been added to our outdoor basketball court/sale area. They light up the entire area for nighttime activities and set up at sale time.

Second, the houseparents' apartment addition to the West House is continuing to make progress. In late November and December we will need volunteers to help with painting, staining and wallpapering. In the mean time, clean-up and construction volunteers would be helpful. Please call the office (219) 627-2159 or Jeff Thames (219) 627-3006 if you are interested.

Third, as a result of the addition, it was necessary to replace the West House roof. On a recent Saturday, volunteers from Bluffton and Valparaiso, along with our staff and boys, removed and replaced the entire roof in one day! It was a flurry of activity, noise and accomplishment. Thanks for a job well done.

Thanks also to Bro. Lee and Sis. Melinda Rufener who spent a recent weekend volunteering in the houses.

This month marks the 14th anniversary of actual operation of the Home. And it seems more than a coincidence that Brad (Porter County) has joined the New House family as the 100th child to be served

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

There is an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant at Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home.

This position would offer opportunity to work in a Christian office environment with a wide variety of responsibilities, including financial management, employee benefits, insurance, public relations correspondence, and various other administrative duties. Financial, analytical, organizational and communication skills are necessary.

Salary and benefits would be commensurate with experience. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact either of the brothers listed below.

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in our program in the history of the Home. We welcome Brad and thank God!

### ALABAMA, ATHENS

**Pamela Moore**

I came home today to find my baby boy happily playing with his father on the floor. As soon as he realized that I had come into the room, he started to crawl my way, and changed from a happily playing little boy, to a fussy little boy. This was his way of indicating to me that he needed something. Because he is not old enough to tell me his needs, he fusses to let me know he's not happy about something. In this case, he was hungry and ready for his supper. At first, I was discouraged that he began to fuss as soon as I came home, until I realized he was indicating a need. As soon as that need is fulfilled, he is once again a happy little boy, and loves to cuddle and show his love for me. So many times, I come to the Lord in prayer, and begin to "fuss" about my many needs, and I wonder if the Lord gets discouraged by my continual "fussing" each time I turn to Him. Then, when the Lord does fill that need, do I always thank Him and show my love for Him?

We were very thankful to have

Elder Bro. Dave Bertsch (Leo, IN) and some of his family, in Athens the fourth weekend of September. It's always a blessing when they come to visit, and we appreciate Bro. Dave bringing us the Word of God on Sunday.

Saturday evening, September 29, we enjoyed getting together at the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner. It was special to have Sis. Marilyn Walder (Champaign, IL) visiting with us that weekend. It seemed as if she had never left. Afterwards, we gathered for a singing and time of fellowship.

This past Sunday in church, those children with perfect attendance in Sunday school were recognized. We were then asked, how was our attendance to church in the last quarter? Are we setting an example for our children to follow? Those having perfect attendance were Dana Thomas and Kristen Meister. Those with good attendance (missing one Sunday) were Steven Kyle, Eric Coulter, Kristy Thomas and Maggie Schrenk.

There's so much we can do for the Lord, if we are willing. Someone to visit, call on the phone, help those in need, lend a listening ear, even the smallest deed is not forgotten by God. May we all try to do more for the Lord in the upcoming days.

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Ron and Ev Hoerr

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

Luke 2:11

That a joyful message, especially as we draw close to December 25. As we celebrate His birth let the love flow through you by sharing and caring where there are needs. The families involved in the Gulf Crisis surely comes close to the top of the list. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

We are delighted two girls who felt the touch of the Master's hand have now received the peace that passeth all understanding. We rejoice with Willow Beris and Connie Massner and look forward to hearing their testimonies before baptism.

Willow's parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beris. Connie attends N.A.U. in Flagstaff and goes to Prescott and Phoenix churches. Her parents are Ray and Ilse Massner (Prescott). We are happy to share our Best Friend with you.

Sis. Ora Schrenck had knee surgery; Sis. Emma Sanders fell, though she didn't sustain any fractures, she is confined to home. Ever so many of us "Keep Looking Up" and need your prayers. Sis. Ruth Baer was hospitalized.

On September 29, Bro. Joe and Sis. LaVina Dotterer were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children hosted a lovely buffet reception. Many, many relatives and friends shared in this happy occasion. May the Lord continue to bless them.

Visiting ministers on September 30 were Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson).

A group of folks from the Prescott and Phoenix churches were on an outing at Camp Loma for outdoor Christian fellowship and services. Bro. Gregg Gramm had the sermons. We, who would like to have gone but physically couldn't, were blessed with encouragement from them via letters. Thank you!

## BIBLES NEEDED NOW

In November of 1989 we began our work in sending used Bibles to foreign countries where the Word of God is very scarce. We have received used and worn Bibles and Bible Story Books in the past, but not near enough. After making the needed repairs, we then package and send them by surface mail to Africa and the Philippines.

The response so far has been somewhat discouraging. If we consider the number of churches we have in our faith and all of the homes and families involved, there surely has to be a lot of used or worn Bibles that could be donated to this work. Right now we need over three hundred Bibles and have less than twenty.

We have been getting letters from individuals from these countries very often. Sometimes three a day which say, "Please send us a Bible." We have already bought "new" Bibles from the Leo, IN, Bible Distribution Center. But that is far more expensive than donated ones.

Hopefully, all of us will take this seriously and help send the Word of God to these needy people. We look forward to hearing from anyone in helping in this work. We do want to thank everyone that has already helped in some way.

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Our seasons greetings and best wishes to all. Phoenix extends a loving welcome to you as you need a vacation.

We rejoice even more this news column (due date a couple of days ago.)

"If you love Me, Keep My commandments."

John 14:15

Sandy and Debbie Yackley have put away the old ways and find the church doesn't tell you -- don't do

this or that -- as you grow in Christ, you choose to not do the worldly pleasures. The real happiness in life comes from having and serving our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Debbie and Sandy's parents are Bro. Al and Sis. Joyce Yackley. Grandparents are retired minister Bro. Clarence and Sis. Linda Yackley.

Bro. Chris Frautschi has moved to San Diego, CA, for employment. We trust he will feel God's nearness.

Our variety of birds are quite

numerous as it cools down and their singing is delightful. Birds, like people, come in many shapes and sizes. God loves all of us.

A cup of tea and Ephesians 3:20 & 21. Till we meet again.

## ARIZONA, TUCSON

**Lisa Knapp**

As of this writing, our deacon, Bro. Noah Herman, is still hospitalized in Peoria, IL. He is recovering from triple bypass surgery and, Lord willing, will be released soon. Our prayers continue to be with Bro. Noah as we hope to see him recover and return to us here in Tucson! We are thankful God is a faithful companion in times like these.

We had our Sunday school picnic last Sunday and, as always, everyone enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air. We are having temperatures in the low 90's as we approach the third week of October.

We had a visit from Bro. Greg Gramm, his wife, Sis. Denise, and their children. They spent the day with us and Bro. Greg ministered to us. Many blessings are wished upon them for their efforts!

As the holidays approach, I hope we all remember to spend as much time preparing our hearts for eternity as we will preparing for the holiday season.

## CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

**Lisa Steiner**

Our prayers and concerns have been with Bro. Ted Klotzle (Hildegard) this past month. Labor Day weekend he experienced a severe heart attack, and consequently underwent bypass surgery several weeks later in October. He appears to be recovering nicely, and our prayers continue in his behalf.

On October 21, a picnic was held in honor of Mark and Louisa Gallup and their daughter, Dana, who are relocating to Oregon in the first part of November. They will be attending church in Silverton, OR. They have been an integral part of our church for several years and they will be greatly missed.

Among our many visitors, we were thankful to have with us Bro. Neil Ramseyer (Sis. Sharon) from

## -- NOTICE --

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

Our work in sending Bibles, hymnals and Bible story books overseas has increased. Since 1984, we have sent over 5,000 books. At the World Relief meeting in Leo, November 1989, a plea was made that someone would start in this work in the Eastern States. We're thankful Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria Grant (Latty, OH) volunteered.

You may get your books to either of us or Wing or Bluffton World Relief Centers. We have far more requests for Bibles and Bible story books and Sunday school material, than hymnals.

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

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### 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  
Seventh Year -- August 1989 thru July 1990 -- 25,501

#### Bibles Distributed -- Eighth Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1990 --	3024	3024
September 1990 --	1270	4294
October 1990 --	2847	7141*

\*Note — 792 Romanian Bibles and Testaments shipped

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.

Bay City, MI, to share God's Word.

On October 20, many of us gathered at church to participate in our newly reinstated World Relief sewing group. Two items we began will be donated to local nursing homes and a number of bandages were put together with the help of our children and will be sent to Haiti. Bro. Fred Witzig led an opening prayer and Sis. Nancy Witzig coordinated the rest of our efforts. It was a productive and enjoyable evening.

Lost and Found note: One of our visitors over President's Day weekend left a green cardigan sweater. Please contact Sis. Elaine Graf.

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**CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO**  
Cindy Schmidt - LaNae Meyer

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

As we seek to do the Lord's will and wait on Him to provide for us, let us focus on putting the Lord Jesus Christ first. The Bible is so full of promises, and all we need to do is claim them.

God richly blessed us with Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and his wife, Sis. Doris Moore, when they visited this month. It was good to be reminded that we stand alone on judgment day and that no man knows hearts; only God. As weak humans, we really need to be encouraged to listen to the still small voice in side us (God's Holy Spirit) and build on our personal relationship with Christ. Our Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Sis. Lois shared a weekend with us. Once again we thank him for his love.

We welcome Bill and Barbara Holbert and their four children to our church. It is exciting to see our Sunday school grow so quickly. Bro. Christopher Frautchi (Phoenix, AZ) has felt the Lord's direction to come fellowship and work here in the San Diego area. Gary Jerep (Fort Wayne, IN) has settled in with Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann Getz and is attending UCSD, as a graduate student. We thank the Lord for bles-

sing His church with growth and prayer that we can be obedient and willing servants, so we can reap Spiritual growth. Bro. Steve Varga has returned from a three month trip to Europe. His wife and family are thankful for his safe return, along with the church. After a nice summer vacation, we now say farewell to Paul Getz. He has returned to Davis University for graduate school, and we pray God will protect him and give him grace for each day.

It is the time of year that the leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground. Let us all examine our lives and recognize the areas that we need to make changes and fall on our knees to humble ourselves to the Lord.

Just another reminder that our Sunday services begin at 10:30, and Thursday night church has been changed to Wednesday at 7:30. God bless those of you who make the effort to come and fellowship with us.

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**COLORADO, DENVER**  
Marlene Leman

We were blessed this month with two visiting ministers, Bro. Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL). We thank God for sending them (and those who came with them) and using them for our welfare. We are also thankful to the brothers for being willing.

Evelyn Wagler (Bro. Joe) has been ailing lately. It is our prayer that God will strengthen and provide for her and our dear Bro. Joe who so faithfully watches over her.

We are in the midst of listening to the tapes of the conference. Modern technology is great when we think of how many more brothers and sisters can hear the very words spoken there. May we not only be hearers of the Word but doers also.

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**CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE**  
Martha Luginbuhl

We are thankful that we still have those who have sought and heard His call: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my

yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29). Matthew Luginbuhl (Bro. Daryl and Sis. Norma) and Sherri Skinner (Bro. Ed and Sis. Alma Luginbuhl) are in repentance and we wish them the Lord's grace. Matthew is a senior in high school and Sherri is married to Everett Skinner with four children. No matter what our status in life is, it is written that the very hairs of our head are all numbered which should give us encouragement that God will help in time of need, as He knows our individual situations and trials.

Sis. Donna Ballasy experienced the joy of the spirit October 7 as her engagement to Bro. Dwight Mogler (Minneapolis, MN) was announced! Parents are Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina and Bro. Harold and Lollie Mogler (Lester, IA). We will miss Sis. Donna but are happy for her and Bro. Dwight.

A daughter, Lydia Lynne, was born September 20 to Bro. Tim and Sis. Dana (Moser) Schneider (Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge and Bro. Jim and Sis. Jane Moser). Samuel will enjoy his new playmate! On September 27, a son, Nathan, was born to Sis. Bonnie and Bro. Ron Bahler (Bro. Ken and Sis. Aldine and Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge Schneider). At home are Marcy and Seth. Sis. Karen (Bahler) and Bro. Bruce Luginbuhl welcomed a little girl, Ashley Kay, September 28 as a companion to David. Grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Aline Bahler and Lillian Luginbuhl). Last, but certainly not least, Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Luginbuhl welcomed a new granddaughter, Whitney Kay, born October 4. Parents are Valerie and Ben Osgood.

Our very best wishes to these beloved families with their new additions and may they ever look to the Lord for a blessing and help in rearing their children according to the Word.

Hospitalized for the month were Sis. Bette Luginbuhl, Ray Hartmann and Bro. Mannie Luginbuhl, who is getting further treatment. Sis. Mary Diggelman is now in Vernon Manor, a nursing home. Her husband, John (96), is living at our Longview Manor.



May God strengthen all loved ones who must endure bodily affliction.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
WASHINGTON**

**Catherine Klopfenstein**

Our ministers during October were Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota, FL), Bro. Jerry Isch (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Dennis Kaufman (Bloomington, IL) and Bro. Brian Webb (Fort Lauderdale, FL). May each one be richly blessed for their efforts in bringing us the inspired Word of God.

Other visitors were from Rittman, OH, Rockville, CT, and Morton, IL.

On October 21, our dear friend, Henrietta Meyer, was announced for baptism and on the following Sunday several of us traveled to Peoria, IL, to hear her testimony and witness the baptism.

On September 30, several of us met for a prayer and worship service in the home of Bro. Matthew Aeschlemann in St. Mary's City, MD, on October 14 we met in the home of Ed and Ginny Stoll. On these occasions we used taped sermons.

Services are held the first and third Sunday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. eastern time at the Westpark Hotel (Best Western) located on U.S. Route 7, about 1 mile west of I-495. For information or assistance, please call Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein at 703-979-3476. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Shirley Braker (Morton, IL) were in town. Bro. Joe assisted Elder Bro. Darrell (Bud) Klopfenstein as our congregation went through the process of selecting a brother to minister God's work. Bros. Bud, Roy Luginbuhl and Brian Webb will be joined on the pulpit each Sunday by Bro. Richard Sutter. We rejoice that the Lord has provided a "willing and contrite heart" to proclaim the Gospel and serve the church. Our prayers are with Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy as they take on the responsibilities and

changes that the ministry entails. May God bless their family.

Several families traveled to join Sarasota and North Fort Myers for a weekend at Lakewood Retreat Campground. Bro. Brian Webb (Fort Lauderdale) led a Bible study and Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota) had church services on Sunday. Our thanks to those who worked so hard to plan and execute a relaxing and blessed weekend. We are especially thankful for the opportunity our unconverted young people had to get to know each other.

We pray for successful treatment and healing for Sis. Cindy Leman, who was hospitalized in Miami, and that the Lord will keep her spirits up.

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**FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS**  
**Dorothy Beer**  
**Jeanette Yergler**

Sis. Tillie Kaehr and Bro. Ezra have spent the winter months in Florida for over twenty years. We will miss her cheerful and helpful spirit in our little church. Our sympathy goes to Bro. Ezra and family in the death of Sis. Tillie.

Ron Yergler and son, Mike (from Knox, IN) have moved here, and is employed in our area (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jeanette). We are happy to have them a part of our church. His wife and daughter hope to join them soon.

Having Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Doug Sabo shared God's Word with us on a Wednesday evening this month, was a blessing for all of us.

We welcome our winter residents who are beginning to return for the season.

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**FLORIDA, SARASOTA**  
**Suellen Ott**

"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."

I John 1:7

The Florida churches and Atlanta, GA, were represented in a weekend of fellowship and learning

at Lakewood Retreat near Brooksville, FL. It takes times like these to remind us what a blessed heritage is ours. We are thankful to Bro. Brian Webb and Bro. Doug Sabo who both shared God's Word with us.

We are grateful to God for His call unto repentance as we have several new converts. May each of them build in a solid foundation as they begin to build a new spiritual house in their life.

The loving words of encouragement brought forth by the following ministers was greatly appreciated, Bro. Carroll Gerber and Bro. Will Schieller.

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**GEORGIA, ATLANTA**  
**Peggy Camp**

We appreciate the ministering brothers who were willing to share God's Word with us this past month. They were Bro. Mike Rieker (Peoria, IL), Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH) and Bro. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton, IN).

Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. The hotel is located off I-85 at the Riverdale Road Exit. Please contact Bro. Linn Stoller (404-631-4554) or Bro. John Brewer (404-378-5918) for further information.

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**ILLINOIS,  
BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL**  
**Carolyn Fischer - Marcia Bauer**

We thank visiting minister Bro. Ervin Knecht (Eureka) for sharing God's Word with us this past month.

Our prayers go out for our Sis. Ellen Vogel as she is recovering from an injury.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Tami Koehl welcome to their family circle, Shelby Laine, born September 28. At home to help with their new addition are her sisters, Whitney and Shannon. Grandparents are Barbara Wenger (Bloomington) and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Gladys Koch (Fairbury).

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

Fall is such a pretty time of the year. May we ever thank our God for creating such a beautiful place

for us to work out our soul's salvation.

Several weeks ago our congregation said farewell to Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser. They built a new home in Princeville, and plan to attend church there. We certainly hope they come back and visit us whenever they can.

Several visiting ministers were with us this past month. We are always thankful when they come and preach the Good Word to us. They were retired Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton), Bro. Bruce Hohulin (Goodfield) and Bro. Curt Rassi (Tremont).

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:6

Bro. Fred Hausmann (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Verla) and Sis. Sue Herrmann (Bro. Noah and Sis. Evalyn, Princeville) announced their engagement this past month. We are thankful that God brought these two dear souls together, and we wish them many blessings as they start to plan their future together.

We were so sorry to hear that Bro. Elwin Rumbold (Sis. Loretta) fell and broke his leg. We hope that God will be by his side, and give unto him a quick recovery.

The family of Sis. Bertha Reed wishes to thank all, for their prayers, love and many acts of kindness shown to her and us during her last illness and at her death. (Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle, Bro. Sam and Sis. Pat Plattner and family and Bro. Don and Sis. Connie Manz and family)

#### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN LaRae Dill

October 7 was our annual Sunday school wiener roast and hayrack ride. The Manger's family hosted us at their rural home. Everyone enjoyed the woods, fresh air and fellowship with several families that returned to Champaign/Urbana for this event.

Our friend, Ed Scott, has been hospitalized. We miss seeing him and Jane in church but are praying

Ed's health will improve enough to allow him to fellowship with us soon.

The engagement of Bro. Matt Musselman to Sis. Lynne Massner (Oakville, IA) was announced October 7. Their parents are Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman (Pulaski, IA) and Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner (Oakville, IA). The engagement of Bro. Mike Walder to Sis. Susie Grawunder (Akron, OH) was announced October 14. Their parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Irma Walder and Bro. Fred and Sis. Eva Grawunder (Akron, OH). We wish God's blessings on both couples as they endeavor to serve Him together.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Neil Widmer (Remington, IN), Wayne Laubscher (Cissna Park, IL), Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO) and Marvin Lemman (Bradford, IL).

#### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

I met a real author over the weekend. She was speaking at an event I had some responsibility for. She had many interesting points to make, but I remember the beginning of her talk best. She spoke of an occasion where she had gone with her son and dog camping, and she and the dog competed for tick bites. Well, maybe it wasn't "competing" really, but she used that to illustrate the fact that being a writer means nothing is wasted. Those emotions, the feelings, the observations she made, even through that painful weekend -- perhaps especially through such involvement -- enlarged her look at life and could be useful in her subsequent writing.

We have weekends and weeks like that. Maybe we are being subjected to harsh criticism. Maybe we are having trouble with a friend, a child, a spouse. Maybe someone died or is dying. Maybe we're sick and don't know what is the cause -- or result. Maybe we don't understand. Maybe we do understand. But always we must believe the Lord is turning these pages in our lives, and He knows how we can use this experience. Spiritually, if we are alert, listening and patient, nothing is wasted. The Lord is preparing us.

We have had a full and blessed month. We so much appreciate the ministering of our brethren from the pulpit, those from far and from near: Bros. Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Marshall Heinold and Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI), Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH), Bro. Walt Rager (Toledo, OH) and Bro. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO).

We were privileged to celebrate communion as Elder Bro. Andy Virkler shared in that precious sacrament with us, assisting our Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann. Forme that hushed evening always has a bit of unreality attached to it perhaps because we are so aware of spiritual reality then -- and not always otherwise. Bro. Carl Wyss talked to us of a major reason we are not attuned at every other time to the Word and Spirit -- "The Cares of This World" -- giving us solid doctrine and inspiration in a Wednesday evening topical Bible study. We are thankful to all of our visitors, especially those who ministered unto us as a congregation.

We also were happy to have songs sung by two groups on Sunday, October 21. The Sunday school students sang after morning service, with each age group and each person in that group having something special to contribute. After church services, the Francesville, IN, men's group reminded us of the beautiful music we can make, even as a church, when we are willing to listen to and blend with those that Christ has put us with -- to His honor and glory! May each group of singers know how much they mean to us as well as how much we enjoyed their sharing in song. We celebrated our fellowship then with our traditional church dinner, coordinated by our dinner committee.

We welcome another new couple "back home." Bro. Kurt and Sis. Dana (Trumbower) Pflederer were married October 14 in Leo, IN. We are delighted that the Lord has united them, that He will keep them, sustain them. We extend to them our love and prayers and wishes for all His blessings. We welcome two others who have come to our area. Both have close relatives in Chicago church. Valerie Schambach

(Elgin) is working as an R.N. at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago; her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schrenk. David Leman, a convert, who is originally from Roanoke, is working in Chicago also, as an accountant; Bro. Paul Leman is his uncle. We are so happy that the Lord has led both Val and Dave to our congregation. May we nurture them in love and prayers as the Lord would show us best.

Howard Houk has been hospitalized in Loyola Hospital. At such a time we would like to share pain and be a helping hand. May we do so. our deepest love and all of our prayers are with Howard and his family.

Maybe there is something in all of us that would rather be the critic and find the fault. We have to fight against that tendency for Satan can use it for gossip and backbiting all the way up to causing discord among the brethren. For myself I undoubtedly have favorite ministers; nevertheless, I really try very hard to be prayerful for whomever is called to minister. I may remember more from such a minister because he's leaning more on the Spirit -- or I am -- and that's what's important. Recently a friend mentioned a conversation she had with someone in another church. This person's comment was that after two years of having their minister, they now got the same sermon every Sunday. Oh, sure, It wasn't the same topic, but they knew what to expect every Sunday. There were the same examples and the same style. This sister and I reflected on the narrowness of our appreciation. We have no idea how great we have it as a church body. Our ministering brothers are willing to serve without compensation. They are willing to place all in the hands of the Spirit and rise without formal preparation. They also have the chance to listen to others and increase their knowledge and wisdom. They are willing to visit other churches, counting it a blessing, when most of the time they automatically become #1 on the pulpit. We reap the blessings of many styles, many insights, many brethren standing in unity. If we still have some ministers we have

trouble listening to, we must not be doing enough. May the Lord give us the Spirit of thankfulness to cover any tendency we have to criticize our ministering brethren.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Karol Stock - Bev Knapp**

"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." Psalm 95:1-2. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands . . . Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name." Psalm 100:1-4. "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." I Chronicles 29:13. "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." Psalm 105:1-2.

In thinking of our national day of Thanksgiving, I turned to the Word for guidance in giving thanks to our Lord. I was impressed at how many times we were instructed to express our thanksgiving by praising God and to do this with psalms, singing and a joyful noise. What a blessing that singing is such an integral part of our church, our faith and our lives. How good it is to give thanks and to praise God with a song in our hearts, rejoicing in our salvation.

This month we are thankful He sent Bro. Merle Laukhau (Latty, OH) and Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford, IN) to minister unto us. We appreciate their efforts and pray God will bless them for being used in His service.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Mattie (Harry) Bauer of our congregation, whose sister, Sis. Lucille Zimmerman, had passed away. Parting is sad for us but makes heaven seem so much closer.

Our prayers have also been with those in the hospital. Bro. George Bauer and Sis. Anne Marie (Lynn) Young were both medical patients. We pray they can feel God's nearness and healing power as they are

forced to pause a moment in the busy activities of life.

Our Sunday school Bible class traveled to Princeville for ACYF this month. We pray these times of fellowship can give them a taste of how precious our Christian friendships can be.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Deb Dietrich - Becky Ott**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
St. John 3:16

Our hearts rejoice with three souls who have answered God's call to repentance. Derek Schrock (Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet) and Chris and Phyllis Miller welcome the Lord into their hearts.

Linda Schrock (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carol) and Rod Hinrichsen (Bill and Jan, Goodfield) have announced to us their engagement. Also made known unto us was the engagement of Bro. Tim Dietrich (Bro. Bill and Sis. Sherri) and Sis. Sandy Knapp (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda). Our prayers are with these two couples, that God may bless them as they plan for their lives together.

May God's healing hand be upon Sis. Mildred Schieber (Bro. Carl) and Kent Remmert (Sis. Crystal) as they have been recently hospitalized.

We thank Bro. Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO) for expounding upon God's Word with us. May God give renewed strength to each of our ministering brethren, that they may continue to preach the truth.

The family of Mahlon Zimmerman wishes to thank all friends, relatives, ministers and hospice staff for all their many gifts of kindness, flowers, food and memorial donations. We wish to thank for all the prayers that were given throughout Mahlon's illness. May God bless you all.

Katherine Zimmerman  
Dick & Barbara Bartels  
& family  
The Zimmerman brothers  
and sisters

We wish to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, food, offering to watch Kary and deeds of love shown unto us during Gail's time in bed and Kelsey's stay in the hospital. Also, many thanks to the anonymous givers for everything that was given. May God richly bless each one of you.

Love,  
Bro. Ed, Sis. Gail,  
Kary and Kelsey

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**ILLINOIS, ELGIN**  
Elizabeth Schambach  
Betty Bachtold

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Psalms 95:2, 3

We wish Becky Klopfenstein and Randy Pfaff God's blessings as they plan their December wedding. Parents of the couple are Bro. Richard and Sis. Judy Klopfenstein, and Ralph and Caren Pfaff (Lake Bluff, IL).

In our assembly, we miss those who have recently been hospitalized or required surgery, and pray God will mercifully grant each one renewed health and strength, according to His will. These include Louise Graf (Ed), Sisters Frances Kaptain, Lucille Knupper, Helen Banwart, Bro. Gary Anliker (Sis. Edie) and Ed Schifferer (Sis. Dorothy). We praise God for His tender mercy which has enabled our dear Ed, in the twilight years of his life, to surrender his heart to God in sincere repentance. Sis. Bertha Lauber suffered a stroke and is recuperating at the home of her son and daughter-in-law.

John and Ella Martin are delighted to welcome a new grandson, Jacob Carl, born September 30, to Jerry and Sis. Sandy (Martin) Darlington. Even though they live many miles away in Lake Jackson, TX, we are confident God's grace will be present to bless and guide them. Grandparents also include Jerry and Mary Darlington.

Stacey Martin, daughter of John

and Ella Martin, has sought the Lord in true repentance. We rejoice in His work, and offer our love and support to Stacey as we anticipate her testimony in the near future.

Sis. Hilde Schumacher (Bro. Georg) wishes to express her appreciation to all the brethren and friends who remembered her with prayers, calls, cards and gifts of love during her illness and while convalescing at home. May God bless all richly.

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**ILLINOIS, EUREKA**  
Kathleen Leman

We rejoice with Bro. Greg and Sis. Lynn Wiegand as they welcomed Laura Lynn October 10. Leah and Ellen are Laura's big sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Nelma Eastman and Bro. Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand, all of Eureka.

"He has so much to go Home to." This thought was expressed by one of the grandchildren of Bro. Dan Wiegand, Sr., who was able to lay down his cross and enter into those mansions above October 13. His dear wife, Sis. Lena, had made the journey four years earlier. Surviving are five sons: Bros. Willis and Daniel, Jr. (both of Goodfield), Bros. Robert and Elton (both of Eureka), and Kenneth (Morton); four daughters, Sisters Elizabeth Blunier (Bro. Sam), Norma Hangartner (Bro. Roy), Charlene Schumacher (Bro. Robert), all of Eureka, and Sis. Margaret Getz (Bro. Melvin) of Peoria; 50 grandchildren and 88 great-grandchildren. May God comfort this dear family in their loss.

As Bro. Dan has ended his pilgrim journey, we are thankful that Bro. Matt Zimmerman (Bro. Leland and Sis. Laurene), Bro. Keith Blunier (Bro. Sam and Sis. Elizabeth) and Becki Martin (Bro. Lester and Sis. Ruth) were able to bring forth their testimonies of faith and peace September 22 and were welcomed into the fold on the following day. We thank Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) and Bob Grimm (Goodfield) for assisting our Elder Bro. Walter. May God grant much grace and courage to these new lambs as they go forth on life's journey.

October 14 was the wedding day of Sis. Michelle Knecht and Bro.

Keith Knapp. Their parents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Sandy Knecht and Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Knepp. We wish them the Lord's nearness and blessings as they walk together as one. We also were thankful that Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton, OR), Greg Rassi (Chicago) and Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO) were able to share with us in His teachings on this day.

Other visiting ministers who were willing to share the Word with us this past month were Bros. Harold Schmidgall and Elmer Witzig (both of Gridley, IL), Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), Bill Hodel (Roanoke), Dan Stoller (Remington, IN), Wes Knapp (Goodfield) and Everett Hari (Bloomington).

Many of our loved ones spent time in the hospital this past month. Harold Wettstein (Loretta), Doug Schmidgall (Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane) and Alan Huber (Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen) and Sis. Ida Mae Roche (Bro. Eldon) and Sis. Kathryn Schumacher (late Bro. John). We are thankful they have all returned home as of this writing and wish them renewed health and strength.

How swiftly the year has passed, and here we are entering into the Thanksgiving season, a day that the world sets aside to give thanks. However, our Lord and Saviour deserves our thanks and praise daily for the unspeakable gift of grace and salvation. May we have a thankful season. Faith isn't faith until it's all you're holding on to.

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

Give thanks to God  
And humbly pray  
To serve Him well  
This new-born day.

Give thanks to God  
For friends and flowers,  
For sunny days  
And cooling showers.

Give thanks to God,  
Fill well your part;  
Let love divine  
Possess your heart.

Give thanks to God,  
His bounty see;  
Be still and know,  
And grateful be.

Grenville Kleiser

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

We were blessed with several visiting ministers this past month. They shared with us insights in God's Word. Those faithful servants who ministered to us were Elder Bros. Walter Anliker (Eureka) and Ray Sinn (Latty, OH); also ministering Bros. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH).

Our hearts are saddened over the loss of Rachael Davis, 10 (Forrest). Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her grandparents, Wayne and Verla Davis and her aunt and uncle, Mark and Elaine Davis (Fairbury). Rachael was involved in a car-moped accident.

Our congregation is thankful for the recent testimonies and baptisms of six dear souls. We welcome into the fold of Christ Bro. Troy Rieger (Steve and Sandy), Bro. Kevin Moser (Bro. Lloyd and Myrna), Bro. Randall Fehr (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn), Bro. Albert and Sis. Karen Steffen and Bro. Todd Fehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Shirley). May their desire to serve their God always be a strength to the church. We rejoice with their families.

We are grateful that Eric Platz (Delmar and Glenda) has heeded the Lord's call and turned his back to the world and sought the Lord in repentance. We wish him the Lord's grace and blessings.

Times of illness are always difficult, but how sweet for God's children to claim the promises He intends for His own.

"Casting all your care upon him;  
for he careth for you."

I Peter 5:7

Hospital patients have been David Slagel (Ron and Sis. June) and Sis. Barb Meiss (Bro. Marion). We pray for God's healing power.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST Sherri Kelson Sandra Schneider

Each day I'll do a golden deed,  
By helping those who are in need;  
My life on earth is but a span,  
And so I'll do the best I can.

Hymns of Zion #139

It is with much sadness that we write of the funeral of 10-year-old Rachael Davis, daughter of Denny and Kathy Davis. She was killed October 6 in a moped accident. She truly carried out the words of the song written above, for she sprinkled love and joy wherever she went! Our deep sympathy goes out to her parents; her sister, Valerie; and brother, Jacob; and her grandparents, Wayne and Verla Davis (Fairbury) and Leonard and MaryAnn Rieger. We appreciate her great uncle, Elder Bro. Art Bahler, coming to help with the funeral. May God comfort the hearts of each one.

We thank our visiting ministers, Bros. Ed Alt (Cissna Park), Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) and John Hartman (Fairbury) who came to be with us this past month. We enjoyed having them and ask God to bless them.

We rejoice with Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy Dotterer as their daughter, Lori, has made a beginning in repentance. We pray she can lay a firm foundation that will stand all tests and storms of life.

Prayers have been offered for Sis. Leah Honegger (Bro. Sam), Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Sis. Laura), Bro. Joe Wiegand (Sis. Pauline) and Bro. John Bolliger (Sis. Alma) who all spent some time in the hospital this month. We are happy to report that Julie Shambrook (Mark), daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Velda Huette, is able to return home after being in the hospital a month following a kidney-pancreas transplant. She still has a long road to recovery and we need to remember her in our prayers.

Children are a blessing of the Lord! A son, Joshua Eldon, joins the family of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Stephanie Kaeb and Krystle. Grandparents are John and Adeline Kaeb (Arrowsmith) and Robert and Sis. Elaine Mueller.

We extend best wishes to two couples who have become united in marriage. Terri Friedman and Phil Kidd have exchanged wedding vows. Parents are Roger and Linda Kidd (LaSalle) and Henry and Sis. Marge Friedman.

October 6 was the wedding day of Stacy Schrof and David Poundstone. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poundstone (Bement, IL) and Ed and Sharon Schrof are their parents.

As we come to the time of Thanksgiving, may we each one stop and count the many blessings the Lord has blessed us with, especially the blessing of freedom to worship!

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

#### THANKSGIVING

Mindful of the blessings  
Which are given us to share,  
We thank God on Thanksgiving  
With a special, grateful prayer.

We thank God for our loved ones  
And the friendships that we know,  
For the hills and fields and valleys  
And our home with lamplight glow.

We pray we can be worthy  
Of God's faith and trust and love,  
To do the best we can  
When smiles come from above.

We can bear our pain and sorrow,  
We can bear our cross 'tis true  
If Thanksgiving is within our  
hearts,  
Hope is ever born anew.

Not only on Thanksgiving  
Should we pray and grateful be,  
But every day we live  
For God is good to you and me.

LaVerne P. Larson

We rejoice that two more souls were taken into God's family. The testimonies and baptisms of Bro. Kim Steffen (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene) and Sis. Dawn Plattner (Bro. Dan and Sis. Jane) were an encouragement to us all. Much thanks to Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton), Bro. Wayne Banwart (Champaign) and Bro. Dennis Kaufman (Blooming-

ton) for sharing this special weekend with us.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Gerri Hinrichsen were happy to bring home their new little baby, Emily Kate, who was born October 4. Emily will enjoy the love of her sisters and brothers, Teri, Marti, Hans, Holly and Fritz. Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen and Roy and Sis. Corrine Roth are Emily's grandparents.

Much sympathy is extended to Bro. Dick and Sis. Carla Hohulin and to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marilyn Blunier and their families at the loss of their father and grandfather, Bro. Eli Hohulin. Eli will be greatly missed by all of us, but we are thankful to know he was ready to meet the Lord.

The families of Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand and Bro. Dan, Jr. and Sis. Verla Wiegand were saddened at the death of their dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Bro. Daniel Wiegand, Sr. The blessings of a large family are very evident in the Christian love that radiates from the members of this faithful man's believing children and grandchildren. May it be a comfort to them all to know they can some day meet again in heaven.

#### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry Klopfenstein

During the weekend of October 14, four souls were added to the fold following their testimony and baptism. Again, it was a renewal of faith and hope for all the brethren in Gridley to hear of the convert's conviction of sin, and the inner need of reconciliation with God.

One convert testified it is a "refuge" to be among our church people. Another spoke with high favor of the grace and faith she found in our church, after seeking elsewhere! Our new loved ones in faith are: Sis. Peggy (Meiss) Poppin and Bros. John Funk, Mark Knapp and Glenn Schieler. Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) was here to help with the testimonies and baptisms. Other ministers here for the occasion were Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington) and Kevin Knapp (Bloomington).

Recent hospital patients were Sisters Aline Stortz and Vyra Stoller.

Thanksgiving is one of the most important holidays on our national calendar. This is because of the enormous number of blessings we all possess, both in body and soul. Our nation's tradition of religious freedom is something we should daily be thankful for. Also, because our physical and material needs are met daily is another reason to be thankful. Most of all, we should constantly exist in a pattern of thanks for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and His marvelous plan of salvation.

#### ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

In thinking of the coming Thanksgiving season, words cannot express the thankfulness we feel in our hearts. We feel thankfulness toward God that He sent His only begotten Son that we might be saved. We feel thankfulness that, although the cares of life sometimes overwhelm us, God's promises to sustain us are true. If anyone needs a "boost" to get that Thanksgiving feeling, go into a room alone and prayerfully sing with your heart to the Lord the third verse of hymn #236 in our Zion's Harp.

"All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son and Holy Ghost, Who dwell in highest heaven.  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore,  
Who is and shall survive, Now and forever more."

We are thankful that brothers are willing to come and share the Word of God with us. Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bros. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL).

We had several loved ones from our congregation that passed away recently. Our prayers are with their families and friends. We pray that God will put His loving arms around them and fill the void with His comfort.

Minnie Huntman's funeral was held September 24. May God abide with her sons, Melvin, Velde and Louis; her daughters, Kathryn Beez-

ley and Margaret Glazze; her brother, Henry Dietrich; her sisters, Rose Ehehalt and Clara Dreyer; and her grandchildren.

Walter Stoller's funeral was September 26. May God comfort his wife, Sis. Nellie; his daughters, Phyllis Greene, Sis. Sherrill Jones, Sis. Charlene Herstein, Jean Linderud and Carol Sus; his brothers, Bro. Virgil and Elmer; his sister, Sis. Louise Stoller; and his grandchildren.

Sis. Lucille Zimmerman was called home and her funeral was held October 8. May our heavenly Father comfort her husband, Bro. Jeff; her three sons, Bro. Bruce, Bro. Morris and Emery; her sister, Sis. Matie Bauer; and her grandchildren.

We also wish God's blessing on two couples celebrating their anniversaries. Ben and Sis. Betty (Roach) Rassi have been married 50 years. Their children are Joyce Kamp, James and Sis. Jan Zimmerman. Celebrating 65 years of marriage are Bro. William and Sis. Laura (Kuntz) Getz. They are the parents of Sis. Joan Oberlander and Sis. Eleanor Geyer.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA Jim David

Bro. David and Sis. Rachel Sauder became parents October 7, when they welcomed David Jacob into their family. David's grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Rita Sauder, and Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister, all of Peoria.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2) As we rejoice at the birth of a baby, our hearts are sorrowful at the passing of a loved one. Our prayers are with the family of Sis. Martha Schneider, who was called home to be with the Lord. "Bro. Toby Schneider and Sis. Emma Schneider would like to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for the love and many acts of kindness shown during the loss of their sister, Martha. May God bless each of you."

Sis. Mary Jane Schneider also wishes to thank everyone for re-

membering her during her hospitalization and recovery. Other hospital patients this month have been Sis. Louise Mueller, Bro. Reuben Herman, Theodore Shipman and Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson, AZ), who is still recovering from open heart surgery.

We had two visiting ministers this past month: Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN). We support and encourage all our ministering brethren as they serve God by proclaiming the truths of His Holy Word.

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious." (Psalms 66:2) We thank the Bloomington choir for joining us in our monthly hymn sing October 14. Everyone present certainly received a blessing from listening to, and participating in, the singing of praises to our Lord. A special treat was provided by our pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade Sunday school classes as they performed several songs for us. It was truly a joy to hear our children, our future church, sing to the honor and glory of God.

"There is danger of leaving God out of our Thanksgiving Day. We are making it a holiday rather than a holy day. It is a day for the public recognition of God as the giver of all good. To leave God out of Thanksgiving Day is as absurd as leaving Christ out of Christmas."

Author Unknown

The author who penned these words was right on target concerning today's world. The secular media pays lip service to Thanksgiving Day, but generally not from a Christian perspective. Just pick up a newspaper as Thanksgiving Day approaches, and one will notice many references to the upcoming holiday: football games, food, a day off from work and numerous suggestions on what to do with all that leftover turkey. There may be a brief statement regarding the historical significance of the day, but God is scarcely mentioned. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year, let us remember what the name implies: a day set aside to give thanks to

Him who is the Creator of all things, and from whom all blessings flow. Let us give thanks to God, not only during our Thanksgiving Day worship service, but also throughout the entire day. "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving." (Psalms 95:2)

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Martha Jane Siebenthal

We appreciated Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) and Bro. Rick Plattner (Peoria) for the efforts they put forth in expounding God's Word to us. May God bless them and their dear families.

Believing God has led them to each other our Sis. Sue Herrmann and Bro. Fred Hausmann (Bradford) have made their engagement known October 7. Their parents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn Herrmann and Bro. Alfred and Sis. Verla Hausmann. May God bless them as they plan for this important step in life.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1. On October 6, a Bible study was given by our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller on "Unity and Edification" for the Princeville and Bradford young members.

On Sunday evening, September 23 and 30, A.C.Y.F. was held at Princeville. May God bless these young people and trusting they will have made some lasting friendships.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Vera Baer (Bro. Larry) on the death of her father (Lamar, MO). May they feel God's comforting hand in their time of sorrow.

Loved ones that have been sick or spend time in the hospital are Katherine Baer, Bro. Edward Knobloch, Sr. and Luke Rumbold (accident). We are thankful he escaped serious injury. May God grant our loved ones a speedy recovery.

Thank you note:

I want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and the donating of your time to help me. I especially appreciate your prayers and concern for me while in the hospital and since returning home. May the

Lord richly bless you for your kindness toward our family.

Elizabeth Wieland

### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE Cathy Hohulin - Sandy Leman

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we will probably all reflect over the past year and think about what we are thankful for. What usually comes to mind first are the good and perfect gifts God has showered us with. The Word has also promised us that while we are in the world we will have tribulation, and we can be so thankful that our loving Shepherd will always lead and care for His sheep, in both our joys and our sorrows.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over two more souls that have surrendered in repentance. They are Krista Fehr (Matt) and David Leman (Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen).

Jill Luginbuhl and Ed Gralak (Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Luginbuhl and Mrs. Betty Gralak) were married October 6. We wish them much happiness as they reside in Texas. On this same day, 50 years ago, Bro. Chris and Sis. Ann Bradle were married. May God bless them with many more years together.

We were thankful to have a quartet of brothers share with us in song at our Family Hymn Sing.

We had several visiting ministers this past month. May God bless Bro. Glenn Dill (Tremont), Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville), Bro. Bob Meyer and Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Bro. Frederick Knapp (Congerville) and retired Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH). Bro. Loren conducted a topical Bible study about strengthening our mental health. We appreciate the self-sacrifice these brothers make in serving us.

Our prayers are with our hospital patients this month -- Sis. Marie Blunier, Sis. Cindy Leman and Staci Hohulin (Bro. Tim and Sis. Cathy).

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT Carolyn Bolliger - Marsha Koch

Our hearts go out to Bro. Weldon and Sis. Doris Staker and their fam-

ily in the tragic death in Florida of their son, David Staker.

We wish to also extend our sympathy to Cindy Miller and Sandy Johnson and their families in the deaths of their mother and brother (Pekin, IL).

We have had several weddings this past month. On September 30, Bro. Jim Holmes and Sis. Karol Glueck were married. Jim is the son of Bro. Marshall and Sis. Phyllis Holmes and Karol is the daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda Glueck.

Sis. Joan Steiner and Bro. Joe Fehr chose September 23 as their wedding day. Joan is the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner and Joe's parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara Fehr (Champaign, IL).

Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer have a new daughter-in-law, as their son, Bro. Kurt, was united in marriage to Sis. Dana Trumbower in Leo, IN, October 14.

We wish all these young couples God's blessings as they begin this new big step in their lives.

We are happy for Bro. Mike Oswald and Sis. Michelle Holmes who have announced their engagement and plan to be married in late January. Mike's parents are Don and Marcelle Oswald and Michelle is the daughter of Bro. Marshall and Sis. Phyllis Holmes, all of Tremont.

We will miss Sis. Janet Schaefer, as she plans to marry Bro. Mark Fehr (West Bend, IA) which will be their future home. Sis. Janet is the daughter of Maurice and Sis. Marge Schaefer. Mark's parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon Fehr (West Bend, IA).

It is good to have Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Sr. back worshipping with us. Bro. Simon spent a few days in the hospital.

Sis. Florence Koch (Bro. Paul) had the misfortune to fall and break her ankle. She too spent a few days in the hospital.

We are always thankful for our visiting ministers. We were privileged this month to have visits from Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA), Bro. John Hartman (Fairbury) and Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN).

## ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

### Carol Schick

This past month we have had several visiting ministers and we wish to let them know we sincerely appreciate their efforts and the effort it takes on the part of their families as well. Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN) assisted in our Bible study on the topic of the "Role of the Christian Husband," and then ministered to us again on Sunday morning. We enjoyed the time he and his family spent with us. Bros. Nile Bucher and Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) took turns on the pulpit during our Sunday services, September 30, and shared in a potluck dinner afterward for the entire congregation. Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton) led our Bible study for October on the topic of the "Role of the Christian Wife." Bro. Ken Knapp (Taylor, MO) ministered to us Sunday, October 14. May our Almighty Father richly reward each of these men as they continue to so willingly carry on His work here on earth.

Sis. Pam Huber was in an auto accident and sustained minor but painful injuries. She has been in our prayers the past month as she recovers at home after being released from the hospital. May God help her to heal completely in the very near future and we praise Him for sparing her life.

The angels delivered two precious pink bundles to two families in Washington this past month; Bro. Ken and Sis. Laura Wagenbach presented LaNae Lynn to her sisters, Rebekah and Clare. The proud grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lucille Wagner (Gridley) and Bro. Don and Sis. Marie Wagenbach (Washington); Bro. Mark and Sis. Lisa Schmidgall are the proud parents of Emily Ann who was welcomed home by her big sister, Ashley. Emily's grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall (Eureka) and Bill and Marilyn Fenner (Washington).

This Thanksgiving, we in Central Illinois, have quite a bountiful crop to be thankful for. We have had abundant rainfall and a beautiful harvest season. Let us all take time, not only on that day but all year long, to give thanks to our heavenly Father for all that He so lovingly

supplies us. And may we be just as willing to share our abundance with those who are hungry and those who are giving up this plush life in America to take the glad tidings to all nations.

## INDIANA, BLUFFTON

### Shari Flechter - Gwen Kipfer

"Children are a heritage of the Lord."

Psalms 127:3

We have one ministering brother who always thanks the Lord in his prayers for the "sounds of the youth among us" as these children are our future church. Isn't this a positive way to view what some may call a distraction? We have had several babies born to loving parents this past month to add to our "future church."

Seth Bradley is the precious baby boy given to Bro. Gary and Sis. Jean Compton and "big" sister, Kelsey, September 18. Seth's grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Leman (Eureka) and Bob and Betty Steffen.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Jodi Reinhard rejoiced September 27 as Clint Daniel's arrival made them parents. Also rejoicing are grandparents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger and Bro. Ezra Reinhard.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Kathy Bertsch are experiencing the joys of parenthood as little Caleb Michael was born September 28. Caleb's happy grandparents are Walter, Jr. and Joyce Neuenschwander and Sis. Fran Bertsch.

Nicholas Wayne is the precious bundle entrusted to Bro. Gene and Sis. Darlene Reinhard October 2. Nicholas was also welcomed by Matt, Ryan, Zachary and grandparents, Bro. Ernie and Sis. Lucy and Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille Reinhard.

Bro. Jon and Sis. Juli Kaehr were blessed with a daughter, Lydia Lyn, October 6. Sarah, Jessie and Hannah can't wait until she's big enough to play with them. Bro. Ken and Sis. Carolyne Isch and Sis. Pat Kaehr are Lydia's pleased grandparents.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Julie Stroup rejoiced October 8 as Jeremy Michael made his entrance in the world.



Jordan is really happy to have a brother and Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine Ringger and Mr. and Mrs. John Stroup will enjoy another grandchild.

We congratulate grandparents, Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn Ringger, as they have a new granddaughter, Jasmine Lydia, born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Amy Ringger (Francesville). Congratulations also to Arlen and Jeanne Gerber as their new grandson, Dustin Lynn, was born to Rod and Wendi Gephart.

The wedding bells have been ringing as three young couples made lifelong commitments to each other recently. Sis. Lyn Moser (Bro. Phil and Sis. Jean) and Bro. Tom Steffen (Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty) were united in marriage September 23. Trisha Landrum (Sis. Colleen Landrum and Bob Landrum) and Darren Scheumann (Norman and Wilda Scheumann) joined hands and hearts October 6. October 7 was the wedding day of Sis. Becky Pertel (Cathy) and Bro. Cris Stucky (Bro. Steve and Sis. Carol). We wish these happy couples continued blessings as they begin their lives together.

We congratulate Bro. Earl and Sis. Marjorie Stucky and Dan and Florence Habegger as each of these couples recently celebrated 50 years of married life together. What a blessing a happy marriage can be!

We thank Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford) and Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North) for ministering to us and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through them. Come again!

Our dear Sis. Mahilda "Tillie" Kaehr was beckoned home to her eternal reward September 25. We will miss Sis. Tillie's enthusiasm and her great smile! She was always such a bright spot in our fellowship. We extend our sympathy to her loving husband, Bro. Ezra, and to her children, Bro. Richard (Sis. Karen), Sis. Carol Meyer (Bro. Vernon), Jeanne Gerber (Arlen), Sis. Mary Jo Troxel (Bro. Bob), Sis. Joy Birch (Alan) and Sis. Sharon Imel (Bro. Dave). We know that her grandchildren will miss her greatly also.

Our prayers for healing have gone to the Father for our recent hospital patients. This list includes Sis. Emma Kipfer, Sis. Violet Meyer (Bro. Harold), Bro. Ervin Isch (Sis.

Anna), Sis. Naoma Kaehr (Bro. Ted), Bro. Ray Heyerly (Sis. Amelia), Bro. Homer Aschliman (Sis. Minnie), Bro. Bert Isch, Kara Baumgartner (Bro. Gene and Sis. Elaine) and little Beth Drayer (Bro. Herm and Sis. Julie).

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### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

#### FAITH

Faith can move mountains,  
No matter how steep,  
And calm the rough waters,  
No matter how deep.

Faith can change darkness  
To heavenly light,  
While leading us tranquilly  
Out of the night.

All this I can grant, with  
Assurance, you see,  
For countless are the mountains  
Faith has moved for me.

Laura Baker Haynes

We are thankful for the ministering brothers, Elder Bros. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL) and William Schlatter (Junction, OH) that have come to worship and fellowship with our congregation this past month.

On October 6, Clark Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Arlene Stoller) and Michele Scott exchanged their wedding vows. May the Lord richly bless them in their new life together.

We extend congratulations to Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Steffen who were blessed with another grandson. Seth Bradley was born September 18 to Bro. Gary and Sis. Jean Compton (Bluffton).

A son, Levi Cole, was born October 4 to Bro. Steve and Sis. Gayla Gerber. Big brothers, Landon and Lucas, along with grandparents, Bro. Harry and Sis. Lois Gerber and Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner, welcome little Levi home.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Kathy Bertsch are the first-time parents of a son, Caleb Michael, born September 28. Bro. Walt and Sis. Joyce Neuenschwander are the happy grandparents.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Roy (Sis. Lucy) Haab in the loss of his sister, Sis. Priscilla Haab (Milford, IN).

Our prayers are with Bro. Ezra Kaehr (Bluffton) and his family on the death of his wife, Mahilda "Tillie," who passed away September 25. Surviving children in our congregation are Sis. Carol (Bro. Vernon) Meyer and Sis. Mary Jo (Robert) Troxel.

Hospital patients this past month were Wally Leman (Sis. Marilyn) and Sis. Mary Moser.

Camp Mack was held September 30. It is encouraging to see the younger generation is still interested in learning to know more about our Savior and to bond friendships that may last a lifetime.

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### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jacki Huber

We rejoice with Bro. Dale and Sis. Amy Ringger, as they welcome a baby girl, Jasmine Lydia, into their home. Jasmine was born September 27, and has one older sister, Serenity. Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn Ringger (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Ron and Sis. Dianne Vogt are the grandparents.

We were blessed with the presence of two visiting ministers this month. Bro. Lester Huber (Lexington, KY) and Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) shared a Wednesday evening and Sunday with us, respectively. May God bless them for taking time to visit us.

Our prayers have been with Bro. Joe Clauss, who recently underwent surgery. Bro. Joe resides at Parkview Haven. We were happy to see him in church this past Sunday, and pray that he continues to regain strength.

On October 5, Oden Simenc went home to be with the Lord. Oden repented and found peace with God, and was planning to be baptized October 6. We're thank that his earthly pain has ended and that he is truly "home," and yet we will miss his presence at Parkview Haven, where he resided. May the Lord bless his family and friends with the comfort and peace only He can give.

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Give Your Old and New Address  
To Your Reporter

**INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Miriam Gudeman**

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

Zion's Harp #236

We have so much to be thankful for, not just during this season but throughout the year. Let's thank God everyday for the "seen" and "unseen" things He does for us, as well as those He plans to do!

We extend a heartfelt thanks to our visiting ministers this past month. They were Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington), Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North), Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford), Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo) and Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton).

The memorandum was read October 20. It was a blessed weekend as once again we felt the need to vote for a minister. Keep us in your prayers as we wait for the results of our voting. May God's will be evident.

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

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever . . . Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Psalms 107:1, 8

Did I forget to thank Thee, Lord,  
For things that may seem small:  
A flower by the wayside;  
A wild bird's lonely call:  
For all the daily happenings  
That we call commonplace;  
For autumn and for sunsets,  
And a neighbor's smiling face?

For life is made of little things,  
So let me not forget  
To count my smallest blessing,  
And, before the sun is set,

To thank Thee, Lord, for every one  
That adds a note of cheer,  
And our blessings will be  
multiplied  
Before another year.

Pauline Drew Stone

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

Fred Bauer

One of the things I find I'm more grateful for as the years go by is the Zion's Harp. The words in those songs are like beautiful sermons. So often we tend to sing the same verses over and over, forgetting the ones outside the stanza. One Sunday we were singing hymn #198, "Our Conversation Is In Heaven." A brother requested verse 5, one I don't remember ever singing.

"Can we have our hearts in heaven  
And yet earthly-minded live?  
Can we, who have been forgiven,  
Not forget and not forgive?  
Can we hate an erring brother,  
Only love when we are loved,  
And not bear with one another,  
By Christ's Holy Spirit moved?"

What a deep and insightful verse!  
We'd like to thank ministering  
Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction,  
OH) for visiting us this past month  
and sharing God's Word.

The Phil Troxel family would like to thank all those who were so kind and helpful during the long illness and death of their loved one.

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**INDIANA, LEO**  
**Thelma Schlatter**

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily  
loadeth us with benefits, even the  
God of our salvation."

Psalms 68:19

"Giving thanks always for all  
things unto God and the Father in  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
Ephesians 5:20

Thanksgiving is every day when  
you're a child of God -- It is response  
from the heart to all the many bless-  
ings He has given His family.

Thanksgiving is an attitude of appreciation expressed through the lives we live -- and an inner joy in knowing how much our Father loves us. When thanksgiving is every day. It brings true meaning to the special day of celebration."

(Morning Star)

A most precious blessing the children in the family of God treasure is the joy in Him "for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

According to Webster: Joy is the emotion of well being, success or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires: a state of happiness; bliss; delight.

But, according to the Word of God, joy is more than an emotion -- it is a "fruit of the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22, 23)

Joy and true contentment come from the inside, not the outside. There is a difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is based on happenings; joy isn't!

The abundant life is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 10:10)

Messengers of His Word recently were visiting Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Bros. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL) and Carl Wyss (Washington, IL).

October 14 was a beautiful wedding day for Sis. Dana Trumbower and Bro. Kurt Pflederer. They are wished a beautiful life together with His rich blessings. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trumbower (Philadelphia, PA) and Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer (Tremont, IL).

Sis. Lucille Frank has been a recent hospital patient. May the Lord bless in this recuperation time.

Farm lands are yielding their harvest; but each day until He comes is harvest time all over the world. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35) "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37, 38)

**Bits of This and That:**

It is the life behind the words of testimony that makes the message effective.

Faith does not need defending; it only needs proclaiming.

Christianity is often judged by what others see in you.

What God wants from us is not so much our ability as our availability.

"When my eyes are on my Master, they are not on those around me. This is the place of peace." (A Shepherd Looks At Psalms 23) by Phillip Keller

**INDIANA, MILFORD****Gwen Steffen - Paula Haab**

As I sit thinking about writing for the Silver Lining, I'm looking across water, that has risen considerably recently, at tree leaves that are turning bright red and yellow. Oh, how can anyone say, "There is no God.?"

We want to acknowledge our sympathy and wish God's nearness to Martin and Lorene Stookey in the loss of his mother and also to Bro. Mark and Sis. Kristie Meyer in the passing of his grandpa.

God was so good when on September 24 he took our dear Sis. Mary Good home to be with him. She was ninety-eight years old. She sat so patiently, praising her God, in a nursing home many years. She left a daughter, Sis. Melba Hunsberger, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

A few weeks ago, Bro. Bob Cockburn was barbecuing when a wasp stung him twice. He had a violent reaction and was taken by the E.M.S. to a local hospital. We are so thankful God saw fit to spare Bro. Bob so he can still be useful to his family, church and community.

Once again little Simon Beer (Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie) needed to be hospitalized. His brother, Seth, had an appendectomy. Also during this past month Sis. Connie underwent extensive testing for her health problem. May they be able to hold fast to God's promise of not letting more come over us than we can bear. Our prayers are for their full recovery.

On September 30, a goodly num-

ber of friends and brethren gathered together at Camp Mac here in the Milford area. The weather was quite cool, but God warmed our hearts through many ministers and brothers who lent themselves to teach and speak. Added blessings were songs and poems by many young people and the Francesville choir.

Bro. Dean Steffen (Elgin, IL) came and ministered unto us September 30. He gave us much food for thought from the Scriptures. We wish God's blessings on him and his family. We enjoy having visiting ministers, but we are thankful for our own ministers who feed us spiritually over and over. It seems we just expect them to be there for us. This came to me recently when there was only one minister on the pulpit. On that Sunday, our retired elder, Theo Beer, was willing and able to take part in the service.

We rejoice that God has given peace to the hearts of Heidi and Michelle Lehman, daughters of Bro. John and Sis. Pam, and to Jennie Price, daughter of Bro. Tom and Becky. We are looking forward to hearing their testimonies in the near future.

A work project has brought Bro. Toby Steffen (Bluffton North) into our area for a few months. We appreciate the time he spends with our young people and assembling with us.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Kristie Meyer just left on a medical work team going to Mexico. May God bring them home safely and reward them now and in all eternity.

**INDIANA, REMINGTON****Amelia Schini**

Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis) was our guest speaker at our topical Bible study this month. Thanks, Bro. Ken, for an inspiring lesson.

I don't have much news to report this month but can say we have three sets of happy grandparents.

On September 22, a daughter, Brandi Nichole, was born to Amy (Waibel) and Jim Burrell. Bro. Gene and Sis. Diane Waibel are her grandparents.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffen were happy when their son-in-law, Douglas Pauley (Indianapolis) called September 24 to tell them his wife, LuAnn, their daughter, had given birth to Rachel Ellen.

Likewise, Bro. Herbert and Sis. Mary Jo Schieler were happy when Elise Abigail was born October 8 to son, Larry Schieler, and wife, Kathy, in Lafayette.

We congratulate these parents and grandparents. Even though some don't live right around here we still feel they are part of our church family and always welcome them when they come home.

May God bless each of these couples and help them to rear up their children in the way they should go. In these perilous times we need a lot of good Christian influence among the children.

**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND****Anna Marie Stoller**

Sis. Emma Lou Gerber has been seriously ill and is recuperating at home after her hospitalization.

Josh Mangold has been announced as having peace with God.

Elder Bros. Loren Stoller, Wendell Gudeman and Jesse Beer spent a recent Wednesday evening exhorting our congregation.

A sincere thank you to everyone who remembered me and my family during my eye problem with prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and gifts. God's special blessing to all of you.

Wayne Lehman

Our heartfelt prayers go with Bob and Sis. Joan Graf, Mindy, Michael and Christy as they have moved to Fort Wayne, and are attending the Latty church.

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**  
**Marie Heinold - Cindy Susdorf****THANKSGIVING**

Count your blessings instead of your crosses  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes  
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears  
 Count your courage instead of your fears.  
 Count your health instead of your wealth  
 Count on God instead of yourself.  
 Bea Montanus

We were blessed to have Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Ken Hoerr visit us this past month. We're so thankful for the efforts of all our ministers and also that they rely on the Holy Spirit's inspiration. What a joy to gather and sing --

"Our Great God we praise thee now" Zion's Harp #101.

Old Time Friends group visited us and shared their love September 16 and was enjoyed by all.

We're having an Indian Summer here in northwest Indiana but Old Man Winter will soon be here as I saw frost on the pumpkin this morning.

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**INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE  
 PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
 Camille Vogt**

God has given us many things for which to be thankful. One of the blessings He is bestowing upon us is the construction of a new fellowship center here at Purdue. All the plans are falling into place, as we see God's hands providing our every need. We would like to express our appreciation to the following committee members of the Lafayette Apostolic Christian Fellowship Center: Bro. Chris and Sis. Sharon Huber (Francesville), Bro. Edwin (chairman) and Sis. Lois Bahler (Remington), Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Levy (LaCrosse), Bro. Richard (treasurer) and Sis. Sharon Meister (Lafayette) and Bro. Duane (secretary) and Sis. Suzanne Schieler (Wolcott). We also wish to thank everyone who contributed by supporting and helping with the project. May God's bountiful blessings be upon each one of you.

We are also very thankful for the ministers who traveled to share God's Word with us for our Thursday evening services. They include Elder Bro. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) and Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL). Our services for the remainder of this se-

mester will be November 15 and December 6. We welcome anyone who would like to worship with us. Services are held at the Emmanuel Bible Church on Soldier's Home Road at 7:30 p.m. E.S.T.

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**INDIANA, WOLCOTT  
 Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp**

Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN) conducted our Bible study September 25. He spoke on "Godliness" and how we should strive to be more "Godly" in our daily lives. We were reminded that life is really about living the Word, separating our own flesh, living by the grace of God, and living after the Spirit as the Word teaches. On Wednesday evening, October 3, Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) ministered unto us. He had been working in our area and we are thankful he lended himself in the Lord's service. We wish to thank these brothers for being willing to share the Word with us.

Mindy Furrer (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Pam) was hospitalized for a few days and we are thankful she is home and doing fine. Sis. Marilyn Schieler is recovering from back surgery. May God bless her with renewed strength and health according to His will.

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**IOWA, AMES-DES MOINES  
 Lynn Martin**

Homework, classes and extra-curricular activities are keeping us busy here in the Ames and Des Moines area. With the stress of achievement and good grades, it is sometimes hard to remember what our top priority is, and to "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2.

I am reminded of how we, as Christian college students, are like Daniel and his friends. He, too, moved away from home. Daniel lived in a new, strange land, but still spent his time profitably in prayer and praising God. Like Daniel, we must remember to spend our time wisely.

Furthermore, Daniel made a decision that he did not want to defile his body by eating the king's food. Instead, Daniel wanted to eat foods

that he had been raised on in his homeland. As Christians, we should not want to partake of the "food" the world offer us, but feast on God's Word, "food" from our homeland -- God's kingdom.

Thanksgiving, a holiday our nation recognizes to thank God for the many wonderful things He has given us, is approaching. It is a time where I have to stop and reflect on all the changes that have taken place in my life and thank Him because "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

We also want to thank Bros. John Schmidgall (Oakville), Duane Metzger (West Bend), Pat Zaugg (West Bend) and Paul Eisenmann (Burlington) for coming and sharing God's Word with us. Future dates include December 9, January 27, February 10 and 24. We hold services at the Midland Financial Savings and Loans in Ames and begin singing at 12:00 noon.

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**IOWA, BURLINGTON  
 Deyona Massner - Carolyn Wulf**  
 We thank Elder Bro. Ed Lanz for lending himself to our congregation. May we uphold our dear elders as they sound forth the warnings as led by the Holy Spirit.

We are thankful also to have Sis. Maye Heiniger assembling with us again as she had the misfortune of hurting her leg several weeks ago and has been on crutches. May God continue to provide grace for one and all each day.

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Bro. John Wegman. He entered his eternal rest October 9 at the age of 98. We enjoyed our brother's presence as often as he gathered with us until his health would not allow.

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**IOWA, ELGIN  
 Gloria Frieden**

No matter what our lot may be in this life we know that we still have so very much to be thankful for. So let us be thankful.

Now thank we all our God  
 With hearts, and hands, and voice

Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom the world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blest us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Zion's Harp

We have been blessed with many visitors this past month and we are thankful for each one. A special thanks to those that lent themselves in teaching Sunday school to our visiting ministers, Bros. Wayne Grimm and Pat Zaugg (West Bend), Bro. Andy Virkler (Croghan, NY) and Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO). May God richly bless you all as you labor in His service.

We are also thankful to have Sis. Charlotte Nester (Eugene and Shirley Nester, Lester) here. Sis. Charlotte is living with and caring for her grandmother, Sis. Marie Butikofer, who had her 100th birthday in May.

The engagement of Bro. Mark Fehr (West Bend) to Sis. Janet Schaefer (Tremont, IL) was announced here Sunday, as Bro. Mark is currently living in Elgin while attending school at NITI in Calmar. We wish them God's guidance and blessings.

Also our belated best wishes to Kent Pulfer (Paul and Sis. Evelyn) and Jodi Pulfer (Darrell and Lola Cain) who were married last June. Both Kent and Jodi graduated from ISU with doctrinal degrees in veterinary medicine, and are now making their home in Tulare, CA.

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**IOWA, IOWA CITY**  
**Janette Schulz**

Greeting to all! With Thanksgiving approaching, it seems especially timely that our Bible study this month was on I Thessalonians 5:16, "Rejoice evermore." As each of us through of things for which we had to rejoice, we all realize that God has greatly blessed us in many ways. From our many spiritual blessings, including our salvation, to the many physical and material blessings God has showered upon us, as a nation, as a church, and as individuals, we certainly have much for which to be thankful.

One thing for which we are thank-

ful is our visitors. May God richly bless all who made an effort to "swell our ranks" this month. Another blessing is the opportunity to listen to the conference tapes this month. May we all listen attentively with our spiritual minds as our elders share their concerns for us.

God has also blessed us with opportunities to help others. We have a local supplier of sheets to be used for bandages. So far we have been collecting sheets on a weekly basis and have far more than our congregation can process. If anyone is interested in taking sheets for World Relief on a regular or one-time basis, please contact Sis. Bonita Frank (319) 848-4528.

Also realizing the value of counting our blessings, the author of Hymns of Zion #116 penned these words:

When upon life's billows you are  
tempest-tossed,  
When you are discouraged,  
thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name  
them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the  
Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load  
of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are  
called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry  
doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days  
go by.

When you look at others with their  
lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you  
His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money  
cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your  
home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great  
or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over  
all;  
Count your many blessings, angels  
will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your  
journey's end.

Count your blessings,  
Name them one by one;

Count your blessings,  
See what God hath done;  
Count your blessings,  
Name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings,  
See what God hath done.

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**IOWA, LESTER**

**Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch**

Among the visitors we enjoyed this past month were ministers of God's Word, namely Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT), Bro. Robert Stoller (Lamar, MO) and Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend). We humbly thank God for sending them to preach the truth to us.

Our hearts are overflowing with joy to hear that Derek Knobloch (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Wilma) has turned his heart to the Lord in repentance. May Derek be granted much love and grace as he petitions God's help to work out his soul's salvation.

Submitting to surgery recently was Bro. Dale Knobloch and hospitalized now at Rochester, MN, for medical reasons is Stephen Snyders (Lyle and Sis. Peggy). God knows each one's needs and we continue to pray that His will may be done.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Erma Gerber (Bro. Bill) and family in the passing of her father, Bro. Pete Esslinger (Sabetha, KS). May God be their comforter as they bid farewell to their loved one.

What a blessed time it is to sit and pause a while and listen to the tapes of our recent brotherhood conference. If our hearts are prayerful and open and receptive to the admonitions and encouragements, the blessings will continue to be forthcoming.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we lift our hearts and our hands in prayer thanking God for the countless blessings we enjoy each day.

We rejoiced to hear that Brent Teubel (Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline) has turned his back on the ways of the world and has chosen to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Our prayer is that God's love and grace be given

in abundant measure to Brent and all others seeking their soul's salvation.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski) and Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL). We humbly thank them for giving of themselves in the service of the Lord.

On October 5, Bro. Stan and Sis. Dawn Knobloch welcomed Kyla Rose into their home. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Pat and Sis. Twyla Meyer and paternal grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch. May this family feel God's presence as they are entrusted with this precious new baby.

The engagement of Bro. Dwight Mogler (Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie, Minneapolis, MN) and Sis. Donna Bellasy (Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina, Rockville, CT) was made known to our congregation. May He continue to bless them as they plan their wedding and lives together.

October 6 was the wedding day for Joe Metzger (Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice) and Kristi Beck. May our heavenly Father richly bless them as they establish a home together.

Sis. Lydia Mogler (Bro. Phil) was hospitalized and returned home again following surgery and is up and about. Bro. Herman Stickling (Sis. Evelyn) remains hospitalized at this time. We are thankful Stephen Snyders (Lyle and Sis. Peggy) has returned home and is recuperating from a bone marrow transplant. We pray that God will provide for their every need for both soul and body and that His gifts of love and peace will be with each one.

#### 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

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE

Melody Steiner  
Debbie Wagenbach

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife . . ." (Genesis 2:24) We rejoice with Sis. Lynne Massner (Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma) and Bro. Matt Musselman (Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy, Pulaski, IA) as their engagement has been made known. May they rely on God's Holy Spirit to direct their footsteps as they plan for their marriage in Him.

". . . for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Genesis 3:19) Into the bosom of the earth we have recently laid our beloved Bro. John Wegman. If I am not in error, I believe Bro. John would have been 99 years of age this coming January. We are thankful that Bro. John can now meet His Saviour face to face. Our sympathy goes forth to his children, Bro. Sam Wegman (Sis. Rosemary), Sis. Louise Rowell (Bro. Floyd) and Sis. Wilma Stoller (Bro. Vernon). May they reflect upon the many precious memories that God has given them.

#### IOWA, PULASKI

Teresa Schock  
Carol Wettstein

As we see the many fields this time of year being harvested, let us remember to keep our lives in tune so we are prepared for God's harvest someday.

Love of all gifts is the greatest . . . On October 7 we were happy to hear the engagement of Bro. Matt Musselman (Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy) to Sis. Lynn Massner (Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma, Oakville). We wish them God's blessings.

Gary Kellenberger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon, Elgin, IL) is attending college in Kirksville, MO, and we certainly welcome him to assemble with us whenever he can.

On September 14, Jessica Lynn was born to Robert and Janice Johnson (Pulaski). Welcoming her home is Russell, Peter and Christine. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and

Sis. Wilma Teubel. Also in this family, little Peter was hospitalized for a short time. Bro. Bernard Schaer (Sis. Leah) was also in the hospital for several days following a fall.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Doug (Sis. Clara) and Bro. Dale (Sis. Teresa) Schock in the death of their uncle, Henry Schock (Elgin).

#### IOWA, WEST BEND

Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber

We really appreciate having visiting ministers in our midst to bring us many timely messages. Those who have been here in the past month were: Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bros. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH), Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA), Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN), Andy Virkler (Croghan/Naumburg, NY) and Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO).

Bro. Manuel and Sis. Mary Gerber, along with big sister, Luann, and grandparents, Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler, welcome little Ted Eli into their hearts and home. Ted was born August 11 and came to their home September 13. May the blessings of the Lord rest on each home that is given the responsibility of bringing up children to know the Lord.

A reception for Bro. Joe and Sis. Joan (Steiner) Fehr was held October 6. We wish them the nearness of the Lord as they establish a Christian home in Ames, IA, where Bro. Joe is receiving his education.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele Bruellman and families in the loss of Sis. Adele's father, Bro. Pete Esslinger (Bern, KS). Sis. Ella Banwart, 98, passed away September 14. Visitation and prayer service were held here September 15 and funeral services were in Fort Scott, KS, Monday, September 17. Children to mourn her passing are Bro. Earl (Sis. Edna), Bro. Albert (Sis. Betty Rose) and Sis. Helen Zaugg (Bro. Ed, West Bend), Sis. Ruth Bahr (Bro. Jim), Glenn (Doreen, Fort Scott, KS) and Sis. Irene Kaiser (Bro. Lester, Morton, IL).

We are happy to say we had only one hospital patient. Bro. Lawrence

Schneider (Sis. Ella) who is not able to be home again.

Bro. Nate and Sis. Lilly Mogler are now residing in the North Care Center (Humbolt, IA).

Congratulations go to Kelly Fehr (Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole) and Tammy Dean (Robert and Virginia, Appleton, IA) who have announced their engagement.

The Thanksgiving season is fast approaching. May we keep a Thanksgiving in our hearts as stated in the Gospel Hymns #480, written by Bro. Henry Beer.

### THANKFUL

Thankful for health, Thankful for life, Thankful for guidance in sorrow and strife.

Thankful for food and ripe golden grain, for all that is needful our life to sustain.

Thankful for friends who just stand by. Upon whose strength we can rely.

Thankful for home with comforts blest. Where peace abides with love and rest.

Thankful for those who daily impart, strength for the journey cheer for the heart.

Thankful to work in rich moist soil. Where roses bloom, to compensate toil.

Thankful to hear the still small voice, making our hear in life's sorrows rejoice.

Attention: December is collection month for the Silver Lining.

### JAPAN, TOKYO

#### Frank and Kathy Sauder

October is a beautiful month in Japan because the typhoon season has passed along with the heat of the summer. With October 10 being a national holiday, Bro. Yamazaki organized a hiking trip for the believers and friends in Tokyo and Shioda. We climbed Mt. Takao which is located at the edge of Tokyo. It was a special time of fellowship as we walked through the beauty of God's creation. It seems that so often we get so caught up in our responsibilities that we don't take time to relax together as one large family, with young and old together,

talking and helping each other along the path of life.

On October 14, we were blessed with the opportunity to take holy communion. We thank Elder Bro. Willis for coming to Tokyo to help Elder Bro. Akito. There were 14 of us who gathered together to commemorate the Lord's Supper. Being a very small church, we felt the absence of mother Utsuki who could not be with us due to failing health. We pray that God would bless her and grant her the strength to once again be able to assemble with us.

We are thankful that Bro. Gerry Hertz (Sabetha, KS) could worship with us while on business in Japan. It is always a blessing to have visitors.

### KANSAS, BERN

#### Kathy Strahm Lori Baumgartner

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

I Thessalonians 5:18

How humbling it is when we hear of fellow brethren in other countries who have far less than us in material goods as well as religious freedoms, and yet they are "thankful to God in all things." Sunday evening, October 7, Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO) was here to give a slide presentation of his Eastern Europe trip this past summer. It was a very blessed evening. May the Lord bless him and his wife for making the effort to come here and tell of their time spent over there.

Also assembling with us this past month were Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR), Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS) and Bro. Jeff Bahr (Kiowa, KS). May the Lord bless each minister for his efforts on our behalf.

We rejoice with Bro. Arden and Sis. Darlene Stoller as they have been blessed with a healthy little daughter, Lauri Rachelle, born September 22. She is welcomed home by Marla, Steve and Rick. Grandparents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl Stoller (Bern, KS) and Bro.

Bill and Sis. Leona Wulf (Lester, IA).

As time continues to march on, it often changes the course of our lives . . . Freida Bauman who was a resident at the Apostolic Christian Village Apartments is now a resident of the nursing home due to health reasons.

The following note of thanks was submitted for publication:

To all the dear brothers and sisters and friends of Sabetha and Bern, Kansas. Words cannot express my thanks to your for sharing and caring and gifts of love. Thanks to Roy and Lucy Rokey for sharing their home. Really what I want to say, I guess, is grateful thanks and God will bless.

Sister-in-faith,  
Lillian Koehl (Zapata, TX)

### Q.M.R.P. Position

Q.M.R.P. position opening for the new 12-bed I.C.F.M.R. located at Lakeside Terrace in Sabetha, KS, will open February 1991. Operated by the Sabetha Apostolic Christian Home.

Opportunity for an individual who wants to use skills and knowledge base to run an active treatment program.

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in a Human Service Field

Contact: Elder Bro. John Lehman, Apostolic Christian Home, 511 Paramount, Sabetha, KS 66534, (913) 284-3471.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

#### Teresa Bahr

We are rejoicing with Tammy and Rebecca Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) and Janelle Sinn (Bro. John and Sis. Carol) as they turn their lives away from sin and enter into repentance.

Funeral services were held here September 17 for our Sis. Ella Mae (Cordill) Banwart. She passed from this life at the age of 98 September 14. Her surviving children include: Bro. Earl Banwart, Bro. Albert Banwart, Sis. Helen Zaugg, all of West Bend, IA, Sis. Irene Kaiser (Morton, IL), Glen Banwart and Sis. Ruth Bahr (Fort Scott, KS). Also surviving are one sister, Sis. Alma

Cordill (Eureka, IL) and two brothers, Bro. William (Bill) Cordill (Oakville, IA) and Walter Cordill (Lamar, MO).

At our Wednesday night assembly, we are listening to the tapes of the 1990 elder conference.

"He gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him."

Wings of Silver, pg. 70

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

#### Vola Young - Judy Kraft

The conference conclusion tapes were played on four successive Friday nights. Were thankful for this life-giving faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has been preserved down through the ages and is still ours to enjoy today. A number of emotions were stirred as I sat and listened to the inspired words brought forth by our elder brethren. We know there are many churches that we could affiliate ourselves with, some more strict, other more lenient in their doctrines and teachings.

The question is -- are the risks of leniency and self-gratification worth the consequences of spiritual indifference and death to ourselves or to an observing brother or sister-in-faith? I think it comes down to what is best not for one individual but as a body of believers. Let us all be more resolute and supportive to our elder brethren in their efforts to unite a body of believers, working collectively for that most high prize! How wonderful if at our life's end we can freely and honestly say as the Apostle Paul did, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8.

As Christians, we know what really counts in life. So to that end let us stand fast in the Lord, that in the end we can claim His inheritance to be counted as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

Best wishes are extended to Clint and Kim Strahm (Dimnick) who were united in marriage October

13. Clint is the son of Jake and June Strahm. Grandparents of Clint are Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm. A number of relatives traveled to Magnolia, TX, to attend the wedding.

Belated congratulations to Randy and Kerri Somerhalder (Eller) who were wed September 2 in Greensburg, KS. Randy is the son of Sis. Edna and the late Bro. Joseph Somerhalder.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

#### Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

When you've counted all your blessings  
and named them one by one,  
You'll stand in awe before the Lord

For all that He has done.  
You'll be amazed by little things  
That you didn't see before  
Like rainbows in the meadow  
And moonlight on the shore.

How sweet the melody of birds  
For each angelic voice  
Sifts softly through the night  
To let our hearts rejoice.  
How precious, too the budding rose  
Which brightens every smile,  
For these are the simple things  
That go the extra mile.

And treasured, too, are memories  
of friends who pass our way  
To share a cup of kindness  
When sorrows cloud our day.  
You'll be aware of many things  
Unnoticed by us all  
When you worship on your knees  
And praise Him wall to wall!  
Clay Harrison

In this Thanksgiving season, we are thankful above all for the plan of salvation that we may have the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the hospital this month was Bro. Arnold Ott. Also needing our prayers is Bro. Henry Hodel who was an outpatient this month.

Many gathered at Life Care Rest Home this month for services. Bro. Ronald Allenbach shared God's Word with the residents. May the Lord bless him for his labor of love.

### KANSAS, LAMONT

#### Mary Isch

Sunday evening, October 14, we had our annual Sunday school picnic and wiener roast. It was a beautiful fall evening and we all enjoyed the fellowship and delicious food at Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knoblocks.

Bro. Jay and Sis. Jane Luthi are the parents of Michael Keith, born September 27. Michael has two sisters, Andrea and Marie, and a brother, Aaron. Grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Joann Luthi and Bro. Don and Sis. Ione Broquard.

We are happy to report Martha Hughes is back home after being in the hospital for several weeks following a fall and knee surgery. We are thankful for God's healing power upon her.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

#### Beth Hartter - Sharon Strahm

Our congregation appreciated visits from Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO) and Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita) and their willingness to bring us God's inspired Word.

On Saturday evening, Elder Bro. Gene showed slides and talked of the trip he and Sis. Mary took to Eastern Europe for the dedication of the new church in Budapest. It was very interesting! We could see the many things he told about in his report on that trip published in previous Silver Linings. As Bro. Gene asked, "Do we really appreciate our freedom to worship?" It's something we've had all our lives.

Now with Thanksgiving Day approaching, may we thank God not only for our many material blessings; but, more so, for our spiritual blessing and the freedom to worship. may we thank Him not only for our blessings either, but, also for the burdens we must carry at times. Don't they cause us to put forth more effort and draw us closer to God?

We are thankful Stefany Kellenberger (Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn) has been able to return to school after a hospital stay and rest.

A warm welcome is extended to Sis. Gerry O'Brien who has moved here from Rockville, CT. We hope she can feel our love and will soon feel at home with us.



## KANSAS, WICHITA

### Emma Miller

Wichita congregation will begin a schedule of home singings to be held the first Sunday of each month. This should be a blessed ministry of song and an opportunity for wholesome fellowship.

Our study of Jonah has been reassuring. Like Jonah, we cannot disassociate ourselves from God's purpose. God will not overrule our selfish will but He will chasten us to the point we will have feelings of unsettledness, frustration, bitterness, self-pity and/or self-righteousness. How much better that we confess our sins, turn from them and trust in Him! Then we can enjoy His blessing -- a sense of well-being which involves peace and joy!

## KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

### Lester and Glendoris Huber

Greetings of love and esteem from the Lexington Church. We are not worthy of the least of God's mercies and were so humbled and yet so grateful for the soul searching experience of communion service this October. Our beloved Elder Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman shared this sacred memorial of our Passover Lamb, the Lord Jesus, His broken and crucified body, the symbol of our faith of self denial and crucified life. And the blood that was shed from His pierced side "after He was dead" symbolizing the atonement for our sins that are past after an experience of true conversion. May this be a perpetual reminder in our daily walk to be more worthy of our high calling and most precious faith.

As the seasons of the year change, we are reminded time and again of God's glory. Let us never cease to thank and praise Him from whom all blessings flow. "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done." Hymns of Zion #116.

We appreciate our visiting ministers and the effort put forth in traveling to share God's Holy Word. Those who have come in the past two months were Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), Bros. Larry Weninger (Latty, OH), Gary Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and

Robert Beebe (South Bend, IN). May God bless them and their families and all the visitors who came.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and of a contrite spirit."

Psalms 34:18

## MICHIGAN, ALTO

### Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

As we approach this time of year, we make extra time to spend with family and friends. We sit back and ponder that the year is almost over. How we are thankful for our love we share with our family, friends and most of all our Lord.

It seems we can always reflect on the year and see things we should have or shouldn't have done more of. But I think this is one of the things the Lord does teach us, why He gives man memory and thought.

"Serve the Lord with gladness: . . . 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."

Psalms 100:2-5

We were all able to gather and enjoy the sunny warm fall day and take the Sunday school children and watch them play together and fellowship on our annual fall picnic this past month. We all like to enjoy as many of these fall days as we can before the first snow of winter comes.

## MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

### Peggy Waibel

"It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligation to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness

by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show for your body.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest."

Excerpts from the  
"Art of Thanksgiving"  
by Wilferd A. Peterson

November, what a special month. How exciting to watch the Master Artist paint the leaves red, oranges and yellows. How wonderful to bring in a bountiful harvest of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and grains. How blessed are we. Thanksgiving is not just a time of praise for a bountiful harvest, but also a time to praise God for all that life brings to each one. The challenge is extended to each one not to take the little things for granted, but to count each one of your many blessings.

Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin, IA) visited us this month. His message was inspiring, and we thank God for willingness to serve.

Sis. Irma Bragiel was hospitalized this month but is now in recovery. We pray that God will continue to go with her as she walks the path to complete recovery.

Sis. Lois Waibel is fighting a battle with cancer, and we pray that the Lord's will, will be done in her life. Remember her in your prayers.

Mildred Wackerle is also battling an illness and we pray that God will be with her family, give them strength and peace for recovery, but most of all, that the Lord's will, will be accomplished in her life.

"He leads me beside the still waters somewhere in the valley below; He draws me aside to be tested and tried, but in the valley he restoreth my soul."

May God go with you throughout the month, and may His loving arm be around you.

## MICHIGAN, DETROIT

### Sue Gasser

We were encouraged and uplifted with a beautiful weekend October 20 and 21 when Ann Tacher, Alisa Bahr (Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev), Miriam Fortenbacher (Bro. Walter

and Sis. Margaret) and Hajwalka (Dawn) Pallag (Sandor) gave their testimonies and were baptized. Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS) assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. We also appreciated our visiting ministers, Bros. Merle Hartzler (Rittman, OH), Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH), Neil Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and Szilzeszter Kis (Sceged, Hungary), who spoke to us with Bro. Andy Hunyady interpreting.

Our prayers are with Jane Kaisner (Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary) who would have loved to join this group, but was unable to due to chicken pox. We look forward to hearing her testimony December 2.

We want to thank Bro. Perry Klopfenstein for sharing our church history with us September 29. It strengthens us to know how our forefathers followed the conviction God put in their hearts even though it caused hardship to them personally. God give us the courage to stand fast.

Tommie Hitz (Bro. Tom and Sis. Cindy) was a hospital medical patient this month. We're thankful he's home again and doing fine.

Kealan Jurgen Waldimer Henschke was born October 24 and is welcomed home by his parents, Walter and Marsha, and big sister, Courtney. Grandparents are Sis. Arlene Belsley and Herman and Olga Henschke (Fort Myers, FL).

We are happy to announce the engagement of Julie Martin (Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen) to Steve Dawson (Alan and Sue, Plymouth, MI). We wish you God's blessings in your future plans.

We want to thank everyone who attended and/or helped for the Woodhaven Fall Bazaar October 5 and 6. God bless you for your love and support.

Bay City will host services at Woodhaven December 4 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

**Kathryn Schmidgall**

**Marcy Schmidgall**

We bid farewell to Bro. Gus and Sis. Alma Baum who have been assembling with us for 25 years. We will miss the light and example they have been to all of us. Our thoughts

and prayers will be with them as they establish their home in Roanoke, IL.

The engagement of Bro. Dwight Mogler (Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie, Lester, IA) to Sis. Donna Ballysy (Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina, Rockville, CT) was announced. They look forward to a December wedding. We wish them God's richest blessings during this time.

We surely will miss Bro. Wendell Schmidt as he moves back to West Bend, IA, for new employment. We wish him God's blessings in his new endeavor.

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL) minister God's Word to us once again. May God continue to bless him and Sis. Emily as he is used in God's service.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

**Debra Joos - Christa Sauder**

September 8 was the wedding date of Edward Mohrman and Mildred Fleischfresser. We wish them God's blessings and much happiness.

Elder Bro. Dennis Warner and Bro. Dale Wulf (Lester, IA) were our recent visiting ministers. Our hearts were lifted up and encouraged in the ways of the Lord.

Hospital patients this month were Bros. Randy Sutter, Carl Joos, Tom Dogotch and baby John Koehl (Bro. Guy and Sis. Lynette). May God bless them with restored health according to His will.

Thank you: Our heartfelt thanks to all who remembered us on our 40th wedding anniversary. Nothing could be more wonderful than to be remembered by those who have shared these 40 good years with us. God bless each one.

Bro. Alhai & Sis. Pearl Moser

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Georgia Messner**

**Kim Messner**

We were blessed this month with the privilege of having Elder Bro. Roy Grimm and wife (Taylor, MO) to assist Elder Bro. Harold in bringing forth the reading of the memorandum. We pray that we can apply it to ourselves and appreciate the

efforts our elder brothers put forth. Also we were fortunate to view the slides of India that Elder Bro. Roy had taken while there.

Surgical patients for the month were Patty Jerebek (Harlan), Sis. Pearl Lienemann and are all on the road to recovery. Hospital patients were Sis. Rose Alice Howk (Bro. Roy), Sis. Gerry Messner (Elder Bro. Harold) and Bro. Ray Messner (Sis. Bernadine). We want to thank God for His healing hand.

Bro. Duane Dill and family (Champaign, IL) spent the weekend in the area and we were truly blessed with his message. We are thankful that his job brought him to our area.

With the changing of the colors and the falling of the leaves, makes our mind turn to the Thanksgiving season. Let us make sure that we are thankful the entire year instead of just at the season.

We again made a trip of three pickup loads of used clothing and household items and goodies to the St. Peter State Hospital. We would like to thank everyone for the donation. Everything was put to good use.

#### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

**Carole Kellenberger**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer  
and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright  
hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside!  
"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great  
is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided --  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord,  
unto me!

Melodies of Praise #216

On Wednesday, October 10, we were so thankful to have Bro. John and Sis. Carol Steiner (Oakville, IA) assemble with us. Since none of our local ministers were able to be at church, we truly marvelled at God's faithfulness, and thank Bro.

John for willingly sharing the Word with us.

Once again, a number of us worked together to clean and beautify our church building and the grounds around it. Thanks to the adults and children alike who gave their time and talents and enjoyed a precious day of fellowship.

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**MISSOURI, LAMAR**  
**Janel Kellenberger**  
**Becky Marti**

We appreciate the message that was brought to us by Bro. Don Braker (Kansas City, MO) in the past month.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Virgil Frieden who was taken from us after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Bernice; four sons, Ivan, Ted, Bro. Rex and Tom (Lamar); and a daughter, Sis. Vera Baer (Larry, Princeville, IL).

Sis. Cecile Braker has been recently hospitalized after a stroke. May she feel God's nearness and the prayers of those who love her.

We want to welcome Sis. Marie Marti back to our congregation. She is back after recovering from a car accident that happened last December.

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**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Ruthie Hoerr**

October is really a very beautiful month here in Missouri. The gorgeous fall colors provoke reverence to the Master Painter. "Looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

I stand upon the mount of God  
with sunlight in my soul;  
I hear the storms in vales beneath,  
I hear the thunders roll.  
But I am calm with thee, my God,  
Beneath these glorious skies;  
And to the height on which I stand,  
No storms, nor clouds, can rise.  
O, This is life! O, this is joy!  
My God, to find thee so;  
Thy face to see, thy voice to hear,  
And all thy love to know.

Horatius Bonar

Visiting ministers this month

were Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), both visiting relatives in the area. They brought us truly inspiring messages of faith, love and salvation. May God bless them for serving us so graciously.

Our hearts were saddened at the loss of Sis. Phyllis (Kenny) Knapp's mother. It was special that she could be with her mother so much during her last days.

Bro. William Cottrell was readmitted to the hospital and now is home again. He continues to need your prayerful support. Their address is: 57 Lincoln Hill S. E., Quincy, IL 62301. Bro. William and Sis. Ruth's daughter-in-law, Teresa (Tom) Cottrell, was hospitalized for back problems, now is home recuperating. Teresa and Tom's son, Travis, was hospitalized for a concussion.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda Knapp are looking forward to two weddings with the announcement of their daughter, Sis. Sandy, to Bro. Tim Deitrich (Congerville, IL). Their son announced his engagement last month.

It was a pleasure to have ladies from a local women's club worship with us this month. One mentioned she would have liked to come before but wasn't sure she was welcome. How easy it is to be so complacent with our walk with God that we fail to share the joy of our loving Saviour by inviting others.

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**NEW YORK,**  
**CROGHAN/NAUMBURG**  
**Alice Virkler**

May we ever be thankful to God not only as this Thanksgiving time of the year, but throughout each and every day of our lives. We have so many things to be thankful for in this land which He has given us to live in and enjoy. The one thing that we should always be the most thankful for is the plan of salvation which is given to us by our heavenly Father and is a free gift for each of us.

We are thankful that God still has messengers in this lifetime who are willing to proclaim His Word unto us and remind us of this special gift which can be ours if we will accept it. On Sunday, October 7,

Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) was our visiting minister. We are thankful for the messages he gave to us and pray that the Word which is preached each Sunday may bear fruit in due time.

Joe and Donna Farney welcomed a new son, Tyrus Andrew, who was born October 5. Little Tory is glad for a new playmate. Their grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Alice Farney and Paul and Cynthia Bush.

Sis. Hazel Schneider was called home from this life Monday, October 15. Funeral services were held by Elder Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Duane Farney. Sis. Hazel celebrated her 90th birthday September 11 and many of us were able to assemble with her and her family at the East Road Adult Home to celebrate with her. Our sympathy is extended to her sons, Brayton and Donald (Lowville) and their families and the families of her sons, Emerson and Ralph, who preceded her in death. May they each be comforted by the words which were spoken and the hope that we can once more meet her after this life if we remain true and faithful.

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

The Persian Gulf area has been making headline news because of the troops there. In the Bible, a part of this Persian Gulf area is called Elam, and there is a province that is still called Elam today. The first war recorded in the Bible came from Elam. In Genesis 15 Chedorlaomer, King of Elam, smote many people and invaded Sodom and Gomorrah, taking all the goods and victuals, including Lot and his goods, and departed. When Abraham heard it, he armed his 318 trained servants and overcame them and brought the hostages back. Abraham blessed God, the first instance recorded of praising God. Elam is mentioned in Daniel 8 as Daniel saw in a vision that he was at Elam and it foretold that the Medes and Persians would come and make invasion. In Ezra 4:9 the Elamites were included in the list to hinder the temple restoration, but some of God's people believed God's Word and overcame

the hindrance. We're thankful for God's people that are armed with God's Word and praise that will help us overcome the enemy's invasions.

Bro. Todd Graf, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Audrey Graf, was united in marriage to Sis. Lydia Fortenbacher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Fortenbacher at Kitchener, Ontario. We welcome Sis. Lydia in our congregation, and may the Lord bless their marriage and lives together.

Sis. Susan Grawunder, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Eva Grawunder is engaged to be married to Bro. Mike Walder, son of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Walder (Champaign, IL). May God be with them and bless them as they make their marriage plans.

Sis. Kathy Bako (Bro. Sandor) and some of their family are in Hungary with the Bako family. Going over to be in Hungary, along with Sis. Kathy, was Rose Yahi and Leila, Bro. and Sis. Tibor Zsoldos and Jonathan and David, and Bro. and Sis. Eric Graf and Andrew.

We appreciated Elder Bro. Ray Sinn and Bros. Earl Beery, Andy Virkler (New York) and Glenn Riggenschach visiting and ministering to us.

Bro. Leo Heib was hospitalized and we pray for his recovery.

## OHIO, COLUMBUS

### John Grimm

We are thankful for the brothers who minister to us the beautiful message of salvation. We are thankful to Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH), Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH), Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty, OH) and their families for being with us.

On September 23, the Columbus church had college welcome day for approximately 20 students and their families. After services we enjoyed a picnic in a local park. It is a blessing to have our college friends assembling with us again.

We are sincerely grateful to God who always provides for His children. Effective November 4, we will be assembling at our new church

building; 7860 Sawmill Road. We are humbled and overjoyed in the provision the Lord has made for a place of worship in Columbus, where his name can be honored.

## OHIO, JUNCTION

### Laurie Schlatter

We rejoice with Sis. Millie Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) on her engagement to Bro. Jeff Stoller (Bro. Bob and Sis. Eileen, Smithville).

### WHAT IS LOVE?

What is love? No words can define it,

It's something so great only God could design it . . .

Wonder of wonders, beyond man's conception, and only in God can love find true perfection,

For love is enduring and patient and kind,

It judges all things with the heart, not the mind,

And love can transform the most commonplace

Into beauty and splendor and sweetness and grace . . .

For love is unselfish, Giving more than it takes,

And no matter what happens love never forsakes,

It's faithful and trusting and always believing,

Guileless and honest and never deceiving . . .

Yes, love is beyond what man can define,

For love is immortal and God's gift is divine!

Helen Steiner Rice

## OHIO, LATTY

### Kathy Sinn - Rhonda Stoller

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

I Thessalonians 5:18

As I sat down to write this article my mind began to reflect on this time of year. A flood of feelings came over me. November is the month set aside for the Thanksgiving Holiday. I started to think of all the reasons I had to be thankful.

I have a family I love and who loves me. I have a father and mother that are so full of love. The example they have given me by their lives isn't one that could be brought in a store, but read about in God's Word. They have always done their best to teach me of God and the beauty of a life dedicated to Him. I have a job I enjoy and co-workers who are daily praying not only with me but for me. Their daily encouragement spurs me on spiritually.

I live in a country that allows me to serve and worship God openly. God has chosen to bless me with a church that loves and serves Him. I have made many wonderful friendships with my brethren in faith. God has blessed my life over and over and also the lives of those around me. I never need to worry where I will be sleeping each night or if there will be food and clothing for my body in the morning.

I then began to realize that these are also the same feelings and blessings most of us in the church share. God's blessings are everywhere he hasn't held them back. I also began to feel ashamed to think of the many times my thoughts and words have been negative and grumpy. I witness each day that each individual is not as blessed as we are. Not because God has withheld His love; but, because others have chosen to turn their back on God and refuse His power.

I wonder how different our own lives would be and the impact we could make on other lives for Christ, if our thoughts and deeds this month (as well as the entire year) were those of thanksgiving. Even the smallest deed can bring such help and happiness to another's life. Invite an individual who has no family or no place to go to your home for the Thanksgiving meal or any meal throughout the year. Send a note of thanks or encouragement to the person in your life who has been such a blessing and you haven't let them know. Help the individual, who feels there is no reason in the world to be thankful, to count his many blessings. God has placed us on this earth not to see through each year, but to help each other through. I give myself and you this challenge.

## THANK YOU GOD

Thank you, God, for everything --  
The big things and the small.  
For "every good gift comes from  
God" --

The giver of them all.  
And all too often we accept  
With any thanks or praise,  
The gifts God sends as blessings  
Each day in many ways.

And so at this Thanksgiving time  
We offer up a prayer  
To thank you, God, for giving us  
A lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little  
things

That often come our way.  
The things we take for granted  
But don't mention when we pray.  
The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful, kindly deed.  
A hand reached out to help us  
In the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
Of little daily graces.

That come to us with "sweet  
surprise"

From never-dreamed-of" places.  
Then, thank you for the "Miracles"  
We are much too blind to see.

And give us new awareness  
Of our many gifts from thee,  
And help us to remember  
That the Key to Life and Living  
Is to make each prayer a prayer of  
Thanks

And every day Thanksgiving.  
Helen Steiner Rice

We are thankful once again for  
the many visiting ministers who  
have shared with us over the month.

Our prayers continue to be with  
the converts. Keep believing in God.  
He has never failed nor will He ever  
fail. A life in Christ truly is wonder-  
ful!

This is a reminder that Decem-  
ber is the month for Latty's Silver  
Lining dues. Please see your report-  
ers. Thank you.

## OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

"Let us come before his presence  
with thanksgiving, and make a joyful  
noise unto him with psalms." (Psalms  
95:2) We have had so many reasons  
to be thankful. God is faithful and  
we have again experienced a time of

planting and a time of harvest. Have  
we become complacent? Do we just  
expect God to continue blessing us?  
Do we just take our blessings for  
granted or do we come before His  
presence with thanksgiving? As we  
gather with our loved ones for a spe-  
cial day of Thanksgiving, may we  
remember those with special needs  
especially those serving in the armed  
forces and their families.

We are thankful for Elder Bro.  
Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Bro.  
Ron Kipfer (Bluffton, IN) for their  
recent visits. "How beautiful upon  
the mountains are the feet of him  
that bringeth good tidings, that pub-  
lisheth peace; that bringeth good  
tiding of good, that publisheth sal-  
vation; that saith unto Zion, Thy  
God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7) May  
God bless them for their willing-  
ness to serve on our behalf.

Sis. Hermine Beer wishes to  
thank everyone for their cards, vis-  
its and especially their prayers  
during her illness. We are sorry our  
dear sister has experienced a set-  
back and has been in the hospital  
again. We know the Lord will con-  
tinue to be with her and keep her.

## OHIO, RITTMAN

Diane Gasser - Lois Maibach

"Lo, children are an heritage of  
the Lord:"

Psalms 127:3

A new little daughter, Patricia  
Joy, has joined the family of Bro.  
Dale and Sis. Nancy Bauman. Older  
sisters and brother are Kelly, Julie,  
Stacy and Jared. Happy grandpar-  
ents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline  
Hartzler and Richard and Gladys  
Bauman.

Charity Lyn is the name chosen  
for the new little girl born to Bro.  
Bob and Sis. Lorie Riggenbach. Wel-  
coming her home are Joshua, Crys-  
tal and Cymbal. Pleased grandpar-  
ents are Boyd and Barbara Acker  
and Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita Riggen-  
bach.

Bro. Greg and Sis. Sue Ellen  
Gasser welcome Todd Gregory into  
their hearts and home. Laura and  
Leah are his big sisters. Happy for a  
new grandson are Bro. Wilbur and  
Sis. Marge Schneider (Rockville, CT)

and Bro. Emmet and Sis. Marie  
Gasser.

First-time parents are Mark and  
Jill Gasser with the arrival of their  
son, Kirk William. Feeling blessed  
are grandparents, Bro. Mike and  
Sis. Norene Miller and Sis. Doris  
Gasser.

May our heavenly Father grant  
to all who are parents much grace  
and guidance to bring up these dear  
children as He would have us to.

Our thoughts and prayers are  
with those who suffer. Requiring  
hospitalization this past month were  
Bro. Joe Ramsier (Sis. Elizabeth),  
Bro. Jim Rupp (Sis. Sharon) and  
Sis. Sandy Zollinger (Bro. Rudy and  
Sis. Brenda). May God bestow His  
healing hand on each one.

We are always thankful to have  
visiting ministering brothers among  
us. We were blessed this past month  
when Elder Bro. Walt Anliker (Eu-  
reka, IL), Bro. Leroy Messner  
(Winthrop, MN), retired Elder Bro.  
Perry Zimmerman (Forrest, IL) and  
Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) came  
and ministered unto us. May God  
richly bless them for their labors.

On October 15, Sis. Elizabeth  
Musser passed from this life to go  
on to her heavenly home. She is sur-  
vived by a son, Wade Bauman; two  
daughters, Sis. Roma Rufener (Bro.  
Chester) and Wavalene Ephling; 16  
grandchildren; 34 great-grandchil-  
dren; three great-great-grandchil-  
dren; a brother, Roy Bauman; and  
two sisters, Catharine Burns and  
Dorothy Schaad.

We extend our sympathy to her  
loved ones. May God comfort each  
heart that sorrows.

October 13 was the wedding day  
of Lee Gasser (Bro. Bert and Sis.  
Lucy) and Debbie Eckenrode (Mr.  
and Mrs. Donald Eckenrode). May  
God bless their union with much joy  
and contentment.

We wish to extend a warm wel-  
come to Sis. Cherie Galat who had  
recently moved here from the  
Rockville, CT, congregation. She is  
the granddaughter of Bro. Emman-  
uel and Sis. Helen Babin and niece  
of Sis. Beverly Rufener (Bro. Glen).

As the Thanksgiving season ap-  
proaches, may we all with thankful  
hearts pause and reflect on the many  
blessings God has bestowed upon  
us.

## OHIO, SARDIS Paula Figel

"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

As the Thanksgiving season of the year approaches, we can think of so many things to be thankful for. We are so thankful that God still blesses each of us in many ways. Many times we do not take the time to stop and thank Him enough for the many blessings that He gives us from day to day. The most important thing in our lives is the gift of salvation which is offered without price to each of us. Again the Word has gone forth during the past month from the mouths of our "home" ministers and we have been blessed with the visits of ministering Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN). We appreciate their efforts of love and kindness toward us. Many words of instruction and warning were spoken to us. May we always remember that we are a "Child of the King" and that we live for Him each and every day of our lives. When He makes His final call from heaven, may each of us be ready and have our names written in the Book of Life.

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

Nothing is more precious than to feel God's peace in our hearts. We're happy for Eric Indermuhle (Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen) as he testifies of finding God's peace after seeking Him in repentance. We joyfully anticipate hearing his testimony in the near future.

Sis. Terry Zollinger (Bro. Gary) wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and gifts of love while in the hospital and since coming home. May God bless all who were so kind.

Sis. Pearl Gehring was laid to

rest September 30. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Bro. Isaac. Sis. Pearl had been a patient in our local nursing home for a number of years. She will be remembered for her friendly smile and pleasant personality. We with the family our condolences in the passing of their loved one.

"And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless." I Timothy 3:10. Our dear ministering Bro. Ken Indermuhle has been proved and by the Lord's direction, accepted the role of deacon in our congregation. Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer, Henry Dotterer and Alfred Bahler laid to our hearts the duties of the deacon as well as our responsibilities as a congregation. We certainly wish Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda and the family much grace in this good work.

## OHIO, SMITHVILLE Stephanie Luginbuhl Kim Stoller

### ALL COME AND THANK THE LORD!

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

Zion's Harp #236, vs. 3

With Thanksgiving Day approaching, may we remember to thank God for our salvation and the blessings we enjoy.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13 Our congregation was blessed with two new bundles of joy. We wish these parents God's help and guidance in raising their children. Cory Richard was born to David and Michelle Marty. Amber, John and Benjamin welcome their little brother home. Grandparents are Bro. Noman and Sis. Audrey Beery and Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Kim Stoller

welcome the arrival of their new daughter, Rosanna Lu. Rosanna has a sister, Lydia. Happy grandparents and Joe and Sis. Lucille Blough and Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller.

Bro. Jeff Stoller felt the Lord's direction to marry Sis. Millie Manz (Junction, OH). We wish this couple God's blessings in their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Their parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Eileen Stoller and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz (Junction, OH).

Our prayers are with Ed (Joan) Gasser who was hospitalized this past month.

## OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehlklaus Frances Laidig

Once again it is fall with its own beauty beginning, leaving behind the beauty of summer, reminding us that God in His wisdom has added beauty and importance to every season. We can even compare it to our lives. Every age has its own beauty if we but pause and look for it.

We were privileged to have as our visiting ministers October 14, Elder Bro. Henry Dotterer and Bro. Ronald Steiner (Rittman, OH). We thank them for sharing the Word of Life eternal with us.

"I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth . . ."

St. Luke 15:7

We also rejoice that Joy Beard, through repentance and grace from God the Father, has found peace in her heart and is looking forward to baptism and becoming an heir of His eternal kingdom. Joy is the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dee Beard.

Tom and Nancy Schreiber are happy to welcome their new baby boy, Nolan, who is also bringing joy to his grandparents, Bob and Dorothy Stevens.

## OREGON, PORTLAND Pearl Miller

"Behold the Lord's hand is not

shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

Isaiah 59:1

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer and his wife, Sis. Marian (Peoria, IL) visit us September 19 in the evening service. Bro. Chuck had the touching account of Peter walking on the water when the Lord bid him come, he got out of the boat and walked toward His Master on the water, when he took his eyes of the Master he began to sink and then cried out, "Lord save me!" Peter experienced His Master's hand was not shortened but what it can save.

"Oh touch the hem of His garment and thou, too, shalt be free! His saving power this very hour, shall give new life to thee!"

Tabernacle 23

Bro. Ray Cooper, Sr. has eye surgery recently and has recuperated for which we are thankful.

September 22 we had housecleaning day at the church and we thank all who so willingly gave of themselves to get the job done. As brethren work together, we all benefit from the blessing.

Sunday, October 7, Bro. Richard and Sis. Marianne Kuenzi's and Bro. Dean and Sis. Heidi Sinn's visited us from Silverton. We appreciate each one that comes to worship with us!

Our dear Sis. Golda Ditch and Lowell (Medford, OR) welcomed the visit of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen (Milford, IN) and Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen (Portland, OR) October 11 and 12. Due to distance, Sis. Golda doesn't get to Portland as often as she would like.

Today, October 14, we were greatly blessed as the Word of God was spoken in clearness by our visiting minister, Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford, IN). We heard of unconditional love from God through Christ that we, His children, are to practice in our daily walk with Him.

Monday, October 15, Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy, accompanied by Bro. Robert and Pearl Miller, plan to visit her niece and husband, Jill and Brian Brannock in Federal Way,

WA, near Seattle. Brian is employed at the Boeing Aircraft Plant.

As mentioned in a sermon recently, there is a danger of an eclipse of Christianity in our land -- may our hearts be ever prayerful to hold fast to the end and follow the counsel of our dear Shepherd.

## OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

We have set aside four Wednesday nights for listening to the tapes of the 1990 brotherhood conference and again can say how good it is to gather together in the peace and quiet of our sanctuary and listen to the inspired wisdom of our elder brethren. We so often go home thinking -- "Oh, if I could only retain it all in my mind" -- but, memory is a wonderful and complex gift from God. Often when a particular situation arrives our memory will "replay" what we heard and give us courage and strength again and again.

There was no school due to "in-service" Friday, October 12, and our Sunday school took this opportunity to plan this year's Sunday school weekend with a visiting minister. Bro. John Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) was invited to spend the weekend and speak to our youth. Bro. John and Sis. Julie went with the Sr. and Jr. Bible class, several of the parents and the teachers, Bro. Nick Kuenzi and Bro. Todd Zollinger to the coast Friday morning. Thirty-four of us filled four vans and drove to Fogerty Creek for a day "beach-combing," picnicking and later a one-hour whale-watching boat ride on the ocean out of Depoe Bay. The evening meal, bon fire and overnight were spent at Restless Surf. Saturday was more coastal sights before coming back to the valley for a supper at the church just for the youth followed by a talk by Bro. John. Meanwhile Sis. Julie was at a salad supper planned by the Sunday school teachers' wives, Sis. Mary Kuenzi and Sis. Michelle Zollinger, for any of the ladies who wished to attend and fellowship with Sis. Julie.

On Sunday afternoon there was a potluck supper and a singing hosted by the Sunday school. We felt it was

a blessed weekend and thank Bro. John and Sis. Julie for coming and all who took part in the planning and in providing the needs of the special weekend. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" as our circle of fellowship ever widens, giving us courage on our pilgrim journey.

Our thanks to our other visiting minister this past month, Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA). We enjoyed a short visit by Bro. Gene and Sis. Delores in late September and thank Bro. Gene for sharing the Word of Life with us.

## PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Franz Soni

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

Our hearts were saddened when we heard that Sis. Marcia Troxel's father, Bro. Phillip Troxel, was called to his heavenly reward September 15. He leaves surviving his wife, Sis. Mary; six daughters and two sons.

We had two loved ones in the hospital this past month. Bro. Matthew Aeschleman (Bro. Edward and Sis. Nancy) was hospitalized for testing. Timothy Lanz (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn) was injured in an automobile accident and is now recovering at home. We pray that both may be touched by God's healing power.

"For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord."

Proverbs 8:35

We rejoice with Nathan Gasser (Bro. David and Sis. Gail) who is repenting and has turned his life to God. May God bless him in his new walk of life.

We thank Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Arthur Ingold (Rittman, OH) for sharing God's Word with us this past month. May our loving God richly reward them

and their families for their efforts.

It was with sadness that we said farewell to Sis. Gala Gerber who has moved back to Bluffton, IN. We all enjoyed her fellowship and she will be missed.

### TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE

#### Don Sauder

"O, how lovely is the morning, when it is begun with God: Joy and thanks our hearts adorning, As be-hooves a child of God." Zion's Harp #166. Can we not as believers say amen to this hymn?

This was our opening hymn as we began our morning monthly service.

How thankful we at Nashville are that our heavenly Father hears our prayers and does not forget his children wherever they are. Our thanks to God and Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) for sharing God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ to us both morning and afternoon.

Our thanks also go to Bro. Dick Girst and his wife, Cleo, for the long drive to bring Bro. Ed and his wife, Sis. Joan, to our area.

The afternoon added a special blessing as a family originally from Laos, who spent approximately five years in the Oakville area, now living in Nashville, came to worship with us. Although they have their own church, we surely welcome them to visit us again.

We were also blessed to have Bro. Lenny and Sis. Charlotte Myers (Chicago, IL) visit us during the week. Although it did not work out for Bro. Lenny to minister to us, the fellowship and mutual love for our heavenly Father and our Savior was uplifting. We invite them to return.

My wife, Faye, and I will be in the Sarasota area in November, so there will be no services in Nashville. However, starting again in December, God willing, we will resume services on the second Sunday of the month. We surely welcome you to worship with us. If you would know anyone in the area that may want to worship with us, please let us know. Our address is 2059 Timberwood Drive, Nashville, TN 37215, phone 615-373-8928. Again as we travel, if you are not able to reach us by phone, contact

one of our elders, Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore 205-232-2035, Elder Bro. Ken Sauder 419-892-3677 or drop us a card and we'll call you.

### TEXAS, DALLAS/HOUSTON

#### Brad and Cindy Eisenmann

The Houston service for September was conducted by Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL). Having Bro. Dave with us for the weekend stirred many good memories of the time we spent in Champaign.

Jerry and Sis. Sandy Darlington were blessed this month with the arrival of a baby boy. Jacob Carl is welcomed home by his big brother, Joey. Jake's grandparents are John and Ella Martin (Elgin, IL) and Jerry and Mary Darlington (Waxahachie, TX).

Services are held in Houston on the last Sunday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn - Southwest Freeway. We welcome anyone to contact Bro. Brad and Sis. Cindy Eisenmann at (713) 265-2216 regarding Houston services.

On October 7, we were blessed with two visiting ministers in Dallas. Serving us were Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart, joined by his wife, Sis. Kathryn (Fort Scott, KS) and Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Plattner (Zapata, TX). Elder Bro. Harold Messner and his wife, Sis. Gerri (Winthrop, MN) were with us for services October 21. May the Lord continue to bless those who lend themselves to further His Word.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp are the local area contact for Dallas at (214) 867-4074. We welcome all to worship with us at the Holiday Inn - DeSoto, TX.

### TEXAS, ZAPATA

#### Viola Perdelwitz

We had more than normal rainfall the past several months and Falcon Lake seems fuller every day.

We are looking forward to seeing our brothers and sisters that reside in Zapata during the winter months.

Hope to have a number of visitors this winter.

## SILVER THREADS

### GIVE THANKS UNTO THE FATHER

God of unlimited compassion,  
Thou neverending fount of love!  
With countless hosts in meek  
submission

We praise Thee now, O Lord above,  
For grace and patience Thou hast  
shown

Ere this created world was known.

For Thy most wonderful  
redemption,

For the atonement of our wrong,  
For Thy most gracious invitation  
And for Thy Word with promise  
strong.

Yea, for the comfort of Thy Word  
Our hearts bring thanks to Thee,  
O Lord.

For Thy most holy, truthful Spirit  
By which our spirit's life is shown,  
For light and power we inherit  
As Thy almighty work is known,  
For the assurance there we find  
Brings praise our newborn heart  
and mind.

For solace in Thy promise given  
That Thy rich grace will never end;  
When mountains fall and rocks  
are riven

Thy cov'nant Thy truth shall stand.  
Tho' earth and heaven sink and fall,  
Yet God shall live, faithful to all.

Yea, lips and heart shall ever praise  
Thee,

Yet heart and lips shall ever plead:  
Let not my faith grow weak or  
waver,

But build me on this ground indeed;  
On Thy support I will depend  
In faith to stand until life's end.

Let me in love live pure and holy  
And keep me without spot or stain;  
Grant that my heart be meek and  
lowly,

And may no idle joy or pain  
E'er sever me from Thy great love,  
Until I find Thy rest above.

No death nor sorrow, fear nor  
suffring,  
All that this world and hell  
include,



Shall ever part me from my  
Saviour  
Nor from His love and brotherhood.  
I trust the God of Faith and truth  
With saints above my heart to  
soothe.  
Zion's Harp #75

### ALL COME AND THANK THE LORD!

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

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
His full redemption send,  
And free us from all ills,  
Sustain us to the end.

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

### THANKS AND PRAYER

Oh, Son of God, to Thee we sing!  
Unto Thy throne of grace we bring  
Our song in chorus, full and clear;  
Incline to us Thy heart and ear.  
To Thee we sing!

We give Thee thanks, O Lamb of  
God,  
That on the cross beam Thou hast  
bought  
For us salvation, peace and grace  
With Thee in heaven's resting  
place!  
We give Thee thanks!

We now rejoice, Lord Jesus Christ,  
That Thou from death and grave  
did rise.  
Thou livest now, Oh Lord, and we

Hope Thou wilt take us unto thee.  
We now rejoice!

Oh, Prince of Life, We are Thine  
own,  
The flock Thou guidest from Thy  
throne.  
And we ourselves and all award,  
Forever unto Thee, Oh Lord!  
We are Thine own!

Draw us to Thee, exalted One!  
Extend Thy hand from heaven's  
throne,  
That we may follow faithful, true,  
In trials and afflictions, too;  
Draw us to Thee!

Abide with us, Immanuel!  
Thou Prince most strong in Israel!  
Our Strength and Fortress be, we  
pray;  
And lead us safely all the way.  
Abide with us!

Zion's Harp #199

### MORNING HYMN

Once again a night has vanished,  
And the rising sun so bright,  
Through its radiance fair has  
banished  
Gloom and darkness of the night.

We, Thy children, come ascending,  
Loving Father, to Thy throne,  
Thanks and praise to bring before  
Thee,  
Thee the Father, Thee the Son.

In this night of dread and darkness  
Thou hast cared with watchful eye;  
Thou hast given joyful vision  
Of the light that draweth nigh.

God, for Thy great love and mercy  
Thy redeemed Thy praises bring;  
Whom throughout the night just  
ended  
Hast protected with Thy wing.

May we find this day as ever,  
Lord, Thy kind and loving face.  
Vice and sin, Oh may they never  
Mar the joy of Thy rich grace!

Comfort, peace and joy be given  
Through Thy Holy Spirit, Lord;  
May our hearts by it be driven  
In Thy ways with one accord.

When we seek Thee, let us find  
Thee;  
May our pleading voice be blest;  
In our midst Thy light be kindled;  
May our souls find peaceful rest.  
Zion's Harp #48  
vs. 1-7

### Sermon . . .

(Continued from Page 36)  
the first things where we failed our  
God was being disobedient to our  
parents. That comes at an early  
age, doesn't it, even before we are  
accountable? But as the years came  
and we grew into manhood and  
became accountable, that didn't feel  
very good, did it? It was charged  
against us . . . we were guilty . . . we  
were unhappy . . . we were without  
the joy and the happiness of the  
Lord. We were not walking with  
Him and felt so alone and miserable  
often.

Here it says, "That he no longer  
should live the rest of his time in the  
flesh to the lusts of men . . ." I Peter  
4:2. Beloved ones, when we could  
once receive peace and our feet could  
be set upon higher ground and live  
to the will of God, then we could go  
onward and forward and fight the  
good fight of faith.

There is a battle on when we  
start to live for the Lord. Before  
that, the old devil had us and we  
were going down the stream and he  
was pretty content and happy and  
left us alone as long as he had us  
where he wanted us.

But when we start to live for  
Him, that is when the battle comes  
in, but the Saviour said, "My grace  
is sufficient for thee." II Corinthi-  
ans 12:9. Grace is help in time of  
need and it is also a help that we are  
so undeserving of. So we have a lot  
going for us!

"Wherein they think it strange .  
. . ." after you have made a change in  
life and you are so happy in a simple  
faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and  
Saviour, we don't go to the same  
excess of riot or enjoyment that we  
did before. "Wherein they think it  
strange that ye run not with them  
to the same excess of riot, speaking  
evil of you: Who shall give account  
to him that is ready to judge the  
quick and the dead." I Peter 4:4,5.

I can remember when our son repented and he went to one of his school friends to talk to him. He said, "Well, what you are doing is probably all right, but I couldn't live that kind of life. It just isn't for me."

Salvation is for everybody . . . without exception! He is no respecter of persons! Acts 10:34. "I think sometimes we need to be real careful that we are not a respecter of persons, of this one or that one. In our Christian life from the youngest to the oldest, we should have a divine love and devotion for one another. Our prayers should go out from one another.

"For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." I Peter 4:6. there is a judgment all mankind is going to meet . . . sometime sooner or later. It is better if we meet it sooner.

Sooner means while we have life on this side of the shores of time and we take upon ourselves the wrongs that we have done and make confession of our sins and take that judgment. Let ourselves be judged here and then we can be forgiven. But to be judged after we have passed out of this life, no more to be changed, and then to be cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, the Bible tells us. It's not a pleasant place.

The brother in a small way tried to tell in part the length of eternity. I've heard another way . . . If a bird would come to a seashore and take one beak full of sand away and fly quite a ways away and come back, by the time it had that seashore carried away, it would be not as long as eternity. We just can't fathom it!

Beloved ones, life is so short . . . life is earnest . . . life is real!

It becomes a little more real when you become a senior citizen and you wonder where all those years went. . . even in times of changes and transition.

I can remember Bro. Pete Bach in the north side church when changes first came in. I can remember our first Christmas program. We had it over the noon hour in the dining room and they had asked

him if it was alright. It was just the beginning of these things. He said it was alright with him to try it, but there was one thing that he wanted to reserve. If he didn't feel good about it and if it just didn't seem right, that he could say "no" the next time.

Since that first one we had, there has been one every year, and it has brought joy to our youth and to our parents. Sometimes I think it is more interesting to watch the grandparents watch those little children and tears come down their eyes. It is a blessing and has been ever since that first time. It has been good!

Life goes on for a number of years. My father had the oversight here and as he got older and saw the time really going, he thought someone younger could take hold and go on. Bro. Perry carried the mantle as the years have gone on. We are so thankful to the number of churches for the young elder brethren that are being ordained. It just goes to tell us that God is still carrying and providing for the church.

We pray for our younger ones that they can stand fast and bear the burden and heat of the day, the problems and cares. There is a lot of joy in it, too. It is a great joy when souls come to the Lord. That is a pleasant work and we hope it can continue.

It says here, "Live expectantly!" Live expectantly! When you expect something, you are looking for something beyond what you don't quite see yet, but you are hoping for it. That is heaven, isn't it!

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." I Peter 4:7. This is one thing the Saviour gave charge to man when He was about to be ascended back to the Father. He said, "Watch and pray till I come back." He has left us now, but we can speak to Him in faith. We can pray. We can read the Word. The communication is wonderful, isn't it?

"Above all things have fervent charity . . ." Love for one another! Love will motivate our lives to do for others. There is no end to that and it says here, ". . . for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." I Peter 4:8. Now we do a lot of things maybe

that might peeve somebody, or maybe we have done something even unintentionally and someone was maybe hurt. But we bear one another in these things, it says here.

"Use hospitality one to another without grudging." I Peter 4:9. When we use hospitality, we serve one another. As we spoke of Mary and Martha, Martha was serving. It says, "Use hospitality," and it says, ". . . without grudging." If we do it grudgingly, that is just the same as when we are following the Lord in doing His will and doing it grudgingly. Or even as our children, if we give them a command or some small chore to do to carry out and we know real well that they are capable of doing it as they are old enough and can take a little responsibility, but maybe they failed and they disappointed us.

It is that way in our spiritual life, too. We should not do it grudgingly, but we should do it with love and devotion in our hearts. When we can do it in that way, then we can feel happy about it and we can even be glad to meet our parents when they come home, if we had the things done that they told us to. Maybe sometime we had all the experience when we didn't fulfill our duties and we didn't want to see them when they came home.

It is a little that way with the Lord and Saviour, isn't it? When we don't do His commands and know that we aren't doing right, if He would come, we wouldn't be able to look Him in the eyes, would we?

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10. Every man, it says here, has received the gift. We can minister in a lot of ways. It isn't the minister alone that speaks off the pulpit. "Our actions speak louder than words," often that old phrase is told. Our walk and conduct of life is a ministry and we should be ambassadors for Christ. We should not be that they can put a blame on us or maybe question, "Are you a member of the Apostolic Christian Church?" Sometimes to our regret, we hear this, "Are they?" Where there is a question, there is something wrong.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth . . ." I Peter 4:11. This is comforting to know that we can give no more than what God gives, but I believe we need to be careful as ambassadors of Christ not to stand in our own light or our own way. Sometimes our life can maybe hinder us from God working within us and then maybe the church suffers. It is a responsibility.

"That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11. Amen means "be it so."

Then it tells us as we go in life and maybe we think we are getting along pretty good and we have some fair-weather days.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." I Peter 4:12. Beloved, when we come to this place, I believe if we are honest, we have all experienced this. But it tells us that even when we go through some hot trial or some fire, even as the gold is purified, the hotter the fire becomes, the more pure the gold gets. The hotter the fire becomes, it takes off that dross and scum off the top and it becomes more pure. That is a process, beloved ones, and that is what our life is really all about.

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings . . ." I Peter 4:13. Sometimes we have to feel a little odd with the world, maybe a little "square," or maybe they think that we go beyond. I sometimes have to feel this in public where we maybe not know their first name or know them as an associate or town people and maybe they won't quite just come to me, but if I say the first word or two, then they open up. They kind of wait.

Beloved ones, I think we need to be friendly, we need to converse one to another and to visit with one another. It tells us here, "... rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." I Peter 4:13. When His glory shall be revealed! When His glory will be re-

vealed that will be when He gathers in His own and we will be glad also with exceeding joy!

Joy to meet the Saviour that did so much for me! He heard my prayer that lifted me up, and then we can say, "Thank you, Lord," when we enter into those realms.

We had a brother from our congregation who had a terminal illness and went through a real test and fire. Just before he died, when we could hardly understand what he was speaking, he was saying, "Thank you, dear Jesus. Thank you, dear Jesus." He just kept saying that over and over. Isn't that a pleasant thought to have, to be able to thank Him and not to be wishing for the hills and mountains to cover or for the fear of the Lord, but to thank Him? I really believe that when those last hours come, they can visualize and see their Lord and God when they thank Him like that.

We had a brother in our congregation and awhile before he died, he said, "Earl, I had a vision when I was in the chair looking up. There was Christ up there in the corner of the wall in that room, and I looked right at Him." He thought then, "I don't think I will be here long any more now." But it went quite awhile . . . He wasn't quite through with him yet. But the testimony!

This is what we need. We need testimonies, and we get them, beloved ones. When souls get into different situations, the testimonies are that God was near, right in the room, or He was about as close as you can get, beloved ones, without seeing Him with a natural eye, but with the eye of faith.

It says here, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters." I Peter 4:15. If we suffer for those kind of wrongs, we have it coming.

"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed . . ." I Peter 4:16. They weren't ashamed, beloved ones. Daniel wasn't afraid to open his window and pray and let the king hear where he put his hope and trust. He just about knew what was going to happen.

"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." I

Peter 4:16. Glory and praise to God! There is often a short time, when something happens in life. I have to think of the time a soul was driving the car down the road and had an accident and was going into a deep ditch. She said the only thing she could think of, "Lord, here I come." That's wonderful, isn't it? She said, "Here I am, Lord." If it would have been death, "Here I am. You called me home." But not to be prepared, it would have been otherwise.

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" I Peter 4:17, 18. It is going to take all we have to enter into those portals.

I have to think of the ten virgins . . . five were wise and five were foolish. The five wise had oil in their lamps and they were trimmed and burning. The foolish asked for oil from them, but they said, "Not so, lest we don't have enough." (See Matthew 25:1-13). It is an individual thing. One can't do it for the other, but we all have the same opportunity and time to gather. Let's do it in the opportune time.

It says, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." I Peter 4:19. The One that created heaven and earth and all things, we should commit it all unto Him, beloved ones, even our being here today and as we go about. We might commit our day at the beginning unto Him and let Him lead, guide and direct, and then at the end of the day, we have so much to thank Him for.

Even as being together today, setting in heavenly places from far and near, we will go home to our respective places of abode, we will remember these moments, won't we? Precious! Let it be faith strengthening as we were together today. That is what it is all about . . . to strengthen us in faith, to lead and direct us. The Word is as a lamp unto our feet (see Psalms 119:105) and we need it in this dark and dreary world we live in.

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### Salvation Is A Free Gift I Peter 4

The heading of this fourth chapter says, "Glorifying in persecution." When we glorify, we praise, don't we? There are songs, happiness and joy, and then it says, "in persecution!" Now that goes against human nature, doesn't it? Human nature doesn't want to be under persecution.

I have to think of the faith of our fathers that have gone on before and what many of them endured. They did it with a joy in heart and a happy feeling, that come what will, they couldn't take it from them. We can remember where it could have been that they were down cast and so discouraged and said, "What is the use, if this is what the outcome of it is? After all, we have tried to do what is right, and what do we have before us now?"

I so often have to go back to the Apostle Paul when he had to give an account to King Agrippa for his faith and for what he was doing. They didn't want him to spread the gospel, but the more they suppressed them, the more they went ahead and would not relent. Even though they knew that there was going to be some results that were not going to be pleasant, they would not shrink back.

Beloved ones, when those times came, we can think of some of them, how they could go the way of the cross of suffering and self-denial with a joy and a happiness in heart.

I have to think of Stephen at the time he was being stoned, he looked up and his face shone as that of an angel. What a demonstration that was for those that could behold him

with no fear! Love casteth out fear! (See I John 4:18).

They had the love of God in their hearts and it cast away all fear and they were glad to suffer and die for their God and their Maker . . . willing to pay the price!

Beloved ones, here it says, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." I Peter 4:1. Even Jesus Christ when He went the way of the cross, and even prior to that, when He was looking over the city of Jerusalem and saw the wickedness there, and how His chosen people were not accepting Him, He wept. He wept for that city! He didn't weep for Himself that He soon would suffer and die, but the love that He spent as He walked the paths of life here below!

Now today He is not with us. He fulfilled the Father's will and he went back to the Father, but He is looking down upon His creation in love and mercy.

When we think of mercy, anyone who has mercy and is merciful, they are willing to be spent and to share and to give. It has been this way since the time when He was here on earth. He was willing to be spent, to suffer and die, and today He is looking down and He is listening for prayers from souls that will come unto Him and plead their cause and tell Him, "Here I am, just as I am, without one plea, Jesus, I come."

He is waiting for these prayers. It is something that needs to be in the heart . . . a desire for it. We can

walk away from it but it needs to be a desire. I often have to think, the evil crafty foe of the soul wants to disrupt this plan of salvation. He sees where the desire is, but unable to accomplish and do.

Then, beloved ones, what He has done for others, He can do for souls yet today. "With arms wide open, He will pardon you," we often hear this song sung and "What He has done for others, He will do for you!" I knew in my unconverted state what He had done for others and I saw their walk and conduct of life. they were a witness and a testimony.

We hear this as so often souls will say, "This is something that I wanted for a long time." Now why is it that way? It is a free gift for the asking! Why is it? If we want something that is temporal, we will work hard for it and save money so we can achieve it and have what we would like to have.

Salvation is a free gift because Christ paid the price! It was a high price! The Father gave His best . . . His only begotten Son to come down here and suffer the way He did to bring salvation.

"That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God." I Peter 4:2. We know how we were enslaved by the evil one and were in bonds. The things that we didn't want to do, we did; and the things that we wanted to do or to please our parents, we couldn't do.

I think as we grew up and reached the years of accountability, one of

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