



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

Ephesians 5:20

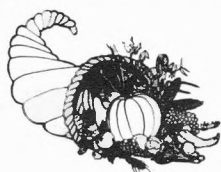
"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Corinthians 15:57

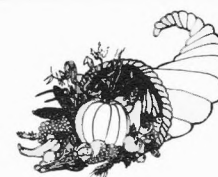
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"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100

Giving

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:6, 7

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 now rejoice, Lord Jesus Christ,
That Thou from death and grave didst rise.
Thou livest now, Oh Lord, and we
Hope Thou wilt take us unto Thee.
We now rejoice!

We give Thee thanks, Oh 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!

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

Zion's Harp #199



MISSION – WORLD RELIEF – WORKS PROJECTS

DUPLICATE

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

Duplication of effort in many cases is considered to be inefficient. Many times the word itself has a connotation of being nonproductive. However, the word also has another meaning which is intriguing.

Duplication also means to double or reproduce an exact replica. In I John 2:6 we read, "He that abideth in him ought himself so to walk, even as he walked." This sounds like we are supposed to duplicate the lifestyle of the Lord Jesus Christ, if not in His standard of living at least in His walk of life. It takes careful prayer and consideration to come to a conclusion as what there is in His walk of life that we are to duplicate.

In Acts 10:38, Peter described the Lord Jesus Christ as one, "Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil; for God was with him." We may not have the gift of healing as Christ did, but we might try going about doing good. We should also pray for God to be with us, and also to heal, if it is His will.

Mathematically, duplication is fascinating. If one believer would, by the grace of God, duplicate himself or herself once a year for ten years, and all those new believers would duplicate themselves in the

same manner, there would be 1,034 believers or replicas of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the period. The trouble is that the devil is also in the duplicating business and that's a problem.

How are we going to become a duplication of the Lord Jesus Christ? The only way I know that that can happen is for us to get rid of self so that Christ can have free course with us. The Apostle Paul had that idea when he wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live. Yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

May God give us grace to be a good duplicate and to also influence others to be a good duplicate of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CASSETTES FROM EUROPE

Christmas will be here soon. Why not give a gift of cassette tapes produced in Austria and Hungary, containing beloved hymns of our old Heft (Long Book) and Zion's Harp Hymnals.

All profits from the sale of these tapes go to Europe, where the money is distributed among our very needy brethren in the Eastern European countries of East

Germany, Hungary, Romania and others. Even though the communist "wall" is down and many new freedoms are enjoyed, the economic situation remains desperate in many areas.

The Heft or Long Book tapes were recorded by Bro. Josef Farkasch, who is a music professor near Salzburg, Austria. He plays the classical guitar and many other instruments on three tapes of songs from the Long Book. Some include singing.

"Holy Love" and "Blest Be the Tie," tapes recorded in Hungary, feature orchestra and choral renditions of songs from the Zion's Harp and Long Book, as well as many of their Hungarian hymns.

We have received a great response in the sale of these 5 tapes
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SHORT-TERM SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Alternate Houseparents Needed at Gateway Woods
December - February**

Instead of going to Florida or Arizona this winter, how about coming to Gateway Woods? Art and Ruth Gramm, who have served as Alternate Houseparents for the past four years, want to take the winter off. We need a couple, perhaps a farmer or seasonal worker, who can spend December through February with us. The work involves part-time substituting in one of our houses and campus maintenance. Training, housing, food and salary are provided. If you have a warm heart, a service mind and time on your hands, this may be just the opportunity to serve troubled children.

If you are interested please contact one of the brothers listed below.

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Writings based
on God's Word

Light From The Word

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

WIVES SHOW REVERENCE TO YOUR HUSBANDS

The duties of a wife, as described in the Word of God, are not readily accepted in America today. If taken out of context, it could be made to appear that the wife is to blindly, mindlessly do as her husband commands. The liberal element of society rejects the concept of the wife being submissive to her husband and holds to the position that women should be "liberated" from their husbands, that life has more to offer than being "just" a housewife and that women should be free to pursue a "real" career.

With nearly half of America's marriages ending in divorce and many children growing up in an unstable environment, it is obvious that something is dreadfully wrong. God's plan for husbands and wives was designed to bring love, peace, contentment and stability to the lives of His people.

The husband is to be "...the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church," (Eph. 5:23) and to love his wife "even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). Christ never asks anything unreasonable of the church, and He has only the welfare of His beloved at heart.

The Bible clearly says: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22) and "see that she reverence her husband" (Eph. 5:33). This order of authority and responsibility is in no way intended to make the wife a second class citizen. The description of a virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 depicts a woman who is wise, kind, industrious and supportive of her husband. She is to be held in very high esteem.

A godly wife has a special opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of her husband, children, and those with whom she comes in contact.

The first step in fulfilling this opportunity is to be certain that her attitude toward God and the church are in accordance with the Word of God. Wives who are not at peace with God can hardly be at peace with their

husbands. Wives who are not content with their position in the church can hardly be content with their role in the home. Those who can serve God with "gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46) will be loving, forgiving, supportive of their husbands and will "be in behavior as becometh holiness" (Tit. 2:30).

Just as a child of God must daily make a commitment to do God's will and to ask for His help, so must the wife daily make a commitment to her marriage and seek God's help in fulfilling her role as a submissive wife.

What are some of the ways in which a wife can enhance or diminish her submission and reverence toward her husband? Support and encouragement to the husband as he fulfills his role as spiritual leader of the home are vital. Encouragement to lead the family in devotions—in reading the Word of God, in praying, in singing and in talking about God's Word and His plan for mankind—will make the husband's responsibility in this area easier and more effective. Running ahead of him and trying to demonstrate a higher level of spirituality or exalting her opinions above his, can cause a husband to withdraw from his God-given role.

She will support and encourage him as he attempts to set a godly atmosphere in the home by allowing the emphasis to be on the spiritual rather than on the material side of life. She will attempt to help him make their home a place of refuge from the world—a place of peace and reasonable quietness and separation from the world. Certainly with children in the home there will be activity, but in the godly home, an atmosphere of control and relative calmness should prevail.

Her chief concern will not be "that outward adorning..." but rather "...the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Pet. 3: 3-4).

A special blessing awaits the wife who diligently supports her husband as they "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6). Mothers usually spend far more time with the children than fathers do. As such, a mother's role in teaching her children proper conduct and respect will be significant. Wives and husbands together should use scriptural directives in teaching and rearing their children.

Our society places a tremendous amount of emphasis on materialism. Too often, in an attempt to keep up with others, believing families incur far too much debt, placing a severe strain on the relationship between husband and wife. We are taught that "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim. 6:6). If a wife can be content with a modest home, automobile, clothing and other possessions, and encourage her husband to do the same, she will help relieve her husband from the pressures of working too many hours and thereby spending too little time with the family.

In those situations where the husband is not being the proper leader of the home, the wife has a special opportunity to be an example to her husband: "...if any obey not the Word, they also may without the Word be won by the conversation (behavior) of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear" (1 Pet. 3:1-2). Wives who show appreciation, humility, patience, trust and the fruits of the Spirit will be a blessing to their husbands and will receive a blessing from God.

In a world filled with fear, anger, instability and sin, the children of God have an opportunity and a duty to provide an example to those whose lives they touch. Gentle and submissive wives who reverence their husbands can receive a blessing that the world can never understand nor hope to receive until they base their lives on the doctrines Christ taught.

and wish to thank everyone for their past support.

The Heft (Long Book) tapes include 3 volumes. Volume I includes songs 1-11, 13-18; Volume II includes songs 12, 19-31; Volume III includes songs 33-48. Each tape costs \$8.00. For shipping costs on orders of 1-5 tapes, add 75¢ extra for each tape. On orders of 6 tapes or more, add only 30¢ extra for each tape. Make checks for Long Book Tapes payable to the Long Book Tape Fund.

The two tapes, "Holy Love," a tape of orchestra, and "Blest Be

the Tie," which has both orchestra and singing are available at \$7.00 for each tape. For shipping costs on orders of 1-5 tapes, add 75¢ extra for each tape. On orders of 6 or more tapes, add only 30¢ extra for each tape. Make checks for Hungarian tapes to the person you order from.

Long Book tapes and Hungarian tapes may be ordered from:

Don and Lorna Schrock
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or

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EASTERN EUROPE TRAVEL INFORMATION GUIDE

Many of our Eastern Europe brethren have struggles, are materially poor or are in need of encouragement. Hence, we are awed by the loving spirit, kindly attitude and willing hearts of those who travel and/or intend to travel to Eastern Europe to visit, fellowship and share in humanitarian ways with brethren and friends of like mind and faith.

As with all aspects of life and living, there are areas of caution, along with the fruits of our labors. It behooves all of us to act and conduct ourselves in a manner that glorifies God, provides peace with mankind and enhances the image of our brotherhood.

The following comments are not meant to dictate one's travel plans, but only to be helpful to travelers who may not be familiar with conditions in Eastern Europe. Perhaps unknown to many are difficulties in cultural practices, national customs and human traits; along with the general volatile and unsettled conditions prevailing in Eastern

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Fifth Year — August 1987 thru July 1988 —	25,969
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Seventh Year — August 1989 thru July 1990 —	25,501
Eighth Year — August 1990 thru July 1991 —	32,677
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Bibles Distributed — Tenth Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1992 —	3670	3670
September 1992 —	3304	6974
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*Note — 792 Romanian Bibles and Testaments shipped
770 Romanian Bibles and Testaments, 2nd shipment
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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.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS

A new Froehlich book entitled, "OLD TESTAMENT MEDITATIONS" is now available through the Apostolic Christian Publications bookstore in Eureka, IL. This publication is a softbound collection of Froehlich's notes on certain Old Testament passages. The format will easily accommodate highlighting or underlining if desired. The text itself is styled for easier reading and comprehension, and should appeal to a wide readership of members and friends.

The bookstore is ready to receive your orders. The cost of the book is \$4.85 plus tax, and can be ordered by mail or by calling (309) 467-3611 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Europe. Unfortunately well-meaning U.S. brethren have brought problems to our loved ones in Europe which has resulted in confiscation of funds, imprisonment of brethren, as well as strong disapproval and restraint to the activities of the local church.

Observations for individuals, both civilian and governmental, indicate some restraint should be exercised in certain practices while in Eastern Europe, in particular when visiting brethren and friends.

Travelers should note the three following objectives:

1) What is to be accomplished – spreading of love and good will.

2) What is to be preserved – peace, hope, understanding and harmony.

3) What is to be prevented – discord, jealousy, offense or confusion.

The Apostolic Christian Church subsequently offers the following recommendations:

I. Preparation.

A. Kindly notify the local elder or church leadership for direction in contacting members of the Mission or World Relief Committees. With European unrest, boundary changes and need for updated information, kindly inform or inquire of the committee brothers for direction.

B. Exercise caution in solicitations for contributions from individuals or churches on a private basis, as this diminishes the National Apostolic Christian scope of purpose. It is not the intent to re-

strict giving; we need to work together as a National Church, rather than a splintered group of believers. All major contributions should be handled through the National Apostolic Christian Mission or World Relief Committees, as banking and monetary channels are already in place with European countries church elders have pleaded to please observe proper established channels.

C. Travelers will be representing the Apostolic Christian Church of America in one way or another. Discretion needs to be exercised, lest our record within a given country or church community be tarnished. Appearance, conduct and business practices must be done decently and in order.

II. Function.

A. Visitors should contact the local deacon or elder in the country visited and seek out recommendations for visits and/or giving, and distribution process.

B. Monetary gratuities for the hosts who feed, house or transport visitors is appropriate but must be discreetly administered. However, in some cases money just cannot purchase or replace hard to acquire articles as toiletries, rationed fuel, and foods that are in short supply.

III. Accountability.

A. As children of God, we represent Him and the American Apostolic Christian Church while abroad. When returning to the States, it is appropriate to offer a written report or verbal expression

of experiences, either to local church leadership or to the National Mission or World Relief Committee. The experience would include recent developments, updated notice of needs, opportunities or conditions.

B. Having felt the atmosphere in Eastern Europe among brethren, perhaps the returning visitors (brethren or friends) can further assist in promoting distribution of goods from American brethren through our distribution centers; and encourage monetary giving through special collections and contributions to the National Apostolic Christian Mission and World Relief Committees.

The Apostolic Christian Church of America is thankful for those who strengthen the tie that binds our hearts together by visiting Eastern Europe Churches and families. In an effort to build up this bond, we of the Apostolic Christian Church simply ask that the Lord's blessing rest upon your labors of love.

Respectfully in Christ,
The Apostolic Christian Church,
represented by the counseling
elders of the Mission Committee
World Relief Committee

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Over 97% of the residents at the Home for the Handicapped and at Oakwood Estate use Medicaid as their funding source. Therefore both homes must be certified by the Medicaid program. This is a federal program with very specific requirements for the types of services that residents receive, such as training, medical and activity services. This certification is done annually by the Department of Public Health.

Each state also has a specific way of licensing services for developmentally disabled (mentally retarded) people. In Illinois this licensing is done by the Department of Public Health. They do an initial and annual inspections to assure that the homes are meeting the requirements set by the state. These requirements are set by the state

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

As our foster program continues to grow, we hope to add a second Foster Care Caseworker to our staff this fall. Our specialized Foster Program trains and licenses Christian homes and then places and supports foster children in these families. We trust that God is pointing a brother or sister with at least a bachelor's degree and experience in child care, social work or a related field to this position at Gateway Woods. Flexible hours, including part-time work, are available. Please contact one of the brothers below for more information. Gateway Woods provides extensive training, excellent benefits and educational opportunities.

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legislature and the specific details of the requirements are made by the department. These requirements are similar to, but not the same as, those made by the federal program so it is necessary to know and follow both sets of requirements.

Certification and licensing are done at the same time and by the same inspectors. It is done at an unannounced visit and the home must write and complete a plan to correct any deficiencies that are found.

The smaller homes in the community are not licensed or certified because the people who live there do not meet the federal and state definitions of developmentally disabled.

We welcome two new people to ACHH. Brent Rebeck comes to Morton from Tampa, FL. Brent goes to work at TCRC each day. Lindsay Ball moved to ACHH from Bloomington, IL and is currently employed at TCRC - Newlun Center.

The beautiful autumn weather provided the perfect backdrop for some wiener roasts this month. A Labor Day picnic was enjoyed by many. And on Columbus Day, with a day off from work and school, a trip was made to a local farm to observe harvest in full swing.

Birthdays at the Home in December are: Bryan Streid (8), Christina Otten (9), Dianne Baltic (10), Lisa Menold (15), Delores Wieland (15) and Anne Carrescia (30). At Oakwood: Phil Fehr (18). At 200 E. Hazelwood, Morton, IL: Doug Clauss (23).

GATEWAY WOODS
Apostolic Christian
Children's Home

Kevin and Brenda Fiechter

"This is my commandment that Ye love one another, as I have loved you."

John 15:12

The Lord calls all of us to love unconditionally as He has loved us. Most of the children here at Gateway Woods have never been exposed to the love of God. They come from a variety of broken and abusive homes. With these backgrounds, they have a lot of hurt and hate which they express through action and words. The Lord commands us to love all, not just to those who accept it willingly. Jesus was a perfect example as He loved those that spit on Him, mocked Him and crucified Him. He calls us to do the same.

Our dear Sis. Liz Martin has

been faithful in showing the love and the joy of the Lord here the past three years. Liz, who was a Houseparent in the All-Girls House, has moved to Florida. May the Lord bless you Liz, for the many fruits you brought to Gateway Woods. We will miss you.

We heartily welcome Sis. Deb Neuenschwander to take Liz's position in the East House. Deb is a registered nurse from Bluffton, IN. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness in filling this vacancy and in Deb's faithfulness in accepting His call to Gateway Woods. There will soon be another vacancy however, as Sis. Jan Stoecker plans to leave her houseparent position in early December. So our ad in this issue continues along with our prayers for someone to join Marilyn and Deb.

Our annual staff campout was this month. Our children were blessed with having enthusiastic couples volunteer to "hold down the fort." Chris and Carla Wuethrich, Dave and Arlene Metzger and Amanda Gutwein (Francesville), and Bill and Gail Bradford (Indianapolis) took the houseparents' position while we enjoyed free time with the staff families. Our love and thanks to the volunteers for making it such a successful getaway.

Ground-breaking for the addition to our Social Service Building was held October 17. As we grow in services such as foster care and counseling, we have a need for expanded office space. The Social Service Building will also house classrooms for the children on campus to receive tutoring. We hope to be completed and moved into the new building in the spring. Volunteers will be needed at times during the winter months.

Art and Ruth Gramm are planning on living in Florida from December 1 through February. They have diligently worked as part-time alternate houseparents and Art is our full-time maintenance man. We are in need of a couple who is willing to either live in Leo or commute, to fill this temporary vacancy. Please see the ad in this issue and feel free to call if you are interested.

DO YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR TIME BELONG TO GOD?

- * Your abilities to work with young people in love and firmness
 - * Your enthusiastic social skills, sensitivity and assertiveness
 - * Your practical qualities of independence and teamwork
- Do these talents belong to God?

- * Your present and future career plans
 - * Your time and purpose in continuing education
 - * Your plans for tomorrow, next week, next month, and beyond
- Does your time belong to God?

If God is convicting you to use your talents and your time for his purposes at Gateway Woods, **we have an opening for a single sister Houseparent in the All-Girls East House.** Training could begin immediately for an October vacancy. You may contact one of the brothers listed below for more details regarding qualifications, responsibilities, benefits and compensation.

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We rejoice with Sis. Rhonda Stoller, our office manager, on her engagement to Bro. Scott Gerber (Rittman, OH). May God bless them as they plan their new life together. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matthew 19:6

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Lisa Huette

This has been a busy month for most of us here in Athens. Preparation for the cooler months of fall and winter has begun, and farmers across the valley have begun harvesting the cotton. It's a special sight for those of us from the north to drive by a field of Alabama snow. It's amazing how God makes each blessing so special in His own way.

We'd like to welcome Sis. Terry Gramm to our Athens family. Terry has recently returned from serving the Lord in Japan, and will be assisting at the Preschool here in Athens.

We wish God's blessings on Linda Haggemaker and Shane Wilson as they begin their life together as husband and wife. Linda is the daughter of Sis. Reba and Bobby Haggemaker.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Ruby Massey, Wendy Vibbert, O. C. Haggemaker, Amanda Haggemaker and Sis. Amanda Glass. May God heal them according to His will.

Our Sunday school had a cook-out October 24 at the fellowship hall. There were plenty of activi-

ties to keep everyone busy. It's special that everyone can participate regardless of age.

Once again we'd like to thank our visitors for making the effort to come to Athens. It was especially nice to have Bro. Randy and Sis. Evie Mogler and Sis. Evie's parents with us this month. Sis. Evie used to teach at the preschool here in Athens, and there are many here who still miss her.

Just a reminder to the Athens congregation: Silver Lining dues are due this October.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

"... to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Romans 8:6

The weekend of October 10 and 11 was a time we rejoiced, to hear David Dotterer give his testimony and witness his baptism.

Elder Bro. Phil Stettner came from Bluffton North, IN, to baptize his nephew at 1:35 p.m. Bro. David is the son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer.

Later in the day we enjoyed a church supper and fellowship, as we had many visitors.

Bro. Walter Rager (Toledo, OH) had the message Sunday evening and we thank him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Lois Niemeyer's daughter in the Navy.

A card or yuletide greeting would reach her at:

HA. Karoline Niemeyer

Naval Hospital

P. O. Box 316

Camp Pendleton, CA

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Sis. Lucille Richardson returned home after the summer spent getting acquainted with grandson, Alec Richardson Gramm, born July 23. Alec's parents are Bro. Brad and Sis. LuAnn Gramm (Kansas City, MO).

Bro. Herb and Sis. Johanna Knochel are happy grandparents to Joseph Jacob Klotzle born September 25. Joseph's parents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Jody Klotzle (Altadena, CA).

The Lord has heard our many prayers and we've seen answers, by His healing hand. Bro. Gordon Greenbank, hospitalized and surgery, now home; Sis. Ella Harmon home after surgery; Sis. Ida Froelich; Bro. Harry Roth in hospital for studies. After three months in a halo neck brace, Sis. Donna Gerber has been restored to a normal routine of living. We are all indeed grateful to our Father!

We hope our dear ones will journey to Arizona this winter and enjoy church and God's beauty that abounds in our state. But, the greatest of all, being with family - God's great gift.

His love abounds - share some, it grows and grows.

It was 102° October 12 and a big, beautiful sapsucker stuck his long beak into some prickly pear cactus fruit and enjoyed it.

Likewise, Scripture can nourish us, if taken daily. Again, Ephesians 6:23, 24.

So gently the Master calls us, often "Come unto me" isn't heard very clear. But our God is a loving God and gives us what we need and patiently waits. Thankful for such loving care is Ray Blunier. Ray's wife, Wendy, is also repenting and we rejoice with them.

Our sincere thanks is given to each and every one here and across the miles, who remembered me with your love and prayers while I was in the hospital and since returning home. All the beautiful cards, letters, gifts, phone calls and

FEMALE FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The Gateway Woods Specialized Foster Care Program is looking for single sisters to reside in the Leo, Fort Wayne or Bluffton area to open their homes and lives to one or more female teens. These girls are in need of a transitional setting in which to live as they prepare to move out on their own. The part-time nature of this work makes it possible to pursue outside jobs or continue college education. Co-foster parenting with another single sister is also an option. Gateway Woods presently has a home available in Fort Wayne for this purpose; however, other rental arrangements can be considered. Additional living expenses are covered by Gateway Woods and the girls.

Your example, friendship and love may be just what a young person needs to step into a future of success and faith.

For information concerning the Specialized Foster Care Program, please contact Judy Stoller or Ruth Reinhard at P. O. Box 141, Leo, IN 46765; (219) 627-2159.

food were deeply appreciated. May God bless each and every one.

John and Donna Gerber

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton, IN) and his wife visited us on a Wednesday evening recently. We enjoyed their short visit and hope they will return again soon. May God add His rich blessing.

We have been listening to the conference tapes and will conclude with them next Wednesday evening. Many good things to ponder for all of us.

We have had many people afflicted with relatively minor illnesses and are so thankful good health was restored fairly quickly to all concerned.

Lord willing, two van loads will leave early tomorrow morning for a weekend of fellowship with the San Diego, CA, church. We anticipate many memories about to be made!

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Carol Graf

We were happy to have many visiting ministers recently. They include Bros. Peter Petrovic (San Diego, CA), John Stoller (Leo, IN), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Alhai Moser (Morris, MN), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) and Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL).

On October 3, we heard the testimony of Nathan Moser (Florence). The following day we witnessed his baptism. Bro. Nathan has been attending with us for some time and it was a blessing to hear the testimony of another soul who has turned his life over to the Lord. Despite the fact that the new church building was not ready for occupancy, we were able to use the building for his baptism. The congregation stood on the bare wood floors of the assembly room, since there were no benches or carpeting yet.

We appreciate the efforts of Bros. Jim and John Hoerr (Peoria, IL) who supervised the landscaping at our new church. Also, Bro.

Peter Petrovic (San Diego) and Bro. Peter Weber (Peoria, IL) spent several days working with us on landscaping. We had a large work party one Saturday and planted about 1000 plants on our property. Many visitors have pitched in to help us at our new facility if they happen to be in town over a Saturday, since lately we have spent most of our Saturdays working at the new church, either painting, cleaning or planting. Thank you to all of you who have helped us in this effort.

Today, Sunday, October 25, we assembled in our new building for the first regular services. While we were excited at being able to use the new building after assembling in a school cafeteria for a year, we were reminded that the church is the people in the building, not the building itself. We plan to have an open house January 16, and the dedication is planned for January 17.

There has been a change in scheduling for our Sunday services. We now begin singing at 10:15 and the church service starts at 10:30. The singing before the afternoon service begins at 12:30 and the service now starts at 12:45.

Please send the names and addresses of people who live in this area and who might wish to come to our open house or dedication to:
John Klotzle
1769 Midwick Drive
Altadena, CA 91001

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO Marian Petrovic

Our church was happy to have many from the Tucson, AZ, congregation for a blessed weekend of singing and fellowship. Amongst the visitors was ministering Bro. Nathan Lehman and his family. We appreciate the message he shared with us.

As the Christmas season approaches, may we all strive to keep our minds and hearts on our Lord and Saviour and celebrate the fact that He was born into this world to save us from eternal punishment as we repent and submit our will and life to Him.

"In this was manifested the love

of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

I John 4:9

COLORADO, DENVER Eric and Marcel Huber

It has been our privilege to hear the tapes from last summer's brotherhood conference this past month.

We rejoice with Kristi Kellenberger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley, Lester, IA) as she has answered God's call to repentance. Kristi is attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.

Thank you to Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) for his recent ministry here in Denver.

We are thankful that Sis. Marlene Leman (Bro. Tom) is recovering from lower back problems which required medical attention.

A special thank you to Bros. Ron Massner and Craig Wagenbach (Oakville, IA) for their assistance in helping repair our church parking lot.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Deb Leman recently spent a week in Juarez, Mexico with the medical team. May God richly bless them for their willingness to serve both spiritually and physically to those in need.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE Michelle Virkler

"When pure and upright hearts
By flames of love ignited,
Are by the bond of faith
More firmly yet united,
The light of hope beams forth
In radiance far and nigh,
Invites us to partake
The blessings from on high.

Zion's Harp #79

Bro. Dave Schneider (Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Kim Kloter (Bro. Keith and Sis. Mary) were united in holy matrimony. May the flames of love and peace always be with them.

"And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting

unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia."

Acts 15:23

This year the brotherhood conference was held in Tremont, IL. We are thankful our dear brethren have such insight and wisdom to counsel and warn us of the dangers to every Christian's walk.

Those in our congregation who have been under the care of a physician or hospitalized are Bros. Manny Kloter, Irv Luginbuhl and Owen Bahler; and Sis. Martha dePosch.

"The time flies on and death draws nigh;
Unite us Lord, with Thee on High!
Prepare us now to live with Thee
Forever in eternity."

Zion's Harp #188

Those visiting Rockville during this past month: Elder Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley, IL), Bros. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL) and Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR).

As Thanksgiving approaches, we surely want to thank our heavenly Father for watching over us and keeping us safe from all harm and evil. May we always strive to walk with Him each day.

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:2

Correction: Mark and Cathy Kloter have been blessed with a little bundle of joy, Scott Eric, who was born June 15. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Sharon Kloter. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy Stomberg. Also, Bro. Jeff and Sis. Carole Gerber were blessed April 23 with Thomas Everett. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis Gerber and maternal grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Judy Stomberg.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON Henrietta Meyer

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

Hebrews 10:25

On September 27 our Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman was here to minister to us. It was decided to expand our meetings to three Sundays a month, the first and third as we have had, plus another Sunday - usually the fourth. On this additional Sunday we would be served by a minister from Philadelphia, PA or Rockville, CT. On the Sundays when there is no minister we usually gather in a home for a tape. Please contact one of the brothers listed below or anyone in our congregation for details of where we are meeting the weekend you are in our area.

We thank the Lord for answering our prayers for those who were hospitalized this month. Both Roberta Belsley and Sis. Jennifer Kellenberger have been able to return home.

Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Stephen Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Elder Bro. David Wiegand (Champaign, IL), Bro. Duane Farney (Croghan-Naumburg, NY) and Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO). Other visitors were from Leo, IN, Princeville, Chicago and Forrest, IL, Philadelphia, PA and Rockville, CT.

Services are held the first, third and usually the fourth Sundays of the month at Tysons Westpark Hotel, located on Route 7, about one mile west of the Beltway (I-495). Services are at 10:30 and 12:30. Many meet for breakfast in the hotel dining room at 9:00 a.m. For more information, assistance or just to let us know you will be in the area, please call Bro. Matthew Aeschleman (301) 863-9624 or Bro. Ed Stoll (703) 494-3955.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE Terri Huber

We welcome Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Jill (Kaufman) Sutter as they settle in our area after being recently wed in Cissna Park, IL. We

pray for God's blessings on their life together and look forward to including them in our fellowship!

The Sunday school youth group went on a camping trip to the Florida Keys in October. They reported that it was hot and the mosquitoes joined the festivities, but that they learned many camping skills like putting up tents and cooking outdoors!

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Dave Eisenmann (North Fort Myers, FL) who came with his wife, Sis. Kay, and Bro. Bob Pfladderer (Morton, IL) who was en route to Haiti with some other brothers, including Bro. Roger Sauder from our congregation. They will be assessing the situation and needs in Haiti and we pray for their safe return.

FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS Marvin and Rhea Steffen

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Hebrews 13:17

We take many things for granted in this country today, but let us never take for granted the tireless labors of love our ministers and their wives do on our behalf. They are there for us on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, and anytime we pick up the telephone. Our congregation had a surprise barbecue as a small token of our appreciation for our elder, our ministers and their wives. Our Elder Bro. Darrell Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL), his wife, Billie, and one of the new converts from Fort Lauderdale, Brigitte Heib, traveled to be with us October 11. Each couple had chosen a few verses from the Word to read that reminded us of our ministers. We then had our three young girls sing several Sunday school favorites. It was a wonderful day!

Dottie Keller had surgery and has recovered nicely. She thanked the church saying she could "feel

the prayers," and we thank God for answered prayers.

Our winter guests we are looking forward to having with us will see a little different building inside. We have removed a wall in the dining room area as the first phase in an eventual adding on to the building in the spring. We hope this will make for a smoother flow of people through to dine, and out to enjoy fellowship.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Gala Gerber - Suellen Ott

As the season changes from summer to autumn, so our Sarasota church welcomes back the slow trickle of winter residents. The heat of summer is passing, bringing us a welcomed change in temperature.

Our prayers go to our dear Bro. Richard Laukhuf as he battles with a serious illness. May he and Sis. Gerry fell the prayers of the church.

We are fortunate as a congregation to share the tapes of the general conference held this past August in Tremont, IL. It has been so refreshing to sit upon the green pastures and listen to the shepherds speak.

It has been said that green pastures are non-existent unless someone - usually a shepherd - has gone to the trouble of clearing the rocks, plowing the soil, planting the seed, irrigating the land, and carefully tending to the grasses. The shepherd does this to see that his flock will have all that they will need. We can relate this to our elder brothers - as shepherds they help to prepare our way that we may feed upon the lush green pastures of the Lord rather than the dirty, contaminated streets of Satan.

As we think of our shepherds, we must also remember those who help "lighten the load" of our shepherds - the ministers who share the pulpit each week, and also do take part in tending to the sheep. Our flock was blessed by Bro. Will and Sis. Sue Schieler spending the day in Sarasota. Praying a blessing for Bro. Will as he so graciously shares the gospel message. We are also thankful for our own dear ministers who labor in the Lord's work,

Bro. Doug, Bro. Glenn, Bro. Ron and Bro. Jeff.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA

John Brewer

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

The above verse was not followed in concerning articles from our gathering here. My apologies are extended for the absence of an article and my "slothfulness" concerning this endeavor. The summer was not without a few happenings.

First, Sis. Brenda Stoller has recovered nicely from her hospitalization in April and May. Many prayers have been answered with her recover and healing and praise God for His goodness and mercy.

On May 19, Sis. Peggy Camp gave birth to a healthy baby boy, David. He is welcomed by his father, Chris, and siblings, Brian and Kelly.

In September, we welcomed a new addition to our congregation, Phil Pavco. He is from the Akron, OH, area and going to Life College to pursue his education in chiropractics. We welcome him to the Atlanta area and wish him God's blessing.

On October 18, we took part in holy communion. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Phillip Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) conducted the solemn occasion. Christ stated during the Last Supper that we were to take the wine (blood) and bread (body) in remembrance of Him. Thinking about Christ's charge, what do we remember? The thoughts started flooding my mind remembering His willingness to come to earth, His willingness to give His life a sacrifice for our sins, His patience, His teachings, and His deep love to the above and much more for us. We did not deserve nor earn it. I am glad that we can remember that, not once a year, but every day of the year.

We like to thank visiting ministers Bro. Ed Fritz (Washington, IL), Elder Bro. Bud Klopfenstein (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Bro. Earl

Beery (Rittman, OH). We appreciate the time taken out to minister the Lord.

Services are held every Sunday at the Ramada Renaissance on Riverdale Road and I-85 just south of the airport. Come visit or contact Bros. Linn Stoller (404-631-4554), Tom Hitz (404-389-5181) or myself (404-591-5432).

ILLINOIS,

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Debbie Grieco - Tudy Schmied

Our church rejoices as another soul has been cleansed from sin and has committed his life to Christ. On Saturday, September 19, Larry Fischer shared the testimony of his conversion with the congregation, a blessing to all those present. Elder Bro. Dan Cook (Tremont, IL) and Bro. Jeff Streitmatter (Sarasota, FL) guided Larry through his testimony. It's always awesome to see the power of the Lord in changing a heart sick with sin into one that is joyfully healed through the shed blood of our risen Redeemer. As we know this inner experience of being cleansed from sin is marked with the outward ceremony of baptism. Therefore Sunday, September 20, before the church family as witnesses, Larry was baptized and received the sealing of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is truly a precious gift from the Lord. As the Holy Spirit enters into each one of us who has experienced conversion, he creates in us an awareness of an intimate relationship between us and God the Father. It is through His working that we are aware of the extent that God loves us and we Him. ". . . because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5. The Spirit also gives us a new power to witness for Christ. He not only gives us the words to speak but He clothes those words with His power so we can convince others of their need to receive Christ. Paul recorded this in scripture. "And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in dem-

onstration of the Spirit and of power." I Corinthians 3:3-4. Let each of us who has received the Holy Spirit be sensitive to His leadings and demonstrate this Godly love and boldness to witness for Christ.

We appreciated our visiting ministers this month. On September 27, Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford, IN) presented God's Word to our congregation and Bro. Chris Huber (Francesville, IN) ministered to us October 18. How we love these dear brothers who are so generous with their time and energies for God's work. We pray that they and their families will receive tenfold blessings from the Father for their efforts. We need to pray earnestly for each of our Apostolic Christian ministers that the Lord will empower them and clothe their words with His authority resulting in many more souls being won to Christ.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Les and Barb Fehr

We wish to thank those who have brought us the Word of our heavenly Father this month. They are Bros. Ed Fritz (Washington), Ron Schambach (Elgin) and Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville). Without those who minister God's Word unto us, we would be lost in this world of sin. We must not only hear the Word, but much more importantly live it, so those who do not know our Lord and Savior may see Him living in us.

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

Margie Heintz

We are thankful and blessed to welcome a new sister-in-faith to our church family. In late September we had the joy of hearing the testimony of Kathy (Schieler) Clarkson (Steve) as she told of how the Lord worked in her life to bring her peace and a personal walk with Him. On Sunday we witnessed her baptism. We pray that God will continue to lead Sis. Kathy and her family as she takes up her cross daily and follows Jesus.

Columbus Day weekend has become the date of the now annual

Sunday school wiener roast and hayride, hosted by Bro. Kenny and Sis. Cheryl Mangers. It has also become an ideal time for C-U families and friends who formerly lived here to return for a visit. This year many returned, making this a blessed weekend of fellowshiping, singing and sharing. Those who have moved away have left many happy memories with those of us who remain, so it is always a joy to have them visit, but very hard to say goodbye. It is wonderful to know that: "We'll never say good-by in heav'n, We'll never say good-by; For in that land of joy and song, We'll never say good-by." - Mrs. E. W. Chapman

Bro. Aaron and Sis. Sarah Steffen recently said farewell to the Champaign congregation and are moving to the Belvidere, IL, area, where Bro. Aaron has taken a job. We want them to take God's blessings and love and our prayers with them as they move into a new phase of life together.

We want to thank all of our visitors who come to worship with us Sundays and Wednesday evenings. We especially want to thank the ministering brothers and their wives and families who come and bring God's Word to us. Our thanks to Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) who assisted at Sis. Kathy's testimony; and thanks to Bros. Virgil Metzger (Chicago), Dale Stoller (Fairbury), Marvin Dotterer (Forest), Kevin Banwart (West Bend, IA), Everett Hari (Bloomington) and Wes Knapp (Goodfield). May God bless you all.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

I was just at a special baptism, one for a family friend whom I had seen very little of for twenty years. Yet her father asked me to sit with the family. I was tearful but very appreciative of being so included. Do we know how willing our Father is to include not only us, but others as well, in His family? There are numerous individuals we meet who feel alone and left out - whether or not they ever admit it - even to themselves. Gangs are formed by those who desperately

crave belonging and lack security and love. Many other people live lives with soap opera storylines, searching for someone to trust and purpose in living. Do we reflect our Lord's desire to include them in His plan for the abundant life - so that they feel warmly welcomed and want to become part of His (our) family? A song called "People Need the Lord" (Nelson and McHugh) says at the end, "When will we realize that we must give our lives? For people need the Lord." May we be willing to extend His invitation to all. ". . . to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Hebrews 13:16.

Once again the Lord has sent us brethren from afar to minister His Word and to share their faith. We are thankful for Bros. Jim Leman (Roanoke) and Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington, IL), Gene Lehman (in a topical Bible study on coping with modern day living, Wolcott, IN) and Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO) and Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA). Whether they came because of family ties or a special invitation, we have benefitted from their willingness to be a vessel of the Lord. May He reward them.

When a family leaves us, we feel deserted for the moment, yet always we have benefitted from their stay with us. Bro. Steve and Sis. Susie Jones, Bobby and Caleb, have moved back to Morton, IL. Bro. Steve has been an usher and a trustee, instrumental in numerous projects helpful to us. Sis. Susie was in Sunday school. They gave of themselves to us, their talents and energies. We miss them, but we feel their peace that the Lord has done this work. Still we would ask them to pray for us and we would remember them in our prayers.

Bro. Tibor Bozzay is recuperating at home with a broken leg. Though it is frustrating to be tied down with such circumstances, the Lord has given him some extra time with his family this way. We pray for his complete recover and continued acceptance of his misfortune with grace.

We are so happy to have in our church family those who have

reached milestones. Bro. Ray and Sis. Marge Young have been married for 50 years. Last month Sis. Pauline Schrenk and this month Sis. Lucille Feller have become 80 years young. All were appreciative of so many cards and notes, some from across the country, and want to express their thanks to each one who remembered them. We are grateful that the Lord has lent them to our church family and given them the strength and spirit to be such inspiring examples of Christian character and living. We also thank these four for their prayers for us in the family and for the church. May the Lord continue to provide richly for them.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Raelynn Plattner have made a trip to Kansas recently, upon the death of his grandmother. Sis. Rozi and Bro. Mik Bozzay have also lost a grandmother in Hungary. We extend our deepest sympathy to them during this sobering time, praying for the Lord's solace in all hearts.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ . . ." II Corinthians 5:20. Friday evening those of all ages were gathered together at a banquet hall for our annual "eat-out" potluck. As we traditionally do, near the end of our "program," we sang several hymns together. We had had some interference with music from another group. And as we sang, we wondered what they thought of our "interference." A young mother came back in from quieting an unhappy baby, and she told us, "Just as we heard the others' music, they could hear ours. Several women in the entrance area said how beautiful it was and asked who we were and whether the music had been piped in." All of life is much this way. We do not know who is listening to us nor who is watching. If we cannot want to stay married for ourselves, then we need to work at our marriage for an example to society. If we do not want to act as a Christian in a particular situation for our own welfare, perhaps we need to be reminded what our doing right means to the rest of the world. We have much responsibility, and by the hand of the Lord, we can perform His will. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him

shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Luke 12:48. Even though we are sometimes overwhelmed by all that we see to do, we are thankful to the Lord who saved us, knowing that our praise of Him can also lift us up to remembrance, giving us strength for the fray.

Uncle George farmed some of his land for over 60 years. He knew each part of it, the way the water ran off, the way it reacted to the wet and the dry years. Because he knew it so well, he was able to get the best yields possible from it. Is not our Lord the best of husbandmen? Do we not trust Him to know us, to do with us as He will. If we allow Him the free access to us, His "land," He can bring forth from us what He needs in talents and gifts to further His name among the people. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth . . ." James 5:7

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Cyndee Anderson - Bev Knapp

"Love of all gifts, is the greatest,
Which the Spirit does bestow."

Zion's Harp #37

Charity, of God's love, is a part of and touches every aspect of our lives. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and count our many blessings, let's first of all be thankful for the love of God which has given us eternal life through His Son.

"Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as a sound brass, or a tinkling cymbal . . ."

I Corinthians 13:1

We can be so thankful that our ministers speak through the Spirit and have charity in their hearts. We appreciate all our ministers and want to thank those who have visited us this month. They were Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury) and Dave Wiegand (Champaign), Bros. Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA),

Dale Frank (Oakville, IA), Fred Knapp (Congerville) and Kevin Knapp (Bloomington).

"Charity suffereth long . . . and beareth all things."

I Corinthians 13:4, 7

We think of those who have had to bear the burdens of illness and the death of loved ones. We pray for them and wish them God's love and patience to bear their cross with longsuffering. Bro. Jake Funk, Al Rudin and Doris Kuebler all had surgery, but seem to be recuperating. Also, Sis. Laura Hodel was hospitalized and Sis. Mattie Bauer and Lawrence Kuebler have been unable to assemble with us.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of George Young. Bro. Roland Young and Dave Young are his children and Sis. Naomi Knapp is his sister. Our hearts also grieve with Bro. Ezra and Sis. Edna Feller and their families in the loss of their son-in-law, Elder Bro. Bob Grimm. It is because of the unfailing love of God that we can be comforted in times of sorrow.

"Charity is kind . . . charity never faileth."

I Corinthians 13:4, 8

As we congratulate our newly married couples, we pray for them that God's love can be the key to a long and successful marriage. On September 27, our Sis. Karen Rinkenberger (Sis. Velma and late Bro. Steve) and Bro. Wendell Schmidt (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn, West Bend) were united in holy matrimony. Also, on October 17, Kara Drayer (Bill and Judie Drayer) became the wife of Douglas Teske (Robert and Lois Teske). We wish them God's nearness.

We are also happy to report that Bro. Daren Yergler (Bro. Max and Sis. Donna) has brought his new wife, Sis. Marie (Bro. Kent and Sis. Shiela Sprunger, Bluffton, IN) back home to Cissna Park. They are living in our area and we welcome them as they assemble with us.

"Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

I Corinthians 13:6

We, along with the angels in heaven, rejoice that God's love prompted our Sis. Darla Stock to turn from iniquity to dwell in truth. She was baptized and became one of God's children October 4. We pray for her, as well as all those who have recently turned their back on this sinful world, that true charity can be experienced in their new life in Christ.

"Charity believeth all things, endureth all things, hopeth all things."

I Corinthians 13:7

As our senior citizens shared an evening of food and fellowship with our young people this month, we know they believe in our young people and hope that with God's love, our church can continue to stand for the principles of charity. This opportunity to share is so beneficial for the young and old alike.

We also thank the Goodfield congregation for hosting our young people at the Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship this month.

"Now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity."

I Corinthians 13:13

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE
Sue Wiegand - Myra Steffen

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

I Chronicles 16:34

May we praise Him with thankful hearts at Thanksgiving and always.

We rejoice with Sis. Lynnette Stahl (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma) and Bro. Doug Knepp (Gary and Sis. Nancy, Eureka) as they were united in marriage in the Lord. Also married were Michelle Wettstein (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Judy) and Jason Garey (Richard and Mary Garey, Eureka). May God's blessings be with these couples as they begin their lives together.

Bro. Chuck and Sis. Ginny Zimmerman have been blessed with their first child, Emma Marie.

Grandparents are Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula Zimmerman, and Bro. Ernie and Sis. Judie Knecht (Eureka). May God grant them His guidance and wisdom.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Ervin Knecht (Eureka) and ministering Bros. Jim Vierling (Eureka), Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) and John Steiner (Oakville, IA) with us this month. May God bless them for their willing service.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Marie Eglin at the death of her brother, Ed Eglin.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Susan Funk (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley), Bro. Bob Williamson (Sis. Doris) and Bro. Virgil Funk (Sis. Shirley). May God be with them.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN
Renee Anliker - Debbie Sauder

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

Psalms 127:3

Amanda and Grant Kellenberger, along with Bro. Jeff and Sis. Julie, welcomed little Aaron Nathan into their hearts and home September 18. Grandparents are Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger (the late Bro. Gerald) and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Ada Mae Schrock.

The home of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sara Dietz was also blessed with the arrival of Matthew Alan October 11. Natalie and Tonya also welcomed their new little brother home. Thankful grandparents include Bro. Ken and Sis. Mardell Dietz (Bradford, IL) and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Ada Mae Schrock.

May God grant these parents the godly wisdom to raise their families as He would direct.

The path of life consists not only of joyous times but also times of sorrow. During this month we were saddened by the passing from time into eternity of dear friends. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are with the families of Mary Gross, Emily Dietrich and Vern Schurter (brother of Bro. Harvey [Sis. Ruth]).

Hospital and surgical patients for this month included Mark Schambach (Bro. Les and Sis.

Alison), Sis. Debbie Sauder and Bro. Ed Schambach (Sis. Jenny). May God heal and restore, according to His perfect will.

We are thankful for the encouragement and admonition our dear elder brothers were inspired to bring forth in the conference tapes. May we all strive more diligently to live the life of a true believer and be obedient to the loving exhortations.

In this Thanksgiving season, may we be mindful of the Giver of all things and thank Him not only now but every day of our lives.

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

ILLINOIS, EUREKA
Dori Blunier

"Come Thou Almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise:
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious
Come, and reign over us
Ancient of days."

Hymns of Zion #25

As we near this Thanksgiving

season, we have many reasons to be thankful and to give praise to our Lord and King. We have three couples in our congregation who are thankful for their new little baby boys. Jeremy Michael was born September 21 to Bro. Neil and Sis. Leesa Gerber. He has four brothers, Joshua, Andrew, Matthew, Alex and one sister, Emily. Luke William is welcomed home by Bro. Art and Sis. Carol Anliker, Aaron, Jodi, Katie and Tim. He was born October 5. Bro. Kurt and Sis. Livy Blunier are glad for Dana Robert born October 7. His sisters and brother are Amy, Kelly and Andy.

We also have those in our congregation who are thankful that God has provided helpmates for them. Exchanging marriage vows October 4 were Bro. John Cottrell (Bill and Sis. Judy) and Sis. Gloria Zimmerman (Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie).

On October 11, Bro. Doug Knepp (Gary and Sis. Nancy) and Sis. Lynnette Stahl (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma, Congerville) were married. Joan Banwart (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia) married Francis Franke (Francis and Virginia Franke, Elk Grove Village) October 3. They will make their home in Palatine, IL. We wish all of them the riches of God's love and blessing in their lives together.

As a congregation, we were all thankful for our many visiting ministers who taught us of God's ways. They were Bro. Earl Ringger (Gridley), Elder Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago), Bro. Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN), Bro. Gary Brown (Forrest), Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton) and Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke).

Beloved ones, once again we have felt the love and compassion of our dear brethren and friends over the death of our dear son. Words cannot express the comfort all of you have brought to us through your prayers, visits, calls, cards and gifts of love. We also appreciated all who went to the visitation or the funeral. Thanks to all who thought of us in our sorrow. May God bless each one of you, as only He can.

Your least ones,
The Vernon Leman family

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Sally Fehr - Thelma Slagel

"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

May we ever remember to thank our great God for the blessings He bestows on us, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day throughout our lives.

We are grateful for brothers who are willing to be used in His service and in coming to visit us: Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria) and Bros. James Hoerr (Peoria), Walter Herrmann (Princeville), Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis, OH), Andrew Hunyady (Columbus, OH) and Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN).

Our congregation is thankful for the testimonies and baptisms of Bro. Bill Stork (John and Eunice) and Sis. Joy Steidinger (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jane). We with them the Lord's blessings in their new walk of life. Testimonies of Anna Mae Fehr and Janice Edelman (Levi and Donna) were also heard. We welcome them to the fold as sisters-in-Christ. We rejoice with them. Elder Bros. Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield, OH) and Wayne Anliker (Forrest) assisted our Elder Bro. Art Bahler in this blessed occasion.

Our prayers were with our hospital patients: Trent Steidinger (Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane), Sis. Carol Kafer and son, Christopher (Bro. Ben), Sis. Louise Sohn, Bro. Ben Zehr, Sis. Clara Maurer and Myrna Moser (Bro. Lloyd). Lloyd Hartman has missed assembling with us. May all these dear ones be among us soon.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Beth Rinkenberger are happy first-time parents of a darling baby girl, Brianna Rose, born October 7. Loving grandparents are Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda Schmidgall (Morris, MN) and Sis. Velma Rinkenberger (Cissna Park).

We sorrow with Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner and family in the loss of his mother, Sis. Ida Kaisner (Forrest). May the Lord comfort them in their loss.

ILLINOIS, FORREST Sherri Kelson Sandra Schneider

Correction: We extend our sympathy to Sis. Sharon Adams in the passing of her father-in-law, Francis Adams (Dwight) and to Sis. Louise Honegger in the passing of her brother, Maurice Martin (Cissna Park).

At the age of 91, Sis. Ida Kaisner was called home by God. She had been a faithful example for many years as she stood by her husband, the late ministering Bro. Joe. We sympathize with her children: Helen Follmer (CA), Bro. Merle (Fairbury), Bro. Hartzell (Detroit, MI), Bro. Leon (Peoria), Larry, Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall, Sis. Janet Farney and Sis. Lou Ida Steffen.

We were saddened by the unexpected death of George Bach. Even though he had reached the age of 88, he was blessed with health and able to farm until the day before his death. Our hearts go out to his sister, Sis. Marie Schrof; his brother, Bro. Reuben Bach (Fairbury); and the many nieces and nephews.

Also we sympathize with Ralph Koehl in the passing of his brother, Dean Koehl (Louisville, KY) and Deborah Friedman in the tragic loss of her brother, Kurtis Bachtold.

Bros. Virgil Koehl and Homer Blunier were hospital patients but both have been able to come home again.

We want to thank the following visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Art Bahler and Bro. Dale Stoller (Fairbury), Bros. Ken Schneider and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN), John Stoller (Leo, IN), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Rick Plattner (Peoria) and Don Wagenbach (Washington). May God bless them for their service.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Trudy Rudin were blessed with a healthy baby boy, Jonathan Dale, named after his uncle, the late Dale Zimmerman. He is welcomed home by

Scott, Andy, T. Anne, Heidi, Joseph, Betsi, Ben and Kristi. Sis. Tillie Rudin (Cissna) and Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman are his grandparents.

We wish God's blessings on the marriage of Corbin Kupferschmid and Stephanie Hoelscher. Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda Kupferschmid and Delmar Hoelscher (Chatsworth) and Mary Hoelscher (Fairbury) are their parents.

Our prayers are with Garrett Kupferschmid and his parents, Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda, as they deal with the trauma of being assaulted while on a trip for schooling. We're thankful God spared his life. We were reminded that we need to also pray for his attackers, that they may see the error of their ways.

At this Thanksgiving season, we certainly have a lot to be thankful for as the farmers gather in a bountiful harvest. Most of all, we need to remember to be thankful for the many spiritual blessings.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Trish Gerber

Our congregation was blessed with the uplifting testimonies and baptisms of our new Brothers, Derek Roth (Roy and Sis. Corrine) and Kurt Plattner (Bro. Sam and Sis. Pat). We thank Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Gary Endress (Bradford, IL) for assisting with the sermons and baptisms.

It was a pleasure to host "College Weekend" at Goodfield. We had the privilege of hearing the Word and being encouraged by our visiting ministers. Thanks to Bros. Doyle Frauhtiger (Bluffton, IN), Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN), Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO) and Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN).

We appreciate Bro. Tom Hoffman spending a Wednesday evening with us to share God's Word and explain the plans for the Special Care Building Project at the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka.

May God be near to Sis. Kris Bauman and her family, Bro. Ben, Luke and Anna, as she is hospitalized and waits on the safe arrival of the precious baby she carries.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Rita are the thankful parents of a little girl, Mallory Kay, who was born October 20. Welcoming Mallory home is her brother, Nathan. The grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman and Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Ehnle (Bradford).

Note of Thanks: To you, our dear brethren and friends throughout the United States and in Japan, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the many, many expressions of love and sympathy extended to us during the time of Bob's illness and death. It is comforting to feel that so many of you were earnestly praying for God's will to be done. It somehow softens the heartache to be assured that it truly is God's will that he was taken. May His blessings abide with you all.

Sis. Elna Grimm and family
Bro. Bill and Sis. Terry Hart

Bro. Jaye and Sis. Peg

Rinkenberger

Bro. Roger and Sis. Trish Gerber

Bro. Art and Sis. Pam Wiegand

Bro. Brian and Sis. Jacki Huber

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Ruth Grimm

Bro. Kurt and Sis. Livy Blunier

Bro. Brian and Sis. Lisa Rieke

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Perry A. Klopfenstein

In our daily spiritual walk it is necessary that we who profess Christ keep our flesh in subjection to the Spirit. None of us are exempt from temptation, lust and carelessness.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit. This I say then, walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Galatians 5) We must continually be on guard that the Spirit dwells fully in our heart and subdues the flesh; and thence rids us of our inclination toward drift, apostasy and sub-standard Christian living.

In connection with this concept — that of keeping our spiritual heart and veins clean of fleshiness — I had an interesting conversation with a dear brother-in-faith at noon one Sunday. Our visiting turned, as we are prone today, to our physical health and eventually to our cholesterol levels. Even further, we progressed onto our "good" chole-

sterol and our "bad" cholesterol. In this, the good cholesterol removes the bad from our bloodstream and allows the blood to move more easily through our veins. This results in better health.

There is an excellent spiritual analogy to this: that is, the good spirit (the Holy Spirit) can remove the human nature traits from our spiritual lifeline. As the bad is removed — due to the actions of the good — we are in better health, spiritually and can thrive more readily in our dear Lord Jesus Christ. We are more able to live and work in His glorious cause!

On September 28, Bro. Chet Stortz, 74, passed away. He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Sis. Aline; also by a son, Bro. Steve. A sister, Sis. Velma Schwenk (Morton) also survives. Bro. Chet's health deteriorated in recent years and he was eventually bedfast at the Eureka Home. Yet, it was in this state that he was able to turn to the Lord, and be baptized. Thanks be to God, for His patience and boundless mercy.

Those hospitalized recently were Sis. Minnie Stortz and Sis. Aline Stortz; also, Karin Kiefer. Sis. Lucille Gramm was also quite ill.

Our dear elderly loved, Sis. Verena Kuerth, moved from her long-time home on West 7th Street to the Sunrise Manor facility next to the church.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Sandy Yergler are the parents of a son, Andrew George, born October 2. He has a brother, Benjamin, 1½. Grandparents are the late Bro. E. Lewis "Knute" and Sis. Bernice Yergler, and Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie Gramm (Gridley).

Four days later a first cousin to Andrew Yergler was born. He was Brandon John Kaeb, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Judy Kaeb. He is the brother of Melissa, 4 and Kristin, 2½. Parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (Cissna Park), and Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie Gramm (Gridley).

We are grateful for the presence of visiting ministers: Bro. Glen Funk (Wichita, KS) October 4; and Bros. Bob Beebe (South Bend, IN) and Ted Witzig (Morton) October 18.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney
Cheryl Wuthrich**

At this time of the year our thoughts are focused on giving thanks. Thanksgiving is defined as an acknowledging and confessing with gladness, the benefits and mercies, which God bestows either upon ourselves or others. We know the Word instructs us to give thanks. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good." Psalms 107:1. We also know that the Word instructs us to give thanks all the time for everything, not only when it is convenient or when circumstances are pleasing and pleasant. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20. An exercise to practice giving thanks always for all things would be to list 100 things we are thankful for. No doubt the list would contain some things that we usually take for granted. The list might also include some circumstances that initially were difficult to be thankful for but in time proved to be beneficial.

We are thankful for the body of Christ to share in the sorrow of loving a loved one. We share our sympathy with the family of Bro. Albert Koehl. His funeral was October 8. May God comfort his wife, Sis. Ellen; his daughter, Sis. Valerie Steffen; his son, Scott; his brothers, Bro. Fred, Bro. Eric and Bro. George; and his sisters, Sis. Aldeine Witzig and Sis. Matilda Kaiser; as well as his many other family members, grandchildren and friends.

We are also thankful for the efforts of Bro. Lenny Meyers (Chicago, IL) for ministering to us at our family worship services this month.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Pat Landes would like to thank everyone who remembered Bro. Bruce during his recent surgery and hospitalization. The cards, gifts, prayers and visits were much appreciated.

The family of Bro. Al Koehl wishes to tell everyone how much they appreciated the love shown to them during Bro. Al's illnesses the past few years and during his last illness and funeral. Truly the visits, cards, gifts and prayers were a tremendous help.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Jim David

God blessed Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Julie Klein with their first child, Cody LaMay, October 12. Cody's grandparents are Linda Klein, and Bro. David and Sis. Karen Dunbar.

We thank Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL) and Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) for visiting the Peoria church and proclaiming the truths of God's Holy Word.

We pray for God's healing of those who have been hospitalized, Bro. Bud Fehr, Sis. Laura Koehl, Sis. Gertrude Sauder, Bro. Les Wagenbach, Bro. Fred Koehl, Bro. Dave Dunbar and Sis. Lois Herman.

We share in the sorrow of the loss of Sis. Louise Fehr, and we extend our sympathy to Sis. Louise's family.

On September 20, Bro. Gary Rauhaus (Bro. Grant and Sis. Mabelle) and Sis. Sally Herman (Bro. Howard and Sis. Nancy) announced their engagement. Bro. Gary and Sis. Sally are planning a March 28 wedding. We wish this couple God's abundant blessings.

Our holiday of Thanksgiving is in danger of being trivialized by the world. The day which was originally dedicated to thanking our God and Creator for His bountiful blessings, has in some cases become a memorial to turkey and football. At times, partly due to the affluent society in which we live, it is possible for us to neglect thanking God for those things which we so often take for granted. We live in a free nation, where we have the freedom to travel about as we please, choose our own career, and worship our God without government interference - these things are not to be taken lightly. As we celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, we would do well to spend time in prayer, "giving thanks always for all things unto God." (Ephesians 5:20)

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Martha Jane Siebenthal

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bros. Gerald Sutter (Taylor, MO) and Kenneth Dietz (Bradford). May God bless

them for their labor of love.

A precious little girl, Emilie, has blessed the home and hearts of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Audrey Braker. To welcome her home are three little brothers and thankful and happy grandparents, Sis. Edna Martin and Sis. Clara Braker (Roanoke). May God bless the families as they bring up these little ones.

Jayla Knobloch, infant daughter of Bro. Jay and Sis. Deanne, was born September 24. The Lord took this precious little one for His bouquet three days later. We extend our love and deepest sympathy to her dear parents and grandparents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Graham and Bro. Ed and Sis. Frances Knobloch.

Thankful grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer as their daughter, Sis. Debbie, and husband, Bro. Leon Klopfenstein (Latty, OH), have been blessed with a baby boy.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Mary Baer (Bro. Herman) and Sis. Bertha Kieser in the loss of their brother. God alone is our source of comfort.

Sis. Esther Kieser (Bro. George) had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her hand. We pray for God's healing powers.

Thanksgiving Day is a time to thank God for all of His gifts to us. It is a day to remember the many blessings which He has showered upon us, the gifts of food, clothing, shelter, health, family and friends. May each one of us learn to count our blessings rather than compare them. This gratitude to God will help make every day a happy thanksgiving. We must not forget to give thanks to God for the many freedoms, the bounteous harvest of grain and food, the protection of a good and benevolent government, as we know that millions of people suffer in this world.

Thank You Notes:

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who so graciously supported us with their love, prayers, cards, food and many memorials during Mother's illness and passing. You are all very special.

The Martha Herrmann family

The family of Marie Musselman wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for the kindness, encouragement, prayers, gifts of love shown to Aunt Marie during her illness and passing.

A special thank you to everyone for the visits, cards, gifts and prayers while I was in the hospital and since returning home. To all the thoughtful ones who brought meals to our home which was very much appreciated. Also, to all who helped watch my girls.

Cathy (Mark) Kieser

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Annie Leman - Cathy Hohulin

"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 100:4, 5

Norm and Jan Rechkemmer have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Anne, to Matthew Ralph Blackford, son of Vern and Sally Blackford (Congerville). The wedding is planned for March 6.

Also announcing their engagement are Bro. Kirk Hoffman and Sis. Lisa Anliker. Their parents are Bro. Tim and Sis. Jean Hoffman (Roanoke) and Bro. Ron and Sis. Vicky Anliker (Francesville, IN). A May wedding is being planned. May God's love and guidance be with those young couples as they take this important step.

Our Bible class students and teachers enjoyed a blessed time October 4, when the Goodfield Bible class came for the day. We were thankful to have Bro. Bruce Hohulin minister to us.

Our Family Hymn Sing was also held October 4. Our thanks to the Washington choir for a blessed evening.

Friday evening, October 16, Bro. Eric Givens (Princeville) spoke at our monthly Bible study. We appreciate his willingness to serve us.

Other recent visiting ministers were Bro. Trent Meiss (Iowa City,

IA) and Bro. Frederick Knapp (Congerville).

Those who have recently spent time in the hospital because of illness, accidents and surgery are Sis. Janice Braker, Ray Rechkemmer and Bros. Lloyd Gerber, Bruce Fischer and Dick Hoffman. May God comfort and heal according to His good and perfect will.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Carolyn Bolliger
Marsha Koch

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Steve Martin (Eureka), Richard Plattner (Peoria), Dennis Rassi (Fairbury), Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington-Normal), Tom Hoffman (Roanoke) and Elder Bro. Donald Sauder (Roanoke). We thank each one for bringing God's Word to us.

Si Wagenbach, Jr. and Sis. Doris Staker (Bro. Weldon) were in the hospital this month. We're thankful they are home and improving.

September 26 was the wedding date for Diane Wagenbach (Bro. Bob and Sis. Dorothy) and Steven Kauzlarich (Ernest and Dorothy, Naperville). Sis. Andrea Kaufmann (Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane) and Todd Harris (Bro. Mike and Sis. Linda, Roanoke) were united in marriage October 18. We wish these couples God's blessing in their lives.

Bro. Si Wagenbach, Sr. has made his home at the Eureka Home. We will surely miss him but wish him God's blessings.

Bro. James and Sis. Karol Holmes had a baby girl, Jamee Kathleen, October 10. Grandparents are Bro. Marshall and Sis. Phyllis Holmes and Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda Glueck. MacKenzie Jo was born October 17 to Jeff and Anita Wagenbach. Grandparents are Si, Jr. and Sis. LaVonne Wagenbach and Bro. Warren and Sis. Carolyn Prather. May God give them patience and guidance as they start their families.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptisms of Kevin Sauder (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Ann) October 3 and 4. We rejoice with Bro. Kevin and his family.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Sue Ruppert

Denise Romersberger

It has been exactly one year since my brother was killed in a farming accident. The pain and hurt still lie deeply in my heart. I miss him so much, but I try to remember he is in a better place. That makes me strive harder to serve the Lord more fully. Death seems so final, and yet for us Christians, it is only the beginning, the start of eternal life with Christ. What a joy and privilege it is to know of Christ, heaven and eternal life. The world knows of no such place or of such peace.

Tears flow as I remember our earthly life together. These memories are special and I reflect on their daily. But there was another life gone by and that was Jesus. He left us His Holy Word to remember Him by. We should daily read and reflect on His Word. In the process, we can prepare our earthly bodies for a heavenly home.

The following poem is the prayer I pray each day. I want God to use me in any way He can. I know He will provide for my needs if I trust Him and am willing to be His servant.

USE ME LORD

Lord, give me courage to be true
To you in all I say and do.

Give me Your love to keep me
sweet

To everyone I chance to meet.

Give me Your power to keep me
strong

Grant me Your presence all day
long.

Give me the faith that all may see
How very real You are to me.

Give me wisdom to choose the
best.

Help me perform each task with
zest.

Give me vision to see Your plan
Use me, Lord, wherever You can.

Author Unknown

Becky Hall became a sister-in-the-faith following her testimony and baptism. We accept her with love and wish God's richest blessings. We have such a privilege in our faith to share in each others'

lives. May Becky feel our deep love and acceptance.

Guest ministers were Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Doug Wagenbach (San Diego, CA).

Bro. Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL) attended the young group trip to Apple River Canyon State Park. He led us in a moving Bible study on forgiveness. The weekend was a special time for all involved to appreciate the beauty of the fall colors. God has truly made a marvelous array of things to see and enjoy. During our visit to Apple River, our group came across five families from Elgin, IL, and they joined us for Sunday services in the little white church. It is wonderful to be able to worship together with like mind and faith.

Bro. Joe Herman is still hospitalized, but showing some improvement. We look forward to seeing him back at the infirmary at the Peoria Home. Also hospitalized and released was Seth Teubel, son of Mark and Marty Teubel.

Dawn Martin and family with to thank all who thought of them in prayer, with cards and phone calls. Dawn is recovering well.

Bro. Rob and Sis. Lily (Schick) Pfaffmann were blessed with a healthy baby boy named Micah. Congratulations!

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Jill Frauhiger - Mary Isch

We were blessed with many births this month. On September 22, Bro. Chris and Sis. Sara Frauhiger welcomed little Benjamin David home. Grandparents are Bro. Ned and Sis. Dixie Kipfer and Bro. Les and Sis. Ann Frauhiger. Bro. Keith and Sis. Marty Stoller were also blessed with twin sons, Eli Steffen and Aaron Tobias, both born September 30. The twins joined Isaac, Emma and Anna at home. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Flossie Stoller and Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habegger. Bro. Dean and Sis. Marlene Vanhorn welcomed Elise Nichole to their home August 5. Elise's grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lucinda Steffen. On

October 2, Heidi was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Jean Compton. Heidi joins Kelsey and Seth at home. Grandparents are Bob and Betty Steffen. And October 15, Brendon Cole was born to Bro. Bent and Sis. Rachele Tonner. Brendon joins big sister, Brittney, at home. Grandparents are Sam and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber and Bro. Gary and Sis. Diann Tonner. We wish all these parents God's blessings.

Bro. Nick Gerber and Sis. Natalie Kipfer were united as one October 4. Parents are Bro. Neil and Sis. Karen Gerber and Bro. Ken and Sis. Judy Kipfer. May God walk with Bro. Nick and Sis. Natalie as they begin their lives together.

Hospitalized this month were Travis Feichter (Bro. Doug and Sis. Jill), Bro. Tom Pfister (Sis. Barb), Bro. Wilmer Gerber (Sis. Clara), Bro. Everett Geisel (Sis. Alice), Chet Baumgartner (Bro. Keith and Sis. Ruth) and Sis. Janean Kipfer (Bro. Hal). We extend our prayers and thoughts to each of these loved ones.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

Terri Mueller - Lora Kieser

The little "Thought for the Day" calendar that I have by my sink said "Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank." It is also seeing the leaves change to brilliant colors and then fall to the ground to make way for the equally beautiful winter scenes that are common here in Indiana. Who could witness the magnificence of the changing seasons and fail to see God's hand in them?

"Dray nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you . . ." James 4:80. We rejoice that Ben Maller (Bro. Ed and Sis. Rhonda), Brad Schwartz (Bro. Joe and Sis. Jan), Eric Craighead (Bro. Mike and Sis. Kay), Corinne Hari (Bro. Daryl and June) and Neil Shorb (Bro. Brett and Sis. Cindy) have turned to the Lord in repentance. May God grant them much grace in their new walk of faith.

Congratulations to Bro. Blake and Sis. Fawn Gerber, Taye and Taryn, as they have a new little blessing in their family. Trayton Marcus was born October 12. We rejoice with them.

We are thankful for the years that Sis. Henrietta Gerber has spent here in Bluffton and for the way that she has contributed to our congregation. Sis. Henrietta will be moving back to Junction, OH, soon. She will be missed by us all.

Sis. Goldie Kipfer (Bro. Art) spent some time in the hospital this month. We wish her a speedy recovery as she recuperates at home.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Val Gutwein

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

Psalms 92:1

As Thanksgiving draws closer, it is always good to look back over the year and count our blessings. Thankfulness is so key to a healthy Christian walk. As we remember all God has given us physically, may we also praise Him for giving us understanding of His everlasting Word. May this Thanksgiving time be a special blessing to all.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Joan Streitmatter and Bro. Harvey Gutwein who were united in marriage September 20. May God richly bless their years ahead as they walk in His light together.

The engagement of Sis. Lisa Anliker, daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Vicki Anliker, to Bro. Kirk Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) was recently announced. Let's remember to pray for them as they ready themselves for this important step of faith.

We also congratulate Shelly Leman, daughter of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Linda, on her engagement to Brian K. Collett. May God be their Guide as they start a life together.

With joy in her heart, Donna Parrish became our sister-in-the-Lord October 4. We wish her a life full of God's abundant grace as she walks in this new direction.

Our love and prayers continue to go out to Sis. Jacki Huber (Bro. Brian) and her family at the passing of her father, Elder Bro. Bob

Grimm. We are thankful that God continues to fill them with peace as they go through this valley.

We would like to thank the following ministers that visited us recently and shared in the Lord's work: Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN), Bro. Victor Beer (North Fort Myers, FL), Elder Bro. Curtis Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Wayne Lehman (South Bend, IN), Bro. Will Schieler (Milford, IN), Elder Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI) and Bro. Neal Widmer (Wolcott, IN).

As a special note, we would like to thank Sis. Jacki Huber for her many years of service as our Silver Lining reporter. Her dedication to this work is only fully known by God alone.

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Miriam Gudeman

We want to express our love and appreciation for our visiting ministers this past month who came not only to share the Word with us, but to uplift us with encouragement and support. They were Bro. John Bollier (Leo), Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH), our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington), Bro. Ed Fritz (Washington, IL) and Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley, IL). Words are not enough to tell you how thankful we are. May God bless you.

Our promotion Sunday was held September 13, and we enjoyed a Sunday school picnic that afternoon following church. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day for fun and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated and made the day special.

We experienced another beautiful, blessed, fun-filled day at Camp Mac, the weekend of the 27th. A special thanks and appreciation to all who helped organize and prepare for the day.

Our Sunday school seemed to be pretty busy this fall for we held our first annual Chili Supper and meeting October 3. Bro. Bob and Sis. Ann Meyer (Bluffton) came to share with us some important issues about teaching. It was a very informative evening and we thank Bro. Bob for his efforts. May God grant to all of our Sunday school

teachers wisdom and grace to teach the children of all ages His truths, and may we seek His guidance and direction always.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Bill Klopfenstein (Leo) as he recovers from his heart surgery which took place here in Indy. May the Lord grant him healing mercies.

We wish to thank our dear brothers and sisters of the Detroit choir and congregation for inviting us to come the weekend of October 24 and 25. We had the most wonderful time! It was such a blessing to fellowship and sing together again, and to renew our friendships that were made when you accepted our invitation to come to Indy last year. May the Lord bless you for your lovingkindness and thoughtfulness. May He be with you and watch over you until we meet again!

INDIANA, LACROSSE Barb Troxel

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord."

Proverbs 18:22

John and Carol Ailes have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donald, to Jim Garrett (Marcus Hook, PA). May the Lord bless these two young people as they look forward to their marriage.

"Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

II Timothy 4:2

We are thankful that our brethren are willing to stand before us Sunday after Sunday and proclaim God's Word in its truth and sincerity. This past month we want to thank Bros. Dale Zeltwanger (Morris, MN) and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN) for visiting us and sharing God's Word.

INDIANA, LEO Doug Kellenberger

A new baby boy was born to Bro. Lynn and Sis. Leonda Stieglitz. His

name is Cameron. His mother was so happy! Both parents are very thankful.

Bro. Phil Schlatter was hospitalized with knee surgery. He just didn't want to be confined. It's like that in the spirit. Paul said pray for its free course. We have such an unlimited God that we excitedly want to go and grow with Him as much as possible. Bro. Phil is such an inspiring example of that. He's a brother that's filled with the Holy Spirit. We wish him well.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Velma Williams were taken into the fold this past weekend. We heard such an invigorating testimony of how marvelously the Lord worked. We wish them to continue trusting in the same God that began the work in them.

Elder Bro. Ray Sinn helped Elder Bro. David Bertsch officiate the services. We thank him for his efforts.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner was also with us recently from Detroit, MI, to minister the Word.

Life is where the Lord is. Keep walking towards what brings you life.

INDIANA, MILFORD Gwen Steffen - Paula Haab

On September 27, as many of our young people from throughout the state met at Camp Mac for a day of worship and fellowship, Bro. Gary Bucher (Valparaiso) was willing to come to our church home to minister the Word. We all had our cups filled to overflowing that day.

Neil Beer (Bro. Dan and Sis. Debbie) recently had the excitement of riding in an ambulance when he injured his arm at school. Also receiving a serious arm injury was Brian Steward, son-in-law of Stan and Sis. Ginger Price. May it be God's will to heal them.

On a Friday evening, some of us took the opportunity to sing to some of our older brothers and sisters. It seems we get the greater blessing from an evening such as this.

God spoke, oh, so loudly, October 13, when in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, five lives were taken from time into eternity in a car accident. Four were dear sis-

ters-in-the-faith and will be missed so much as they were active in our church. "Open Thy merciful arms, send out a shepherd; open the gate, Jesus has called and His sheep must not wait;" was certainly an appropriate hymn to be sung at the joint services. Our hearts were touched as the choir sang, "Christian Friendship." These sisters were such good friends. We all joined in singing "Bless Be The Tie" at the close of the service. It was so heart-warming to receive so much love and comfort from our neighboring churches, as well as from our community. We extend our sympathy and wish the Holy Spirit as Comforter to the following families:

Sis. Anna Rassi (widow of Bro. Louis) leaves three daughters, Louann Yeater (Harold), Mary Helen Roser (John) and Linda Baumgartner (Steve). Also a sister, Helen Cobb, and a brother, Joseph Schick.

Sis. Esther Haab (widow of Bro. Elmer) leaves one sister, Sis. Elsie Lambert (George); six brothers, Levi, Harry, Earl, Elmer, Harold and Frank Beer. Her sister, Anna Schuch (Bremen) was killed in the accident. She also had nine step-children, Sisters Dorothy Steffen (Walter), Phyllis Wuethrich (Robert), Ann Sinn (Ray), Irma Stoller (Millard), Nettie Haab, Steve, Bros. Ray, Paul and Don.

Sis. Laura Kammerer (widow of Bro. Andy) leaves two daughters, Nancy Yergler (Don), Ilene Pulver (Dave); three sons, Earl, Glen and Larry; along with three brothers, Harley, Bros. Roy and Jess Haab.

Sis. Ruth Beer (widow of Bro. Frank) leaves three daughters, Sis. Carol Hurd (John), Emily Fisher (Warren), Sandy Hollar (Stan); and one son, Dale.

All had a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews who will miss them and certainly showed their support and concern at this time. We pray God will grant these families and our church courage to go on and give us the faith to believe what God doeth is well done.

Along with our sorrow, God has brought rejoicing. Lisa Mikel (Russ and Sis. Pat) has expressed peace with God and man. We are looking

forward to her testimony and baptism soon.

On this Thanksgiving Day it should be easy to give thanks as the farmers seem to be gathering an abundant harvest. Let's remember that the good Word tells us to give thanks in everything. So may we not just give thanks this season of the year, but every day should be filled with praise and thanksgiving to God.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Amelia Schini

A number of residents from the Morton, IL, Home for the Handicapped visited us the last weekend in September. Altho' the weather wasn't cooperative, a wiener roast was held Saturday evening. Sunday evening there was a potluck supper at our fellowship hall. Many of them remarked how much they look forward to the weekend. The other side of the coin is that we also look forward to having them once a year and hope they can continue to come.

On Sunday, October 4, we were privileged to have as visitors Bros. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North) and Walt Steffen (Milford), along with many other visitors. We thank all of you for the blessed visit. Do come again.

Art Nussbaum passed away Friday, October 9 after a lengthy illness. He passed his 91st birthday in September. He and his wife, Achsa, had two daughters, who along with their children, will miss Art. Art was a brother of the late Bro. Andrew Nussbaum who was our minister many years.

We, at Remington, all wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the church at Milford who lost dear elderly sisters in a tragic accident.

Thought for the day: The outlook may be dark, but the uplook is glorious.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Renee Mangold

Camp Mac has come and gone. Once again, a blessing was had by all as many from our small church stood up and participated in singing praises to the Lord.

Our harvest program and fellowship weekend brought visiting ministers, Bro. Gary Bucher (Valparaiso), Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Bro. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton), as well as singing groups from Valparaiso and Bluffton. It is always uplifting to be with others like-minded in faith. Our thanks to all those who participated.

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of once accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:1, 2

INDIANA, VALPARAISO Cindy Susdorf - Marie Heinold

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.

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 may blessings, See
what God hath done.

Hymns of Zion #116

During this time of Thanksgiving, we realize that we have so many blessings. But most of all, we are thankful for the Father and His Son, our Saviour, and for our faith.

We are rejoicing with Andy Rossi (Richard and Peggy Knapp, Harvey, IL) as he has turned to the Lord.

We wish God's blessings on Jim Bucher (Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois) as he has taken employment in Indianapolis and Lance Bucher (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol) as he is going to college in Indianapolis.

We received much encouragement as we listened to the confer-

ence tapes. May these instructions help us walk closer to Christ.

May the Lord richly bless our visiting ministers, Bro. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN) and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) for sharing the Word with our congregation.

INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Camille Vogt

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3:23-24

It was a blessing to attend College Weekend at ISU. We were encouraged to examine and purify our motives. "God will supply; we must apply." We need to look towards the epitome of a pure heart, Jesus Christ, for our example.

We are thankful for the brethren who travel to share God's Word with us. This past month, Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL) ministered on distinguishing between a tradition, a custom and doctrine and the importance and function of each. He shared verses II Thessalonians 2:13-17. Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN) exhorted us to use our talents for the Lord (Matthew 25:1-30).

INDIANA, WOLCOTT
Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

I Corinthians 3:16-17

Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) conducted our Bible study October 1. The topic was "Our Body - The Holy Temple of God." We could truly feel the Holy Spirit in our midst as we were reminded that our "spiritual house" is built on the

grace of God and on the blood of Jesus Christ. Everything we do should be done to the honor and glory of God. We either contribute to or tear down that "holy temple" every day.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, let our thanks not be confined
 To just one day a year
 When friends and family gather round
 To share Thanksgiving cheer.

Thou heapest blessings round our door
 Each day that dawns anew;
 It's only fitting that we kneel
 And give our thanks to you.

For shelter warm and ample food,
 For family ties held dear,
 For love that makes a house a home,
 And friendship ever near.

For all the beauty of the earth
 In sky, on sea or land,
 For seed time and for harvest,
 Rich bounty from thy hand.

It matters not the hour or day,
 The season of the year,
 Everywhere we look, dear Lord,
 Thy blessings do appear.

Seated at the festive table,
 We bow and humbly pray:
 Give us a heart that overflows
 With "thanks-living" everyday;
 Kay Hoffman

IOWA, AMES/DES MOINES
Dave Stoller - Aaron Schmidgall

We were thankful to have ministering to us for the last three services, Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville), Bro. John Rowell (Burlington), Bro. Paul Eisenmann (Burlington), Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend) and Bro. Ron Joos (Pulaski). We greatly appreciate the efforts of these brothers and their families.

Several new faces are in the area this year. Joining us are Matt Eisenmann (Burlington), Andrew Fehr (West Bend), Josh Gerst

(Oakville), Lonn Kellenberger (Lester), Darren Metz (Forrest, IL), Aaron Metzger (Lester), Darin Metzger (West Bend), Scott Metzger (Morton, IL), Ben Schmidgall (Oakville), Bridget Scholl (Peoria, IL), Bro. Dave Stoller (Oakville) and Eric Strassheim (Bloomington, IL). We are thankful to have these newcomers and we with them God's blessings during the present school year.

Our final two services are to be held November 8 and December 6 and will be served by Lester and West Bend, respectively. Our coordinator for the Ames area this year is Bro. Michael Wagenbach. Any questions regarding services should be directed to Bro. Michael, who can be reached by phone at 515-233-6943.

IOWA, BURLINGTON
Jana Massner - Carolyn Wulf

Greetings of love to all! We are thankful for the beautiful fall. It is such a pretty time of year. May we give God all honor, praise and glory for the blessings of nature.

Consider ye mortals,
 The wonders of nature
 Which God in wisdom did create.
 Did not our Creator
 In power and order
 For man His wondrous works
 instate?

My word once created
 The earth and the heavens
 Ye know me by My works and fame.
 Tis I, thy Creator, thy God
 And thy Father
 Today as yesterday the same.

I am the Creator of wisdom
 And goodness,
 The God of order, light and grace;
 Embracing each mortal with
 Love and salvation
 Who come before My holy face.
 Hymns of Zion #49, vs. 3, 5, 6

We thank Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and his family for spending the day with us and bringing forth the Word of Truth. May God richly bless Bro. Mike and his family.

Our prayers are with Bro.

Harvey Heiniger and his family as Bro. Harvey is experiencing some time in the hospital for treatments. May God's holy will be done that the proper fruit may come forth from our trials and tests.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

IOWA, ELGIN
Gloria Frieden

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,
oh Lord.

Zion's Harp #75

We truly are a blessed people. God so freely blesses us with our daily needs of food, shelter and clothing and then offers us His mercy and forgiveness and eternal life besides. We are not worthy, but may we each humbly and thankfully accept these gifts and then seek His grace to serve Him more faithfully.

By the time this is published, the people of this great nation will again have gone to the polls (hopefully after seeking God's will and direction) to elect leaders in government for another four-year term. May our prayers be with these leaders that they will look to God to guide them.

If we sometimes feel that god doesn't answer our prayers as we request, let's not murmur but be thankful that He knows what is best.

I asked for strength that I might
achieve,
I was given weakness that I might
learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do
great things,
I was given infirmity that I might
do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be
happy,
I was given poverty that I might be
wise.
I asked for power that I might have
praise of men,
I was made weak that I might feel
the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might
enjoy life,
I was given life that I might enjoy
all things.
I got nothing I asked for but every
thing I hoped for,
And almost despite myself,
I among men, am most richly
blessed.

We rejoice with Paul and Sis. Evelyn Pulfer and Darrell and Lola Cain at the birth of their new grandson, Jacob Roy, born September 24. Jacob's happy parents are Kent and Jodi Pulfer (Tulare, CA).

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE
Dawn Moser

We have been so faithfully served these past months. We want to thank each visitor and the many churches on our rotation for their love and support. Our ministers have been Bros. Kevin Banwart (West Bend, IA), Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS), Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Gene Metzger (Lester, IA), John Rowell (Burlington, IA), Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL), Stephen Baner (Gridley, IL), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL), Don Braker (Kansas City, MO), Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Eider Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Lawrence Luthi (Lamar, MO).

We want to thank the Kansas City congregation for their past support. They have been taken off of our rotation. We appreciated them greatly and wish them God's blessings. We look forward to greeting the brothers and sisters from the Lamar, MO, congregation as they have been added to the rotation.

We are also thankful that Bro. Tony Funk is back from Russia. We look forward to seeing his slides and hearing more about the country, people and their way of life.

Bro. Tony and Sis. Eileen have a new foster child with them. Samantha is three. We pray for them as they give her love and guidance.

Our high school students were invited to Lamont, KS, for the ACYF weekend. Each reported having an enjoyable time. We pray God's blessings on the teachers and parents for the efforts put into these weekends.

We bid farewell to Louis and Jean Kieser. They moved in September.

"Now thank we all our God . . ." I know many congregations sing this song Thanksgiving Day. May we always have this song in our heart for we do have many thanks to give to our God, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but each day of our lives.

IOWA, IOWA CITY
Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! We again enjoyed having several visitors this month, including ministering Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) and his family. May God bless all who assemble with us.

We have been listening to the tapes of the brotherhood conference held in Tremont, IL, in August. May we hide these teachings in our hearts and pray for grace that they may help us prune away the earthly weights and become more fruitful vines in our Master's vineyard.

The leaves this fall have been especially colorful. As God shares this glory with us before the long, less colorful days of winter, may we recognize and appreciate the glory of spiritual maturity in our older brothers and sisters-in-Christ. How it must gladden the heart of our heavenly Father to see the spiritual beauty shine forth in those who have borne the heat of the day, have proved faithful and steadfast in His service, and who await the return of our Lord or the blessed meeting with Him in heaven when their life on earth has ended.

Happy Thanksgiving!

IOWA, LESTER
Sue Warner - Cindy Leuthold

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

Zion's Harp #13

At this Thanksgiving time of the year, may we be every appreciative of the undeserved grace God gives us daily for our needs. Especially thankful for His love and forgiveness is Mary Knobloch (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie) who has begun a new walk of life in Christ.

Two babies were born this past month. Joanna Marie joined the family of Bro. Terry and Sis. Elaine Knobloch September 30. Her grandparents are Bro. August and Sis. Florence Knobloch and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Luetta Braker (Lamar, MO). Then on October 6, Bro. Jeff and Sis. Jill Steiner became first-time parents to Andrew Jeffery. Happy grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann Steiner (Tremont, IL), and Bro. Harv and Sis. Wilda Koehl (Morris, MN).

Bro. Bradley Leuthold (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki) and Sis. Michelle Schaeffer (Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam, Morris, MN) made known their plans of marriage to our congregation. We believe they have put their trust in Him to join them as one.

October 11 was the day chosen for the marriage of Bro. Phil Mogler to Sis. Donna Hartzler (Detroit, MI). May God bless them as they begin their life together. We welcome Sis. Donna to our congregation.

Our hospital patients this month include Alvin Metzger (Marilyn) and Willis Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley) who submitted to surgery. Others spending time in the hospital were Monte Van Wyhe (Bro. Pete and Sis. Susan) and Bro. Herman Stickling.

Funeral services were held for our dear Bro. Albert Knobloch who now rests in peace after much pain and suffering here on earth. He is

survived by his wife, Sis. Salome; one son, Merle; and two grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn several brothers and sisters, Ernest, Dietrich, Bro. Benjamin, Bro. Wilbert, Bro. Earl, Adolph, Julia Plattner, Lydia Moser, Sis. Emma, Sis. Paulina, Sis. Violet and Wilma Hoogeveen. We extend our sincere sympathy to these loved ones.

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Debbie Wagenbach
Melody Steiner

"Thus united and in concord . . ." Zion's Harp #237. We are rejoicing with Bro. Nathan Larson (Bro. Jack and Sis. Cathy) and Sis. Heidi Wagenbach (John and Sis. Marilyn) as they have recently had their engagement make known. As they plan a December 6 wedding, may they look unto to God to guide them all the way.

Cole Andrew has arrived into the hearts and home of Bro. Mark and Sis. Dana Musselman. Little Cole's grandparents are Bro. Doss and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner and Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman (Pulaski, IA).

We are thankful for our recent visiting ministers. Bros. Gary Bucher (Valparaiso, IN), Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), as well as, Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL). May God reward them for their willing service.

IOWA, PULASKI
Carol Wettstein
Ernestine Wuthrich

It has been our pleasure to have several visiting ministers this past month. On September 7, Bro. Carl Wyss and September 13, Bro. Dean Steffan spoke inspirational messages to our open and willing hearts and minds. We also appreciate the fellowship with the family members and other visitors accompanying the visiting ministers.

On October 3, Virgil Knobloch gave his testimony and was welcomed into the congregation as a brother-in-faith. Elder Bros. Ed Lanz and Wayne Fehr conducted the services. Bro. Virgil's expression of his sincere faith was a bless-

ing for his family, friends and our small congregation.

IOWA, WEST BEND

Mary Gerber - Lela Banwart

On September 16, graveside services were held for George Sauder, Jr. "Junior" was born and raised in our community and moved to Minneapolis as a young man. We extend sympathy to his brothers and sister, Ellis and Grace (Virginia), Sis. Bertha Keiser and Sis. Mary and Bro. Herman Baer (Princeville, IL), Virgil and Mildred Sauder (Morris, MN), Mildred and Joe Siepka (Chicago, IL), Dorothy and Richard Zaugg (West Bend) and Sis. Joyce and Bro. Lloyd Nohl (McAllen, TX).

We likewise extend sympathy to Fred, Jr. and Patsy Wirtz and children on the recent death of her father, Ralph Banwart. May God comfort these dear ones' hearts as they have bid farewell to their loved ones.

"Our love shall not diminish, nor fade nor wax away." Zion's Harp #137. Bros. Wendall and Sis. Karen Schmidt (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Evelyn and Sis. Velma Rinckenberger (Cissna Park, IL), were united in holy matrimony September 27. We welcome Sis. Karen to our congregation and hope she will feel love amongst the brotherhood here.

Our prayers are with loved ones who have been hospitalized, including Bro. Earl Banwart (Sis. Edna), Bro. Edwin Wirtz (Lucille), Bradley Metzger (Bro. Duane and Sis. Ruth) and Bro. Ed Zaugg (Sis. Helen). All of these patients are able to be home again, for which we thank the Lord. Sis. Katherine Fisher is back in the West Bend Care Center after a hospital stay. Bros. Noah Gerber (Sis. Emma) is spending several weeks as an outpatient in Des Moines taking radiation treatments. May God be near each one and bless all with better health. Special thoughts, prayers and gratitude go out to Bro. Earl and Bro. Noah, who have so faithfully served our congregation for many years in the ministry.

We are fast approaching the Thanksgiving season. Do we spend time in thanksgiving to our God

and Maker, not only at Thanksgiving, but each morning anew?

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

Psalm 100:4

At this harvest season, we marvel at the abundance that tiny seeds can bring forth when sown in good soil and blessed by God. Likewise, may the seeds of faith and God's Word, sown in receptive hearts, bring forth abundantly the spiritual fruit pleasing to Him.

For all life's beauties and their bounteous growth;
For nature's laws and Thy rich providence;
For the minute perfection of Thy work,
Seen and unseen, in each remotest part;
For faith and works and gentle charity;
For all that makes for quiet in the world;
For all that knits the silken bond of peace;
For all that lifts the fringes of the night,
And lights the darkened corners of the earth;
For every wide-flung window of the soul;
For that Thou bearest all that Thou hast made -
We thank Thee, Lord.

John Oxenham

Reminder: Silver Lining dues collection for our congregation will be in December.

JAPAN, SHIODA

Frank and Kathy Sauder

It was been a blessing to have Bro. Zsolt Vidakovics (Ersekcsanad, Hungary) with us for several weeks. Through our conversations with him, we learned much about our churches in Eastern Europe. Our prayers are with him as he continues his travels to Australia where he will spend time with the Hungarian believers who have immigrated there in recent years.

Several members from the

Shioda congregation traveled into Tokyo to partake in holy communion with the believers there. Although we are small in number, it is such a privilege to share in the Lord's Supper together and to know that we are united together by His great sacrifice of love.

We will greatly miss our dear Sis. Eiko Nozawa as she leaves for America where she will live for several months. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her while she is in Bay City.

Last month we had our annual church cleaning. We wish to thank the members and friends for their help.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Andrew and Jana Klaus

We hosted our fall "All-Japan" singing September 13, and were privileged to have Elder Bro. John Klotzle and his wife join us, along with a number from the country churches. A very blessed hour was spent singing praises together.

On October 17, we had the opportunity to partake of holy communion as Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle spoke on the importance of "remembering the meaning of communion - not only remembering Christ's death, but also our 'death,' and how Christ's wonderful atonement made our death possible."

In September we enjoyed a visit from Bro. Justin Koch (Champaign, IL) as he was here on a short business trip. Bro. Zsolt Vidakovics, from the Hungarian church, spent two Sundays worshipping with us in October. It's wonderful to see how the precious faith in Jesus Christ is shared around the world in many languages.

A new couple, the Nakatanis, have begun worshipping with us recently. They happened to be walking around town looking for a place to live, heard singing and decided to come into church. Now they live very near our church, and attend quite often. We never know when our conversation or way of life will affect someone around us, even without our trying for it. We can be the best witness for God, not by putting ourselves first, but by putting God first.

A belated congratulations to Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy Sauder on the birth of their third son, Jesse Thomas. He was vigorously welcomed into the world August 25 by big brothers, Jonathan and Steven. It's been fun having the added excitement of a baby to fuss over in church!

KANSAS, BERN

Diane Kaeb - Donna Edelman

Doug and Lana Parton are first-time parents of Heather Jean born September 23. Happy grandparents are Bro. Morris and Sis. Marjorie Edelman and Sue Parton (St. Joseph, MO) and the late Ron Parton.

Our high school Sunday school classes, along with teachers, enjoyed a weekend in Gridley, September 26 and 27. Thank you to the Gridley church for their love and hospitality.

Hospitalized this month is Sis. Anna Ulmer and Sis. Mildred Strahm for surgery. Greg Strahm (Bro. Dean and Sis. Jan) and Trent Menold (Bro. Joe and Sis. Kathy Rokey) both suffered fractured arms. May God provide for each one's needs.

We are thankful for our visiting ministers, Bros. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO), Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN), Stephen Baner (Gridley, IL), Jeff Bahr (Kiowa, KS) and Al Langhofer (Wichita). May our heavenly Father be their rewarder.

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

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

After Thanksgiving, we will discontinue having our Sunday evening singings. We will then begin our Wednesday evening services alternating with Sabetha.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Janelle Sinn - Tammy Sinn

Our many thoughts and prayers

were with Jan Byler (Tom) as she underwent outpatient surgery this past month. The Lord has certainly answered our prayers and granted her a safe recovery.

As we once again approach the Thanksgiving season, may we ever be reminded of the many blessings the Lord has given us. Let us always be thankful and strive to share His love with others.

Lord God, we honor Thee and praise
Thy mild compassion,
That Thou so gracefully Dost hear
our supplication.

Thy love is truly great; Thy
mercies are untold;
Thou givest food and drink for
Spirit, flesh and soul.

Zion's Harp #13

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Vola Young - Judy Kraft

I'm going to backtrack and report old news, since I didn't make the deadline last month.

Bro. Eldon Metzger was hospitalized for several days with an infection, requiring intensive IV antibiotic therapy.

On August 8, Trent Edelman (Bro. Albert and Sis. Jeanie) and Janell Gorges (Jim and Judy, Wichita) were united in marriage. May their lives and home be established on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

Now for more recent news . . . Gridley hosted a senior high fellowship get-together for several of our neighboring churches (Kansas, Missouri, Iowa). We pray that these teens had eyes opened to see and receptive ears to hear the live-giving messages expounded by ministering brethren. Visiting ministers for this special occasion were Bros. James Plattner (Princeville, IL), Glen Funk (Wichita, KS) and Jeff Bahr (Kiowa, KS).

Other visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Robert Stoller (Lamar, MO) and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN).

November brings to mind the election process of our country, the material and spiritual blessings that have been ours to enjoy as a free nation. We just have to wonder how much longer God will tol-

erate a wayward, sinful people that lack appreciation for this blessed heritage?

KANSAS, KANSAS STATE UNIV.

Brad Strahm

We gathered together for our annual fall picnic this year and were blessed by the gathering of the largest group ever. We thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to come and spend the evening fellowshiping with us. The prayers and showing of support by all those who came is greatly appreciated by the over 20 members and friends here in Manhattan as we begin classes this fall at Kansas State.

We thank those ministering brothers who have given the time and effort to bring God's Word to us Wednesday evenings. They include Bros. Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS), Bill Emch (Lamont, KS), Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) and John Lehman (Bern, KS). We find there is always a blessing in store for us if we leave behind the things in the world which occupy our time and come together with God's people to worship Him.

We have services every other Wednesday night and gather either for Bible study or a recorded sermon on the alternate Wednesday nights. Anyone who may be in the Manhattan area is invited to come worship with us anytime.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

AFTER

After the toil and trouble,
There cometh a day of rest;
After the weary conflict,
Peace on the Saviour's breast;
After the care and sorrow,
The glory of light and love;
After the wilderness journey,
The Father's bright home above.

Gospel Hymns #446, vs. 1

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the loved ones of Bro.

Vern Schurter who has ended his earthly journey. May they feel the Lord's comfort in their sorrow and in the days ahead.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Mildred Farney and Sis. Alice Tanner. We pray the Lord's healing Spirit upon them and a strengthening of their faith to endure the trials of this earth.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Jane Isch

Our hearts have been uplifted and encouraged as we listened to the tapes of the elder conference. What a blessing to hear each dear elder brother speak the concerns of his heart and give us timely warnings. May we accept these words of admonition and encouragement to strengthen our spiritual lives as we go forward in our separate battlefields.

Visiting ministers sharing God's Word with us were Bro. Jeff Bahr (Kiowa) and Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott, IN). May the Lord bless them for lending themselves in His service.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we realize that God has so richly blessed us in so many ways this past year. As we give thanks, may we pray that through His Holy Spirit, we might strive more fully to be obedient to His Word and will.

KANSAS, SABETHA

**Mary Kay Wenger
Sharon Strahm**

We are enjoying beautiful fall days and the farmers are busy harvesting a bountiful crop. God has blest their labors.

LET US GIVE THANKS

How many things to be thankful
for
Are lovingly sent from heaven's
store
Of life's good things - the sunlit
sky,
The smile of a neighbor passing by,
The musical notes of a songbird
gay,
Shouts of children at their play,
The beautiful scenes that please
us so

As the changing seasons come and
go,
The love of friends who are so
dear and true,
Strength for the work that is ours
to do
Oh, who came name all the
blessings rare
That come from the heavenly
Father's care!

Cleo King

We are thankful God is yet call-
ing souls and that Kyle Beyer (Bro.
Martin and Sis. Karen) desires to
be a child of God. May he feel God's
love and nearness.

Hospital patients have been Sis.
Lena Steiner and Sis. Marie
Plattner for medical reasons and
Bro. Andy Lehman for knee sur-
gery. We pray for each one and
especially Sis. Marie as she is now
being cared for in our nursing
home. (Note: Sis. Marie Plattner
passed away.)

We appreciate the Word of God
brought forth by visiting ministers,
Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN)
and Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern,
KS). May God bless them and their
labors.

Bro. Stephen Baner (Gridley,
IL) was invited to speak when the
Sabetha-Bern Single Group hosted
company. He left much food for
thought on the subject of "Peace."
He recommended these two verses
for those times we're struggling
with peace:

Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him
in perfect peace, whose mind is
stayed on thee: because he trusteth
in thee."

I John 4:18, "There is no fear in
love; but perfect love casteth out
fear: because fear hath torment.
He that feareth is not made perfect
in love."

KANSAS, WICHITA
Emma Miller

Bro. Phillip Bowers underwent
major surgery October 8. Many
prayers have been offered for his
well-being. At this writing, it is ex-
pected that he will be hospitalized
for several more weeks and bed-
ridden for some time after that.
May God bless the loving hands
that care for Bro. Phil.

Bill and Nancy Epp's newest
grandchild is Blythe Christine. She
was born in September to their
daughter, Melanie.

Andrea Reimschisel (Bro. Max
and Sis. Judy) and Stuart Nelson
(Minneapolis, MN) have made
known their plans to be married.
We pray for God's direction in this
important decision.

Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junc-
tion, OH) ministered to us October
18. We thank him, Sis. Emily, their
children and the other visitors from
Junction for sharing in our fellow-
ship and worshipping with us that
weekend.

Our high school Sunday school
class participated in the fellowship
weekend activities at Gridley in late
September. We are thankful for the
effort put forth for the benefit of
our youth.

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

Wayne and Becky Snodgrass

Once again we approach the
Thanksgiving season, and our
thoughts turn to our Lord. For
through Christ is the only way to
truly appreciate Thanksgiving.
Christ gives us the love and under-
standing to be thankful in all
things. Psalms 100:3-5 says, "Know
ye that the Lord he is God: it is he
that has made us, and not we our-
selves; 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 ever-
lasting; and his truth endureth to
all generations."

We, here in Lexington, have
many things to be thankful for.
Among them the faithfulness of our
beloved minister and his wife and
family. We are also thankful for
the much needed support of Bro.
Doug and Sis. Rebecca Germann
who have recently joined us, with
their four boys, from Rittman, OH.
May God richly bless them in ad-
justing to a new home.

We also want to extend a spe-
cial "thank you" to all the visitors
who have worshipped with us, and
to the ministering brothers, their
wives and families who have made
a special effort to serve us in the

past two months. They are Bros.
Sydney Kaufman (Cissna Park, IL),
Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL), Ted
Witzig (Morton, IL) and Vernon
Schwab (Wolcott, IN). May God
richly bless them and we extend a
heartily welcome to anyone who
wishes to come visit our small con-
gregation. Everyone is much ap-
preciated.

MICHIGAN, ALTO
Michelle Oesch - Denise Oesch

"Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise; be thankful unto him,
and bless his name."

Psalm 100:4

Let us, as we approach the holi-
day season of Thanksgiving, actu-
ally sit down and give thanks for
what we have.

Seems like our lives in this coun-
try will be taking such extreme
changes marking the end of an-
other year and a new president to
guide our nation through all these
changes. May God shine upon us
and give this new president
strength and wisdom to make the
right decisions that involve so many
lives. May we give thanks for the
love we share with others.

May we be thankful for the love
we not only share with others but
our own families.

Many of us may still not have a
place to sit to enjoy Thanksgiving.
We remember so many in the south
have lost their homes in a storm.
We can only pray they find some-
thing they too can be thankful for.
And others who have their own per-
sonal, "storms," they can find hope
and thankfulness. We can always
try and remember there is always
a beautiful rainbow shining in the
edge of a storm.

We here at Alto were able to
enjoy some nice weather and get
together for our annual Sunday
school picnic. Everyone had a good
time, with lots of food to eat and
fellowship to share.

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY
Peggy Waibel
With the Great Lakes surround-

ing the state of Michigan, we often see versatile weather. Just yesterday, we had our first real snowfall. As much as I don't like the cold of winter, snow is always a welcome sight. Almost all of the fields have been harvested, but some are still in the process of being harvested. During this time, the huge sugar beet trucks track dirt onto the roads from the fields, and this leaves the roads muddy and dirty. In the fall of the year, everything looks unkept and dirty, then usually, a rain will come and wash everything off. This year, we had a beautiful layer of fluffy snow come and make everything white and seemingly clean. But this morning, when I got up, the snow had melted and everything was as dirty as it was before. This made me think of what Christ does for us. When we ask Him to come into our lives, He washes our dirty, unkept souls, clean. He doesn't just cover up our sins and allow Satan to call them to our attention again the next day. No, He makes us totally clean and pure. He makes us as white as the snow and as clean as the earth after a good rain. How thankful we should be for His plan of salvation.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Wendy Haag have a reason to be happy these days because little Daniel James has joined their family. Daniel was welcomed home by big brother, Nicholas, and grandparents, Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer. We are excited to have baby Daniel become part of all of our lives.

We are thankful for those who have recently given of themselves to be Sunday school teachers. Sis. Pam Schlatter and Bro. John Jackson have recently become part of our teaching team here in Bay City. There is nothing more precious than teaching the little ones of God's love. They are our future church. May God richly bless Sis. Pam and Bro. John for this service of love.

Bro. Eli Schlatter (Sis. Ella) and Jon Cluff Jr. (Jon and Sis. Darlene) have been hospitalized this month. Bro. Eli was to undergo surgery, but the Lord wanted it postponed for a time and another surgery date will be planned. Bro. Eli is doing well, and we praise God for his

health. Jon Cluff Jr. is also doing very well and is now home. We are thankful that God has restored his health and pray for continued health for both of these special people.

Sis. Betty Schlatter would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and gifts. She is able, once again, to attend church and is very thankful for everyone who has supported her during her time of recovery. May God richly bless each and every one who took time to support Sis. Betty.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

II Peter 3:18

May God be with you all in this coming month.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Holly Barton

Marlene Reinhard

Our congregation was blessed to have several visiting ministers this past month. Visiting were Bros. Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Mark Steiner (Smithville, OH), Elder Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Wes Moser (Lester, IA), Merle Hartzler (Rittman, OH), Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), Elder Bro. Gene Pamer (Akron, OH), Dwight Stoller (Latty, OH), and retired Elder Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka, IL).

Along with the blessings of listening to the true work of God, came a couple of other special occasions. Sis. Pat Barron (Craig) has sealed the Holy Spirit in her heart and life with baptism. We learned that true peace only comes to the heart when we rest completely in the Lord.

On October 11, we had the privilege of witnessing the wedding vows of Sis. Donna Hartzler (Bro. Rueben and Sis. Velma, Rittman, OH) and Bro. Phil Mogler (Lester, IA). We will greatly miss Sis. Donna here in Detroit, but God has blessed her life and she has left behind many fond memories and great examples for us to remember and follow. May God be with Donna and

Phil in Lester and may their lives be enriched with prayers from friends and families.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner and their family in the passing away of Sis. Emma (the late Bro. Joe Kaisner, Peoria, IL). May God comfort the hearts of this dear family in this time of sorrow.

With another year gone, it is once again time for the annual white elephant and bake sale at Woodhaven. We are grateful for the many willing volunteers, who helped make this sale possible through their love and dedication towards the residents and to the church. Once again the Lord has placed his blessings upon Woodhaven by making the sale a great success.

In October, Detroit hosted the monthly Tuesday evening worship and song service at Woodhaven. Bay City is scheduled to host this service December 1.

On December 6, Latty is scheduled to hold services in Kitchener, Ontario. For more details, call Bro. Walter Fortenbacher and family at (519) 699-4133.

This week we had our first snow flurries this fall. I was reminded how quickly the summer has gone and now we have the privilege of cherishing the gorgeous autumn colors God has painted all around us. Soon the aroma of Thanksgiving will fragrance the air. May we always be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. If each day we stop and thank God for our blessings, how much more appreciative and pleasant our days would be.

Our prayers are with Sis. Ruth Gudeman as she has recently had a brief stay in the hospital. May she continue to feel the love and prayers from us each one.

We were sorry to hear the misfortune of a home fire touched the lives of our dear Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda Wieland. May the Lord provide for them in this time of distress.

May we ever find peace and contentment in the love of the Lord by being daily servants in the work of the Lord's vineyard.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Delores Sauder

Marriage is a blessing from God. Leah Miller and Douglas Sticha were united as one September 26. Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine are Leah's parents.

We welcome Bro. Damon Knobloch (Bro. Larry, and Sis. Cheryl, Lester, IA). He is attending college here.

Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Bro. LeRoy Messner (Winthrop) shared with us God's Word. We thank them for their efforts.

We miss Sis. Bernadine Miller as she has spent this past month in Nevada taking medical treatments.

The Mendota Bridge or Hwy. 55 bridge near the church is closed and will not be reopened until the fall of 1994. Those coming in on Hwy. 62 or Hwy. 5 past the airport will have to take an alternate route.

Thanksgiving will soon be here but we need to give thanks daily for all His blessings. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with the benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psalms 68:19

MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Maxine Sauder - Debra Joos

We have had many experiencing pain and suffering of the body this month. Bro. Orville Nohl and Bro. Ben Greiner spent some time in the hospital for medical reasons. Undergoing surgery were Bro. Carl Joos, Sis. Pam Schaefer, Sis. Marilyn Joos, Sis. Minnie Nohl, Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger, and Eli Nohl. Our prayer and concerns arise for all who have health problems, that God may restore fully, if it be His will, and we look forward to having each one assemble with us once again.

The engagement of Bro. Brad Leuthold (Lester, IA) and Sis. Michelle Schaefer was announced and they are planning a January 10 wedding. Their parents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki Leuthold (Lester, IA) and Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam Schaefer. May God direct Bro. Brad and Sis. Michelle as they make plans for their future together.

We are thankful that Bro. Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL) could spend a Sunday with us and minister God's Word to us.

Rachel Irene was a welcome addition to the home of Lowell, Karen and Travis Moser. Rachel was born October 5 and is also welcomed by grandparents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Joyce Moser.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Kim Messner - Nancy Messner

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. David Schmidgall and family in the loss of his grandmother, Sis. Ida Kaisner (Forrest, IL).

Let's pray for our country that God's will can be done as a new president is elected.

Our dear Sis. Celina Schmidt and her family have had many experiences of trials and suffering. I had visited her in the Winthrop Care Center and she asked me to read the article of her family experience in Argentina. She spoke highly of her young brother, Bro. Fred Wirtz (West Bend, IA), repeating . . . "If it wasn't for my younger brother, we wouldn't have made it. How did he/we ever do it?" . . .

Celina was born September 20, 1902, in Baradaro, Argentina. Their house was made of clay bricks, and the roof resembled that of a sod house. They did not have glass windows, only wooden shutters. Her mother did her baking outdoors in a crude oven.

Their family life was a happy one, despite the simple living conditions, until tragedy hit. Smallpox, a contagious and deadly disease, was discovered in the area. Her mother not having the knowledge and fearing for her children refused to have her family vaccinated. The disease hit the family hard. At one point every member of the family was in the hospital at the point of death. In the end, her baby sister died.

People panicked. The doctor was bribed to poison the family and quickly dispose of their bodies. Her father, Jacob, summoned the strength to forbid anyone to come

near. He nursed his family back to health himself, wrapping them in ice cold sheets. Finally, the disease subsided but a constant reminder of their trials remained. The smallpox had left scars all over their bodies. The effects of these scars soon led to deeper wounds. Their Uncle Sam, the only one who had helped care for the severely ill family contracted the disease and died. Many of their relatives and friends shunned them, and were ashamed to be with them because of their spotted and scarred faces.

Disheartened, they thought of the great land called the United States of America and all of its golden opportunities. Their Grandmother Loder and her family had sailed to America years earlier in search of the American dream. Perhaps they could find their own special kind of peace in this wonderful nation.

At the end of March 1910, the Cape Arcona, a German ship, sailed north along the South American coast. Celina's parents and their four children stood on the deck as the song "I Don't Have A Wooden Heart" played in the background. Their dear Grandmother Wirtz with tears in her eyes waved her white apron until the ship disappeared from sight knowing that she would probably never see her son and his family again.

They settled in West Bend, IA. They didn't have much with only twenty cents or less a week to spend on groceries (salt and sugar) to mix with the corn they had ground for their daily meals. Most of all they were thankful for their God, the Land of America which gave them the freedom to worship and the precious gift of salvation, and peace within their hearts.

Are we thankful for our freedom in the United States of America and for all that has been given us? Or are we a people that want more? As Thanksgiving approaches let's give "thanks" and "praise" to our great God for all things. "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." II Corinthians 9:11.

Hospital patients this month were Bro. Marlyn Messner (Sis.

Lois), and Lincoln Messner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Kim). Sis. Mary Lou Schmidt (Bro. Dick) was an outpatient. We pray for God's strength and healing as they recover.

"A BIRTHDAY PRAYER"

God bless you on your birthday
Each day the whole year through
May all His blessings bring you
Joy in everything you do.
The joys of many hopes fulfilled
Contentment and good cheer
With happiness to fill you heart
Throughout the coming year.

Sis. Celina, her brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren wish to thank everyone who shared in any way on her 90th birthday. Thanks for the beautiful cards and gifts, and a special thanks to all who traveled here to spend this blessed day with us. God bless you all!

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, and gifts as I recover from my accident. May God richly bless you for your love and kindness.

Bro. Marlyn Messner (Sis. Lois)

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY Lanette Meyer

October 3 was the wedding day for Lynn Braker and Jeffry Bennett. Their parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Braker and Jim and Norma Bennett. Jeff and Lynn are making their home near Cleveland, OH. We wish them God's blessings in their marriage.

We're glad to have Sis. Dee Stoller back in Kansas City after being away for several years. Her employer has transferred her back to this area and we hope she can remain here. Also recently relocated here are Wayne and Dawn Anliker and their two children, Tyler and Danielle (Lamont, KS). We appreciate all those who worship and fellowship with us.

Our visiting minister this last month was Bro. Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS). Many thanks to him and his family for assembling with us.

MISSOURI, LAMAR Martin Hohulin Janel Kellenberger

During the month of October, the Lamar single members entertained young members from West Bend, IA, Wichita, Fort Scott, Gridley, Lamont, and Sabetha, KS.

Sis. Vanessa Luthi had back surgery and is recovering at home. The oldest sister in our congregation, Anna (Kaufman) Marti, observed her 94th birthday anniversary October 15. She lives in her home in Lamar.

While she would want no praise nor any credit, it is fitting that we recognize our older brothers and sisters-in-Christ. We can look to them for an example and draw upon their years of experience. When Anna was a baby, her mother departed this life. At age 8, her father made his departure, leaving young Anna to live with several families, including the parents of Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS).

On September 19, 1920, at Fort Scott, KS, she was united in marriage to Bro. Fred Marti (Lamar, MO). Four sons and four daughters came to bless their home. On September 23, 1923, little 5-year-old Alvin fell from a moving car and met his tragic death. The remaining seven children, repented, one by one, and are members of the Apostolic Christian Church in three states. These children, now adults, faithfully visit their aged mother.

Bro. Fred Marti was a Lamar minister from 1946 until a few years before his passing in 1970.

Note Of Thanks: I wish to thank the many who remembered me with prayers, cards, and gifts during my recent operation and hospital stay. God bless each of you.

Sis. Becky Hohulin

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS Betsy Schrenk

Our visiting ministers were Chris Wuethrich (Francesville, IN), Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS), Ralph Garber (Morton, IL), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and Charles Marti (Lamar). What a blessing we receive when these ministers and their families travel

to worship with us. We thank each one.

We were reminded one Sunday of what it means to be forgiven of our sins. Before Christ's ultimate sacrifice, God's people were required to bring a yearly sacrifice to remember their sins. Our sins are cast into the sea of forgetfulness.

One Sunday we had a group of aviation students visiting. The ministering brother spoke of the situation a pilot finds himself in when visibility is zero - he needs to put his complete trust in instruments. As Christians, do we treat the Bible the same way? Do we wait until all else fails to put our complete trust in it?

We extend a warm welcome to all to visit us in St. Louis. Directions to the church are in the ministers' book. If you need help with accommodations, I will be glad to send you a map and motel information. Our phone (314) 878-9251. Please let us know when you plan to be here, so we can plan for lunch. Our numbers vary greatly from week to week. Each visitor is appreciated.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR Ruthie Hoerr

Now that the harvest is about over and we have gathered in abundantly, it is time to remember where our blessings have come from and to thank the good Lord.

Thank you Lord for what you have given us: First for sending your only Son to die upon the cross that we might have hope of eternal life if we repent and become child-like in faith; for blessing us abundantly with the fruits of the earth to nourish us and provide us a means to exist comfortably; for blessing us with family and friends that love us and share our joys and sorrows; for providing us a church family that sustains us through all our spiritual ups and downs; for sending us trials and difficulties we have to work through that keep us close to Thee; for giving us a country whose beginning inspired love and faith in Thee and gave us freedom to worship Thee; for sharing the beauty of Thy handiwork in the hills and the valleys about us

that keep us in awe of Thee; for having an ear to hear all our hopes, dreams, and aspirations, then lifting us up, when we are too weak to cry unto Thee when we are in the depths of despair; for being such a wonderful, kind, compassionate, loving God.

Those loved ones who were in the hospital or had surgery on an out-patient basis were Sis. Amy Hoerr, Adrian (Bro. Rusty), Sis. Rose Hoerr, and Rick Knochel (Bro. Eric and Sis. Penny). All seem to be recuperating nicely.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Charles Marti (Lamar) and Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin). We thank them for coming and sharing the Word with us.

Many here sympathized with Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab with the death of his stepmother, Sis. Esther Haab and four of her friends. May God comfort all who shared these losses.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Franz Soni

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Romans 8:37

We thank Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) for sharing God's Word with us this past month. May God richly reward him for his efforts.

We are presently having services once a month at the Days Inn, 2750 Tonnelle Ave. (Route 109), North Bergen, NJ. For further information, please call Elder Bro. Edward Aeschleman (302) 478-7846 or Bro. Franz Soni (201) 835-3577. We encourage you to attend if you are in the area.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Alice Virkler

We were able to gather together on four evenings to hear the tapes of the recent brotherhood conference held in Tremont, IL. As we hear the words of warning given in love from our elder brothers, may

each of us pray for strength and guidance each day to carry out God's instructions left for us. With the grace given from our heavenly Father and through fellowship with faithful brothers and sisters-in-faith, we will be able to carry out our earthly duties and responsibilities. We are all traveling on the pathway to heaven where we hope to be reunited with loved ones in all eternity. Our prayers continue for loved ones who have not answered the important call to follow God. We pray that many loved ones will turn to God while the door of grace is still open.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Raymond Stockberger and his family as his brother, Casper, was called from this life. May God comfort each of them in their time of sorrow.

Sis. Olivia Schulz fell and broke a bone in her arm. At this time, she is residing at the East Road Adult Home. May God be her healing power so she can again have the use of her arm.

Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey wish to thank those who remembered them with prayers, cards and gifts at the time of their 50th wedding anniversary.

OHIO, AKRON Joyce Gasser

Amy Bako, daughter of Eugene and Sis. Diana Bako, gave her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized. We welcome Sis. Amy as a child of God and pray for God's grace abundantly upon her.

Sis. Erika Graf and Sis. Rosanne Graf are filling needs in teaching our children in Sunday school. The Lord will help them with this responsibility.

Bro. Ned and Sis. Gail Spangler returned safely from an enjoyable trip to Bermuda.

We appreciated having Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction), Bro. Neil Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) and Bro. Henry Dotterer minister to us.

Andy Leidal got along well in cataract surgery. Bro. Carl Gasser is assembling again with us after being hospitalized briefly.

OHIO, COLUMBUS Julie Grimm

September 27 was our annual College Welcome Day. Six students and their families worshipped with us. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis, OH) brought forth God's Word. The Lord provided a beautiful day for a picnic at a local park which followed services.

Other ministering brothers visiting our pulpit this past month were Elder Bros. Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria, IL), Henry Dotterer (Rittman, OH), Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), and Bros. Merle Hartzler (Rittman, OH) and Glenn Riegenbach (Smithville, OH). May God bless the labors of those who so willingly serve.

We welcome Brent Steiner (Bro. David and Sis. Carole, Rittman) who has recently moved to our area for employment. May God bless him in his new endeavors and may he feel a warm welcome from the Columbus church.

OHIO, JUNCTION Sandra Manz

Thanksgiving - that time of the year when many of us gather at church and sing "Now Thank We All Our God." I find that the greatest percentage of my prayers are filled with requests and outpourings of fears and failings, leaving only a small portion of time for praise and thanksgiving. What a wonderful time of the year to count our blessings and through prayer give God the praise and sincere thanks of which He is so worthy.

Bro. Allen Stoller (Bluffton, IN) was our visiting minister October 11. On October 18, Elder Bro. Ken Sauder (Mansfield, OH), along with his son-in-law, ministering Bro. John Grimm (Columbus, OH), traveled to our church to serve us. Other members of the Sauder family also accompanied them. Our heartfelt thanks for their loving and spirit filled messages.

Many committees have been formed and are working to prepare for the February midwinter elder conference which we plan to host. We look forward to this time of do-

ing our small part to support the elders and their wives as they give so much of their lives to help maintain the church and keep it pure.

OHIO, LATTY

Kathy Sinn - Rhonda Stoller

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying drink ye of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Matthew 26:27-28

The evening of October 3 was special time as we gathered for our communion service. God's love and peace was felt by each member. We appreciated Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler's help during this time.

We had an appreciation supper for Bro. Loren and Sis. Ester Stoller October 4. Bro. Loren and Sis. Ester served our church so beautifully for many years as our elder. We know and trust that God Himself will richly reward you for your service. We do love you very much.

We are glad that God's healing hand has been with Bro. Ben (Sis. Helen) this past month. We miss seeing Bro. Ben and his warm smile.

What a great joy and blessing to see God's will being done in Sis. Sue Stoller's life (Sis. Irma). Her engagement to Bro. Marvin Hartzler (Bro. Vincent and Sis. Jane, Rittman) was announced. We certainly extend our warmest wishes and our prayers for God to bless their union.

This is a reminder that December is Latty's month for Silver Linings dues.

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Linda Morrison

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be

instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." (II Timothy 3:16-17 and 4:1-2) Bro. Mark Masters was put into the ministry. We pray he will continue to grow in grace and favor as he studies to show himself approved. (II Timothy 2:15) May God bless his wife, Sis. Jeanne, and their family as they undertake this new and weighty responsibility.

We rejoice with Bro. Steve Domka (Sis. Ruth) as he recovers from surgery that all has gone well for him. God's love and grace is truly sufficient for each one of us as we face the unknown in our lives through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We appreciated the ministry of Bro. Doug Harmon (Toledo) when his family visited recently. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15) May God continue to bless Bro. Doug and his family.

Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15) We extend our love and sympathy to Gary and Vicki Sauder in the sudden death of Vicki's father. May we be reminded that death comes to all unless the Lord's return comes first . . . we must be ready to meet our Lord; but He leaves the choice to us. Are you ready?

The national election will be over when you read this . . . may we accept the responsibility to pray for those who have rule over us whoever that is but may we ever remember "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8)

OHIO, RITTMAN

Lois Maibach
Charlene Winkler

Those ill and in the hospital recently have been Bro. Melvin Beery (Sis. Elizabeth), Sis. Yvonne Beery, Sis. Neva Gasser (Bro. Bob), Bro. Vern Lanz (Sis. Deanna), Sis. Esther Saylor, and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler (Bro. Andy).

Bro. Jim and Sis. Janice Gasser and their sons, Gregory and Daniel, welcome Matthew Benjamin, born

October 2. Grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Hope Gasser and Bro. John and Sis. Joan Hartzler.

Matthew Stephen is the first child of Lee and Debbie Gasser born October 5. Matthew's grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Lucille Gasser and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eckenrode.

Sis. Marie Bauman has welcomed three grandchildren recently. Kara Lynn was born October 11 to Jim and Joy Bauman. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Martha Bauman are parents of twins, Anna Marie and Laura Mae born October 13. Matthew, Mary, and Sarah share in this great excitement.

On October 10, Chris Matie (Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Matie) and Lisa Christian (Bro. Ron and Sis. Joann Christian) were married.

Chris Gasser (Bro. Albert and Sis. Lucille Gasser) and Angela Koontz (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koontz) promised their lives to each other on their October 17 wedding day. We wish God's blessings and guidance to each couple.

We rejoice with Bro. Marvin Hartzler (Bro. Vince and Sis. Jane Hartzler) and Sis. Sue Stoller (the late Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma Stoller, Latty, OH) as their engagement was announced October 18.

OHIO, SARDIS

Renee Miller

Not long ago a group of us were singing at the home of an elderly man when he asked the question, "Will there be anything man-made in heaven?" We didn't have to think very long before we answered, "No, we didn't think there would be anything man-made in heaven." To our surprise, we discovered the answer was yes, but it was something far more precious than the material things of this life. The only thing man-made in heaven will be the nail-prints in Jesus' hands.

A third little boy joined the family of Bro. Mark and Sis. Alice Ramsier October 5. Samuel Clement was welcomed by his brothers Joshua and Nathan.

We are glad that Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA) traveled to Sardis recently and shared the Word with us.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE
Stephanie Luginbuhl
Kim Stoller

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

Psalm 117

May each one of us remember to thank our Lord for all of our wonderful blessings and freedoms. As Thanksgiving Day approaches may we never forget to thank God for our salvation.

Our prayers are with Bro. John and Sis. Janice Rufener. Their young daughter, Josie, is still hospitalized at this time.

OHIO, TOLEDO
Josephine Rehklau
Eddie Fetter

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15

God blessed us with visiting ministers, Bro. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH) and Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH). May they be richly rewarded for inspirational messages which were given to them by the Lord.

We gladly welcome Bro. Oliver and Sis. Annabell, also Elizabeth and Wendell Spangler, to our Toledo congregation. May they find spiritual happiness in worshiping with us.

We enjoyed having the Junction Sunday school at our annual Sunday school picnic. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and a Sunday of fellowship along a small lake in the park. The fall outdoor beauties can only come to us from the hand of God.

On the weekend of October 4, we had a number of visitors from our nearby churches. Our assembly rang with songs of praise to our almighty Father in heaven. Thank you for being with us.

Sis. May Fetter was a recent surgical patient. She is now recuperating at home.

OREGON, PORTLAND
Pearl Miller

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:9

"Singing, prayer, God adoring,
 Fill the newborn person's mind;
 From the world to God returning
 Strength and power he will find.
 And in all his operation,
 Showing that regeneration,
 Surely maketh all things new,
 And given grace God's will to do.

Thus there will be manifested
 An entire change of heart,
 Which as will be seen and noticed,
 Holiness of life impart.

Heart and mind and self renewing
 All the evil thoughts subduing
 Faith and love will be the theme,
 And God's Spirit rule supreme."
 Zion's Harp #187

Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving as Phillip Moser (Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara Moser) has answered the call to repentance. As my dear mother would often say, when a dear one would repent, "Hold Fast" to the end.

Love and empathy go out to our shut-ins, Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Banwart and Bro. Ray Cooper, Sr. May our bountiful God be ever be their side. Bro. Ray Banwart celebrated his 90th birthday October 11.

Dear Bro. Elmer Witzig (Sis. Marjorie, Gridley, IL) visited us September 20. We thank Bro. Elmer for ministering the precious Word to us, being reminded of the importance of being careful what we say with our tongue.

Thank you, Bro. Dean Sinn (Sis. Heidi, Silverton) for lending yourself in the song service.

Bro. Frank Shock's and Bro. Gene Moser's (Elgin, IL) visited us. The many visitors this past summer have been a blessing to all of us.

The nation will be setting aside

this special day, "Thanksgiving." Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings God bestows upon us each day!

THE FIRST
THANKSGIVING DAY

The pilgrims left a foreign strand
 And sailed across the main,
 And landed on New England's
 shore,
 That faith they might retain.

Some say the first Thanksgiving
 day
 The pilgrims did ordain
 Was when they offered thanks and
 praise
 For life and food and grain.

It was a day of gratitude
 When stormy voyage was o're,
 When they had landed safely there
 On cold New England's Shore.

The rolling sea behind them lay,
 Before them, trees of pine,
 With thankful hearts they knelt in
 prayer
 And praised God's help divine.

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

A Legacy in Song
 Henry Beer

PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA
Franz Soni

"We took sweet counsel together,
 and walked unto the house of God
 in company."

Psalm 55:14

We thank four couple from our Ohio churches who spent the weekend of October 3 and 4 with us. It is precious times like this when we can fellowship and worship with brothers and sisters of like mind and faith.

We thank Bro. Arthur Ingold (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Fred Domka (Mansfield, OH) for sharing God's Word with us. May God's

blessings be with them and their families.

TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE

Don Sauder

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him (I Corinthians 2:9) and again in Isaiah 64:4. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. We also sing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." As fall has arrived and we see the color of the trees in God's creation, here in the hills of Tennessee, it really causes us to wonder just how wonderful and beautiful heaven must be, sweet home of the happy and free sweet heaven of rest for the weary. How beautiful heaven must be. Our prayer should be not one of us by God's grace would miss this wonderful home.

We surely are thankful when loved ones come to worship with us. Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota, FL) fed us twice from God's Holy Word. An added blessing for us when retired minister Albert Aberle (Tremont, IL) added words of encouragement to us.

Again we are thankful for our visitors. Sis. Gwen Leuthold's family (Tremont, IL) and those from Sarasota. May God richly bless you. Please come again. As always, we need the prayers of those we love.

TEXAS, HOUSTON

Sandy Darlington

Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL) and his wife, Edie, were with us September 27 for our monthly gathering at the Holiday Inn. We felt blessed to have been able to visit Saturday evening also.

On October 11, those who were able gathered in the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger (Round Top, TX) for our fourth Bible study lesson. The topic was the Trinity. Afterwards we enjoyed beautiful weather for a cookout and picnic.

Services are held in Houston on

the last Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Southwest. Please contact Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zeltwanger at (409) 542-0763 or Jerry and Sis. Sandy Darlington at (409) 297-8301 for information regarding Houston services.

There are also schedule services for the Dallas, TX, area on the first and third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-DeSoto, TX. Please contact Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp at (214) 867-4074.

TEXAS, ZAPATA

Viola Perdelwitz

Retired Elder Bro. Paul Fehr and his wife, Sis. Anna, are here in Zapata for the winter. They arrived here October 14 from Morris, MN. We are happy to have our winter residents returning.

We extend a welcome to all to visit Zapata and our church this winter.

Sermon . . .

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supplementary doctrines that would not coincide with the Scriptures, sad would be the day. May that never happen as long as we have the Word of God and we live in the day and time of grace that we do. May it be our prayer - our desire - that we stick to the basic teachings that is contained therein.

We come together from Sunday to Sunday and for those of us that have been born again, we should want to hear exhortations, admonitions, teachings of love and how we should let the love of God flow from our hearts. We should be a child of God. We should find words of comfort that will keep us on the straight and narrow path.

Those of you on the outside, you

should expect to continue to hear that you must repent. You must become converted if you want to have the hope of eternal life. Sad would be the day if we would say, "Friends, you don't have to repent any more to have the hope of eternal life. We want everybody to become a member of the church. Let the barrier down." May that never happen. May that never ever happen. May you recognize, even as Paul did, where it says in the Holy Scriptures, that is what we must do.

"Opening and alleging," it says in verse 3, "that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." Acts 17:3. No doubt, we can imagine what Paul instructed those people - all about the love of Jesus Christ.

How Christ loved mankind so much that He came into this world and shed His blood and died there on the cross. He no doubt told them that in order for us to have the hope of eternal life, not only must we repent and become converted, we must stay faithful and true. We must have the adoration of the fruits of the Spirit possibly being displayed from our life; and that we should let the love of Jesus Christ flow from our hearts.

Paul, in another place, I believe it is in the Hebrews, says that there should be no roots of bitterness springing up from among you. There should be no bitterness. We should always let that love of Jesus Christ flow from our heart if we are a true child of God. We must recognize that we are on display, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We have individuals that are constantly reviewing our walk of life. We may not realize this, but there are. That is then why it is vitally important that it is the love of Jesus Christ. The way we treat our fellow man, it should be a lovely Christ-like way; and not bitter . . . not scornful. We have a great responsibility.

We know that it has been said that just one drop of honey attracts more flies than a gallon of vinegar. That's only common sense. Why? Because honey is sweet . . . vinegar is bitter.

So it is with children, brothers and sisters-in-the-Lord. If we have works of bitterness cropping up from time to time, they should be cut off because that isn't going to attract. We are not going to be a good example. We are not going to be a good light to those round about us.

If only we would adorn ourselves as children of God and put on the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ. He instructs His children to put on the cloak of righteousness. It is so important that we have a pure cloak . . . a clean cloak. How do we maintain and keep that cloak of righteousness pure? How do we, brothers and sisters?

We know that John tells us in one place that we "are clean through the Word . . ." John 15:3.

We must continually read out of God's Word. If we continually read out of God's Word and practice and exercise what is contained therein, we indeed are walking in pleasure in the eyes of our Almighty God. He is looking down on us in grace and in favor.

That, then, is why it is so vitally important, brothers and sisters, that we gather from Sunday to Sunday around the Word of God. Because when we gather around the Word of God and when we read it in our homes during the week, we are indirectly cleaning ourselves.

It is just like our own garments – our own cloaks – that we wear vying for the fashions of the world in which so much emphasis is placed upon it, we find that we would not think of going out in public (as coming to church today) with an unclean spot in our garment, would we? No, we would not.

We would go to every effort; and we do to every effort periodically to clean our garments. If we are that much concerned about our outer garments which the world sees, we should be ever more concerned about that cloak of righteousness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If we don't read God's Word, what happens? We become rusty. God's Word is a mirror, it tells us in another place, where we see our faults and imperfections.

Even in our homes, even though

there be not much activity, we, periodically, go after the small particles of dust that gather and we constantly clean our homes.

So it is. Some might say, "Well, I haven't many temptations. I'm really strong and I can overcome without anything." It might not be necessary today or tomorrow, if I come to church from Sunday to Sunday and hear the Word of God preached there, that's not good enough. No. That isn't.

We must daily read out of God's Word and if we do that, it will keep our heart cleansed if we read it, and not just go through the rituals of it.

Read it . . . Study it . . . Accept it.

There are so many teachings that are contained therein. We should never get tired of reading out of God's Word because there are all kinds of advise from Jesus Christ. Our Almighty God moved those men to pen, years ago, what is contained therein.

We find here that "some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar . . ." Acts 17:4-5. We find then the apostles went to another place. Paul and Silas then went to Berea. We find the same thing happened there – they preached and proclaimed the message of salvation and redemption in which he said, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

We must have the readiness of mind when we gather around or whenever we read it, whatever we find in the writings therein. We have a great responsibility, even as Paul had a great responsibility when God called him, the same responsibility Jesus gave unto His disciples.

Even in this past week, we find the great responsibility that is yet laid upon those individuals that must proclaim the Word of God.

Even as Jesus told His disciples that they would become fishers of men. So even we today are disciples of the Lord – we are fishers of men.

If we are fishers of men, we must constantly be passing out the Word of God to the sea of sin. Just like a fisherman when he goes out in the lake and he makes a cast, at the end of the rope, he doesn't put nothing there. There is always some bait there so that it might be attractive, so it might get the attention of a fish that might be pulled in.

So it is when we come and proclaim the Word from Sunday to Sunday – when the Word goes forth – we hope it penetrates the back benches where our friends continue to sit from Sunday to Sunday and to know that that cast is loaded with bait. Not that we want to condescend the Word of God to that category, but, in a sense, the Word must go forth. There must be something appealing. Not only it must be appealing, but at the same time, it must coincide with the truth.

Even today, as that Word goes forth and is cast to you, my dear friends, the invitation comes forth. The call of God goes out. Only God can move your heart. We, as your brothers and sisters and ministers, would love to see souls come that have put off and prolonged the invitation of the Lord for many years. But we can't do that. It is the Spirit of God.

It is not necessarily going to be what you are waiting for. The Word of God is calling . . . He is calling every time you gather around His precious Word. That Word goes forth. He is not going to call you in a loud voice. It is going to be a still, small voice that tells you, "You must repent. You must become converted."

It is that Holy Spirit even that called you and I, brothers and sisters, and it is so important that we continue to listen to that Spirit as we walk down life's narrow pathway . . . that we do be a good example and we remain anchored in the solid rock of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Yet being remained anchored, we are yet a good example to those round about us.

The Apostle Peter says that we

should be lively stones, it tells us. Why did he use that: "as lively stones?" I Peter 2:5 What is a stone? A stone is hard. It's been said that a rolling stone gathers no moss. We, as Christians, can be as lively stones for the Lord. If we just sit still, Satan has all kinds of ways to deceive us. A rolling stone, by the way, is shiny.

So if we are lively stone, we are also going to be a bright and good example as our Almighty God wants us and expects us to once we are called out of this world.

It is so important to recognize our duty that we have, brothers and sisters, that we do this wholeheartedly for our Almighty God. Being aware of those that gather around us from time to time, they are exposed at their various vocations, there are those that are doing it, then there are those that are looking for . . . our weaknesses.

Who is that that constantly tells the friends, "You're living a pretty good life. Look at so-and-so, you're better than he is." None other than Satan. But let us remember this, my dear friends, when the time comes we must stand before our Almighty God, Satan is not going to be there to stand up with you. You have to answer for yourself. God isn't going to accept an excuse like that.

Each one of us is responsible for ourselves to answer and make sure that our life here coincides with the precious Word that we have read here.

"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God." He tells us in verse 23. "Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,

and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds for their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:" Acts 17:22-27.

What comforting words! Our Almighty God is not far from any one of us. He is not far even from the sin-sick souls that is wondering in sin. But remember this, what we sing in a hymn, though we are only one step from God, we are still a thousand miles or a million miles from the Kingdom of God. May our Almighty God give us the grace that you might make that last step – that precious step – that separates you so that that barrier might be broken down.

Oh, our concern continues to lie, it seems, that we should take care of ourselves . . . and we must. But, yet, we are concerned about those individuals that stand on the outside. Why is it? What prompts us? My dear friend, it is none other than what is contained in the Holy Scripture.

You know Jesus Christ uses the parable about the sheep that was yet on the outside. He said that even though there were ninety nine on the inside, if there is just one on the outside, He is going to go and search and find it. So that is then why, my dear friend, your brethren that stand up and proclaim the Word of God, must yet sound the warning even though perhaps the majority that is gathered here today, are in the fold.

If there were two hundred and fifty people already in the fold and there was just one friend on the outside, the same invitation of love would go forth. So it does today - an invitation: to come and repent and become a child of God.

"Because he hath appointed a day," Paul says here in verse 31 after he mentions that men must repent, "in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:31. There is coming a day when He will judge. We must be prepared for that day of judgment. We must

be prepared for that day when we will be departed. We must be prepared and decide where we are going to stand before our great God.

When we stand before Him, we hope and trust all of us will hear those wondrous words of joy of our Lord. We're going to hear those words if we are responsive to the invitation of the call of God. We are going to hear those words if we as believers continue to listen to the Holy Spirit. Those words are going to come our way.

Sad it is going to be for those individuals who aren't going to hear those words; who are going to hear something else. Something that is not pleasant.

That is why so many times when we stand before you, we have almost mixed feelings because there is an ultimate ending for the unbeliever. That is why we must talk about it. It is eternal destruction. It is a bad thing. We don't want to talk about bad things. None of us like to hear bad news. We like to hear good news. Yet, we must also make everybody aware of the bad, the unhappy ending that will come to those individuals who do not listen to the precious Word of God, the Almighty God.

If there are any of you that are on the outside and you know that you don't have that hope of eternal life, you know that there is a fear that if you would die today, you would be cast into that place where the unbelievers will go, may that fear that you have, be resolved that the Almighty God has an ointment for you.

That is, giving you faith. May that fear be replaced with faith and once it becomes replaced with faith, faith leads to hope.

You have the greatest hope that can ever be given to mankind. All of us have hopes and perceptions in our lives. We hope that this might happen tomorrow and that might happen. We hope that things will end in such-and-such in order for this to come to pass.

Those are hopes of our earthly life but let us have the faith. If we have the faith, we will have the hope of eternal life . . . the greatest hope any man can know.

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SERMON ELDER BY BRO. JOHN E. LEHMAN OF BERN, KS

Acts 17:1-31

In this chapter we see the activity of the apostles as they went into this area around Thessalonica and into Greece. We find as they went into that area, they were not received with the greatest reception. We know that as they passed through that area, there were those who rejected the doctrine that Paul was trying to proclaim. There were those who saw that it conflicted with their former belief.

But, thanks be unto God, we find that there were those that did believe. There were those who were indeed receptive to the call of God and the moving of the Holy Spirit as the Apostle Paul proclaimed.

As we find and read these various accounts in the Acts, it is perhaps no wonder that the individual God chose to go into that area was none other than the Apostle Paul. Why? Could you and I, brothers and sisters, if God would motivate and move us, could we have done what Paul did? Could we have been so bold to go into such an area knowing what the odds would be? Knowing the historical basis that those people had worshipped on for many a year, that being, molded with the hands, gods with an image and gods of gold? Perhaps we could not do that.

As we stop and review our weaknesses then, we find that no wonder that God chose Paul to do that

work. No wonder Paul had such a dramatic conversion. It was no wonder then, that we can read about how God struck Paul down and made him to become blinded.

Paul was a man who had great knowledge . . . who sat at the feet of Gamaliel . . . a great scholar at that time and attained great knowledge.

But God proved a point to him before he could work for the Living God and do the right thing. He had to become as nothing.

That same God that moved the Apostle Paul and called him, even yet, He calls individual souls who are yet going contrary to the will of God. He still moves in the same way; perhaps not as dramatic. But when we come to the time in which we want to serve our God, we must become nothing. We must put away all former things.

The same Apostle tells us in Corinthians, if we expect to be a new creature in Jesus Christ, "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. How does that happen? We must go through the process that the Apostle Paul defined here in the thirtieth verse. That is the beginning. It is the word we all know about. It is a six-letter word that is proclaimed every Sunday. It should be proclaimed because it is found, not only in the teachings of Jesus Christ in chap-

ter after chapter, not only found in the writings of the Acts, it is also found in the Epistles.

Peter and John also substantiated what Jesus Christ did. There are contiguity in the initial preaching of Jesus Christ, even until the last page of the New Testament.

That being for mankind to make that beginning, he must repent! That is how we make that beginning. We must become lowly. That is then what Paul preached. Here it says, "Paul . . . reasoned with them out of the scriptures" three days. Acts 17:2.

It is so very, very important that he went into that new area. He might have been tempted to utilize, perhaps, some other knowledge that he knew in former times. But, no. What did he use? He used the Scripture. That is why we, as we come together from Sunday to Sunday, we find that God's will can only be fulfilled if we utilize and stick to these Holy Scriptures as the words of exhortation that we proclaim from Sunday to Sunday.

Why? Because we know that the Scriptures are true. They are not watered down by man. They are the inspired Word of our Almighty God.

If the time came when we resorted from Sunday to Sunday and came before you and we used

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