

The Silver Lining

So He carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness.

October 1998

"BE RISEN WITH CHRIST"

Sermon by Bro. Ed Fritz, Washington, IL

Colossians 3:1-17

I think this is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. I suppose I say that about a lot of different chapters but this has to be one that really sets things in order for us. It kind of quickens us and awakens us to the danger round about us, as we have already talked about.

Yet, the comforting things that are in the Word says, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1). "If ye be risen with Christ"...that is a select group of people, isn't it? Are you a part of that? Am I a part of that? It seems almost too good to be true, doesn't it? Do we deserve such a high calling, such a standing?

Are any riches or is there anything valuable enough in the world that you can be enticed to give up your faith, and to give up this position and this standing before God? Would you do it for any amount of money or any amount of gold? I guess I would have to say I would not even think of it. I would not consider it.

What have we got if we don't have this high standing with God in Christ Jesus? We would be so miserable now that we have known the truth. If that were taken from us, or many things could disturb us in life if we were removed from our families. I think of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, those young people who were taken in exile and torn away from their family circles.

Oh, how much we enjoy our family circles, our brothers and sisters and their children, our

grandchildren and the list goes on. We are just circled about with loving church family and brothers and sisters and relatives. To be taken and separated would be a terrible disappointing thing, but how much more disappointing yet would it be if we were separated from God. Pulled away from Him, would not our lives be useless? Wouldn't our money seem a mockery? Wouldn't it just seem dreadful?

But those young men were taken away into Babylon and were given the clothing, the language and the food of an idol nation. What did they retain in their hearts? That precious heritage! They did not forget. They stayed true to their God.

Joseph, the same way, when he was taken and thrown in prison so unjustly, did he despair? Paul and Silas in prison, did they despair when those things were taken from them and joy, freedom and everything earthly was ripped away from them? No, they didn't despair.

Would we despair if Christ were taken out of our heart? If hope would be demolished, then we would despair. Well, maybe in our natural man, we wouldn't. Maybe the enemy would come along with something and say, "This is just as good." Have you ever run into anybody like that?

I knew a brother one time in our faith and he fell away, really, really low, about as low as you can go. He came back to me. I was just a young believer. (I mean I was young in the faith. It doesn't mean I was young. I was thirty-three when I became a converted believer). He came to me and said, "I found something that is

a lot better, a lot better."

I know that he had something before in the years to come, but little by little the enemy worked it away from him. I could see it coming as an unconverted man because I was around him quite a bit. I could see it coming and if I would have been in Christ myself, I probably could have warned him and maybe prevented shipwreck. But he was taken away little by little. It didn't happen in one day. It happened over a period of two or

Sermon continued on page 47

The Silver Lining subscriptions are due from the following churches. Please collect in:

November

1. Bluffton, IN
2. Bluffton North, IN
3. Lexington, KY
4. St. Louis, MO

Next correspondence due:

For November Issue

(16 Sept. News - 15 Oct. News)

Due: 20 October 1998

The Silver Lining (Vol. 52, #10)
RR 2 Box 50 Roanoke, IL 61561
USPS 496780

Published Monthly By The Apostolic
Christian Church of America

Counselors:

Wayne Anliker, Ervin Knecht

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

The Silver Lining
RR2 Box 50, Roanoke, IL, 61561
309-923-7513 (phone) 309-923-7359 (fax)

Periodical postage paid at Roanoke, IL 61561, and additional offices. The subscription rate is a donation. Send zip number with address. Remember to send changes of address. Send both old and new addresses (with both zips). Postmaster send address changes to:

The Silver Lining
RR2 Box 50, Roanoke, IL 61561

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

Light From The Word



Writings based
on God's Word

October 1998

Anonymous Admonition

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

One of the responsibilities that we have as children of God is to help our brothers and sisters to serve God faithfully. Sometimes this requires us to bring a concern to their attention. When we feel a need to admonish or share a concern to a brother or sister, it seems that too often it comes in the form of an anonymous note or an anonymous message sent through a third party. This third party could be an elder, a minister, or another brother or sister in faith. The practice of anonymous admonition is in direct conflict with Biblical teachings. The Bible tells us that we should (Col. 3:16, I Thess. 5:14, I Tim. 4:13, Rom. 12:8, II Thess. 3:14,15) admonish our brother and that we are able (Rom. 15:14) to admonish our brother. Furthermore, the Gospel of Matthew gives explicit instructions in the procedure to be taken when it appears admonishment would be helpful.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:1-5).

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:15-17).

Paul also writes that admonishment is done not to shame the brother, but to

warn him. "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you" (I Cor. 4:14).

The steps we should take to speak to a brother about our differences, as outlined in the Bible, are carefully taught to us as new believers and reviewed at every testimony with the converts.

There are many good reasons these Biblical steps should be practiced:

* It is Biblical...it is God's Word.

* Ignoring these Biblical instructions causes hurt and discouragement to a fellow believer.

* Anonymous notes, and messages sent through a third party, deprive a brother of the opportunity to apologize to the offended. An apology and reconciliation are an important part of repentance and healing, and they are essential to spiritual health. It is especially critical as the time of communion approaches (I Cor. 11, Matt. 5:23-24). Furthermore, even with the best intentions, messages become scrambled, much like the childhood game of "telephone". The full effect of the message may be lost when body language, expression, and tone of voice are not witnessed. For example, the problem could be only a simple misunderstanding, easily clarified at the time of the expression of the concern.

* Involving a third party or an entire congregation may lead to whispering, gossip, and confusion. (I Cor. 14:33; James 3:13-18; Prov. 20:3)

* When admonishment is done correctly, church unity is upheld. (I Pet. 3:8-11; I Cor. 1:10; I John 1:7).

* Love and peace among brethren is a part of true religion. (Mark 12:33; Mic. 6:8).

Since we have Biblical instruction to admonish our brother and a step-by-step outline of the procedure to follow, we certainly would not want to depart. Doing so could be an indication of one or more of the following problems:

* Lack of spiritual strength and courage (Deut. 31:6; Is. 41:10; Matt. 28:20)

* Pride (Prov. 28:25; I Pet. 5:5; James 4:10)

* Hypocrisy (Matt. 23:23,24; Matt. 23:28)

* Inconsistency (Rom. 2:21; Luke 6:46)

* Anger (Prov. 15:18)

If we are approached by someone who wants us to convey a message of admonishment or concern for another brother, we should ask him if he has followed the scripture and, having examined himself first, spoken to the brother "between thee and him alone". If he has not, ask him if he loves the brother enough to warn him about the perceived danger to his soul. Ask him why he wants someone else to talk to the brother. Encourage him to follow the Biblical directives and go to that brother, himself, face to face, in love and humility.

As a practical matter, if Biblical instructions are followed, much pettiness and distrust would be put aside and only the true areas of concern would be brought before a brother.

As children of God, we have the responsibility and the opportunity to watch out for the welfare of our brother. This requires us to be willing to do anything for our brother that would be necessary to help him to remain a child of God. Sometimes it means we will need to go and offer assistance or encouragement in time of need. At other times, it may mean that we will need to go and offer a word of caution or admonition if it appears that our brother is in spiritual danger.

At times such as these, it is very important that we approach the situation in the spirit of humility and with the sole intent of being helpful. We must be very careful that we do not confuse the role of being our brother's keeper with that of simply finding fault. There is no room in the household of faith for activities of this nature.

Loving admonition is vitally important to the church and the believer. Anonymity, however, plays no part in the proper implementation of this act and because it is in direct conflict with God's Word, it is sin.



APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
World Relief

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,
especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GALATIANS 6:10

Dental & Medical Mission Work Brings Hope in Mexico

The Mexico Dental and Medical project through the World Relief Committee has been in place since 1989. Since that first trip, a total of 18 teams have gone to Mexico. Approximately 200 members and friends have participated, representing 50 of our congregations. 27,000 patients have received treatment from our work teams. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each one involved at every level. Those who have actually gone on the trips as well as those who have supported in so many ways from home.

Health kit project

One example of the support from home is the health kit project. This has grown from 70 kits on the first trip to 5,000 on the last. Another program made possible by generous support from home is the lunch program. This provides lunches for 150-200 school children three times per week. The group in Juarez has told us how much they appreciate this and they feel it has been a real blessing for their church.

Biblical example

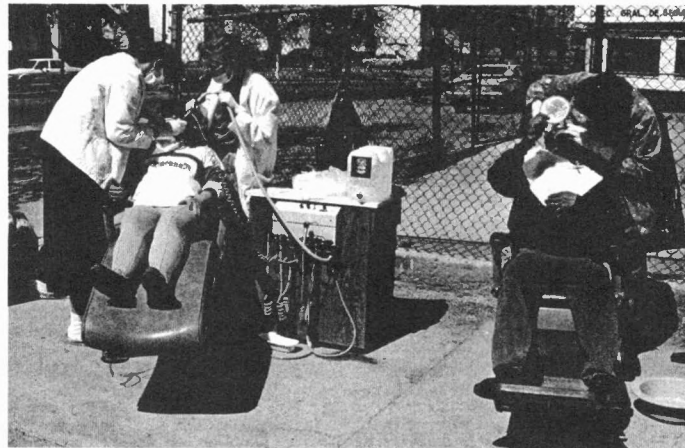
The medical mission concept closely follows the Biblical example given by Christ Himself when He saw people suffering both physically and spiritually. This has provided a wonderful opportunity for the group in Juarez we are working with to minister to the needs of their congregation and community.

Daily team efforts

A typical day begins early in the morning with devotions. Then everything is packed and loaded into vans. Teams normally go to a different site each day

where they set up a mobile clinic. While our medical and dental teams are treating patients, Spanish New Testaments are passed out, and people are told about Christ and invited to attend church.

They try to stop working around 5:30, repack the vans, and return to their hotel. Teams have seen as many as 3800 patients in five days. One dentist remarked how many more patients he saw there than he would at home. But even after such a hard day's work, he was not as tired as he would have been at home, knowing that he had done that day's work for the Lord.



His smile was gone

Of all the experiences we have had on these trips, three situations really stand out. On one trip, I met a little boy I will never forget. He was so full of life! His eyes sparkled, his hair glistened, his big smile just radiated youthful vitality. He told me he wants to be a doctor. I met him again on our next trip. His smile was gone, and there was no sparkle in his eyes. At best, he was listless and lethargic, with barely enough energy to make it through another day.

Given proper medical care, good sanitation, and decent living conditions (things we all take for granted), he could recover fully. However, the poverty and squalor those people have to live in leaves him in a very uncertain future.

What a pity! What a shame that a life so full of potential will very likely fall so far short of what it could be. I pray that the Lord will burden our hearts to do what we can to help.

He is my friend

Another little boy was perhaps the most crippled child I have ever seen anywhere. His spine was curved like an "S" so he couldn't begin to sit up straight, and both of his legs were completely lame. A just slightly bigger boy picked him up and brought him to the clinic. This struck me as a modern-day version of St. Luke 5, where friends let a crippled man down through the roof. I asked the bigger boy if this was his brother. He said, "No, he is my friend." How often do we see that kind of friendship in our society today?

The tooth with the nail

Lastly, just to give some idea of the health care situation in Mexico, here is a true life example. A boy came to the dental clinic and asked our dentist to "pull the tooth with the nail in it." He had a totally rotten tooth and his method of fixing it was to take a short nail with a broad head and bite down hard. An instant crown! Do we really appreciate what we have here in our great land?

Wonderful opportunities

This program has provided some wonderful opportunities for our brethren and friends. Anyone of any age who has a heart to help would be welcome to participate on a work team. We are particularly short of dentists, dental tech/hygienists, and pharmacists. Anyone interested may contact:

Bro. Dave Wegman
309/452-8079



APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN

Mission Committee

... The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

Rural Gospel and Medical Missions of India, Inc.

The reports from India are encouraging even in the midst of concerns over which we are confident God has control. The concerns include a spirit within the populace growing resistive to the gospel of Jesus Christ being taught. Although the Indian constitution guarantees freedom of religion, there are many subtle ways in which the Christian faces discrimination in education, jobs, housing, and society in general.

The work goes on

Our little band of believers, nonetheless, carries on. One of the mightiest tools they have is their belief in God and deliverance through His son Jesus Christ. The spiritual staff keeps busy in the rural villages. At some locations they gather in a mud walled prayer hall and at others under the shade of a tree or of an evangelist's mud home. In the mission compounds, the church buildings are an ever present acknowledgment that this is God's domain. There are presently three Pastors, six Evangelists, and three volunteer Evangelists on the staff. It is reported that there have been 28 baptisms so far this year and there are 16 converts awaiting proving and baptism. We need to pray for the dear souls in India where against such great odds, they struggle to serve the Lord and preserve their faith.

The medical work

The medical staff administers loving and healing care to all who come to the doors of our three dispensaries or to our village medical van for treatment. In the past 9 months 24,267 patients were treated. Our cost of providing this service is about \$1.00 per patient. This work represents an outreach that is looked on in favor by the government. The potential for medical volunteers from the USA is still being studied. Just one year ago, two of our nurse sisters inspected the work in India and provided very useful insights.

The orphanages

The Orphanage/Boarding program is presently providing education, food, clothing, shelter, and most importantly, Christian instruction for about 80 boys located at our two main compounds and 40 girls at a girls' Christian boarding

facility in the town of Manmad. These children remain in these orphanage homes until they finish high school. They attend local public schools. We have learned that four of our recent graduates have been accepted into medical nurse training at Nasik. There are others already studying at several trade and office training schools. This is called our "Post High School Training Program". A number of our current operating staff members are products of the Orphanage/Boarding program and are now active in spiritual and medical work at the Mission.

Annual visits

Part of the duties of the USA India Board of Directors is to make occasional inspection and counseling visits to India. With awareness of the political situation in India we are now planning a visit in late January 1999. We would use great caution and care and are seeking God's direction in this respect. He can open and close doors at His will.

How the work is funded

We are thankful that through the World Relief and Mission Committee funds, most of the operating costs are provided. The earnings from the Trust that the founders of this work established before their passing in 1980 and 1981 supplement the operational costs including provision for staff retirement benefits. The prayers of many give direction to the essential core of the Mission, its goals and direction

**These things I have spoken
unto you, that in me
ye might have peace.
In the world ye
shall have tribulation:
but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world.**

JOHN 16:33

God's direction is needed

As we look backward through the mirror of time, we can see many ways in which God has directed our brethren to participate in carrying out this work. The India Board has tried to include someone who has never been to this struggling land in many of our visits. Numerous American brethren have been to India, and we truly appreciate their viewpoints and input as the work goes on. If ever there was a time when we needed the prayers of the brotherhood for God's leading, that time is now. We appeal for the prayers of the Church.

Heartfelt thanks

Our thanks to each individual, many Sunday Schools and churches who help provide this prayer and financial support. May God bless this generosity with spiritual rewards for donors and recipients!

- NOTICE -

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

We're distributing more used Bibles in the United States now, although some are still sent overseas. Thanks for your continued support. You may get your books to either of us or Wing or Bluffton World Relief Centers.

Jerry and Arlene Banwart
Box 181 C, 307 W. First St.
Congerville, IL 61729
(309) 448-2416

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Bibles distributed by our Churches

<u>1998</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>TOTAL — 15 YEARS</u>
September	3,414	30,954	44,152

* Repaired Bibles Shipped = 180

NOTE: A new listing of Bibles and Testaments available for distribution can be obtained through a note or call to:

David Bertsch
11520 Grabill Road
Grabill, IN 46741

PLACEMENT OF POCKET TESTAMENTS

A very effective way of giving the pocket Testaments/Psalms/Proverbs (boxed), is to place the plastic box with label in hospitals, rest homes, motels, filling stations, stores, doctor, dentist, and eye doctor offices.

Be sure to ask permission to place the Testaments.

There are seven Testaments in each plastic box. This requires a regular check and re-fill of the boxes.

The plastic boxes and labels are available at the Leo Bible Distribution Center, 11520 Grabill Road, Grabill, IN 46741.

Old and New Testament Tapes - KJV Bible - Available
Pulpit Bibles - Red Letter - Self-Pronouncing - K.J.V.
- Available At Leo Bible Distribution Center -
A shipment of Haitian (Creole) was received.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion."

Psalm 111:4

Without the wonderful works of the Lord, our efforts at providing a comfortable, loving home for the people God has sent our way would be very difficult, if not impossible.

The Home has been in opera-

tion for more than 25 years. From the first day of planning it has been blessed with support from those who have a heart for this work and by those who support it as part of the outreach of the Apostolic Christian Church. Both financial and prayerful support have been given. We believe that God has blessed the Home because it is in submission to Him and because of the prayers of all those who lift it up.

In the early history of the Home, the Board of Directors, with the support of the Elder body of the Apostolic Christian

Counselors Needed

Gateway Woods, a Christian residential childcare facility, has an immediate opening for a male or female counselor. A Bachelors degree in Social Work, Counseling or related field is required. A Masters degree is preferred. Responsibilities include individual and family counseling, case management and consultation with the treatment team.

For more information, please call one of the brothers listed below.

Jeff Schumacher, MS
Senior Counselor
Gateway Woods
P.O. Box 151
Leo, IN 46765
219/627-2159

Phil Stettner
Counseling Elder
219/565-3499

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE

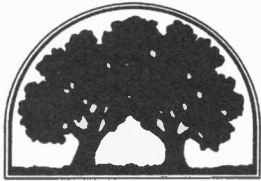
1-800-747-9049

Calls are answered by an answering service and referred to the hotline. You will receive a return call shortly. All calls are strictly confidential.

Callers will receive a screening, suggestions for appropriate services and assistance with appropriate referrals.

The hotline will not provide diagnosis or treatment.

Church, set up a quasi trust fund or endowment fund to be used for capital development and for shortfalls in funding. The primary funding for the operation of the Home is public funding and the future of this funding and the dependability has been somewhat uncertain at times. The board has felt led to make people more aware of this fund and ways that it can be used in their estate planning. Under current tax laws, there are ways to make donations from an estate while the person is still living which will be advantageous for



**"...BUT GOD GAVE
THE INCREASE."**

I Cor. 3:6

Thank you so much for the loving response to our 22nd Annual Auction. Our total to date is over \$230,000! We are in awe of how God takes the portion we have to offer and multiplies it as only He can. Your donations help to pay the daily cost of care for each child, especially those placed by parents who may be unable to pay the full cost. Thank you for supporting us in this mission...for the children!

**Sale Date for 1999:
Saturday, August 21, 1999**

**Alternate
Houseparent Opening**

We at Gateway Woods have enjoyed being fully staffed for some time now in the area of childcare staff. Bro. Todd and Sis. Carol Schrock have informed us that they will be leaving the Houseparent position in the fall of 1998. This opens an opportunity for a couple, directed of the Lord, to work in our full-time residential child care ministry with the rest of us at Gateway Woods. This position offers competitive wages and benefits and a close relationship with brothers and sisters whose hearts and lives are dedicated to a mission with an eternal reward. If you feel the call to explore the possibilities, please call one of the brothers listed below.

Tim Sauder
P.O. Box 151
Leo, IN 46765
(219) 467-2159

Phil Stettner, Counseling Elder
1780N 450E
Bluffton, IN 46714
(219) 565-3499

the person holding the estate and the institution or mission the person wishes to support.

We have a brochure which explains these options better and tells how the Home is willing to be involved in assisting with the planning of an estate so that it can be best for all concerned. For people involved in estate planning who would like to use some of it to help the work of the Apostolic Christian Home for the

Handicapped, the Home or individual church representative may be contacted for a brochure.

We thank each of you for your continued support in whatever way you feel led or able. We ask that each of you continue to lift us up in prayer.

Birthdays for November are: ACHH - Susie McGinley (1), Kathy Knapp (5), Tom Manley (5), Kay Ellis (9), Bernice Heiniger (11), Sam Sigulas (13), Janet Worner (17), Kristie Furrer (18). OAKWOOD -Keith Weyeneth (4). 652 DETROIT - Jane Aberle (14). LINDEN - Ken Clauss (2). 241 S. MINNESOTA - Rhonda Pullen (4), Marian Funk (20). 200 E. HAZELWOOD - Alan Unsicker (15).

**GATEWAY WOODS
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S HOME
Jill Gramm**

School, both public and our on-grounds program, along with our tutoring program, are back in full swing again. Our tutors this year are Sis. Cheri Blunier, Sis. Tonya Stoller, and Sis. Rachel Fessenden (Education Coordinator). Monday through Friday they dedicate their time to give our youth one-on-one attention with homework.

Gateway Woods welcomed Jennifer G. to the Schrock House last month and said good-bye to Liz R. and Angie F. from the Fiechter House. New adjustments for residents and families aren't easy, but the Lord has the answers for daily living if we seek Him.

A fresh and energetic volunteer visited us from Gaglingen, Germany. Sis. Elizabeth (Ellie) Karlowitz from our church in Ohringen, Germany, had been

**CASSETTES FROM
EUROPE**

We still have a supply of the cassette tapes produced in Austria containing beloved hymns of our old Heft (Long Book).

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.

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.

The Heft (Long Book) tapes include three 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 Tape payable to the Long Book Tape Fund.

Long Book tapes may be ordered from:

Don and Lorna Schrock
100 Forest View Road
Morton, IL 61550
(309) 266-6810

Dennis and Beth Feucht
317 North Third
Morton, IL 61550

following Gateway Woods news in the Silver Lining. She chose to spend three weeks helping us and sharing her energy, love and some German culture (although she hadn't heard of German chocolate cake!). Thanks, Ellie, for your "servant's heart".

Praise be to God for moving in hearts and lives to supply our staffing needs! Sis. Daniele Stickling from the Lester, IA congregation will soon be filling the female Counselor position. Welcome, Daniele! It's not easy mov-

HAITI/JAMAICA WORK PROJECTS - 1999

All volunteers should contact the project coordinator. Should you not be able to contact the coordinator, direct your inquiry to Bro. Harold Witzig, 308 N. Second Ave., Morton, IL, 61550. Phone 1-309-266-6263, Fax 1-309-266-8575, E-mail: hlwitzig@dpc.net.

COUNTRY	GROUP	DATE	AREA	COORDINATOR	PROJECT	CAP.	FULL
Jamaica	CCCD	Jan 1-9	Deaf Village	Phil Gutwein	Work Place	40	100%
Jamaica	CCCD	Jan 1-9	Montego Bay	Mark Criss	Deaf School	40	100%
Haiti	MEBSH	Jan 8-16	TBA	Craig Emch	Grade School	10	0%
Haiti	MEBSH	Jan 15-23	TBA	Dean Pashek	Grade School	10	100%
Haiti	S.E.E.D.	Jan 22-30	TBA	Bob Beebe	Agriculture Aid	7-9	0%
Haiti	S.E.E.D.	Jan 29-Feb 6	TBA	Bob Beebe	Agriculture Aid	7-9	0%
Haiti	MEBSH	Feb 5-13	TBA	Jim Walter	Grade School	10	0%
Haiti	Palm Grove	Feb 19-27	TBA	Tim Butikofer	Grade School	10	0%
Haiti	Palm Grove	Feb 26-Mar 6	TBA	Tim Butikofer	Trade School	10	0%
Haiti	MEBSH	Mar 5-13	TBA	Phil Isabel	Grade School	10	0%
Jamaica	CCCD	Mar 5-13	Kingston	Terry & Bev. Miller	Deaf School	40	75%
Haiti	MEBSH	Mar 26-Apr 3	TBA	Stan Descarpentrie	Grade School	10	100%
Jamaica	CCCD	Mar 25-Apr 3	Montego Bay	*	Deaf School	40	0%
Jamaica	CCCD	Apr 3-10	Montego Bay	*	Deaf School	40	0%
Jamaica	CCCD	May 14-22	Deaf Village	TBA	Work Place	40	100%
Jamaica	CCCD	Jun 4-12	Montego Bat	*	Deaf School	40	0%
Jamaica	CCCD	Jun 4-12	Kingston	*	Deaf School	40	0%
Jamaica	CCCD	Jul 17-24	Knockpatrick	*	Deaf School	40	0%
Haiti	A.W.A.	TBA	TBA	Earl Sauder	TBA	TBA	0%
Haiti	Medical	TBA	La Cayes	Bob Pfloderer	HospLumiere	TBA	0%

CCCD=Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf

MEBSH = Missions of Evangelical Baptists of South Haiti

Palm Grove = Mission of Haiti

S.E.E.D. = An Agricultural School & Extension Service

TBA = To Be Announced

(*) = Held for College Student Participation

COORDINATOR	PHONE	FAX
Earl Sauder	309-387-6357	309-387-6357
Harold Witzig	309-266-6263	309-266-8575
Mark Criss	309-243-9271	
Greg Hermann	309-243-5610	309-693-4344
Craig Emch	330-939-4591	330-939-4591
Dean Pashek	517-662-7685	
Jim Walter	815-692-3158	815-692-2851
Bob Beebe	219-291-2158	219-299-8173
Tim Butikofer	319-426-5486	319-426-5586
Phil Isabel	219-261-3541	219-261-2885
Bob Pfloderer	309-266-5853	309-676-8455
Stan Descarpentrie	309-467-3898	
Terry Miller	309-747-2212 or 941-485-4302	
Phil Gutwein	219-843-1761	

ing far from family and friends, but we're glad you are going to be a part of our ministry. Our current staff openings include two Alternate Houseparent couples and a male Counselor.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL
Athens, Alabama
Joan Reinhard**

School has begun and we have had a busy start. We are still in need of a teacher so that has made us a little extra busy, but for the most part, we are settling into a routine of sorts. Our September themes were Community Helpers, Safety, and the color Blue. We took a field trip to the Police Station, the Fire Station, and the Hospital. The students enjoy learning about the people in our communities who help us and there is always much discussion about what they want to be when they grow up. As I was hearing "I want to be a nurse", "I want to be a fire fighter", "I want to be a ballerina", "I want to be a cowboy", I could not help but think how many of them will want to be Christians when they grow up? Are we being the correct role model for all of the children who are around us?

Our October themes are Transportation, Music, and the color Orange. As we try to teach these little ones, our prayer is that the Lord will add the increase and that the work that is done here will have eternal significance. Of what value is anything else?

Please continue to pray for our need for another teacher here at the Preschool. If anyone would be interested in helping here in Athens, please call Bro. Lavoyd Moore at (256) 232-2035.

We have a small sponsor program here for those families who do not have the means to pay the full tuition for their child to attend Preschool. If anyone would be interested in helping to sponsor a child through their preschool years, please contact Sis. Joan Reinhard at (931) 424-5838 or call the Preschool at (256) 233-0591.

**ALABAMA, ATHENS
Joan Reinhard**

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

John 4:35

This verse takes on special meaning to us here in the South as we see the cotton fields in full bloom. Driving by you cannot help but see the contrast of the white field with the dark surrounding of the trees and the landscape around. It is obviously harvest time. Is the spiritual harvest that is ready as obvious to us as the physical harvest? Are we as tuned in to the Lord's field? "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

We have appreciated the visitors we had during this past month and we would welcome anyone who will be in the area to come worship with us. Our fellowship is a special thing and we who are located some distance from our other churches do not take it for granted.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

"Safe in the arms of Jesus." Mary Beth Sutton went to her Heavenly Home on August 28. Receiving strength from the Lord, she and her parents endured five years of suffering from cancer. She brought sunshine into lives in Francesville, Taylor and Phoenix. Mary Beth lived in Illinois when diagnosed and attended church in Taylor, MO, hence singing "Just over the river" was balm for soul and body during that time. The choir sang and comforted us.

Bro. James Emch and Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) had a memorial service the evening of August 29, before the funeral and interment in Francesville, September 1.

Her survivors are parents, Bro. Tim and Sis. Verene; siblings, Sam, TJ, Katie and Megan; grandparents, Jeff and Lanette Landreth (Phoenix), Terry Sutton (Prescott), Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola Von Tobel (IN), and many other relatives.

Though Mary Beth was only 11 1/2, she did repent. She also made a scrapbook for baby sister, Megan, "so she would know who I was," when she grows up.

Mary Beth Sutton (8-28-98) and Sis. Mart Elsasser (6-1-98) will always be in our hearts and memories. "O, death, where is thy sting?"

Our dear Lord knows our every need! What comfort that our God would have Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), Dan Koch (Tremont, IL), Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI) and Ray Sinn (Latty, OH) here during August.

We are most grateful for your

visits and your preaching God's Word. May God bless you evermore.

Our university/college graduates are: Ann Kieser (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie), Bro. Todd Klopfenstein (Bro. Dave and Sis. LouAnn), and Sis. Heather Labudde (Bro. Larry and Sis. Kathy). We pray the Lord will lead them onward and upward. Bro. Kory Langhofer (Bro. Erik and Cindy) has moved to Illinois to attend school.

Our first fellowship dinner of the season was August 30. We appreciate Sis. Wilma Pulfer and her committees.

On September 2, Bro. Todd and Sis. Erica Baum welcomed a baby son, Elijah Todd. Whitney and Jessica are very pleased. Elijah's grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Baum and Bro. Steve and Sis. Jill Roth. Great-grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbra Schupbach and Bro. Earl and Sis. Marilyn Roth.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery on their 50th wedding anniversary on September 4. Robb and family and Deanna lured them to Colorado for an early surprise celebration.

Labor Day weekend is always quite special for our 7-12 graders, as they look forward to going to visit the Altadena church and Sunday School. We are grateful to our hosts and our own teachers for serving the Lord so willingly. A solid base of God's teachings, fellowship and food was a delight for all.

A loving welcome to students, Carrie Rose Kaufman and Candice Rinkenberger, and to Bill Langhofer who joined us for employment.

Bro. Floyd Banwart was hospi-

talized on September 9. We have many brethren and friends who need your prayers. Sis. Toni Bentley had surgery, Sis. Shirley Blunier is undergoing tests.

It's sharing time: An acquaintance of yours is often among 35-45 seniors, who have been wondering "why you look so plain, no make-up, jewelry, etc. But you 'shine happy'". A soft reply was heard, "It's God's light." A final remark was answered back, "must be a real good church, hmmm."

So we can have a reservation in Heaven, we need be aware: II Timothy 3:1-5.

Our new Sunday School teachers are Bros. Jacob Hoerr (Superintendent), Herb Knochel, Jr. (Asst. Superintendent), Wes Kieser, John Dotterer, Joe Greenbank, Ray Blunier, Mark Steffen, Nate Knochel, and Sisters Wanda Hoerr, Cindy Langhofer, Kathy Knochel, Lois Niemeyer, Nancy Baumgartner, Valerie Knobloch and Jeanne Dotterer.

Clarification: We have two Cathy Emch's in Phoenix. Cathy (Don) and Cathy (Jerry). Cathy (Jerry) recently had surgery. Your out of town cards will reach her at 16012 N. 10th St., Phoenix, AZ 85022.

ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

Jane Hodges

Our annual corn-on-the-cob feast took place August 22 with around eighty people enjoying the outdoors, food and fellowship. We were glad Elder Bro. Wesley Knapp and his wife, Sis. Mildred (Goodfield, IL), could also attend. It was Elder Bro. Wesley's turn to minister to the Prescott congregation that weekend.

We gratefully thank Elder Bro. Wesley for his service, and the

other ministering brothers who served us this last month: Bros. Lenard Meyer (Chicago, IL) and James Emch (Phoenix, AZ).

For those who are wondering, at the time of this writing, the building of our physical church has not started yet. We are waiting for the final plans to be approved by the city for a building permit.

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Knapp

Bro. Bob Haas continues to receive medical treatment at this writing. He has been able to return home for periods of time between treatment and traveling. We continue to keep Bro. Bob, Sis. Carole and their family in our thoughts and prayers. He was able to assemble with us last Sunday.

Many in our congregation traveled to Phoenix to attend the funeral service for Mary Beth Sutton (Bro. Tim and Sis. Verene). Throughout the service we were reminded that Mary Beth is free from her earthly trials. For Bro. Tim and Sis. Verene, however, their suffering will continue and we want them to know that they will be lifted up in prayer many times in the coming months. We are confident God will be their Comforter and Provider during this difficult time.

Our Sunday School Bible Class traveled to Altadena, CA over the Labor Day Weekend. They were once again privileged to ride on a chartered bus, compliments of the Phoenix Sunday School, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to the Altadena congregation for their labors of love.

Our Sunday School classes and Fellowship suppers have re-

sumed although our summer weather is still here. We are in the 90's and still more humid than normal. Our forecasters say our monsoon season will be over in a few weeks and our dry weather should return.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA
Joshua Martinez

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be written in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

Revelation 22:3-5

Greetings of love across the many miles! May we receive strength and encouragement from the magnificent, unchanging hope that pours from our Father's immortal Word! God is faithful. He is steadfast in His allegiance to His people. He will not leave us in the lurch. He never promised us a rose garden, yet as His servants, we are in good hands with the Almighty!

We always look forward to each visiting minister who shares God's Word with us. We wish to thank Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) for His service on our behalf. He reminded us that when we feel as if we are being thrown into the den, we should count on God and not count the lions.

We were blessed on Labor Day weekend with a visit from the Sunday School groups from the San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson

congregations. We wish to thank all the parents and the teachers for making this wonderful week-end possible. We thank the students for their youthful energy and hunger for the Word and His teachings. Most of all, we thank God for our precious faith and the special love we share.

We also want to thank Bro. Richard Aberle (Altadena) for presenting a Bible study on the first chapter of Genesis. May God's blessings and goodness inspire us to study His Word further and apply His teachings to our lives.

We prayed for God's healing touch upon those of our Altadena family who were hospitalized this month. We know our dear Elder Bro. John Klotzle and Ann (Aaron) Yaussi found strength and comfort in our Lord and felt our many prayers.

We are always thankful for every new addition our Lord grants to our Altadena family. We thank Him for bringing to us Sis. Stephanie Moser (Leo, IN) who has found employment in the area and Sis. Lynn Hartzler (Rittman, OH) who is pursuing a doctoral degree, into our midst. We pray for God's continued guidance in their lives and welcome them warmly into our congregation.

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

Zion's Harp #236

Joys and blessings seem to abound and fill our hearts this month. The engagement of Sis. Shayna Aberle (Bro. Doug and

Sis. Sandy) and Bro. Scott Mangers (Bro. Dennie and Sis. Cheryl) was joyfully announced and increased our many blessings. We offer our support, love and encouragement to them as they embark on their matrimonial journey. May their union be bound with a "three fold cord, not lightly rent apart."

We extend a warm welcome to you should your travels bring you to sunny southern California. May the love and joy of His promise fill your hearts every day. May you have a happy month!

"To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen."

Romans 16:27

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
Rose Huette

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:6

The San Diego Jr. and Sr. Bible Class visited Altadena for the annual Sunday School get together along with the Phoenix and Tucson youth. It was a special blessing and enjoyed by all.

We just completed listening to the tapes of the General Conference and appreciate the inspired presentations stemming from God's Holy Word.

Sis. Frieda Minger continues to reside at the rest home. She is such a special sister and we sure do love and miss seeing her in our congregation. I'm sure she is thankful for all the prayers on her behalf and for the strength from above each day.

During the past month we were blessed to have Elder Bro.

John Klotzle and his wife, Sis. Lois, visit us. We sure appreciate Bro. John's labor of love, even during times when he is not feeling well. He had to be hospitalized again, but is home and feeling better. May we all continue to lift him up in prayer.

We continue to have visitors and enjoy them so much and invite them back anytime.

**ONTARIO, KITCHENER
CANADA
Laura Baxter**

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee."

Psalm 128:1-2

We were reminded again after listening to the Conference tapes, that the formula for true peace and happiness is to fear the Lord and walk in His ways. We were encouraged by the examples of humility and love the Elder brethren conveyed as they exhorted, admonished, and lovingly pleaded for us to stay away from the world and walk close to God.

Our Elder Bro. Mark Bahr came to Kitchener this past month to have our ground breaking service. We appreciate his extra efforts and encouragement as we begin our building project. We are also thankful for our other visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL), Bros. Don Manz (Junction, OH) and Neil Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), and we are thankful for our other visitors that came to fellowship with us.

Excavating and construction

has begun on the church building project. A previous list of skilled volunteer laborers has been made by the National Building Committee and those on the list will be contacted at the appropriate time. However, there will be a need for general volunteer laborers throughout the project. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact our local project coordinator, Bro. Tim Tomic (519) 696-2881.

On the church building site there is a large rental house, and, along with local brethren, there is room to house about 20 volunteers. Also, for anyone wishing to do so, there is a motel within walking distance from the site; Heilelberg Inn (519) 699-4413.

We welcome all visitors who are in the area to come and worship with us. Please contact Bro. Wayne Saddler (519) 662-6834 or Bro. Mike Ursu (519) 669-8515 for more information and directions.

**COLORADO, DENVER
Yvonne Lehman**

Sunday, September 6, we were blessed to have Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) and his wife, Sis. Ruth, with us. We extend our thanks to Bro. Duane for his willingness to serve us.

Saturday, September 12, Deena Henry and Kent Braun exchanged wedding vows. We pray that the Lord would provide many rich blessings unto Deena and Kent as they share their days and years together.

Sunday, September 13, Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita, KS) and his wife, Sis. Judy, visited our congregation. Bro. Al served us from Jeremiah 2. We should learn from history the successes and failures of others so we can build

on the successes and avoid repeating the failures. We must not seek security in changeable things rather than the unchangeable God. We may be tempted to seek security from possessions, people, or our own abilities, but these will fail us. There is no lasting security apart from our eternal God. We learn from Jeremiah that God will not accept empty or insincere worship.

On Saturday, September 19, our annual Sunday School picnic was held at Castlewood Canyon State Park. It certainly was a blessed time being with the children and hiking with each class, after having devotions and prayers. Crafts and games followed with food for the hungry bunch. It is wonderful to take some time out of the hectic moments and busy days and reflect on His creation with its beauty and majestic formations. In solitude and communion we can let Him speak to our hearts and be renewed. We pray for the Lord to open our hearts. As it says in Acts 16:13-14, "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." Through her faith and example the rest of her household believed and were baptized.

September is the month when many students gather around the flagpole at school. I am thankful our government has allowed this freedom in our country. U.S. Secretary of Education ruled in 1995 that the flagpole

gatherings are an appropriate activity as long as they aren't disruptive and don't occur during school hours. At thousands of schools every September, teenagers gather around flagpoles to pray for their schools and teachers. We trust God hears every prayer that is sincerely entreating His help and guidance in our lives and schools.

Steve Kaisner has left his employment in the Denver area. We wish him well in his new endeavors. We will miss his fellowship with us.

The Aspen leaves are turning and the golden colors are splendid. We truly marvel at the Master Artist's handiwork. We are so richly blessed.

The Lord's Prayer

Dear Father, now behold us,
Approach Thy throne of grace,
To pray in our Lord Jesus,
We seek Thy loving face.
Bestow on us, Thy children,
Thy blessings manifold,
Thy love, Thy grace, and mercy,
As thou hast done of old.

May, Lord, Thy kingdom enter
Each true and faithful heart,
Which doth in truth and candor
Seek for the better part.
Lord, we, Thy children call Thee,
With heart and soul implore,
That Thou Thy kingdom's glory
Forever wilt restore.

Zion's Harp #85

CONNECTICUT ROCKVILLE Cherie Galat

Can we imagine the joy in Heaven when souls seek the Lord in repentance? We are thankful that dear ones have heeded God's loving call and have made that wise decision in life to serve Him. We pray for the Lord's direction, love and nearness for Heidi

Carlson (Bro. Wally and Sis. Judy), Carla Virkler (Bro. Terry and Sis. Cindy) and Sharon Manning (Raymond and Mary).

We are grateful for faithful brethren that proclaim the Holy Word to us time and time again as dear ministers visit our congregation. Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) both were used in the service of preaching.

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

I Corinthians 11:3

Through faith, our brethren can find answers to life's questions. The engagement of Bro. Paul Hany (Bro. Peter Sr. and Sis. Virgene) and Sis. Betsy Ryan (Elder Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl) was announced to our congregation.

Our hearts are greatly saddened by the loss of dear ones. Our Sis. Frieda Hany passed away leaving behind her daughter, Leona Lindley (Tom), family and friends.

Our sincere sympathy extends to the family of Sis. Clara Zahner who passed away leaving her dear husband, Bro. Emanuel. We sorrow also with her sister, Sis. Lora Zahner (Bro. Ed), and sons, Bro. Curt (Sis. Sally), Bro. Warren (Sis. Bonnie) and Bro. Scott (Sis. Nancy).

The sudden death of Russell Hany saddens our hearts. May God in His great mercy and compassion envelop Russell's family and friends in His almighty arms. When we hardly know where to turn, our Heavenly Father carries us through. May God

comfort his parents, Bro. Peter Sr. and Sis. Virgene, and the rest of his family. As each family deals with the loss of their loved one, may we be a comfort and pray for them.

May our prayers also arise on behalf of those who have encountered illness. May He be with Shelly Knowlton (Stephen) and Russell Champ (Sis. Elsa).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON Henrietta Meyer

Our ministers this month were Elder Bro. Ronald Messner (Washington, IL) and Bros. Stephen Baner (Gridley, IL) and Mark Gerber (Bluffton, IN). We appreciate the time all the ministers and their families give to our congregation. Other visitors this month were from Bluffton and Bluffton North, IN and Rockville, CT.

We welcome Phil and Mona Steffen and their daughters, Delaney and Kelsey, to our congregation. We look forward to getting better acquainted with them.

Services are usually held the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month at the Tysons Corner Westpark (Best Western) Hotel, located about one mile west of the Beltway (I-495) on Route 7. Song service begins at 10:15, worship service at 10:30. If there is an interest expressed by our visitors, we gather Saturday evening for fellowship and/or singing.

For more information, assistance, or just to let us know you are in the area, please call Bro. Matt Fetter (703) 860-5749 or Bro. Barry Steffen (410) 569-3635.

**FLORIDA
FT. LAUDERDALE
Nancy Rocke**

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Jude 1:3

The Lord brought several visiting ministers in our midst: Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Sis. Judy, Chicago, IL), and Joe Braker (Sis. Shirley, Morton, IL) and Bro. Marvin Steffen (Sis. Rhea, North Ft. Myers, FL). May the Lord bless them for their labors of love on our behalf. Our dear Elder Bro. Darrell (Sis. Billie) Klopfenstein has retired from the eldership and ministry. May the Lord bless him for all his service to the church. Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL) was given the responsibility of shepherding our congregation. May he feel our prayers, love, and support in this new duty.

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Ephesians 6:11

As an ending note to Vacation Bible School we had a Sunday School picnic at the Fellowship Hall. The theme for Vacation Bible School was the armor of God.

Note of Thanks:

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the love, support and prayers during my time as Elder. We also thank you for the gift. We have received

much love and support from our visitors and wish to express our appreciation and thanks to them also. May God richly bless each one.

*Humbly,
Bro. Darrell and Sis. Billie
Klopfenstein*

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA
Melissa Sabo
Rachel Sabo**

Greetings from Sarasota! We have been having an extra warm summer this year and as we write, are anticipating the landfall of Hurricane Georges a couple days from now.

We have had many visitors this month, including Bro. Ben Maibach, our part-time resident and previous shepherd.

We have just finished listening to the Conference tapes and appreciate the love and concern our shepherds have for keeping the faith intact.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Ruth Streitmatter (foot surgery) and Sis. Margie Pittman (knee surgery) and Bro. Glen Blum (gall bladder surgery) and Bro. Glen Price (outpatient testing). We pray that each one have a speedy recovery.

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

Psalms 116:15

Our Bro. Moses Voina passed away August 19. We pray God will be with his family and friends in this time of need.

There's a Reason

For every pain that we must bear,
For every burden, every care,
There's a reason.

For every grief that bows the head,
For every teardrop that is shed,

There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,
For every lonely pain-racked night,
There's a reason.

But if we trust God as we should,
It all will work out for the good.

**GEORGIA, ATLANTA
Keith and Carol Kaufman**

Inspire, O Lord, each servant
With love and ardor fervent
Thy gospel to proclaim;
That, prompted by Thy Spirit,
They work and toil with merit
Unto the glory of Thy name.

Zion's Harp #207

We are so thankful that God has answered the prayers that we utter as His servants stand to speak His Word. This past month Elder Bros. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL), John Lehman (Bern, KS) and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI) proclaimed the Gospel to us. May God richly bless them for their willingness to speak God's Holy Word.

Listening to the tapes of the general Conference has been very encouraging and chastising. We are listening to them the second and fourth Wednesday nights of the month. We plan to continue to worship together on the second and fourth Wednesdays after we are through with the tapes.

One thing, O Lord, above all will I
covet and cherish,
Rest for my soul and may all other
vain objects perish.
My only joy! All other pleasures
destroy,
In me Christ only shall flourish.
Zion's Harp #6

As we sang this song, I had to wonder if this is truly the one thing that I covet and cherish.

Let us fervently pray that truly only Christ would flourish within us.

God has brought Sis. Natalie Lehman (Bern, KS) into our midst for a three month internship. May God watch over her and bless her.

Even though Bro. Galen Metzger (Oakville, IA) is here for medical treatment, we rejoice that he and his wife, Sis. Mary Jo, have a deep peace that God's will will be done. Our prayer is that those whom he comes in contact with will see his peace and ask him of the hope that lies within him.

We are looking forward to hearing from each of you who have family and friends that live in the Atlanta area. We would appreciate you sending names and addresses to: Bro. Tom Waldbeser at 2910 Maple Vista Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

We encourage all who are in the area to worship and fellowship with us. Sunday services begin at 10:20 and 12:30. The church is located at 6225 Campbellton-Fairburn Rd., Fairburn, GA. Take I-85 south to Exit 13. Go west four miles. The church will be on your left. Please let us know of your plans: Bro. Linn Stoller (770) 631-4554, Bro. John Brewer (770) 502-8629 or Bro. Keith Kaufman (404) 243-6232.

ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE **Sheila McCoy**

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Psalm 100:1

We are grateful to our many visitors who joined us at our monthly hymn singing at the nursing home after Sunday serv-

ices. Even one of the residents commented that this was the biggest group she remembered.

God granted us a beautiful day for our Sunday School and all-church picnic. We were thankful for all the delicious food God provided. May God bless the teachers for organizing the games, but above all for their willingness to be messengers of His teachings to our children. We surely felt showers of blessings. We pray that the seeds will be sown in our children's hearts to love God and appreciate their Christian heritage.

Over Labor Day weekend several from our congregation, including our Bible class, went to the Galilean Home in Liberty, KY, for a work project. They were able to observe the difficulties that others endure. One man, who, as a child, was placed in a chicken coop and was almost picked to death. Another young man's forearms were blown off by a field mine in another land. Hearing these accounts, I was reminded to be more diligent in remembering the less fortunate in my prayers, to be more thankful and to count my many blessings.

On Sunday they attended church in Lexington. We want to thank the Lexington church for the picnic and their hospitality.

Our thanks go to Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) and his wife, Sis. Marilyn, for ministering to us this month in Belvidere.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

When I think of Bro. Bob Waibel, this verse comes to mind.

Bro. Bob was in the hospital for a brief time but is able to assemble with us again.

ILLINOIS **BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL** **Janice Horner** **Carol Sauder**

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mark and Wendy Heiniger for the loss of their precious three-month-old son, Austin Alan. After multiple heart surgeries, Austin passed away August 22. Our hearts also go out to first-time grandparents, Bro. Ron and Sis. Kayleen Heiniger and first-time grandparents, Steve and Cathy Bland (Normal).

We welcome the family of Bro. Darl and Sis. Cindy Schieler to our Bloomington-Normal church. Sis. Cindy is Sis. Peggy Ifft's sister. Their children are Jeremy, Rachel, Marla and Matt.

On July 24, Brianna Rose was born to Sis. Sue and Bro. John Grusy. They are so thankful for their addition of a girl among their four boys. Big brothers are Jeremy, Jordan, Brandon and Austin. Thankful grandparents are John Grusy (Champaign) and Connie Grusy, and Graham and Barb Core (Barrington, IL).

We thank Bro. Frederick Knapp (Congerville, IL) for coming and preaching God's Word to us this month.

Jaron Huber (Bro. Dave and Sis. Debbie), Kale Farney (Bro. Ron and Sis. Ellen), and Denise Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Wilma) have decided to follow Jesus and we, along with the angels, rejoice with them and their families. We wish you much grace as you begin your new walk with the Lord.

We pray for a speedy recovery for Sis. Beverly Hari as she had

surgery on her shoulder this month. Sis. Kathie Inoue underwent a surgery and was in the hospital for a while this month and she is now recovering at home. And Sis. Wilma Kieser was also in for a surgery this month and is doing very well. We ask for the Lord's healing hand to be with them all.

Note of Thanks:

Thank you so much for all your cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers. We have deeply felt your sympathy and love during this difficult time. Our precious son, Austin, touched many hearts, and you have touched our hearts, which has been a true comfort. May God bless each of you.

Mark and Wendy Heiniger

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

**Brad & Cheryl
Kupferschmid**

God is indeed blessing our church with many healthy blessings from above. On August 24, Jesse Dale was born to Bro. Chad and Sis. Laura Lee Plattner. We are so thankful that he is home now. He spent some time in the hospital before coming home. May God grant them the grace to bring Jesse up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Plattner (Princeville, IL) and Dale and Sharon Riley (Seville, OH).

As we think about bringing our children up, we would like to express our thanks to Bro. Jeff Thames (Washington, IL) for sharing with us what God's Word says about parenting. May we all take to heart and apply the things we were reminded of so God may be pleased and our children "can be restrained from the

evil and restrained toward Christ".

Bro. Nate and Sis. Stephanie Young have moved from the Bradford area to Cissna Park. They will be assembling there. We wish them God's blessings as He directs their lives and hope they come back to visit often.

We are thankful to have an addition to our single group and congregation. Bro. Kevin Knapp (Congerville, IL) has taken a job in our area and has been assembling with us. We pray that he may feel at home here.

Our prayers are with those who spent time in the hospital this month: Michelle Knobloch (Brent), Loren Stoller (Bro. Nate and Sis. Sherrill) and Sis. Vonnie Kieser (Bro. Verle). May each one continue to feel God's healing hand.

We neglected to mention that Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL) was here in July. We are thankful that he came and pray God will bless him. Other ministers that have assembled with us recently were Bros. Greg Stoller and Gary Brown (Forrest, IL), Kevin Banwart (West Bend, IA) and Ted Witzig (Morton, IL). We are so thankful that we have a church that we can feel God's Spirit work through our dear ministering brothers. We thank each of you for making the effort to come. May God bless you.

**ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
Samuel & Pamela Furrer**

We do not frequently have engagements involving those who consider Champaign-Urbana their home church, so having two on the same day was quite exceptional! Our Bro. Chad Keever and U of I student Sis. Lori

Schafer of the Indianapolis congregation have been led by the Lord to become united in marriage. Engaged on the same Sunday were our Bro. Scott Mangers (son of Bro. Dennie and Sis. Cheryl) and Sis. Shayna Aberle, a U of I student of the Altadena, CA congregation. We wish these two couples many blessings during this period of time and many wonderful years together.

August 30 was the date of our annual welcome picnic for the new students at Parkland College and the University of Illinois at Urbana. We had a good number of visitors with us that day, with greetings being extended from 17 different congregations. The afternoon meal at the park was well attended and provided a nice opportunity for relaxation and fellowship. As many families are experiencing having a child or two away at college, we encourage them to come visit their student. We realize that families appreciate it when their students return home for the weekends, but it is also appreciated by the students when their families visit and show interest and more involvement in the college setting.

"Home interprets heaven. Home is heaven for beginners".

—*Charles Parkhurst*

In addition to getting a new crop of students, we have had some genuine growth in numbers as three of our young families added to their numbers with births. On August 26, Clayton Dale Blunier was born to Bro. Darin, Sis. Keri, and siblings, Cody and Mallory Blunier. Corbin and Stephanie and daughter, Audrey Kupferschmid, added another girl to their family on Sep-

tember 15 when Lydia Rae Kupferschmid was born. The following day, September 16, Bro. Darren and Sis. Sue Plattner, along with Caleb and Haley, welcomed Courtney Marie into their growing family. Our church family welcomes these additions and it is our hope that they will be a part of our local congregation for many years.

Visiting ministers this past month have included Bros. Marvin Dotterer (Forrest, IL), Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL), Art Mueller (Belvidere, IL), and Dale Stoller (Fairbury, IL). These brothers and their families were appreciated and we invite them back to see their children in school here and minister to us again.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Jill Rager

Lately I have been doing a little cross-referencing study of the crucifixion of Christ and the corresponding Old Testament prophetic passages. It is rather strengthening to my faith to make these Old and New Testament connections. Even though I have read those verses numerous times before, the extra effort it takes to locate the cross-referenced verses has reinforced the fact that God is very deliberate in the way He makes events all work together. God does that with our lives today as well. He may teach us a skill or lesson that does not seem particularly useful in the present, but in a few years or maybe even a few decades, He finishes the work He started. Unfortunately, a few decades or even a few years can seem like such a long wait for those of us with a limited perspective of time. Without justifying the

scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time, I can understand how they lost perspective in the 400 plus years between the prophetic Old Testament scriptures and the fulfilling of those scriptures. I think of how quickly I get discouraged when I do not understand God's leading. I guess that is why I am encouraged to study the way God fulfills His promises. He is truly faithful, even when I become weary of waiting.

God has been leading several newcomers to our area recently. Sis. Rachel Conrad (Cissna Park, IL) is working as an occupational therapist in the area. Bro. Jeff Strunk (Elgin, IA) has returned to Chicago for employment. Bros. Casey Getz (Morton, IL) and Corey Kaeb (Roanoke, IL) are both attending school in the area. We wish all of these dear souls a hearty welcome and look forward to sharing in fellowship with them.

We also want to welcome "in advance" Sis. Charlotte Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley) from Lester, IA. Sis. Charlotte and Bro. Phil Waldbeser (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan, Cissna Park, IL) announced their engagement on Sunday, September 13. We extend warm congratulation to Sis. Charlotte and Bro. Phil.

Many thanks go to our visiting ministers, Bros. Walt Rager (Toledo, OH), Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN) and Chris Wuethrich (Francesville, IN).

However God is leading the individuals who pass through our congregation; whether God is beginning a work or completing one, we count it a joy to share in this journey of living for Him.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Beth Steffen

Darlene Walder

I was especially inspired one evening by the words of one of our ministering brothers when he spoke about God's love and the difference between the Old and New Testament using the analogy of the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. "The Dead Sea is dead and there is no life in it. It receives water but it doesn't give any. You could almost compare that to the Old Law, which required to be put into it obedience to a set of very absolute rights and wrongs. However, the Old Law didn't give grace. It didn't regenerate the heart. It didn't promise eternal life. It didn't offer mercy. Then we think of the Sea of Galilee. It received water and gave water and is alive and has life in it. That could be compared to the New Testament, which requires that we put into it faith. Then it gives us life, and mercy, and salvation, and grace. It gives us power. We are so fortunate today, that we can live in this blessed time of the New Testament church that enjoys the shed blood of Jesus Christ and all that comes with it so that our hearts can be filled with life by God's grace and His mercy." I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of our ministering brothers, both from our congregation and from other churches, that come and lend of themselves to be used by the Holy Spirit. This month our visiting ministers were Bros. Randy Mogler (Washington, IL), Ron Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington, IL).

Our hearts were touched and encouraged to hear of four souls that have found the need for repentance and want to receive the gifts stated in the New Testa-

ment: salvation, mercy and grace. They are Adrea Wells (Ryan), Melinda Maul (Mike and Kathy), Bonnie Frank (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Bonita) and Rebekah Laubscher (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Gloria). We are also thankful for two souls that were announced for baptism and we look forward to hearing their testimonies. They are Jenny Hoffman (Merle and Elsie Eisenmann) and Rebekah Martin (Bro. Randy and Sis. Patti).

We want to welcome Bro. Nathan and Sis. Stephanie Young into our congregation, moving here from Bradford. We want to send Sis. Rachel Conrad to Chicago with Godspeed. She will be making her home there as she has started a new job.

We have begun listening to the Conference Tapes and are reminded of how dedicated our Elders are in sending forth the message of righteousness. The subtitles of the Conference outline are Sheperding One Another, Proper Judgment, and Fearing God. Even these titles explain how our lives should be led.

We tend to hold our breath when it is announced that an engagement is being made known. We were thankful and happy when Sis. Denise Rinkenberger (late Bro. Steve and Sis. Velma) and Bro. Nathan Walder (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sharon) were announced for marriage. They are both from Cissna Park and we want to wish them God's richest blessings. Also, Bro. Philip Waldbeser (Bro. Fritz and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Charlotte Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley, Lester, IA) were announced two Sundays later. God bless all of you.

On Sunday, September 13, our Sunday School held their annual

Senior Citizen Supper and the Seniors certainly enjoyed the efforts put forth by the Sunday School teachers, students, and any parents that were asked to help out.

Often we go through many days without thinking of those special people that have extra burdens and struggles and we want to remember to pray for them in their hardships. Often we take our good health for granted and we think of those that have been laid up for one reason or another. Bro. Ken Bauer has been laid up due to surgery and illness, Sis. Nettie Obergfel has been hospitalized, and Sis. Esther Steiner is in the hospital also waiting to have surgery. We pray for these people and hope and believe that God will always stay near them in their time of need.

We extend our sympathies to Bro. George and Sis. Gladys Winger and Sis. Lila and Sis. Marilyn at the passing of Bro. George's brother, Roy Winger. "...hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him..." (Psalm 42:5)

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Glenna Rinkenberger
Sandy Steiner

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted..."

Eccles. 3:1-2

These verses came to mind as I thought about the harvest season that is upon us and the various pieces of news we have to report. They certainly reflect different times in our lives.

Little Grace Elizabeth was born to Bro. Brian and Sis. Renee Wieland on August 28. Big brother, Ethan, and sister, Mikaela, welcome her home. Thankful grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland (Princeville, IL) and Pat Stahl (Peoria, IL).

Bro. Kevin Schrock (Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet) is engaged to Sis. Rachel Stoller (Bro. Tom and Sis. Edie) from Eureka. May they look to God for guidance as they prepare to walk life's path together.

We welcome Bro. James and Sis. Jennifer Kieser and daughter, Alyssa, to our congregation. They have recently moved to our area from Elgin, IL due to Bro. James' employment. We hope they will soon feel at home here.

May God go with Bro. Kevin Knapp (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gay) as he leaves to take on new employment in the Bradford, IL area and to assemble with the brethren there.

Sis. LuAnn (Bro. Clarence) Zobrist has recently undergone heel surgery. May the Lord be especially near her and her family in this time.

We thank Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott, IN) for sharing the Word with us in the past month.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Peggy Heiniger
Norma Schambach

It is with thankful hearts that we have two dear souls who have found peace and look forward to baptism. We rejoice with Eric Humbracht and Eric Weiss (Bro. Roger and Sis. Karen). As we have heard in the tapes of the Brotherhood Conference, we each have the responsibility to pray for and be an example to the

new lambs in the fold.

We are prayerful for Bro. Earl Moser (Sis. Jeannette) who is slowly recovering from heart surgery. May God be with him and his dear wife as they patiently wait for God's healing touch.

Pain and sadness has once again brought us to our knees, as we beg God to comfort our dear Sis. Stephany Welzien who so suddenly lost her husband, Rick. As she and her son, Brian, must go on alone, let us be there to help them carry this heavy cross.

Our sympathy and prayers are also extended to our Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen in the loss of his sister, Anne Carroll. She is the first of the eight children to depart this life. May God comfort them in their loss.

We have enjoyed having Doug Schlatter in our midst this past year. God has led him back to Junction for employment. We will miss him, but pray that God will continue to lead him in his repentance and all along life's path.

Sincere thanks to our visiting ministers this month: Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH) and Greg Stieglitz (Indianapolis, IN).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Janet Zimmerman

"In days of youth seek ye the Lord"...We are thankful for God's love and mercy and that He continues to call tender hearts unto repentance. We wish God's grace to Molly Schmidgall (Bro. Paul and Sis. Kris) as she begins her walk with the Lord.

The weekend of August 22 and 23 we were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of two souls. We welcome

our two new brothers in faith, Bro. Todd Martin (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Mary Ellen) and Bro. Jeffry Huber (Bro. Gary Huber and Karen Huber). May God grant them grace to fight the good fight of faith.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sis. Clara Hunzicker and Sis. Dena Hunzicker in the death of their brother, Eugene Hartter. He died on August 16. May God comfort them in their time of grief.

We were blessed with visiting ministers this past month: Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville, IL), and Bros. Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO), Jeff Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL), Brian Huber (Francesville, IN) and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN). We certainly are thankful for each of them and pray they will be blessed for sharing God's Word with us.

Recently we set aside four Wednesday evenings to listen to the tapes of our Brotherhood Conference. We are thankful for the kind warnings and exhortations given to us and for our dear Elder brethren who are our "spiritual watchmen who sound the trumpet loud and clear". "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)

Our prayers are with Sis. Becky Bradle (Bro. Roger and Sis. Ila) who recently spent time in the hospital. We are thankful that Clark Blunier (Bro. Roger and Sis. Wendy) is doing well after a farm accident which required foot surgery. May God's healing hand be upon them.

Notes of Thanks:

I want to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to my family, dear friends and wonderful church family for all the visits, phone calls, notes, lovely cards, beautiful flowers, gifts, of love and most of all for your love and prayers. A special thank you to my dear elders and ministers for their calls, visits and loving prayers. All this meant so much to me and truly lifted me up while in OSF Hospital, Eureka Hospital and since returning home. May God richly bless each one for their loving kindness.

Humbly, Sis. Naomi Peters

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, memorials and other kind deeds since the passing of William Joos and during his time in the nursing home. God richly bless all of you!

Clementine Joos

Lewie and Arletta Martin

Norman and Eileen Musselman

Glenn and Bev Joos

Loren and Elise Joos & families

Our heartfelt thanks to all who remembered us in any way for our 50th anniversary. Everything was greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Clara Kempf

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Sally Fehr

Joann Zehr

We are thankful that Grant Hartman (Bro. John and Sis. Rosemary), Kyle Steidinger (Bro. Randy and Sis. Dawn), and Neil Kaisner (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Donna) have answered God's call

and are seeking Him through repentance.

The engagements have been announced of Sis. Kim Stoller (Bro. Dale and Sis. Sandra) to Bro. Chad Leman (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy) of Forrest; and Sis. Louise Furrer to Bro. Lester Zimmerman of Forrest. May God bless them as they plan their weddings.

We rejoice with Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Huber and Wayne and LaVerne Bittner who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Luke Fehr (Bro. Warren and Sis. Shirley) was married on August 28 to Hilary Maede (Wallace and Gina). We are happy for them and wish them God's blessings in their marriage.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Marie Stork welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Kyler Michael, on September 9. May God bless their new family. Grandparents are John and Eunice Stork and Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary Kuenzi (Silverton, OR).

We thank Bros. Ralph Garber (Morton, IL) and Ronald Steiner (Rittman, OH) for visiting us and ministering God's Word.

We welcome Bro. Bryan and Sis. Kara Stoller and baby Derek back to our Fairbury congregation. They both grew up here and we are thankful Bro. Bryan could find employment back home, and they can again be part of our Church family. Bro. Bryan graduated in June from Ohio State as a Doctor of Optometry and has joined a practice in Pontiac where they now reside.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Jeff Kilgus, 42, who passed away on September 13. May God be near his dear wife, Lisa (Munz), and sons, Matthew and Michael. We know they

will greatly miss their husband and dad. Also, we pray for his parents, Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene, and his brothers, Kent (Teri) of Silverton, OR; Bro. Todd (Sis. Rita) of Tremont, IL; Bro. Paul (Sis. Carmen) and Bro. Jason (Sis. Joy); and two sisters, Sis. Rhonda Stoller (Bro. Randy) and Sis. Brenda Fehr (Bro. James), all of Fairbury. It was about 6 weeks ago that Jeff became ill and was diagnosed with acute leukemia. We are so thankful he could seek his Lord in repentance during his illness and could testify that he felt ready to die should God call him. Jeff was known by many in our community and this very difficult time has touched many hearts. We ask that God will bless Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN) and Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) who were with us for Jeff's funeral service.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Jean Knapp
Linda Anliker**

Listening to the dry rustle of corn leaves this time of year we know that harvest is nigh. It reminds us how Christ also told his disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest, And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (St. John 4:35-36). Oh, that many may yet seek to labor with the Lord while there is time on earth.

We are thankful Craig Steidinger (Bro. Glen and Sis. Holly), Rhonda Teubel (Bro. John and Sis. Lavonne), Jonathon Roth (Bro. Ken and Sis. Deb), Jessica Gerber (Bro. Alan and Sis. Mar-

cia) and Damon Lanz (Mandy) have become willing laborers for Christ. May they humbly seek His guidance and direction during this time of repentance.

We were thankful to have visiting ministers with us this month. May God bless Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL), Bros. Chris Wuethrich (Francesville, IN), Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL), Jerry Bauman (Rittman, OH) and Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) for sharing His Word with us.

We wish two couples God's blessings and happiness as they walk life's pathway as husband and wife. August 22 was a special day for Nathan Waibel (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Marge) and Jill Steidinger (Charles and Joanne, Fairbury, IL) as they were united in marriage. Our congregation and many visitors witnessed the wedding vows of Bro. Jason Dotterer and Sis. Lynn Steidinger on September 13. Their parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy Dotterer and Bro. Ray and Sis. Shelly Steidinger.

Planning a September 30 wedding are Bro. Lester Zimmerman and Sis. Louise Furrer (Fairbury, IL). Also announcing their engagement are Bro. Chad Leman (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy) and Sis. Kim Stoller (Bro. Dale and Sis. Sandy, Fairbury, IL). May these couples look to God for guidance as they plan this important step.

Children are a gift from God. Bro. Kent and Sis. Bethany Edelman are the thankful first-time parents of a precious baby boy, Brandon Kent. He is welcomed by loving grandparents, Bro. Levi and Sis. Donna Edelman and excited first-time grandparents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Louida Steffen and Uncle Doug Stef-

fen.

Sis. Virginia Hilti and Bro. Perry (Sis. Dorothy) Zimmerman spent time in the hospital. May God's healing power restore health to both of them.

We sympathize with Reuben Metz and his children, Patricia Waibel (Forrest, IL), Marilyn Wyllie (Emington, IL), Ronald (Gibson City, IL), Wayne (Peoria, IL) and Kay Mowery (Forrest, IL) in the death of their wife and mother, Mildred Metz. May God comfort those in sorrow.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Jan Beer

Bro. George and Sis. Fern Knapp express their appreciation for the prayers, cards, and deeds of kindness shown them during George's hospital stay and recovery from a heart attack. We are pleased to report Bro. George is able to assemble with us again. Although you had in hand the "ticket to Heaven" you received in your teenage years, Bro. George, we are happy that God has allowed you to remain with us for a while longer!

Kyndra Mae Lowery was born August 24 to enrich the lives of Sis. Jaci and Ken Lowery and brothers, Luke and Jake. Sis. Eileen and Bro. Norm Musselman are still wearing the grins that only love-struck grandparents can display. Kyndra is a great-granddaughter of our Sis. Clem and the late Bro. Bill Joos.

After a couple attempts at entering this world "too early", Reilly Michael Beer was born on August 27, only three weeks earlier than his expected birthday. Sis. Keri and Bro. Josh Beer are very thankful for the safe arrival of their healthy son. They are also very grateful for all the pra-

yers, cards and deeds of kindness showered on them during Keri's confinement. The prayers were instrumental in helping her patiently endure the weeks in the hospital and bed rest at home. Sis. Joyce and Bro. Wes Hohulin, Bro. Joe Beer and your reporter are sporting those same grandparent grins as the Musselmans! Reilly is the twentieth great-grandchild of our Sis. Vi Hohulin.

On August 29, our Sis. Hilda Bauman was laid to rest "safe in the arms of Jesus". For many years Sis. Hilda diligently worked on World Relief Sewing projects—God is aware of every stitch of her needle. We trust He will comfort her family, especially Bro. Don and Sis. Marge Bauman of our congregation.

Sunday, August 30, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Carrie Rocke and Bro. Erik Wiegand. Delighted parents are Connie and Mark Rocke and Sis. Barb and Bro. Ron Wiegand. Thank you for the testimony of God's faithfulness in providing the ideal mate for each of you. God bless.

Two families of our assembly were brought closer together on September 6 as they watched their children exchange wedding vows. Kelly Funk, daughter of Keith and Lavonne, was united to Torry Steffen, son of Sis. Alene and Bro. Jerry Steffen. We wish them God's grace as they establish their home in the Ft. Wayne, IN area.

Sunday School classes resumed on September 6. Our thanks to the teachers who devote many hours to preparing lessons and presenting them to our children. May God bless each seed of His Word as it is sown in those tender hearts that someday it will yield the intended

fruit.

Four lambs entered the fold on September 13 after giving their testimonies of blood-bought redemption the previous evening. We welcome Sisters Diana and Kara Schieler (Sis. Teresa and Bro. Brian) and Sis. Kitty (Sis. Corrine and Roy Roth) and Bro. Ross Herrmann. Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury, IL) and Joe Stoller (Princeville, IL) helped with the testimonies. Many visiting ministers were with us for the testimonies and baptisms: Bros. Walter Herrmann (Bro. Ross's father), Jim Plattner and Erik Givens (all from Princeville, IL), Ken Dietz (Bradford, IL), Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL), Dennis Rassi and Dale Stoller (both of Fairbury, IL) and Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL).

The last Sunday of August, the Word was brought to us by visiting ministers, Bros. Rick Plattner (Peoria, IL), Dennis Rassi (Fairbury, IL) and Craig Martin (Princeville, IL). Thank you, dear brothers; we appreciate your service.

Sometimes current events and world conditions make me more "edgy" than I would honestly care to admit. One of the visiting ministers this past month spoke from the pulpit directly to me about that! He said if he had a camera with him on the pulpit, he could focus on the folks in the first few rows of the congregation, and when the film was developed, the folks in the rows farther back would look fuzzy. If he would focus on the folks in the back rows, then the people in the front rows would be fuzzy. It is the same in the spiritual sense: if we focus on the things at hand, then eternity is fuzzy, but if we focus on eternity, the things at hand are fuzzy. When we focus

on the condition of our present world and the signs of things to come, we lose focus on eternity. When we focus on things of eternal value, this world's scary conditions lose their sharpness, and our peace is restored. It truly is like that. I know, I speak from experience.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY
Perry A. Klopfenstein

In attending a funeral at another church (of our faith), I was inspired by the minister's comments. The funeral was for an 87-year-old woman, who was survived by her 90-year-old husband. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present.

The minister likened our lives to the length of one day; and he encouraged us to think of our lives in the context of one day. In this, the surviving husband (age 90) was nearing the midnight hour; the couple's children were nearing the evening; the grandchildren were at noontide; and the great-grandchildren were in life's morning.

We can all place ourselves somewhere in life's definition of a day. It helps us to see the brevity of life, and how fast our life is spent. The major message in all of this is to redeem the time (because the days are evil); and to ready ourselves for eternity because we don't know when the Bridegroom will come. We should make our best effort each day as we serve the Lord.

On Wednesday evening, August 26, Betty Rich, 77, became our sister in faith. This was special to our Gridley congregation. Sis. Betty had come to church all her life. She was very dutiful in serving her late mother, Sis. "Ol-

lie" Rich, who also had been taken into the church at a high age. To those of us who are older, the thought of "Ollie and Betty" (as they were always referred to) coming in to the faith stirs up both joy and sentiment.

On August 30, we rejoiced in the baptisms of Bro. Tim Vercler, his wife, Sis. Sonia, and their daughter, Sis. Laura. It is a joy when God converts the heart, and may He be praised continually for calling these dear souls over the years.

Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer was here to help with these labors. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Ron Bollier (Indianapolis, IN) and Kevin Knapp (Bloomington, IL).

The weekend of September 19-20 was a special occasion. Three more souls were taken into the fold: Sis. Leslie Ringger (Bro. Gary and Sis. Marla), Sis. Callie Prevo (Bro. Mike and Sis. Barb) and Sis. Allison Romersberger (Bro. Ron and Sis. Gail).

Our visiting ministers that weekend were Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville, IN), and Bros. Brace Wieland (Leo, IN), Ron Bollier (Indianapolis, IN) and Tim Hohulin (Roanoke, IL).

Following the testimonies, Bro. Wendell gave a timely and inspiring exhortation. In view of our nation's moral decline, he encouraged us to be prayerful, and stated that prayer "is the breath of our spiritual life."

He directed us to be humble and submissive to authority; and to avoid worldliness. He reminded us to give the three "t's" to our Christian walk (time, talents, and tithes). He recited a short verse: "Satan trembles when he sees, The weakest Chris-

tian on his knees."

Lucas Craig Wettstein was born on August 27. He is the son of Bro. Craig and Sis. Mary Ann Wettstein. He has an older sister, Emily, 1. Grandparents are Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda Wettstein and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser (Bradford, IL). May God give these young parents much grace and wisdom in training up their children.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Cyndee Stoller became the parents of their first child, Jeremiah Lee, on August 27. The grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Karen Stoller and Bro. Gary and Sis. Elna Wettstein (Eureka, IL). Thanks be to God for this gift to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Cyndee.

Sis. Marge Meiss and Sis. Mary Ringger were hospitalized during the past month.

ILLINOIS, MORTON
Phyllis Farney
Cheryl Wuthrich

Graveside services were held on September 2 for Gertrude Weisser. May the Lord offer comfort and care for her two stepsons, Oscar and Perry; her sister, Ellen Schram; her four step-grandchildren and her other relatives and friends.

We wish to thank the visiting brothers who proclaimed the Word to us this month. They were Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) and John Rowell (Burlington, IA).

Notes of Thanks:

I was deeply touched by your many deeds of kindness in remembering me with lovely cards, gifts, and flowers. A special thank you to all our dear family for their efforts and love involved in making it so special for my

90th birthday.

Sis. Bertie Leman

Thank you to everyone who showed such kindness and support during the illness and death of my daughter, Janine Schwenk. Your prayers, cards, and visits were greatly appreciated.

Sis. Velma Schwenk and family

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Peter and Mabel Weber

How much faith, that very essential element of our spiritual life, do we have? It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). How do we know that Jesus died on the cross? By faith. We cannot supply proof but are thankful that God has given us this much faith, otherwise we would be lost in eternity, time without end, in hell and damnation. Could man create something like the beauty of the mountains in the West? The patriarchs had faith to believe that the Word is true. Enoch, father of Methuselah, did not see death because he had faith and walked with God. Could we believe that we are to build an ocean-going vessel on dry land? Abram lived in a heathen country but had faith that, if he would do what God asked him to do, he would be blessed even though he never saw it happen, as it came through Isaac. Do we have Christ at our side, walk with Him and pray to Him? He will answer our prayers and lead us through life's pathway. (Elder Bro. Chuck Hemmer, 8/16/98).

God has created a huge and glorious universe, yet has time for us. But Satan is like a lion that is greedy for his prey. Don't

let him render you ineffective and keep you from His kingdom. Do we send enough lumber ahead to Heaven to build our mansion? What will it look like? In Acts 18:17, Sosthenes, synagogue leader at Corinth, brought Paul before the council; they beat him and let Paul go. But in I Cor. 1, Sosthenes is a brother through the power of salvation, following Jesus (not an individual), taking an enriched course in Jesus. Facts are great, but we need application, which brings knowledge. (Bro. Dave Obergefel, 8/30/98).

Acts 8:26-40 was the basis for Bro. Randy Mogler's (Washington, IL) family night topic "Lifestyle Evangelism" on September 2. Have we ever failed to communicate the Gospel to those around us? To what extent have we shared Jesus and shown a spiritual readiness to tell of the hope that is in us? How do we make it a reality and correlate between two parties, get it together at home and then expand it to some other place? What is the consuming passion of our lives? Jesus Christ? Philip, a table-server of foods and alms in Jerusalem, saw an angel. God will give us a vision when He needs us. Go for a specific purpose for a specific people. When we sense a person is interested in our lifestyle, do we go to "Gaza"? God wants holy and purified beings to reach people. He cannot reach them in thin air. Philip did not try to cover a whole city, just one eunuch, many miles from Ethiopia, who had worshipped at Jerusalem and was returning to his work, with the Word right with him in the chariot, reading in Isaiah. He showed readiness for something more. Who are the Ethiopians in our lives? God says I want you to

have a dialogue with people to pass on the message of salvation. Philip does not shake his finger at the Ethiopian, who is asking for help. Don't preach too soon, but wait to respond with spiritual readiness. Using Scripture, he points him to Jesus. Can we take the Word and explain what a believer is? Bro. Randy closed with multi-point advice for personal lifestyle Evangelism: as we listen, hear His voice, we need to take action; God speaks through His Word; interrelate with others without preaching at first; keep looking for desires and indications; be totally led. The fruit of the work is multiplication of principle. Because of this Ethiopian, 2000 years later there are believers in Ethiopia. Our lifestyle should be one of Evangelization. Thanks, Bro. Randy, for these guidelines.

Joel Plattner, Jesse Getz, Hans Schmidgall and Holly Stickling gave their testimonies of faith and conversion on August 22 and were baptized and added to the fold on August 23. We hear the Word, followed by a measure of faith, and then "Lord, speak; for thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3:10). Baptism is not an option; it is a commandment which will bless our lives and give us hope. How wonderful for parents and grandparents to know they left a legacy of changed lives.

We are sincerely thankful for the visits and ministries of Elder Bros. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) and Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), and ministering Bros. Jim Plattner, Erik Givens (Princeville, IL), Jon Zeller, Ted Hirstein (Morton, IL), Don Wagenbach (Washington, IL), Neil Widmer (Wolcott, IN) and Wayne Wiegand (Goodfield, IL).

Hospital patients were Sisters

Donna Ferrero and Lillian Koehl, and Henry Binkele.

While Fred and Sis. Irene Aeschleman visited their daughter in La Jolla, CA, Fred took sick and had to be hospitalized four months. They arrived home August 30 and we welcome them back into our midst and pray for Fred's recovery and well-being.

Bro. Benji Hodel was involved in a train-car accident at Towanda on August 24, which totally demolished his car and hospitalized him, thankfully only overnight with minor injuries. Benji's statement that his survival was miraculous and that he felt the hand of God and considered himself to be on borrowed time was repeated by the media and is a tribute to his faith and attitude.

Jacob Timothy (#4, first son) was born August 17 to Bro. Tim and Sis. Robyn Feucht and we extend our sincere congratulations to his parents and grandparents.

The congregation was delighted to hear the announcements of the engagements on July 19 of Bro. Aaron Klopfenstein (Bro. Cleve and Sis. Kathleen) to Sis. Kara Banwart of Champaign, IL (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen); and on September 13 of Bro. Brandon Schock (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jan) to Sis. Cassie Hoerr (Bro. Carl II and Sis. Debby). May the blessings of the Lord follow as they prepare to "leave and cleave".

Note of Thanks:

Martha and I appreciated all the prayers and support from family and friends during my 8-hour back surgery on August 4, and also since I am at home recuperating. I wish to thank everyone for the lovely cards and

notes, but especially for your prayers.

*A least sister-in-faith,
Emily Tanner*

Final thought: We cannot focus on what's wrong with our country, family, employer...but must start at our own heart and spread out before the Lord, as Hezekiah did (II Kings 19:14). What are we worried about, when one angel of the Lord can slay 185,000 of Sennacherib's Assyrians in one night? (II Kings 19:35) (Bro. Rick Plattner - 9/13/98)

**ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE
Sheryl Martin**

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

Isaiah 43:1-2

Our friend, Jill Eberle, announced her engagement to Kyle Eisenbarth. Jill is the daughter of Marvin and Sharon Eberle and Kyle is the son of Ron and Javon Eisbenbarth of Wyoming, IL.

May God bless Sis. Miriam Hinshaw as she celebrated her 90th birthday on September 12.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16

Our prayers are with B.J. Elsassner (Bro. Brian and Sis. Mary Beth), Sis. Lydia Meyers, Sis. Elizabeth Weiland (Bro. John), Bro. Joe Stoller, Shane Martin (Bro. Alan and Sis. Janice), Sis. Elsie Christ, and Bro. Eugene Christ during the time of their recovery.

Notes of Thanks:

Words cannot express my thanks to everyone for all the many acts of kindness to me and my families during my illness. Your prayers, cards, gifts and words of encouragement were a blessing to all of us.

*God's Blessings to All,
Walter and Janet Joos*

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and recovery. May God richly bless you for your love and kindness.

*In Christian Love,
Leah Stahl*

How Firm A

Foundation, Ye Saints

How firm a foundation, ye saints
of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His
excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you
He hath said.
To you, who for refuge to Jesus
have fled.
To you, who for refuge to Jesus
have fled.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be
not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still
give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and
cause thee to stand.
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand.

Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand."

"When thru the deep waters I call
thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not
overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy
troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest
distress.
And sanctify to thee thy deepest
distress.

When thru fiery trials thy
pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be
thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I
only design
Thy dross to consume and thy
gold to refine,
Thy dross to consume, and thy
gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath
leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his
foes;
That soul, though all hell should
endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never
forsake,
I'll never, no never, no never
forsake."

Hymns of Zion #11

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Lisa Leman
Boni Stoller

"Then saith he unto his disci-
ples, The harvest truly is plente-
ous, but the labourers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the
harvest, that he will send forth
labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

We are thankful in this season
of a bountiful harvest that four
dear souls have turned their
hearts to Jesus in repentance.
Mandy Bates (Jim and Sis. Jan),
Trevor Martin (Bro. Sam and Sis.

Jane), Andy Luginbuhl (Bro. Bob
and Sis. Jean) and his wife, Kim
(Weber), have chosen to give
their lives to Christ and we en-
courage them to stay close to
God's Word and look to God for
direction.

Visiting our congregation were
Bros. Bob Miller (Portland, OR)
and Max Reimschisel (Wichita,
KS). Bro. Jeff Thames (Washing-
ton, IL) conducted our monthly
Bible Study. Thank you for lend-
ing yourselves to us and we pray
a very special blessing on you and
your family as you preach the
gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our thoughts and prayers
often go to our loved ones who
have spent time in the hospital.
Rebecca Hodel (Bro. Jim and Sis.
Connie), Bro. Jim Mueller (Sis.
Jan), Bro. Ervin Kempf (Sis.
Alice), Sis. Ann Wagler and Bro.
Ira Farney (Sis. Doris), we pray
that you all can feel the prayers
of your church family that cares
for you.

Rejoicing in God's blessings,
Bro. Steve and Sis. Colleen Byrd
welcome Karen Ann into their
home. Big brothers, Craig,
Joshua and Jesse, are thrilled to
have a new little sister. Grand-
parents of Karen are Sis. Clara
Fischer and Bro. Jim and Sis.
Leota Byrd.

Note of Thanks:

My sincere thanks to each of
you for the many prayers, cards,
phone calls, gifts and visits and
any other way of helping during
my stay in the hospital and since
returning home. Words cannot
express my thanks and apprecia-
tion enough to each of you. May
God richly bless each one of you.

Sis. Alice Kempf

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Barb Dill
Barb Kaeb

"Wherefore the rather, breth-
ren, give diligence to make your
calling and election sure: for if ye
do these things, ye shall never
fall: For so an entrance shall be
ministered unto you abundantly
into the everlasting kingdom of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ."

II Peter 1:10-11

We are thankful for visiting
ministers, Elder Bro. Joe Braker
and Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL)
and Bro. Dennis Kaufmann
(Bloomington, IL), for their will-
ingness to come and minister
God's Word to us. Our prayer is
God will richly bless them for
their labors of love. Bro. Joe as-
sisted with the testimony and
baptism of our new Bro. Jeff
Sauder (Bro. Bruce and Sis.
Becky). We welcome Bro. Jeff
into our most precious faith.

Our prayers and sympathy go
to those who are sorrowing in our
congregation, Sis. Beverly Staker
and Sis. Doris Hutchison in the
loss of their brother, Don
Hutchison; and Bro. Todd, Sis.
Rita Kilgus and family whose
brother, Jeff Kilgus (Fairbury,
IL), died after a very short ill-
ness. May God grant these loved
ones His comforting Spirit.

Hospitalized this past month
have been Bro. Marshall (Sis.
Phyllis) Holmes and Sis. Helen
Bolliger. We remember these
loved ones and those who are sick
and shut in, in our prayers that
God's healing hand may be with
them.

Philip Daniel was born Sep-
tember 7 to Bro. Todd and Sis.
Valerie Steiner. He was wel-
comed home by a sister, Victoria,
and brothers, Trent and Corbin,

and grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz (Bradford, IL).

Note of Thanks:

Words are very inadequate to express our families' thanks to everyone for all the prayers, the words of encouragement, the cards, singing groups, ministers and their wives' visits, the volunteer nurses and the food brought to the home for the caretakers during the last nine weeks of our sister Lucille's final illness. We appreciate all the kindness shown to us during her passing from this life to her eternal Home. Our thanks for the prayers, memorials, cards, floral arrangements and anything else that was done for us. May the Lord richly bless each one of you.

The Family of Lucille E. Schweigert

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Sue Ruppert

Denise Romersberger

"Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."

Exodus 14:13

These words contain God's command to the believer when he is stressed to the max and undergoing extreme difficulties. There is no where to go. All one wants to do is retreat and give up. "What shall one do now?"

God's Word says to stand still. At this time it is important to listen to God only. Many will give their advice like "give up" or "it is hopeless". But God wants us to have cheerful courage even in the worst of times. He wants us to rejoice in His love and faithfulness. He wants us to draw upon

His strength. We think we have to do it ourselves, that waiting is sheer idleness. We think we must do something at once instead of looking to God who will not only do something but everything. God wants us to "stand still" ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice, and it will not be long before God shall say to you "go forward" and you will receive the salvation of the Lord.

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Ken Weerts (Cissna Park, IL). We thank Bro. Ken for his faithfulness to God's Word. We are privileged to be able to go from church to church and hear the Word of God spoken in it's truthfulness and purity.

Sunday School has resumed sessions. The children seem thrilled to be back in the classroom. We want to thank the teachers for all the hard work and extra time put forth each week to teach the Word of God to the little ones.

The father-son campout was a success. All who participated had a great time. It is always good when fathers and sons have the opportunity to spend quality time together. Thank you to all who took on the responsibility of planning the event.

Bro. Jeff Thames is presently presenting the Marriage Seminar to the Washington congregation. It is a three session Bible Study on the foundations of marriage. They study the roles of each spouse and how God should be the center of any relationship. All who participated have expressed they learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the seminar. Thank you, Bro. Jeff, for all the time and effort you put forth.

Sis. Sue Ruppert had outpa-

tient surgery again and we are prayerful that the Lord will encourage her and provide healing.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Kim Maller

Trudy Eisenmann

Bluffton has had many concerns for those in the hospital this month. Bro. Ray Baumgartner, Bro. Henry Isch, Bro. Harry Tonner (Sis. Clara), Bro. William Neuenschwander (Sis. Mildred), Bro. Millard Aeschliman (Sis. Alice), Bro. Ralph Schwartz, and Bro. Steve Reinhard all have our prayers.

Our condolences extend toward the families of Sis. Frieda Kipfer, 91, who died August 30. She had lived at Christian Care nearly 9 years. One sister, Sis. Esther Kipfer, survives and several nieces and nephews.

On August 18, Bro. Tom Pfister, 64, died. Our sympathy goes to his dear wife, Sis. Barbara; one son, Bro. Tim Pfister; and six daughters, Rebecca Weldy, Patsy Pfister, Joan Schauss, Sis. Carmon Bertsch, Peggy Gross, and Lisa Mann. Bro. Ted Pfister, Sis. Julia Gerber and Sis. Mary Jo Gerber are surviving siblings, along with 16 grandchildren.

Our Sis. Adella Gerwig, 57, also passed away on September 3. She was the daughter of the late Bro. Charles and Sis. Eva Drayer and sister of Bro. Herman Drayer.

Realizing the need for an eternal Saviour, Julie Reinhard (Bro. Larry and Sis. Deb) expressed a need for repentance and Brooke Giltner (Bro. Rocky and Sis. Melinda) received peace and is ready for baptism.

We were privileged on August 29 at the Christian Care Fellowship Room, with an interesting

and informative presentation on our World Relief activity in Jamaica and Haiti. The slides were a real testimony of God's ongoing work in these foreign lands. They served as a reminder to us to especially remember Bro. Eric and Sis. Rhonda Tonner as they go to Haiti for several months to help coordinate World Relief efforts there. We also remember in prayer others in missionary service who are spreading the true Word of God around the world to those who have never heard of Jesus Christ. Whether in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, South America, or across the backyard fence, there is much work to be done to prepare for our Lord's return.

We celebrate with Bro. Max and Sis. Eunice Steffen who had a 50th wedding anniversary on August 30.

Kim Steffen and Jeff Schaden exchanged wedding vows on August 29. Kim is the daughter of Bro. Craig and Sis. Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schaden are new in-laws.

Bro. Kent and Sis. Viola Wolf brought a new child into the world with the birth of Andrew Kent, born Monday, September 14. Andrew joins siblings, Jeremy, Jason, Michelle, David, Victoria, Lillian, and Thomas.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH

**Lori Steffen
Rhonda Maller**

This past month we have been abundantly blessed with visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Sis. Ethel, Champaign, IL), and Bros. Bruce Hohulin (Sis. Charlene, Goodfield, IL) and Mark Masters (Sis. Jeanine, Mansfield, OH) have each

lovingly brought us the Gospel of Salvation and exhorted us in our walk with the Lord.

We are also thankful to Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Sis. Jeni, Bluffton) for assisting with the testimonies and baptisms of three precious souls. Our newest brothers and sister in Christ are Bros. Ryan Corkwell (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corkwell) and Kyle Gerber (Sam and Sis. Mary Jo) and Sis. Sarah Troxel (Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Jo). May they "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called..." (I Timothy 6:11-12).

Another bundle of joy has joined our congregation. Bro. Andy and Sis. Cindy Shively and their son, Drew, welcome their precious little one, Cody Eldon. Grandparents are Sis. Sally Shively and Charles Shively. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 18:4).

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Bros. Dick Troxel, Lenny Gerber and Jeff Bertsch as they face the uncertainties of physical illness. We also lift up their families in prayer before the Heavenly Father who alone knows the future.

"And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Matthew 28:20

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Pam Huber

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."

Proverbs 3:7

Those who seek the wisdom of the Lord shall surely find it. Many times we do not understand why it seems evil overcomes good. Yet, with faith in God we know He is the final judge and shall reward the faithful. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

When our Bro. Fred Howat (Sis. Carol) passed away this past month, it gave us great joy to know he had found grace to believe in Jesus Christ and repent for his sins only a week before. We are also thankful that Mary Beth Sutton (Bro. Tim and Sis. Verene) no longer has to feel the pain of this world, as she now rests in the arms of Jesus. She will be greatly missed by grandparents, Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola VonTobel, and all those whose lives she touched.

Our sympathy also goes to Sis. Sally Niehouser (Bro. Perry) whose brother, Jack Nuest, passed away; and Sis. Ruth Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee) whose mother, Sis. Clara Stoller, went on to be with the Lord. We pray for their peace and strength at this time of sorrow.

We praise God for the miracle of healing for Larry Linback (Sis. Connie) as he is home from the hospital.

On August 22, Chris Huber (Bro. Chris and Sis. Sharon) and Becky Davis (Dwayne, and Rick and Wanda Schultz) united their lives as they exchanged wedding vows. We wish them God's blessings as they establish a home together.

We also rejoice with Bro. Mike and Sis. Donna Putt for their

dear little boy, Brandon Keith, born September 2. Waiting to welcome him home were siblings, Erica, David and Thomas. God's grace and strength be with you as you raise your dear family for the Lord!

Thanks to Bro. Lynn Stieglitz for coming and sharing God's Word with us.

Note of Thanks:

My special thank you to all my loved ones, family and friends for your prayers, cards, flowers, and visits in the hospital during the time of my surgery. Also for food brought in and visits since I am home. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. God bless each one.

Emilie Anliker

**INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS
Gail Bradford**

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

Psalms 34:18

What a joy to hear that four tender souls in our congregation have invited the Lord into their hearts and have found peace with God and man. It will be our responsibility to encourage Dan Schafer, Jenny Cook, Joel Zeller and Mark Zeller as they look forward to baptism. We trust the Lord is stirring others to seek His will for their lives!

We rejoice also with the announcement of Sis. Laurie Schafer's engagement to Bro. Chad Keever from Champaign, IL. Sis. Laurie's parents are Bro. Bruce and Sis. Laurretta Schafer. Bro. Chad's parents are Bro.

Clair and Sis. Bev of Mansfield, OH.

Our home ministers received help on the pulpit from Bro. Allen Stoller (Bluffton, IN) who visited here last month as well, and from Bro. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL).

On October 31-November 1, our local Missions Committee is coordinating a fall "Outreach Weekend". Several activities are planned, including work projects in the community, hospital and nursing home visits and an evening of fellowship on Saturday night. Those interested in attending may call our ministers for further details.

It seems that on most Sundays, we receive greetings from a number of visitors, traveling to or through Indianapolis on business or pleasure. We need always to make them feel welcome. We are stewards of God's house, and what we do under it's roof speaks clearly about how we show His love. The Bible says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

When You Were New

Do you recall when you were new,
Kind people said hello to you?
They took you into church with them
Where you prayed and sang a hymn.
You heard the Word as it was preached,
and they rejoiced that you'd been reached.
They took your hand and went to lunch
And introduced you to their bunch.

Now that you're no longer new
Do you know what you should do?
When the stranger enters in
Are you prepared to be his friend?

To take his hand and show him
'round
So he can feel the love he's found.
To sit with him and sing and pray
So he'll be glad and want to stay?

To wait his turn to welcome home
Those future strangers once alone.
He'll recall when he was new
How God showed His love through you.

—G. Bradford

**INDIANA, LACROSSE
Anna Marie Stoller**

"Faith is the Victory" was the hymn being shared at our monthly Sunday evening hymn sing when the telephone rang. The message was that Bro. Harold Heinold had passed into eternity, and one of the sisters remarked that Bro. Harold now had faith's victory. Our hearts share the grief of Sis. Sue, his devoted wife; their daughter, Ann; a son-in-law, Steve, and the grandchildren. Sis. Mary Ann Feller (Bro. Lynn) of our congregation is Bro. Harold's sister, and two brothers, Orie and Art, also survive. Every one of us will deeply miss the hearty handshake and smile that Bro. Harold greeted with.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma Nuest have our sympathy and prayerful support as they mourn the death of Bro. Gene's brother, Jack Nuest, of Valparaiso.

The Word of Life has been faithfully delivered Sunday after Sunday, and we have appreciated the service of visiting ministers, Bros. Brian Huber (Francesville, IN) and Ken Schneider (Remington, IN).

Rudy Troxel (Bro. Tom and Sis. Luann) broke his arm and is wearing a cast. Sis. Lina Bock fell at the Francesville Home which has resulted in much pain. Ra-

chel Feller (Bro. Joe and Sis. Jackie) has been in church, but we continually pray for her as she undergoes therapy. She is a brave, precious little girl!

What a relief to fall before our Father in Heaven realizing He understands and cares! We are privileged to bestow upon Him all praise, honor, glory and thanksgiving.

INDIANA, LEO Ethelyn Schlatter

Blessed, holy is the hour
When we, Jesus, think of Thee,
And Thy word in godly power
Hear and in our hearts receive.
So we pray to Thee, imploring,
Open Thou our understanding!
May we hear, as Mary heard,
Sacred teachings of Thy Word.

May it reach our hearts, we pray
Thee;
On good soil may it take root.
With Thy heavenly blessings
nourished,
May it bring the pleasing fruit.
May we all in richest measure,
Lord, to Thy great joy and
pleasure,
As Thy plants of honor grow!
Amen! Yea, Lord, be it so!
Zion's Harp #218

Our cup was full and overflowing as we drank from the spring of living water this month. Our own local ministers were deeply inspired by the Spirit, as well as visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN) and Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Bros. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN) and Andy Moser (Valparaiso, IN). We welcomed their wives and families, as well as Sis. Elisabeth Karlowitz from Germany, who attends the Ohringen congregation. She spent three weeks here, helping

at Gateway Woods.

Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN) presented our topical Bible study with a very timely message on "Guarding our Spiritual Heart". We thank the Lord for encouraging him to take time for us.

We rejoice that David Pfister has peace with his Lord and desires baptism. He is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Sharon.

We thank the Lord for His healing touch on Bethany Fischer (Bro. Paul and Sis. Leanne) who spent time in the Bloomington, IL hospital. It was good to see the family back in church again.

"I will praise Thee; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation."

Psalm 118:21

INDIANA, MILFORD Linda Beer

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory..."

Eph. 3:20-21

We miss seeing Sis. Esther Getz who fell and injured her hip and fractured her wrist. We are thankful Sis. Rachel Beer (Bro. Sam) is able to be back in church and restored to her family.

We thank Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) who stopped by on a Wednesday evening and shared the Word with us. Also visiting us and occupying the pulpit were Bro. John Laukhuf and Elder Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty, OH), and Bros. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), John Grimm (Columbus, OH), Paul Eisenmann

(Burlington, IA), John Steiner (Oakville, IA) and Earl Beery (Rittman, OH). We thank these brothers for sharing of their time for us.

August 23 was the wedding of Sis. Rachel Beer and Bro. Chris Laukhuf (Latty, OH). Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Marcia Laukhuf (Latty, OH) and Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer. On September 13, Sis. Renee Beer and Bro. Brett Lantz (Rittman, OH) were married. Their parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Diane Lantz (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer. We will miss these sisters in our church and pray God will fill them as they serve where He has asked them to go.

Bro. Will and Sis. Sue Schieler spent some time with Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinold in Ixtlan, Mexico. Following are some of the reflections of their time spent there.

In July this year, Sue and I were privileged to travel to Ixtlan, Mexico where Brother Marshall and Sister Jan Heinold have taken up residence. This town of about 5000 has no other Protestant faith influence other than what is brought to them by our church. Our hearts were warmed and encouraged as we witnessed a very living outreach to young and old. An outreach that takes the message of salvation to souls that would not hear it in any other way save our church being there.

The five Mexican men and one boy who are working on the new church building start each morning with a prayer and studying a Psalm. This is followed with five other various services during the week and Sunday, plus many individuals who come to the home

at the end of a day's work, and ask for individual scriptural study. Meals and spiritual counseling are the constant order of every day. Tuesday of our week there saw the need for taking one to the hospital nearly 30 miles away. That evening was Bible study with 17 in attendance. Later in the evening, a 48 year old dairyman stopped in for supper and requested to read and discuss St. John 5. This occurs often and there are now three other adult men needing individual study time.

Extra people are there for many if not most meals. Thursday evening, 27 adults and 10 children attended church. A grandmother walked one hour with two small grandchildren to get there. Later when Brother Marshall was taking them home by pick-up truck, she expressed a desire to prepare for baptism.

Saturday evenings are when the young people (teenagers) have a singing and Bible study. One Saturday there were 15, another 19 in attendance. A very heavy rain and muddy streets did not seem to affect attendance.

Sunday arrived and 25 clean, well-behaved children were in Sunday School classes taught by Sister Jan and three Mexican sisters. Thirty-seven arrived for Sunday evening church and some as much as one hour early just to sit and wait for the 30 minutes of enthusiastic singing and services. I counted 10 adult men there that evening. Their attendance really helps build confidence for the Mexican mothers and children. It is a great victory to see the fathers interested, giving song numbers and enthusiastically enjoying the worship services.

Many other experiences were

enjoyed during our 10 day trip; however, the greatest joy of all was to see and know that the gospel of Jesus Christ is being taken to people who would otherwise not hear or know. For this we thank God and ask you to pray that such as should be saved will hear the Word.

Since we have returned home, we have been delighted to hear of two teenagers who have now turned to the Lord in repentance.

These few words here cannot convey the many deeds that are involved in every day's activity and work of the Lord there. But hopefully this will give you a better appreciation for what is taking place.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Patti Bahler

This story about grace was heard recently and bears repeating. It's about a frontier town where a horse bolted and ran away with a wagon carrying a little boy. Seeing the child in danger, a young man risked his life to catch the horse and stop the wagon.

The child who was saved grew up to become a lawless man, and one day he stood before a judge to be sentenced for a serious crime. The prisoner recognized the judge as the man who, years before, had saved his life; so he pled for mercy on the basis of that experience.

But the words from the bench silenced his plea, "Young man, then I was your savior; today I am your judge, and I must sentence you to death."

One day Jesus will say to rebellious sinners, "During that long day of grace, I was the Saviour, and I would have forgiven you. But today I am your Judge. De-

part from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire!"

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23

We rejoice that four souls did answer God's call while He was their Saviour and not their judge. What a blessed weekend we enjoyed as we witnessed the testimonies and baptisms of Sis. Jenny Bahler (Bro. Ed and Sis. Annette), Sis. Rachel Bahler (Bro. Mark and Sis. Benita), Sis. Angela Scheitlin (Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori) and Sis. Lea Stoller (Bro. Dan and Sis. Deb). May the Lord continue to provide for each one of them to live their lives according to His perfect will.

We thank God for each visiting minister who came to share the truth with us this month. Those visiting were Elder Bros. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and Bros. Tom Waldbeser (Atlanta, GA), Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL), Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) and Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH). We extend our sincere thanks to each of these brothers who sent forth the message of salvation across the pulpit.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord..."

Jeremiah 30:17

Just as the Lord promised many years ago, He continues to heal His children of many physical afflictions. We are thankful Sis. Libby Wahl (Bro. Fred) has recovered after surgery this month. May His healing power

continue to be evident in her life.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND
Jennifer Mangold
Sue Beebe

The harvest fields are bending
 with precious, ripened grain,
 More reapers now are needed, ere
 Christ comes back again.
 The call must now be heeded, we
 cannot say Him nay;
 Since He has died to save them,
 we must go forth today.
 We'll come again rejoicing, a
 reaper's crown to gain;
 The Harvest Home is coming,
 When Christ comes back again.
 Harvest time! Harvest time!
 Precious gospel seed is sown.
 Reapers go! Reapers go! Jesus,
 King, must have His own, His
 loved ones;
 Soon He'll come! Soon He'll come!
 Come and catch away His bride.
 His own! His own! His own!
Tabernacle Hymns #71

As we are in the midst of an earthly harvest of grain, it should be a reminder to each of us that there is a spiritual harvest to be reaped, also. May our spiritual minds be "oiled" with the Word of God and be ready to be put to work in His fields, so ripe for the harvest.

Our young people spent a blessed day of fellowship recently trimming, mowing, weeding, and doing many other needful and necessary tasks on our church grounds.

We are thankful for the visits this past month of our Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN), and Bros. Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Walt Rager (Toledo, OH) and their families. May the Lord be their rich rewarder for so willingly serving us.

INDIANA, VALPARAISO
Hope Bucher
Cheryl Bucher

"I will praise thee, O Lord,
 with my whole heart; I will shew
 forth all thy marvelous works. I
 will be glad and rejoice in thee; I
 will sing praises to thy name, O
 thou most High."

Psalm 9:1-2

Our small congregation has had many visitors this month. We enjoy company. Come back soon.

Bros. Jim Rinkenberger (Bluffton, IN), Nile Bucher (Bluffton North, IN) and Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO) were our guest ministers this past month. May God richly bless you each one.

Recently we held a church potluck farewell dinner for Bro. Joe and Sis. Susie Kimmerer who are making Florida their year around home. Sis. Sheryl Bucher also has moved to Bloomington, IL and is teaching in El Paso. We are sorry that they are leaving, but know God has a plan for each of their lives. May they always feel Him close to them wherever they go.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT
Beckie Lehman
Jody Bahler

"Peace I leave with you, my
 peace I give unto you: not as the
 world giveth, give I unto you. Let
 not your heart be troubled, nei-
 ther let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Jeremy Schieler (Bro. Daryl and Sis. Cindy) has found this precious pearl of peace, and now looks forward to becoming a brother in Christ. May we all

stand on guard day in and day out as Satan works mightily around us trying to lure us into sin and darkness.

May God's blessings be with him always.

Once again, we appreciate the visiting ministers who have paid us a visit throughout the month. They are: Bros. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA), and Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH).

Our single group enjoyed hosting various churches over Labor Day weekend. What a blessing it is to be able to travel and feel the Spirit of the Lord in our midst.

We were saddened to learn that another dear couple, Bro. Daryl and Sis. Cindy Schieler, and family will be leaving us soon. They have prayerfully answered the Lord's call, to move to Bloomington, IL where Bro. Daryl will take on new employment. May we all have the confidence and the faith to believe that God knows best in all things, and that the blessings will be many if we follow His will. We pray that they will return often to visit us!

IOWA, BURLINGTON
Judy Gehring
Karla Gerst

Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;
 Call aloud and spare them not!
 Jesus wants a faithful witness;
 Teachers not confessing Jesus
 Have stern judgment as their lot.
 Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;
 Call aloud and spare them not.

Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;
 For Elijah's spirit pray!
 If as Lord ye would address Him,
 Faithfully ye must confess Him,
 And His holy will obey!
 Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;

For Elijah's spirit pray!

Speak the gospel of salvation
Boldly in the wilderness!
In the Saviour's blood there's
healing.

Grace and pardon He's revealing
To the sinner in distress.
Speak the gospel of salvation
Boldly in the wilderness!
Zion's Harp #112

Once again the Lord has given us another month. We're thankful for all of the blessings that He has given us to enjoy! It is always encouraging to have visitors. May God bless all those who have taken the time and effort to be with us. What a blessed fellowship we have that we can see brothers and sisters of like mind and faith who are spreading the call far and near by their walks of life! May we always pray for the grace to let our light shine brightly in the "wilderness" of this world that those who are unconverted may see it and recognize the call to repentance. May God grant His guidance and special blessings to all of those throughout our precious faith who have recently started their repentance and walk with Him! We're thankful for each new lamb, both those we know, and those we've never met.

We had a dear sister in the hospital this month. We pray that the Lord will grant healing to her.

IOWA, ELGIN
Gloria Frieden
Heidi Butikofer

Greetings in our dear Saviour's name. What a joy when we can be reminded of our Father's love for us and our heavenly calling and duty towards our fellow man to be our brother's keeper.

We were greatly inspired by the Conference tapes we have been listening to and are very thankful for our Elder brethren who are moved by the Spirit to warn and exhort us as we travel this pathway of life. May we always remember that this is for our spiritual good and welfare.

It is always a joy to share good news, so we are happy to announce the September 21 arrival of Tierra Rose Getz (Bro. Kent and Sis. Betty). Our whole church rejoices with her arrival but especially her grandparents, Bro. Al and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer. Grandpa Allen and Grandma Nathalia Getz (Eureka, IL) are also thankful for a new granddaughter.

We were blessed with two visiting ministers this past month. They were Bros. Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA) and Roy Ehnle (Bradford, IL) and their wives. May we always be thankful for those who can travel and visit us in our small congregation.

Fall has come once again. May we pray to God for a safe and bountiful harvest.

Note: After a July funeral, a suit jacket was left in church. If you have any questions about it, you may call Gloria Frieden at (319) 426-5214 or Heidi Butikofer at (319) 245-1784.

IOWA, GARDEN GROVE
Laura Funk

Visiting ministers this past month include Bros. Darrel Stoller (Bern, KS) and Jim Plattner (Princeville, IL). May God bless you for your untiring efforts in serving our spiritual needs.

Sis. Dawn Moser spent several days in the hospital. We are thankful she is "out and about"

again. There are family members of others in our congregation who are enduring health problems. We pray for the "Lord's will" in their lives also.

We are listening to the Conference tapes. We are thankful for the admonitions, encouragement and teachings for "everyday living" given by the Elders. On earth, we say thank you! In Heaven, God will reward you!

IOWA, IOWA CITY
Sharon Gerst

It was a special blessing to have Bro. Trent Meiss (Eureka, IL) to minister God's Word to our congregation. We appreciate Bro. Trent and his family making the effort to be with us.

Bro. Ted and Sis. Carrie Wiegand were given a little gift from God. Kaelen Jo was born on August 23. We pray that Kaelen will grow in the love of her parents and the Lord.

As we watch the seasons change once again and the harvest being gathered in, we are reminded of that heavenly harvest that God will reap in one day. It may be today or it may be years from now, only God knows. But we must all be ready, for He will come in the twinkling of an eye. There will not be time then to ask for the Lord's mercy. Let's start today, gladly gathering in sheaves of grain for the Lord's harvest!

Seeds of goodness we are sowing
In the hearts of man today.
Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,
And bear fruit for harvest day.

Children come the grain to gather
While the morning sun doth shine;
And ere long, beloved brethren,
It will be your harvest time.

Now the field is ripe for harvest;
Let us then all garner in;
For if we should stand here idle,
Who would bring the sheaves of
grain?

Hasten gladly to the labor,
Consecrate to God your heart.
Say this day unto your Saviour,
"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."
Hymns of Zion #46

IOWA, LESTER
Cindy Leuthold
Sue Warner

Our congregation has had many causes to rejoice this past month.

The engagement of Sis. Charlotte Nester (Bro. Gene and Sis. Shirley) to Bro. Phil Waldbeser (Chicago, IL) was announced to the church. Bro. Phil's parents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan, are from Cissna Park, IL. We wish Bro. Phil and Sis. Charlotte many blessings.

We enjoyed the many visitors who came to share in the joy as three couples were united in marriage. On August 22, Stephanie Metzger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Charlotte) exchanged wedding vows with Jeff Jurgens. They will be residing in Wilmont, SD and attending church at Morris, MN.

Dustin Knobloch (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Wilma) and Michelle Feucht (Ron and Sis. Sandy) were married on August 29.

Stacy Metzger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Charlotte) and Bruce Kuenzi (Bro. Richard and Sis. Rosa Lee, Silverton, OR) chose September 12 as their wedding day. We wish Stacy the best as she makes her home in Oregon.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice Metzger have been blessed to share 50 years together. Their children and grandchildren and many

loved ones helped them to celebrate this milestone.

Bro. Ernst and Sis. Ella Metzger celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with many of their family members from near and far in attendance.

We wish our betrothed couple, our newlyweds, and those married for many years God's nearness and His richest blessings.

On August 17, Bro. Curt and Sis. Laurie Knobloch were blessed with a baby boy, Aricson Jacob. Aricson joins his brother, Nathaniel. Grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Coralee Knobloch. Logan James was born to Kelly and Tammie Leuthold on September 3. Logan is lovingly welcomed by big sister, Meghan, and grandparents, Bro. Larry and Sis. Mardi Leuthold, and great-grandparents, Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Leuthold. On September 8, Ryan and Jodi Heyer became the parents of their third son, Isaac Donald. Big brothers are Kyle and Kaleb. Grandparents are Bro. Gary and Sis. Jean Heyer and great-grandma is Sis. Iola Knobloch.

We wish these growing families God's grace and wisdom.

On August 19, our oldest member, Sis. Emma Meyer, observed her 90th birthday. May she continue to feel God's nearness in the sunset years of her life.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA) and Bros. Roy Ehnlé (Bradford IL), Roy Koehl (Morris MN), Vern Wettstein (Congerville, IL), and Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL). We appreciate their willingness to be spent bringing forth the gospel.

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven that Steve Warner (Elder Bro. Dennis and Sis. Esther)

has come to the foot of the cross in repentance. Our prayers are with Steve as he begins his new life in Christ.

Surgical patients were Bro. Phil Mogler (Sis. Donna), Sis. Elaine Kellenberger, and Sis. Edie Knobloch (Bro. Silas). We pray that God's healing hand would be with them.

Rae Lynn Metzger (Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosella) has moved to Minneapolis, MN. We will miss her and hope she visits us often. We failed to mention that Bro. Rick and Sis. Brenda Messner and Tyler have moved to Minnesota and will be attending church in Minneapolis. We enjoyed having them a part of our congregation.

Notes of Thanks:

To my family, friends, and brethren who remembered me with cards, gifts, and visits, and most of all your love, thank you. It made my 90th birthday a special time to remember. May God bless you.

Sis. Emma Meyer

A sincere thank you to the dear ones of several church congregations who sent us cards and gifts for our recent 65th wedding anniversary. God bless each one.

*With humble love,
Ernst and Ella Metzger*

IOWA, OAKVILLE
Debbie Wagenbach
Melody Steiner

Labor Day weekend we were privileged to host the Zapata reunion here in our congregation. What a blessed weekend, to meet those of like mind and faith from so many of our congregations. We want to thank ministering Bros. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton,

IN) and Roy Ehnle (Bradford, IL) for their labors that weekend, also. God be near them and their families and all that were able to assemble with us. What an uplifting to our hearts.

Note of Thanks:

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way in the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

In Christian Love,

Bro. Sam and Sis. Rosemary Wegman

Special Thought:

Does your faith move mountains, or do mountains move your faith?

—*Apples of Gold*

IOWA, PULASKI

Lisa Knecht

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Lana Joos are the thankful parents of their third child, Natalie Paige, born August 19. Siblings, Lincoln and Megan, are delighted with their little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Christy Joos and Philip and Cathy Garrett.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Danny and Sis. Lynn Townsend, along with their children, since the death of Danny's mother, Karla Townsend. We know the departure of a loved one from this earth leaves an inner void.

We are grateful to Elder Bro. Edward Lanz (Sis. Joan, Oakville, IA) and Bro. Tom Schambach (Sis. Connie, Elgin, IL) for visiting our congregation this past month. May you both continue to feel the Spirit's strength and power each time you proclaim God's Word.

IOWA, WEST BEND

Bernice Banwart

Eunice Fehr

We appreciated visiting ministers, Bros. Dale Moore (Sis. Cheryl, Elgin, IA), Wes Moser (Sis. Esther, Lester, IA), Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL) and Larry Bahr (Sis. Julie, Ft. Scott, KS). Bro. Art Mueller (Belvidere, IL) was with us for our mid-week service on a Thursday evening. May God bless them for so freely giving of themselves.

Sis. Nima Fehr, Jeff (Beth) Fehr and Lydia Edwards all spent time in the hospital but have now been released. We wish them complete recovery as they recuperate at home.

On August 15, Samantha Schneider (Bro. Gary and Sis. Sue) and Brant Besonen (Dan and Ethel, Madison, MN) exchanged wedding vows at our Fellowship Center. They are at home in Marshall, MN.

Two other couples have announced their engagement and plan to be married. Michelle Wirtz (Bro. Mike and Sis. Lila) and Daniel Geyer of Bloomington, IL (Bro. Dale and Sis. Barb, Peoria, IL) plan to exchange their vows on September 19.

Jeni Kellenberger (Joel and Teresa) and Jeff Hanselman (Don and Rita) are planning their wedding for October 17. We wish these couples God's blessings and may they look to Him for direction in their married life.

Harvest season has begun in the midwest. We pray for God's hand of protection as our farmers put in many long hours.

Autumn

The trees in vale and forest
Are robed in garments bright;
They do foretell the season
In autumn's pleasant light.

The green of spring and summer
Has turned to red and gold.
Whence come these tints so
glorious
Which now the trees unfold?

An artist may be skillful,
But hardly can portray
These trees in autumn's splendor,
In colorful array.

The gold and brown and crimson,
The scarlet with the green,
These colors, all resplendent,
Are made by Hands unseen.

Before the winds of autumn
Have blown the leaves to earth,
We see their golden virtues,
Their beauty and their worth.

O, listen, little leaflets,
As autumn days grow cold,
As to the earth you're falling,
A lesson you unfold:

May I, when life is ended,
As a tree in autumn's glow
When back to earth I'm falling,
Such golden virtues show.

—*My Garden of Verse,*
Bro. Henry Beer

JAPAN, SHIODA

Willis Ehnle

My wife, Lois, and I returned from America on August 29 to learn, when trying to buy a bus ticket to our home, that there was a typhoon which had damaged the railroad tracks to Yamanashi Prefecture and that the buses were overflowing with train passengers. We had to stay one night in a hotel in Tokyo and finally got on a bus the next day at 10:00, arriving home about noon, thankful to God to be back in familiar surroundings. Ty-

phoon rains continued for several days, during which time the railroad tracks were repaired. Bro. Akito Inoue and his family were here to fill in for us on that Sunday morning.

We are very thankful to all of you in America for your love, prayers and kindness.

Bro. Andrew Klaus was our visiting minister on Sunday, September 13, and he read from I Samuel 15:22 which read in part, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." Let's really be obedient to God's Word, and go the second mile.

On that Sunday afternoon, we had our Church and Sunday School picnic in a nearby park.

KANSAS, BERN

Holly Meyer

Lori Baumgartner

The early signs of autumn are all around us. The days are milder and shorter, the nights cooler, and harvest has begun in our rural community.

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

Mark 4:28-29

May each of us nurture our spiritual lives that we may continue to grow and mature spiritually as does the corn, from a blade, to an ear, to a full ear of corn. We definitely want to be spiritually ready when the Lord comes to gather us in on that "Great Harvest Day".

Jamie Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise) has found it necessary to make preparation for the

"Great Harvest Day". We rejoice and offer our prayerful support as she makes a beginning in repentance.

We wish to offer our sympathy to Bro. Emil Strahm (Sis. Grace) upon hearing of the death of his sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Peggy" Ann Strahm, of Oklahoma City, OK. She passed from this life on August 4. A brief, private, family service was held at our church cemetery. She was laid to rest alongside her late husband, Raymond Strahm (Emil's youngest brother).

During the past month, Julia Plattner and Kathy Baumgartner spent time in the hospital. We are thankful for the Lord's healing touch.

Our thoughts and our prayers go with Benji Strahm (Elwin and Mary) as he has enlisted in the Marines and is now in basic training in San Diego, CA. We look forward to his first visit home which will be in early November.

We are happy to welcome Aldana Gomzalez, a foreign exchange student from Argentina, who is staying with Keith and Debbie Meyer and their family during this 1998-1999 school year.

Many from our Bern congregation were in Sabetha on Sunday, September 13, to witness the wedding vows of Sis. Wanda Grimm (Bro. Rodney and Sis. Arlene) and Bro. Dayton Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise). We welcome Sis. Wanda to our congregation. May Bro. Dayton and Sis. Wanda feel the Lord's nearness as they establish their new home together.

On the weekend of September 12-13, our Senior Bible Class, their teachers, and some parents traveled to Lamont-Gridley, KS

for the annual weekend of Youth Fellowship. We offer a sincere thank you to the Lamont-Gridley church for hosting this event and for the parents and teachers who provided transportation and sponsored our students. We definitely appreciate everyone's efforts as we know that during these gatherings many special friendships are often formed and the seeds of God's Word are sown in young hearts.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Joleen Sinn

Everyone in the Fort Scott area, godly and ungodly alike, was once again reminded of how frail we as humans are and what an awesome God reigns over us. Sunday, September 13, we awoke to a refreshing soft rain after a very dry period. How easy it was to go to church rejoicing. Well, after raining all day and all night, we woke Monday morning to 12-14 inches of rain and a very wet world. We were reminded of Who is in control. Our prayers are with those who had damage to homes, businesses, and crops. May we continue to have faith in the God we serve to sustain the ones in need and listen to His gentle nudging where we can help others in need.

We are thankful that Bro. Jerry Bahr (Sis. Maria) is doing well after a brief illness and stay in the hospital.

Sunday, September 20, we had our annual Kansas City, Fort Scott Sunday School picnic, which was held at Kansas City this year. We want to thank the KC church for a wonderful time and thank our Heavenly Father for a lot dryer day than the day it was originally planned for!

KANSAS, KIOWA

**Darcy Kisling
Janice Bahr**

We felt blessed to have Bro. Jim Kaeb (Bern, KS) minister to us this month. His family and other couples traveled to our small church. The fellowship was greatly appreciated.

Bro. Kelly and Sis. Jenny Stewart were blessed with a bundle of joy from Heaven as Alysson Emily was born into this world on August 19. Also welcoming Alysson into the world were Staci, Joshua, and Carter, along with grandparents, Bro. Kent and Sis. Darcy Kisling and Larry and Maggie Stewart.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Laverne Roth and Sis. Edna Reed. Sis. Laverne is recuperating at the nursing home in Kiowa. Sis. Edna is in the nursing home in Alva and has been very ill. Both are in need of our prayers.

We want to thank the Lamont-Gridley congregation and Elder Bro. Art Nohl (Sis. Sandra, Morris, MN) for their efforts in hosting the youth fellowship weekend. We pray that God will give the increase.

KANSAS LAMONT-GRIDLEY

Julie Bahr

A little girl at the age of five was sitting on the bleachers of a local ball park watching her brother play. When suddenly she hugged her arms across her chest and asked "Do you smell that, Mother?" Smelling the air and detecting a thunderstorm, her mother said, "Yes, it smells like rain!" The little girl smiled and closed her eyes. "No, it smells

like Him; it smells like God when your head is laying upon His chest!"

As a newborn, the little girl was grossly premature and due to a raw and underdeveloped nerve condition, could not receive even the slightest kiss or touch as it would intensify her complications. All the poor parents could do was to give her over to God, the Almighty Father, to keep her and protect her through this crisis. What a vivid memory the little girl kept in her heart as she grew from infancy. God, the Father, had truly kept her and held her next to His chest during those infant months, and the lingering smell of His Almighty had the wonderful scent of rain to her! What a testimony to her dear parents, that their little girl had truly been secure in the arms of Jesus when they themselves had not been permitted to provide anything. Thank Thee, Father, for Thy promises to us. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

In our last writing, I reported that Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene Metzger were blessed as grandparents. At this writing, they are blessed double again! In the month of September, they became grandparents to two more little miracles. Bro. Barry and Sis. Gina Metzger made them grandparents to another little girl, Savannah Nicole; and Bro. Matt and Sis. Wendy Fetter made them grandparents to another grandson, Rhett Colton. Savannah has a big sister, Taylor; and Rhett has a big brother, Skylar. We rejoice in this great miracle of birth and are grateful to God for His rich blessings.

We thank God also for His tender mercy as He has shown a dear soul, Kent Kraft (Bro. Doug and

Sis. Judy), his need for answering the call of serving His Creator. We're so thankful God's call continues to go forth and time remains to be heeded. "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear...It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast, 'Tis manna to the hungry soul—and to the weary—REST."

KANSAS, SABETHA

**Mary Kay Wenger
Brenda Grimm**

Bro. Eli Meyer (Sis. Lois) had hip surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We are sad to see Bro. DeVere and Sis. Michelle Meyer and family leave our congregation but know they feel God's direction in moving to Kansas City. Our loss will be a gain for the Kansas City congregation.

We are thankful Trent Strahm (Bro. Carl and Sis. Sharon) and Paul and Sharon Mills were announced with peace. Their provings and baptisms are planned for October 3-4.

Sis. Wanda Grimm (Bro. Rod and Sis. Arlene) and Bro. Dayton Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Lou) were united in Holy Matrimony on September 13. Serving in the ministry on this special day were Elder Bro. John Lehman and Bro. Darryl Stoller (Bern, KS) and Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Kansas City, MO). May charity ever be a part of their marriage.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Kristi Kellenberger

"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 likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:1-2

Classes have started once again with the usual mixture of emotions. Those of us who are returning are thankful to be reunited with loved ones we've missed over the summer break and are also enjoying becoming acquainted with the new students. It is such a blessing to have a wonderful fellowship to lift our spirits from the stresses of school. We miss those who have left us and are thankful that their spots have been filled with a large number of newcomers. We welcome Bro. Scott Bahr (Detroit, MI), Kaleb Beyer (Sabetha, KS), Bro. Kyle Beyer (Sabetha, KS), Anthony Esslinger (Bern, KS), Cara Hartter (Bern, KS), Bro. Erik Hertzell (Sabetha, KS), Sis. Heather Hitz (Detroit, MI), Troy Kaeb (Bern, KS), Bro. Galen Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO), Jamie Menold (Bern, KS), Rebekah Rokey (Bern, KS), Quinton Snyder (Kansas City, MO) and Bro. Matt Steidinger (Fairbury, IL). This year's group is the largest it has ever been and we hope that it continues to grow.

The annual fall picnic was held September 2 near Tuttle Creek. Considering the enormous turnout, things went smoothly except for the shortage of drinks. We greatly appreciate all the family and friends that made the effort to come and share their time with us. It was a great way to begin the school year.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

Prayers of concern for Sis. Judy Langhofer were offered when we learned of her untimely automobile accident. Thankfully, Sis. Judy was spared life threatening injuries.

In lieu of Wednesday evening services during part of August, members and friends gathered in some of the new homes that have been established in our congregation. They went to Sis. Gussie Wullsleger's new residence and to the home of Chris and Kathleen Setser as well as the home of Josh and Glenna Kelly.

Larry Manz (Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen, Junction, OH) has employment in this area. It is our hope that he would feel a part of our church family.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Pauline Carnahan became grandparents on September 10 when Madeline Grace was born to Nathan and Rhiannon Carnahan.

Abraham is the topic of the Bible Study that is underway for this fall.

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Doug & Rebecca Germann

Thy Word, O Lord, forever is
The mirror where we see
Our faults and duties as they are
Our likeness unto Thee.

Zion's Harp #142

Once again we have been blessed with many visitors this past month. Many thanks to the brethren who came to share the mirror of God's Word with us. Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Sis. Dorothy, Eureka, IL) came with a group, and also Bro. Ron Palitto (Sis. Lynell, Akron, OH) visited Lexington. In addition, Elder Bro. Marvin Leman (Sis. Jane, Bradford, IL) shared the Word

with us the beginning of September. We enjoyed several potlucks, singings and ate out with our visitors this past month. If you plan to be in the Lexington area, please call one of the brethren and let us know so that we can arrange a potluck and have some fellowship together.

MICHIGAN, ALTO Kristen Plattner Michelle Oesch

A change of seasons is again upon us and fall is ushered in with a nip in the air, the smell of someone burning leaves, and the familiar sight of yellow school buses carrying children back to school. It gives a blessing to the spirit this time of year as the trees take on their brilliant fall colors and we are treated to a special display of God's beauty. The sight of farmers in the field harvesting their crops reminds us, too, that we have so much to thank our Heavenly Creator for.

We rejoice at the arrival of another new baby in the home of Josh and Ramona Humphries. Little Jerrod Ryan was born on August 20 and welcoming him home is big brother, Jalen. Excited grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst and John and Theresa Humphries. As they feel the joy of a new birth, Josh and Ramona have also felt the pain and loss of Josh's mother, Theresa, just a few short weeks later. We extend our sympathy to their family and pray for the Lord's comfort in their sorrow.

Our sympathy is with Bro. Fred and Sis. Donna Oesch and their family in the recent loss of Sis. Donna's brother-in-law, John Pickens. He leaves behind his wife, Janet, and children, Shane, Stephanie, Angel, Jes-

sica, Billy, Kristie, Steve and John Jr. May they, too, feel the Lord's loving comfort.

Our Sunday School had the privilege of traveling to Mansfield, OH and also to Bay City, MI for their Youth Days. Also, our young members traveled to Latty, OH over the Labor Day weekend. It is always refreshing to see our children establish these friendships with others of like mind and faith. We know these friendships can be life-long because the Lord is the firm foundation for them.

We are rejoicing with a soul who when called to serve her Saviour, responded with a willing heart. Our prayers and support are with Stephanie Gerst (Bro. Wally and Donna) as she begins her walk with the Lord.

We wish to thank Bro. Tom Schambach (Sis. Connie, Elgin, IL) for visiting us and sharing the Word with us. His son, Scott, is an added blessing to our fellowship here in Alto as he attends a college nearby. Also, we wish to thank Bro. Ron Palitto (Sis. Lynell, Akron, OH) for coming and ministering the Word.

Three new Sunday School teachers were put in this fall and we pray each will find a blessing in their labors. Those put in are Sis. Michele Blough (Bro. Martin), Sis. Heidi Kaeb and Bro. Rob Koehl (Sis. Kim). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5)

The Lord's healing mercies have been with Sis. Myrna Steffen (Bro. Carl) after she broke her collarbone and also with Dennis Koehl after knee surgery. Bro. Jim Blough (Sis. Julie) also spent time in the hospital re-

cently and is now back home.

We are all learning life's lessons in our daily walk. Here are a few helpful tidbits of wisdom learned from various aspects of life.

"I've learned - that it's not what you have in your life, but who you have in your life that counts."

"I've learned - that it's not what happens to people that's important. It's what they do about it."

"I've learned - that learning to forgive takes practice."

"I've learned - that no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt and you will hurt in the process."

"I've learned - that it's hard to determine where to draw the line between being nice and not hurting people's feelings and standing up for what you believe."

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Rhonda Knochel

Peggy Jackson

At the Daycare center where I work, we have some large concrete tunnels for the children to climb on and climb through. Some of them can't get over the top of the tunnel because they are not strong enough to pull themselves up or because they have not learned the climbing movements it takes to reach the top. I enjoy sitting on these tunnels when we are outside and often these children will ask me to help them climb up so they can sit beside me. I want them to learn to climb the tunnels them-

selves so I will not pull them up, but I will extend my hand to them to steady them as they climb. They always trust me to support them and to not let go. Are you facing a tunnel in your life or an obstacle that you need to climb over? Maybe it's too big or too difficult for you to overcome. As believers, we are never alone; however, often we cannot make it through the hard times in life because we try to do it on our own. God always has His hand outstretched to pull you up and support you. All you have to do is grab on to Him.

We were excited to host the Michigan/Ohio Youth Day here in Bay City. It was such a pleasure to plan for and implement the weekend. We were blessed to have Bro. Will Schieler and his wife, Sis. Sue (Milford, IN), with us. His love for the Lord encouraged our congregation and convicted some of the young people who came for the weekend.

Also visiting us this month were Bro. Brace Wieland (Sis. Brenda, Leo, IN) and Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Sis. Jeni, Bluffton, IN). We sincerely appreciate the time and effort these brothers put into ministering to us. May God bless them for their kindness to us.

We had several brothers and sisters spend time in the hospital this month. They are: Elder Bro. Andrew Virkler (Sis. Maxine), Sis. Doris Knochel, Bro. Lawrence Wieland (Sis. Lena) and Sis. Sharon Schlatter. It is our sincere hope and prayer that God will restore each of them to full health and will encourage them and strengthen them as they recover.

May God's loving arms surround you this month.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

**Kristie Meyer
Manuela Denes**

As the warm weather turns cooler and the green will soon turn to autumn colors, I am reminded of souls as they turn to the Lord in repentance. We are rejoicing over two more souls as they "turn over a new leaf." Becky Kujawa (Bro. Bill and Sis. Darlene) and Andy Wieland (Bro. Rod and Sis. Evelyn, Bay City, MI) have begun their repentance. May God be near them as they are a light in this troubled world.

If you don't get right, you will get left.

—*Author Unknown*

First-time parents, Bro. Troy and Sis. Jennifer Schrock, welcomed Navy Brooke into their hearts and home on July 19. Grandparents are Sis. Sharon Schlatter (Bay City, MI) and Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock (Washington, IL). Also, Karl and Kerry Moilanen are first-time parents of a baby boy, Connor Drew, born on September 5. Tom and Kay Moilanen and Andrew and Lynn Kirkland are the grandparents.

Sis. Ashley Wiegand (Bro. Brian and Sis. Cindy) has returned to Oakville, IA after spending the summer here. We enjoyed having her here as she fellowshipped with our young group.

Our prayers go with Bro. Scott Bahr (Bro. Phil and Sis. Dawn) and Sis. Heather Hitz (Bro. Tom and Sis. Cindy) as they have begun their college years away from home at Kansas State. Our prayers also go with Jon Meyer (Bro. Mark and Sis. Kristie) as he

is attending Eastern Michigan University.

Bro. Steve Domka (Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Ann, Mansfield, OH) and Sis. Brenda Orcsik (Bro. John and Sis. Eszter) were united as one on August 23. We wish them God's blessings as they make their home in Columbus, OH.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Mark Masters and Fred Domka (both of Mansfield, OH). We want to thank them for preaching the true Word in all its truth and sincerity.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Anna Tachar as her brother-in-law, Moses Vonia, Sarasota, FL, passed away.

We all have different circumstances in our lives and can find some discontentment if we choose to.

Paul and Job had things in their lives that could have caused them to complain. Paul as he was in prison and Job with all his troubles, but they still praised the Lord. Do we really have a reason to complain?

"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Philippians 4:11

**MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS
Delores Sauder**

We enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors this summer. We had our first "invite a friend" weekend. Among our visitors were Elder Bros. Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL) and Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN) and their wives, Sis. Jane and Sis. JoAnn. Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT) and Sis. Diane were also with us

Labor Day weekend. We thank these brothers for sharing God's Word with us.

The arrival of Allison to the home of Bro. Duane and Sis. Bonnie Rocke's home brought visits from her grandparents, Bro. Curt and Sis. Beth Rocke (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Norm and Sis. Lola Young (Fairbury, IL). Little Adrian is now a big brother.

We have concluded listening to the Conference tapes and are thankful for the encouraging messages from our Elder Brothers.

After having vacation July and August, the children resumed Sunday School on September 13. Their tender hearts are always eager to learn the Bible stories.

God's healing power is evident, as Sis. Arletta Bragg is home recuperating after hip surgery.

We are glad to welcome into our fellowship Bro. Rick, Sis. Brenda and Tylor Messner, Justin and Jodi Metzger (Bro. Art and Sis. Kris, Lester, IA), Rae Lynn Metzger (Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosella, Lester, IA) and Lori Schmidgall (Bro. Neil and Sis. Linda, Morris, MN). We hope that they can feel at home here.

Note of Thanks:

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts of love and phone calls when I had my back surgery and while recovering at home. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness.

Sis. Vera Schmidt

**MINNESOTA, MORRIS
Dianne Kellenberger
Nancy Wulf**

On Brotherly Love...

Wherever, Lord, true love is
waning,
O intervene ere 'tis too late;
And may Thy grace effect new
ardor,
Thy Spirit, Lord, new love create!
For if the flame of love should die,
The light of faith extinct would lie.
Zion's Harp #76

I love these old hymns with their poetic thoughts and spiritual proddings. Faithful brethren who have gone on before, have left these words of encouragement and admonition in poem form, if we would just take the time to read each hymn in its entirety. Our precious Zion's Harp, along with the Bible, gives us a resource to go to when listening to God speak to us. Don't overlook these treasures in helping you through life's trials. God will never forsake you.

Another resource we lean upon is our ministering Brothers, and we thank those that visited us this month. They are Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL), and Bros. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS), and Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN).

It has been a wonderful month for four precious baby boys who have come to fill some special homes with more joyous love!

On August 6, Joan Leismeister and Haley welcomed little Austin Ross. Thankful grandparents are Paul and Sis. Barb Leismeister.

August 27 was a grateful day for Tony and Sis. Peggy Asheman, Abigail and Ross, as Ryan Andrew joined their family. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine Schmidgall.

Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger are the excited grandparents of two grandsons! August 31 brought Alex Alan to the household of Bro. Craig, Sis. Paula and Max Feuchtenberger.

Alex's long-distance grandparents are Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley Kellenberger (Lester, IA).

Bro. Eric and Sis. Kim (Feuchtenberger) Koehl welcomed their first blessed bundle from Heaven, Benjamin Lee, on September 14. He makes first-time grandparents of Bro. Ken and Sis. Karen Koehl.

May God bless each of these couples as they raise these little boys to know and love Jesus.

Hospital patients were Bro. Reuben Koehl, Bro. Reuben Luthi (Sis. Chrystol), and Sis. Violet Wulf (Bro. Leonard). We are thankful that God has granted healing to each of them.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Carol Ann Messner
Becky Braulick**

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."
Proverbs 29:18

We finished listening to the Conference tapes and are thankful for the visions of our brotherhood of Elders.

"That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:"
Psalms 78:7

The harvest season is upon us and we pray it will be safe and bountiful for all.

"...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice to-

gether."
John 4:35-36

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY Brent Kellenberger

Today the Fort Scott, KS congregation came up and met us at Heritage Park for the Sunday School picnic. Although rain threatened, it was a beautiful evening. We had a blessed time of fellowship with the large group that attended.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), and Bros. Mike Rieker (Peoria, IL) and Bill Emch (Lamont-Gridley, KS). We thank them and their wives (Sis. Bev, Sis. Carol, and Sis. Susan) for coming and being used in God's service.

Bro. Matt Steidinger (Fairbury, IL) is assembling with us while he pursues a graduate degree at Kansas State. We are thankful for his lending heart, voice, and hands to our church family.

Today we read about Pharaoh's dream in Genesis 41. It is scary to think about seven years of famine, but we know that it happened in Egypt, and it can happen today. In Matthew 24:7, Jesus tells us there will be famines. In verse 6 and 7, many more unpleasant circumstances are cited, but Christ says, "see that ye be not troubled." In the trying times of life, there will be, and are, many troubled people. Praise God that we have an inner peace that allows us to overcome dread and hysteria. Displaying our peace on the outside during extreme trials is a tremendous witness to unbelievers. May God grant us the grace to calmly respond, as three men before a fiery furnace did.

MISSOURI, LAMAR
Carolyn Banwart
Martha Kellenberger

This past month, we had three from our congregation who were in the hospital. Sis. Corine Marti (Bro. Dale) and Ryan Braker (Terry and Rene') were surgical patients, and Sis. LuEtta Braker (Bro. Raymond) also spent a few days there. We are thankful to report that all are now home and recovering.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
Betsy Schrenk

As happens every year, our number of visitors drops with the start of school, but with our easy access to many of our mid-western churches, we continue to enjoy some company every week. Many people who are here for meetings or are traveling or are here for a weekend getaway come and worship with us. Ministers who recently brought us God's Word are the following: Bros. Larry Bahr (Ft. Scott, KS), Paul Messner (Winthrop, MN), Wayne Leman (Roanoke, IL), Gary Endress (Bradford, IL) and Byron Stoller (Gridley, IL). Thank you!

One of the Ten Commandments was emphasized in one of the sermons. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. (Read Exodus 10:8-11). Does keeping the Sabbath (or Lord's Day) holy really rank up there with not killing or stealing or committing adultery? In our culture, with all of the malls open and sports being played and people all around us chasing various pleasures on Sunday, have we increasingly downplayed this commandment? Just because our culture has

changed doesn't mean that God has changed. Instead of looking at keeping one day out of seven holy as such a sacrifice, we should appreciate it as a wonderful gift. A day of rest...a day of worship and praise...a day of rejuvenation. God modeled this for us and commanded us to follow His example. I know that I need to give this deeper thought and make some changes. In Heaven, every day will be the Lord's Day. By honoring this commandment, we can have a foretaste of Heaven every week.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR
Tina Sutter

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

This month we were exceedingly joyful to witness the testimony of our Sis. Rachelle Hoerr on August 30. It not only was a blessing to share in this baptism, but so much more of a constant encouragement to see the Lord's work fulfilled in her life daily.

Taylor was blessed to have two visiting ministers with us on that special day. They were Bro. Dean Steffen (Belvidere, IL) and Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS).

Bro. Jim Sutter underwent surgery in the Mayo Clinic this month. We are thankful that everything went well and Bro. Jim is recovering and we continue to pray for him and his family.

Sometimes it is good to be reminded that we will not undergo one final battle with the devil

that will ward him off for good. But that it is consistent daily victories that lead us to a victorious life in the end. Only with God's help can we persevere and find strength and be victorious. Whether it be physically, spiritually, relationally, materially, or emotionally, the devil is trying to defeat us.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Ephesians 6:13

NEW YORK
CROGHAN-NAUMBURG
Anna Mellnitz

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

I Thess. 5:12-13

We have been blessed to be able to listen to tapes of the recent Brotherhood Conference which was held at Forrest, IL. We are thankful that Jesus has promised never to leave us or forsake us, but has provided us with good counsel from the shepherds of the flocks.

Well, summer is about gone and fall is upon us. Some of the leaves have turned colors, and the children have gone back to school and some to college.

Our sympathy is extended to Christopher L. Farney's family for his untimely death; to his mother, Noreen Basset, and his grandparents, Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice Farney.

Sis. Polly Farney (Bro. Niles) had surgery on her hip on September 7. She is doing fine. Bro. Ted Herzig was hospitalized in Lowville but has been sent to Albany for surgery.

I want to apologize for not mentioning our Sunday School picnic at Happy Hollow held on August 4.

Note of Thanks:

May God bless each and every one for all the prayers, gifts of love, cards and food before and after my hip surgery.

Sis. Polly Farney

OHIO, AKRON

Joyce Gasser

Bro. Joe Miller and Sis. Carla Stoller were united in Holy Matrimony on August 16. Parents of the newlyweds are Bro. Randy and Sis. Carolyn Miller of our congregation and Bro. Fred and Sis. Joyce Stoller of Rittman. We wish them God's blessings as they go on life's pathway together, and we welcome Sis. Carla to our Akron congregation.

We were glad for our visiting minister, Bro. Glenn Riggenschach (Smithville, OH), on August 30.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Sandra Manz

It has been our privilege to spend time in church listening to the tapes of this year's Conference. We are encouraged to practice self-judgment, and most of us leave with the feeling that there is much work to do. How much easier for everyone in the church if we can all just be submissive to the words of our Lord as brought forth through our Elders, the undershepherds.

OHIO, LATTY

Kathy Sinn

Heidi Hackenjos

We are so thankful that another soul, Jessica Greutman (Bro. Greg and Sis. Kristy), has begun a walk of repentance. As she submits to God's Word and He converts her life, we wish her great strength and grace. With younger sisters at home watching her change, may God give her the courage to hold to a walk of simple faith.

We welcome Sis. Rachel Beer into our congregation as the wife of Bro. Chris Laukhuf. Many of us traveled to Milford to witness their wedding during the month. As Sis. Rachel assembles with us, we hope she will feel the love of the Latty brethren.

Sis. Erika Rudin (Bro. Arlyn and Sis. LaNae, Cissna Park, IL) has also moved to our area to attend college. She stays the weekends at Sis. Vera Laukhuf, her grandmother. We also welcome her as she assembles with us.

Sis. Laura Dunham (Bro. Charles, Sr.) and Sis. Louise Rager (Bro. Carl) have both spent several days in the hospital during the past month. May we continue to pray for these two sisters and their families. We have confidence that the Lord knows the condition of each one of us. He is well aware of the physical struggle and will call each one Home as it is His will.

Sis. Clara Stoller passed away following a surgery during the month. She was living in Francesville in the home of her daughter, Sis. Ruth Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee). Her other children are Marian (Eugene) Yoder, Lester (Marsha) Stoller, and Bro. Richard (Sis. Arlene) Stoller. We

extend our sympathy toward this family during the time of their loss.

We gathered the night of September 12 for Holy Communion. As we broke bread and partook of the cup, we remember the Lord's death and suffering for us. Do we totally comprehend the price that was paid for our sins? Let us live sanctified lives according to the example of Jesus' walk and God's Word. As we heard from a ministering brother during the weekend, "Let us live as we would hope to have lived when we die. Let us be the light in a dark and sinful world."

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Cari Mann

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Mark 10:9

August 23, many of our congregation traveled to the Detroit church to witness the union of Sis. Brenda Orcsik (Bro. John and Sis. Esther) and Bro. Steven Domka (Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary-Ann). May the faith that drew them together ever draw them closer to each other and to the God whom they serve.

Sis. Becky Vent (Dick) shared the news of her newest grandson, Jacob Richard, who was born to her son, Joel, and his wife, Michelle. The precious bundle arrived on August 21. Our prayers are with them all as they strive to raise this gift from the Lord.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Revelation 3:19

How joy does abound when a soul seeks his salvation! Imagine the joy in our congregation to come to church one Sunday and hear that three precious souls had turned from the way of the world to the way of everlasting life! Our prayers are with Erika Boliantz (Bro. Doug and Connie), Edward Ramsey (Bro. Ed and Sis. Laura) and Mark Rufener (Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay). As these three young people begin the walk that will lead them the rest of their lives, may they ever feel our loving prayers and know that they can always turn to us for encouragement.

“And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness; of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.”

Romans 15:29

We always receive a blessing of the gospel of Christ when Bro. Bill Brake (Sis. Miriam) comes to visit us. We are thankful that he makes the trip as often as he can and hope that he always feels our loving prayerful support.

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

Genesis 2:24

On August 30, we were blessed to hear of the engagement of Bro. Chad Keever (Champaign, IL) (Bro. Clair and Sis. Bev) to Sis. Laurie Schafer (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Loretta). As they plan for their wedding, may they ever feel the Lord's guidance and our loving prayers.

Have you ever had an experience that makes you totally and

completely realize just exactly how much God is in control of all things? If you are like me, how soon was it that you found yourself trying once again to take over that control? This is something that we need to remember every day of our lives, that God is in perfect control. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Let us each strive to remember that we can relinquish all things to Him and that He will take care of them in such a perfect way that we can be nothing less than amazed. Let us each be thankful for the blessings we have been given.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Lynda Beery

Lucy Gasser

It is a blessing for those of us who cannot travel to the Conference to be able to sit with our home brethren and experience the presence of the Spirit of unity felt by those who attended the Conference. May we accept the loving admonitions of our Elder brothers that their labors be not in vain.

Two families have gladly received the miracle of a new baby. First-time parents, John and Sheila Kries, have a son, Jacob Isaac, who arrived on August 29. Grandparents are Bro. Isaac and Sis. Verna Rufener and Tom and Eula Kries.

Bro. David and Sis. Jan Stoller, along with Derek and Jenna, welcomed Jaycie Anne into their family. Jaycie's grandparents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Marjorie Stoller and Bro. Michael and Sis. Norene Miller. Both babies arrived early and had to spend extra time in the hospital.

Sis. Vicki Pelfrey, Bro. Ralph Weber, and Bro. Michael Miller

(Sis. Norene) spent time in the hospital. They are home again and we pray that they will have a good recovery. May all who are experiencing problems, again enjoy the blessings of good health.

Barry Maibach (Dale and Dixie) and Christine Zarlengo (Tina Zarlengo and Ken Pfalzgraf) became one in marriage on August 18.

Bro. Brett Lanz (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Diane) and Sis. Renee Beer (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby) entered a covenant of faithfulness to each other at Milford, IN on September 13 in the presence of friends and family. May both couples enjoy the blessing of God in their marriages.

We welcome Bro. Rudy Wiegand from Goodfield, IL who has accepted employment in our community and will be worshipping with us.

**OHIO, SARDIS
Joy Indermuhle**

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Hebrews 6:10

We thank the many brethren and friends who gave of their time and talent to help with a small, local World Relief project in our community. May God richly bless each one. Here to participate in the project on a Wednesday, were Bros. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH) and Mark Steiner (Smithville, OH). We appreciate their efforts in bringing forth the Lord's Word that evening. May He be their

rich rewarder.

God answered young Mariah Indermuhle's prayer by sending her a sister. Little Shayna Rose joined the family of Bro. Eric and Sis. Lisa Indermuhle on September 4. Also welcoming her home is big brother, Mason, and grandparents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle and Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake. May God give this dear family wisdom and grace in raising their children.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE

**Ruth Gasser
Edith Miller**

Send, Lord, Thy holy teaching
To us in humble preaching,
Yet in the Spirit's pow'r
That we, a new creation,
In love and true devotion
May bear our burden ev'ry hour.
Zion's Harp #207

We have been blessed with many visitors this past month at Smithville. Those who ministered to us were Bros. Sam Schlatter (Junction, OH), Paul Gasser (Akron, OH), Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS), Ed Fritz (Washington, IL), Kenneth Schneider (Remington, IN), Jerry Isch (Philadelphia, PA), Doug Harmon (Toledo, OH) and Brian Webb (Ft. Lauderdale, FL). We thank them for their efforts and trust God will bless each one.

We rejoice that the Lord has called two more souls to work in His vineyard. Our new converts are Mary Beth Rufener (Bro. John and Sis. Emily) and Tom Dotterer (Keith and Sis. Linda). We wish much grace to both of these loved ones, and trust they will build their house of faith upon a firm foundation.

August 23 was a special day for

Bro. Adam Uhler and Sis. Ann Maibach as they were united in Holy Matrimony. May God's blessings be with them as they walk life's pathway together. Parents of this couple are Dale and Sis. Marilyn Uhler and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach.

"Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing..."

Proverbs 18:22

The engagement of Bro. George Schuster (Silverton, OR) and Sis. Carol Kiser was recently made known. May the Lord be with them as they prepare for this important event in their lives. Sis. Carol's parents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha (Rittman, OH).

On September 9, Bro. Scott and Sis. Charlene Stoller welcomed Warren Everett as their fourth child. Warren's brothers and sister are Doyle, Lynelle, and Nelson. Thankful for another grandson are grandparents, Bro. Everett and Sis. Marge Stoller (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas Rufener. May the Lord grant wisdom to all parents and grandparents who are given the opportunity to influence young lives.

Our prayers are with Bro. Lloyd Indermuhle (Sis. Vera) as he is at this time in the hospital awaiting surgery. We pray for God's healing hand upon him.

OHIO, TOLEDO

**Rebecca Beard
Edie Fetter**

Ye of my blessed pilgrimage,
Dear and beloved companions,
Who have the precious privilege,
The Holy Ghost's communion,
God's blessings on you I acclaim,
And greet you in the Saviour's

name!

Zion's Harp #173

We were happy to greet new and returning college students in the Toledo area. We were blessed with a day of fellowship with them and their families at the annual college picnic. We enjoy a special bond regardless of where our home congregations may be, and rejoice in the fellowship it brings to our little church. Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) was among our visitors, and we appreciated his service in the ministry.

OREGON, PORTLAND

**Mary Berg
Louisa Gallup**

This past month, two exciting things happened here in our small congregation. Earlier in the month, we were very happy to welcome into our congregation Bro. John Kinsinger and his wife, Sis. Wanda (Baer), from Elgin, IL. We pray the Lord will bless them as they make their home here in the Portland area. We hope they will feel loved and welcome as they, no doubt, have to adjust to living far away from relatives.

Then on September 13, we were very pleased to have a special dedication service, as our church building is now remodeled and finished to comfortably fit our needs. We feel blessed to have such a nice place to come and worship and deeply appreciate the help we have received from every one near and far.

We wish to thank the Elder brethren who led the dedication service for us: Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Sis. Dona, Taylor, MO), Phil Stettner (Sis. Maureen, Bluffton North, IN) and Art Metz (Sis. Petty, Silverton, OR).

May the Lord bless them for their special efforts. Also, our thanks to the visitors, some from out of state, who came to the Open House dinner and singing we had on Saturday, September 12.

We hope to have many years of worship and fellowship in our nicely remodeled building and invite visitors to the area to please come by.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

September is back-to-school month, as most everyone is aware, even if our homes no longer have the hustle-bustle of the preparation that it takes. When you are involved in the necessary purchases of everything from crayons to computers, and backpacks to running shoes, it seems it will never end...but it does. Sooner than you may think. Make the most of these very important and wonderful years. So soon these times will be the memories that they sit around the dinner table and reminisce.

In Silverton, we go back-to-school too, as it is our practice to set aside the four Wednesday nights following the start of school, to listen to the annual Brotherhood Conference tapes. We are so thankful for this opportunity to receive instruction that is so valuable for our successful Christian walk of life. May we be attentive hearers and faithful doers as well.

Sunday, August 30, we heard the engagement announcement of our Bro. George Schuster and Sis. Carol Kiser (Smithville, OH). Sis. Carol's parents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Kiser (Rittman, OH). We rejoice with them and will pray for God's grace as they plan their wedding

for November 15 at Smithville.

The Lester, IA Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Center was the setting for the September 12 wedding and reception of Bruce Kuenzi (Bro. Rich and Sis. RosaLee) and Stacy Metzger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Charlotte, Lester, IA). God's traveling mercies protected them and their families through the uncertainty and inconvenience of the Northwest Airline strike going to the wedding and from the brunt of Hurricane Georges on their wedding trip. May God bless their marriage and their lives in the future as He has so generously in the past.

Bro. Mark and Sis. K'Ren Kuenzi and little brother Cole welcomed Nicholas Edward Kuenzi into their hearts and home on August 24. Grandparents are Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary and Gary and Ruth Comny of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Bro. Lee and Sis. Janet Kuenzi, Louis and Jean Kieser, and Clyde Burks of Salem. Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary were doubly blessed grandparents when baby Kyler Michael was born within the week to Bro. Mike and Sis. Mary Stork of Fairbury, IL.

Another happy home welcoming a new baby is that of Bro. Jason and Sis. Colette Snook. Shalyse has a new sister, Kiara Mae, born on August 31. Grandparents are Vance and Sis. Liz Snook, and Elder Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy Fehr (West Bend, IA). Great-grandparents are Bro. Lewis and Sis. Gloria Kuenzi and Vivian Snook, all of Salem, Sis. Eunice Koehl (Morris, MN) and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr (West Bend, IA).

We had several hospitalized surgical patients this month. Thankfully, all are home and re-

covering well at this time. They were Bro. Jeremy Kuenzi (Bro. Terry and Sis. Ann), Sis. Carl Dietrich (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Bess) and Alice Gehring (the late Bro. Lawrence). We pray that our merciful Lord will give them much grace and patience during the sometimes trying recuperation period.

Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO) were our visiting ministers during the past month. We do appreciate their efforts and willingness to serve our Lord through serving us.

PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA

Merle and Bev Rocke

"Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not."

Proverbs 8:33

On Saturday, September 12, our combined congregations of Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. were privileged to listen to the 1998 Conference tapes. As the psalmist wrote, we believe wisdom comes from hearing and heeding wise instruction. We welcomed this opportunity for serious personal reflection. This was time well spent.

We appreciated visits by ministering brothers, Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan) and Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo, IN), during the past month. Also, we welcomed our Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan and his wife (Rockville, CT) who joined our combined Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. churches in an appreciation dinner for our retired Elder Bro. Ed Aeschleman and his wife, Sis. Nancy.

Sis. Sandra Zollinger, formerly of Rittman, OH, has found employment in the area and is a very welcome addition to our small flock. She joined us just in time for our annual Sunday School Picnic held at the home of Bro. Merle and Sis. Bev Rocke.

TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE Gwen Leuthold

This past month, my computer printer ink cartridge ran out of ink. I was, therefore, faced with the task of either buying a new cartridge or refilling the old one. Due to the cost, I chose to refill the cartridge. From the directions, it looked like a simple procedure, so I began. It soon became apparent, however, that the procedure was not as simple as I had thought. I soon had ink all over my hands. As most of you know, ink does not come off easily. For days I still had traces of the ink on my hands and scrubbed and scrubbed to remove it. As I was scrubbing, my thoughts turned to stains of sin in our lives. When we sin or displease God, we try and try to scrub it away and remove it. It is only through the blood of Jesus, however, that He can forgive our sins and make us whole. Through His boundless mercy, He is able to do this instantly if we ask Him through prayer. Aren't we so thankful we have Jesus Christ as our Saviour to turn to remove sin in our lives?

This past month, we were privileged to have visiting Bros. Tom Troxel (LaCrosse, IN) and Dave Marquart (Taylor, MO). We thank these brothers for their willingness to travel and labor for the Lord. May He richly reward them and their families.

If anyone is planning to travel to or through the Nashville area,

please stop and worship with us. We meet every first and third Sunday with ministers (see schedule below) and for a tape service on the other Sundays. Please contact Bro. Don and Faye Sauder (615) 373-8928; Bro. Mike and Sis. Monica Fritz (615) 353-8835; or Sis. Gwen Leuthold (615) 352-3940 if you plan to worship with us.

Upcoming services: November 1 (Mansfield, OH); November 15 (Washington, IL); December 6 (Chicago, IL); January 3 (Oakville, IA); and January 17 (Roanoke, IL).

"...Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons:"

Daniel 2:20-21

LIFE - Live In Faith Everyday.

TEXAS, CENTRAL Dan and Pam Sauder

We are grateful to those who often travel many miles to worship and bring God's Word to us. Visiting ministers this month include: Elder Bros. Dale Eisenmann (Sis. Judy, Chicago, IL) and Jesse Beer (Sis. Shirley, Milford, IN) and Bros. Beirne Messner (Sis. Joyce, Morris, MN) and Hartzell Kaisner (Sis. Mary, Detroit, MI).

Central Texas services are held on all Sundays except the first Sunday of the month. The third Sunday we meet in the San Antonio area at the Comal County Senior Citizens Center in New Braunfels. The last Sunday we meet at Bro. Bill Zeltwanger's home at Round Top. The remainder of the month we meet in Austin at the Omni Hotel at I-35 and Hwy. 290.

Visitors are always welcome.

For your benefit, please call ahead to confirm our schedule. Contacts are Bro. Bill Zeltwanger (409) 249-5102; Brian and Terri Kaisner (512) 266-0178; Bro. David and Sis. Shella Brummitt (512) 360-3379; Sis. Dorothy Martin (210) 658-1968; and Bro. Dan and Sis. Pam Sauder (210) 651-4996.

TEXAS, ZAPATA Viola Perdelwitz Melva Messner

On September 5, a reunion was held at Oakville, IA of people that attend the Apostolic Christian church and spent some time during the winter at Zapata, TX. There were about 109 people representing 23 different churches. We met at 3:00 for registration. It was a glorious time as we greeted each other and had the fellowship we could enjoy. We had a meal at 5:00 and later in the evening we sang songs.

Ministering Bros. Carroll Gerber (Sis. Louise, Bluffton North, IN) and Roy Ehnle (Sis. Donna, Bradford, IL); and retired Elder Bros. Paul Fehr (Sis. Anna, Morris, MN) and Sam Anliker (Sis. Clara, Lamont-Gridley, KS); and retired ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Sis. Haizel, Winthrop, MN) were at the reunion.

On Sunday we attended the Oakville church. Bros. Roy and Carroll brought us God's Word. We thank them for the message.

We are never sure of meeting
Anywhere beneath the sun,
But we look to glad reunion,
When our earthly life is done.

*Tabernacle Hymns
Number 3 #201*



Sermon continued from page 2

three years and pretty soon the bottom fell out and he was gone.

When he heard I repented, he came to see me and he said, "I am not going to confuse you, but I found something so much better." I had to think from other things that I know that I believe it was the enemy that fed him something that he took from him and replaced it with something else that was empty, and that was phony but he didn't know it.

This was one of the saddest things I experienced in life, as I experienced this, and it was a very, very short time after that when his life was taken at a very young age, very unexpectedly.

Now we are not standing here to judge but we know when we have this standing of being risen with Christ, it is a valuable, precious heritage. When it is taken away and we fall into the gutter depths of the earth of sin that the enemy has, and the world knows even it is sinful.

The enemy can even soothe our mind and say, "I found something better," and still be living in a sinful state. It is hypocrisy. It is deceit in the first degree.

Let us value our heritage. Let us value the standing and let's be careful because you and I, young and old, we will not fall in one day or one night, not likely. We may make mistakes, we may fall, we may err, we may sin, we may be overtaken in a fault and every time I read that in the Bible, I think of running away from sin, fleeing sin. The old enemy is right on the tail and he overcomes and throws him to the ground.

If that brother or sister is humble and repentant, I believe God is merciful. I know that He is. But if we let ourselves be enticed and drawn away little by little and the signs of that would be, "Are we obedient to what we hear, to doctrine, to correction, to reprove, to instruction?" Are we open to those things or do we say, "We have talked it among ourselves and we decided that this really isn't necessary. This isn't an essential thing for my salvation." This might be man's idea. Do we do that? I would say without much doubt that is a sign of a gradual decline in our spiritual life and becoming a child of disobedience. We need to be very, very careful.

One of the prophets cried out, and he said it three times, "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD."

(Jeremiah 22:29). He said it is vitally important and vital to your eternal well-being to hear the Word of the Lord. We had better take another look. God's Word stands sure and His doctrine never changes. Let us value the heritage and the tradition that is ours, being risen with Christ.

Then he said, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:1-2). It's those things which are highly esteemed among men. If I said to you tonight, "Tell me something that is highly esteemed among men in the world," what would you say?

I am sure some of you would probably say, "Basketball. The Bulls. It is highly esteemed among men. It's the talk of the town. It is splashed in the newspapers." I am not saying that it is a horribly evil thing to have a little bit of interest in who wins, I am not saying that. We just need to know that to the world it is an idol in the first degree. To the world, it is, and that is all that is important and God is totally shut out. Would you agree? I'm pretty sure of it.

That's where the billions and billions of dollars go. That is where the excitement comes in. That is where the pleasure comes in, and that is just one little example among hundreds that you and I are exposed to. No, we don't have statues in our houses that we bow down to anymore, but let us be careful that we don't set our affection on those things that are upon the earth. That can be anything.

I am a business man and I was in over my head in business today, and I thought, "I hope the Lord is merciful to me to give me a few words of utterance." I don't deserve it because I scarcely had time to talk to Him today. In fact, I think I ate my lunch on the run and I didn't even pray. I usually do, but it is in my vehicle there and I might grab it from one job to another. We moved about two or three times and poured over one hundred yards of concrete. I got home and had to go again and thought I had better stop by and see someone at the hospital quick. I thought, "I hope God understands because maybe I don't myself."

We are supposed to set our affection on things above, not on things in

the earth, and there are all types of things that we can set our affection on in this earth.

What is an idol? Idolatry. The world. What is the world? Somebody defined it as—if I can recall it—the forgetting of the eternal future because of the love of passing things. The forgetfulness of the eternal future for the love, in other words, temporal things which will not last. That is love of the world. We need to be so careful that our affection is not on those things and that we become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

We are supposed to be watchmen on the wall, you and I, the elder brothers, we are supposed to be watchmen. How carefully do we blow the trumpet when we see danger? Are we apologetic and say, "Somebody might be a little agitated if I blow it too loud, especially if it is in the morning and standing on the wall when I see the enemy coming and blow the trumpet and make the populace jump out of their bunks or beds and hit their heads on the ceiling and become irritated with me for blowing so loud."

We are in a fierce battle with the enemy and he wants our soul very, very badly. There are causalities and you and I know that. How much is one soul worth? It exceeds the value of the world, doesn't it? The value of a soul is worth more.

So we can't say, "Well, one falls here and one there and one causality here. It is a very small percentage or fairly small." No, we should be grieved in our heart and each one of us should be a diligent watchman to warn and exhort each other. That is what the Word tells us to do.

"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3). What does dead mean? Remember when you were baptized and they said, "Are you dead to self? Are you dead to sin?" Not that it is not available and not that this natural body doesn't want to again entice us, and not that we are blameless and sinless. We should surely strive to be, but we do fall short, don't we? We need to pray for mercy each day.

We are supposed to remain dead—dead to sin and dead to self. Your life is hid with Christ in God. That is a sure hiding place, isn't it? That is a sure hiding place.

Sermon continued next page

Sermon continued from page 47

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4). That is a precious promise that should give us joy and cheer.

Then he says, "Mortify," in other words, kill, put to death; mortify, that is what that means, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." (Colossians 3:5). We need to exam each one of those.

Now I guess looking at those, I don't have much of a problem, but sometimes I have to think, "What about covetousness?"

A lot of us are business men and we really accumulate customers and try to do a good job and try to keep our men busy and pretty soon, it occupies our mind and our life. Is it honorable? Sure! Businesses are honorable. They are beautiful.

I went out to Hoerr Nursery and it was the first time I had visited there. Their garden shop was just beautiful and I bought some plants. They were nice to deal with and it was just a joy in there. Then with my daughter I had to pick up some things that we had ordered. Then she said, "Dad, I have never seen such a beautiful place in my life. Those trees and flowers!" I said, "It really is. It really is!"

It is good business and it is pleasant, but all these things have to be kept in their perspective, don't they, and they can be. But there is danger attached with it, even the honorable things in life, even the good things. There is danger there. Any good thing in excess can become sin, even the food that we eat.

Food is good and is given to us as a gift to sustain us. It is a gift of God, and God has pleasure when a man who labors eats the fruit of his labor. That is a blessing from God! But we can over do it, can't we? We can harm our bodies, and our body is the temple of the Living God. So we have to be careful in a lot of things, don't we?

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:" (Colossians 3:6). The Bible talks about different children—children of God, children of the devil, children of the world, children of wrath, and children of disobedience. Which one are we? We would say we are children of God. Now those

who have been born again have been risen with Christ.

I really don't think, unless they would fall away from the faith and intentionally turn against God and blaspheme Him, I don't think that they would be labeled as children of the devil, but they could become children of disobedience if we are forgetful in the instruction of the Word.

So we have to be careful. We can't take tremendous comfort and security in saying, "I am a child of God. He will never leave me and He will never forsake me. He won't hide His face from me." Oh, yes, He will if we are careless and if we don't obey or heed His Word.

We often talk about eternal security. The believer—a true believer—is secure. There is no doubt about it, if he stays close to the heart of God, there is security there. But when we go off on our own and we want to do that which is right in our own eyes and we are willfully disobedient or rebellious or pride comes in our heart, then what does God do? He resists the proud. That is set in stone.

God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble. (See James 4:6). We can't change that and we dare not meddle with it because God's wrath comes on the children of disobedience—His children who disobey Him. I think that is how I would read this.

His children who willfully disobey Him, is not necessarily a child of the devil, not necessarily a child of wrath, but a child of disobedience. We have to make sure that we don't fit that category.

There is no need to fear that if we daily walk with Him, if we are humble, if we are submissive, if we are willing to receive correction and instruction, there is no danger.

"In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another..." (Colossians 3:7-9). In other words, he is saying, "You have the capability to do all these things, and they are not necessarily going to condemn you to hell, but they are going to weaken you spiritually, and then it might lead to greater ruin." He said to put off anger, wrath, malice and all these things, put them off.

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after

the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God..." (Colossians 3:10-12). Doesn't that make you feel humble, but yet kind of important? Elected of God, God has chosen you.

Do you remember the night or the day when He came to you and put that feeling in your heart that is a little bit hard to explain? I remember very distinctly as much as well as I remember anything in my life, I remember that specific moment. As stubborn as I was, I could not have resisted Him with all my might. I could not have resisted that call.

Do you remember that first Holy Spirit's tugging at the heart to be elected of God, the beginning of being elected to be His child?

This is what we should put on, "...holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" (Colossians 3:12). The world doesn't seek after those things. The world doesn't promote those things at all. The world scoffs at these things and they view these things as weakness and "sissy-like" if it is in a man. I don't know what it is if it is in a woman, but the world doesn't like this kind of thing at all.

But this is what he commands you and me to put on as our spiritual clothing: kindness and humbleness.

Behold Jesus, He was humble; He exalted not Himself;

He was gracious, loving, gentle,
Asked no honor and no wealth;
In Him dwelt no vain ambition,
Not a boasting disposition;
So He calls to you and me:
"Learn humility from Me!"

Kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering. Sometimes when I read the Bible, I think, "That is such a beautiful thing to think about. That ought to be put above the door post, printed and taped up there that when I leave for work, it is embedded and engraved in my mind if it isn't written on the fleshly tables of my heart." This is one of those things, especially for all of us, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering.

Now if we are involved in the world and we hear things on the radio and we see things on the television, you won't see any of these characteristics promoted. No, not at all. You will see them mocked. The Bible says that in perilous times there shall be scoffers, despisers of those that do good, but He calls for you and me to put on these things.

"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another..." (Colossians 3:13). Beautiful characteristics—forgiving and forbearing.

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." (Colossians 3:14). We can read in I Corinthians 13 about charity. A beautiful, beautiful crown to put on our spiritual life.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another..." (Colossians 3:15-16). How often do you admonish each other? How often do you try to teach each other?

You who are younger, the Bible says you should learn from the older. You are going to learn more from those who are older than those who are younger because they have had a lot of experiences in life and been through a lot of hardship, in some cases, through death and experienced a lot of things.

Just don't learn from yourselves. Learn from those who are older. They

have a wealth of information. Sometimes we have to dig a little bit and prod, but we can learn a lot. Don't forsake visiting the folks who are older.

"...admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16). Just one other thought about spiritual singing. We talked about the deceitfulness of the enemy of our soul. We have heard of dumbing down of this and dumbing down of computers and dumbing down of everything else in the world to make it more palatable.

Sometimes the music that is called Christian today, I wonder if it isn't dumbing down of our hymns, I wonder if it isn't something the enemy would like to take out from us and replace it with something else, something new, something modern, something maybe a little "catchy", something awful shallow rather than the hymns that raised our older generation and us, who gave us real comfort when we were down and out and under conviction, who convicted us as sinners when we were yet sinners.

Don't forsake those hymns, those spiritual songs. I know the enemy wants to take that valley of tradition from your family, from your heart and from our church. I know he does and he wants to replace it with something that will not give you comfort in the time of death, not likely.

My grandmother was ninety-four

when she died and near death's time, she said, "Ed, would you read me, 'Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross'." She knew that song. Fanny Crosby wrote it along with her other eight thousand hymns. My grandmother sang it from the days of her youth and loved it and knew every word, but she wanted to hear it again.

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all—a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Then she remembered this verse which she really gloried in:

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and
Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.

Can you say that—that is what He did for you in calling you to be His elect? In the cross, be my glory ever. Not on those ugly things, those vain empty things of the world that we can so easily set our affection on, but in the cross, be our glory ever till then our raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.





The diary of Elder Bro. Henry Geistlich continues. In 1866, he came to America and visited all the American churches existing at that time. He kept a detailed diary which is historically instructive for the church today.

Friday, August 3 - St. Louis, MO: Today my brother, Casper, and I visited with his minister. I got into an argument with the minister's wife concerning the baptism of children and also about other things. After the quarreling became too great, I did not say anymore, for I do not like to argue with them for which there is no hope. This minister used to be in Africa, but now is an overseer of an orphanage in St. Louis.

St. Louis is a large city, although not as large as some cities in Europe. Business is good here. Wages for a laborer are also good. A skilled laborer receives about \$3.00 a day, an ordinary one \$2.00. Out in the country they get from \$2.50 to \$3.00. The wages are all far better than in Europe.

But there are also many drawbacks, the poor water, the great heat, the large amount of insects and many other things which I did not like. I would sooner be satisfied with little in Europe as with many riches here.

After I spent four days in St. Louis, I was glad to go on again. I could not find any work that I could do for the Lord. My brother, Casper, took me to a place in Indiana. We crossed the Mississippi River here at St. Louis, then went to Springfield, which is the capital of the State of Illinois. From there we went to our destination which was a settlement in Indiana, mostly Swiss and Germans live here.

They raise many cattle as there is much timber and swampy land. They also raise some corn, oats and wheat. But the entire region is not as fruitful as the State of Illinois. I also became sick here. I was afraid if I would stay much longer, I would get fever as I became dizzy.

Saturday, August 4 - Indiana: Today we left Indiana for Mackinaw, IL. The time had also come when my brother, Casper, and I must part one from another. We went to the depot together. As we bade each other farewell, an inward pain came over both of us. My wish and prayer for both of us was that God would be gracious to us in this life so that we can, with the will of God, meet again

in that Heavenly Home. I told him that this was my only concern about him, he giving me right, and so we parted in the hope that with God all things are possible.

Sunday, August 5 - Mackinaw, IL: Today we had church at Mackinaw. It was partly a blessed day and partly not for me. The brethren here were rebuilding their church house, so we had to have our assembly out in the open. About 12 rigs drove over from Partridge Prairie.

Monday, August 6 - Mackinaw, IL: The past few days I stayed with the brethren Miller. Sister Luthi from Zurich is staying here too and was glad to see me and happy because it was possible for me to visit with her. We talked about many things concerning coming to America and how everyone should prove it thoroughly before coming to America.

Tuesday, August 7 - Roanoke, IL: We were with Bro. Benedict Weyeneth and the brethren here in the church house, where Bro. Weyeneth lives. He gave me the letters he had received for me from my wife and family. I was very happy, for this was the first word I had received from my dear ones and felt pleased that they were well and getting along nicely. The Lord protects and cares for them that are His.

Wednesday, August 8 - Metamora, IL: Today I received the letters that were sent to Monroe County, OH for me. I do not know the reason that I did not receive them before—God knows. It is always good if we can be patient in all that comes over us. I found real love among the brethren here. All that which troubled me the other time I was here has now vanished. I am now greatly pleased and consoled over the dear brethren here, for after we personally mingle with each other, we often understand each other better and the hearts flow together in joy, peace and love. Thanks be to the Lord for His love toward us, that He was merciful to us and redeemed us from sin and death. It is as we find in that song: "O, how lovely it is to be in unity with our Lord."

Thursday, August 9 - Partridge Prairie: Today we had church here at Partridge at Bro. Wenger's. Bro. Weyeneth went along with us.

Friday, August 10 - Metamora, IL: The past night I stayed with Bro. Martin, who is

from the Black Forest, Germany. Health-wise, I did not feel very good. This caused me to pray earnestly to the Lord that He would help me and give me health; and all that I am in need of to get home again to my dear ones.

Sunday, August 12 - Roanoke with Bro. Weyeneth: Today we had church here in the church house three times and also a member meeting. Seventy-three rigs were in the yard and some came on foot and on horseback. We had a blessed day. The Lord revealed Himself; this was a great consolation for me.

In the evening the mosquitoes and bugs bothered us considerably, coming into the church house in great numbers. Bro. Weyeneth and I had to leave the table where we sat, as they swarmed around the light. These bugs are the thickest in August.

Because they live on the prairie, the people here are troubled with snakes and other pests, one brother telling me that in the breaking up the sod or prairie, he killed 30 snakes and that such uncomfortable work taught him to call to God. I presume he did not feel the best by such work. The snake is a dangerous and abominable beast and according to the Word of God, rightly so. In the book of Genesis (Chapter 3, verse 14) we can find how God cursed it above all cattle and that it shall go on it's belly and eat dust all the days of it's life. Yet, Satan is more to be feared than these snakes or serpents from whom comes all sorts of evil thoughts and sinful lusts. These are far more dangerous to us than the beasts and pests that come into our houses and fields. We must earnestly strive that we can be protected from them.

Monday, August 13 - Fort Wayne, IN: Today, Bro. Weyeneth and several sisters from Iowa and Illinois and I left Illinois and arrived here this evening. We were all very tired.

Tuesday, August 14 - Leo, IN: Today we had in our assembly a brother who is here from Bern, Switzerland. The congregation here is mostly of brethren who are from Bern.

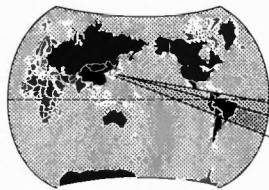
by Perry A. Klopfenstein

Next Issue:
More on the Geistlich Diary

The Light Of Hope

From Across The Ocean

希望の光



“A Place of Refuge”

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan

The Bible opened to Joshua, chapter 20, about cities of refuge for anyone who accidentally causes the death of another person. The New Testament reading was about the end times, when we will certainly need a place of refuge. In the afternoon, the Bible opened to Psalm 46, “God is our refuge and our strength.” The New Testament reading was the first six verses of Hebrews, chapter 3, about houses, some built by man and some built by God. We were visiting our Philadelphia church.

We all need a place of refuge where we can relax and get away from it all, where hymns are sung and the Bible is read, and where we can love and respect each other out of a pure heart. Our churches should be that place and meet that need. Hebrews 3:6 reads in part, “Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we.”

There is the aspect of the church building being a place of refuge where we worship God

and have fellowship with one another. There, hopefully, love abounds, if we can keep the devil out. There we are protected from the influence of the media and from the pressure to meet deadlines in our work. There we have the benefit of loved ones with much experience in the life of faith, and we also can see children who are innocent but anxious to know and learn about their environment and what life means.

There is also the aspect that we ourselves are a place of refuge for others. The above verse indicates that we are Christ’s house. This means that Christ will live in our hearts, if we let Him. This also means that brothers, sisters, and friends will also live in our hearts, if we can find room in our hearts for them. I like that idea that you and I might be a place of refuge for others. We love them all and want them to be comfortable with us.

Hebrews 3:4 reads in part, “Every house is builded by some

man.” This is talking about a physical house, where we eat and sleep. Let’s thank God, if we are fortunate enough to have such a house—many on this earth do not have it. That house should be our castle, a place of refuge. There we can relax and be completely blessed.

Is your house a place of refuge, or is there conflict and tension there? I have two suggestions which I believe will make anyone’s house a place of refuge. (1) Never, but never, blame one another for anything. To be blamed makes a person feel bad, especially when you are doing your best. (2) Always, but always, speak to one another with a soft and loving voice, including when making suggestions to one another.

The above two suggestions are very simple and I believe, if followed, will make both our spiritual houses and our physical houses, wonderful places of refuge, whereby we can live the abundant life.

希望の光



Fort Scott - KS 1921
pictured in 1940

The first church of the Fort Scott congregation was purchased in 1921. After renovation, it served the Fort Scott congregation until 1967 when a new edifice was dedicated. The Fort Scott area is rich in early western history where a military post was located, however, it was not the history that drew people to the Fort Scott area. Like so many other areas, the land and the prospect of farming drew brethren from Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma, and northern Kansas.

THE SILVER LINING

*****5-DIGIT 44203
GREGG0203 DM 5 140 248
GORDON GREENBANK
4132 SUMMIT RD
BARBERTON OH 44203 1055



2nd Class
U.S. Postage
PAID
Roanoke, IL
and
additional offices
USPS 496780