

# *The Silver Lining*



*Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:  
but the proud he knoweth afar off.*

*Psalms 138:6*

*October 2008*

*Sermon by Bro. Mark Schmidgall, Eureka, IL*  
**II Chronicles 29:1-24 and I John 2**

The Apostle ended there with, "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him." I John 2:29. In the world today, there would seem to be a lot of confusion and argument perhaps, what righteousness is. But we know there is only one way to be made righteous. That's through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That we come to Him in a humble repentance and we seek forgiveness. That we make our rights wrong. That we be at peace with God and with man, as much as lieth within us. That He would convert our hearts and minds and then that we'd walk in the way, the way of salvation, the way of truth and righteousness, as the Word of God does explain unto us very clearly. Even as we have read together of the world and the lust of the world and all those things, those things are of sin and they are of unrighteousness. We need to be in the righteous path, even on that highway that leads to heaven. So there is a vast difference sometimes, what the Word of God calls righteous and righteous living and what the world would want to proclaim even as a Christian walk of life.

So dear ones, even as we consider the Word of God, may it be a prayer upon our heart that He would give us the understanding of this Scripture. That we'd understand a little bit more what God does expect of us as we walk here below.

He said, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not..." I John 2:1. It doesn't get much simpler and more plain than that. We are to be the overcomers and we can read that as we read down through there. We are to be the overcomers of sin. Even we could read in the Old Testament time there, that there was a sacrifice given for sin. God did not even want to dwell with sin and He wanted the sacrifices given. We know, dear ones, it is the same today and even much more so. God does not want to share our heart with sin. So here the Apostle said, that ye sin not.

"...And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1.

Even as we would come to Him in repentance, we know that we are born into sin, that we reach that age of accountability where we know right from wrong. We know that we are committing sin and almighty God then gives us a conviction upon our heart and mind and we have that advocate. We have Jesus Christ the righteous one, that we can turn to.

Then we know and realize, dear ones, even as we know that life is real, as we go through this life, there are sometimes where there are those who would slip and make error in their life. It has to be brought to light. Then we know that there is an advocate. There is a way that is spelled out in the Word of God. That they could even take the discipline of the church. That they could take that which is meted out from the Word of God, that they could even suffer here. There could be that way that would be open for them, that they would perhaps suffer here upon this earth that someday they could still reign with Jesus Christ in all eternity.

A lot of times we don't want to speak about those things or think about them. But it is real. We are thankful for the love and the mercy of God. May it be, dear ones, that when those things would happen or we know they have happened in the past, oh that we would not cast judgment and we would not throw stones. But that we'd be of a loving nature and merciful and kind and reach out to those dear souls. Try to include them in the precious fellowship, dear ones. Because it is a long, hard road if we would try to make this road here upon this earth by ourselves. So may it be, dear ones, that we would love one another enough to care one for another, that we could make it to that good and blessed end.

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:2-4. Dear ones, it is said often that the

Word says - and John's writing says it as much as any of them - that if we love God, we will keep His commandments and that we are a friend of His if we do

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*"Moreover it is required  
in stewards that a man be  
found faithful"  
(1 Cor. 4:2)*

# Light From The Word



Writings based  
on God's Word

October 2008

## Biblical Stewardship

A steward is one who protects, defends, or watches over something. Biblical stewardship can be defined as the duty to share the messages of the gospel, to preach its doctrine, and to administer its ordinances in a way that will reflect the truth of God's Word. In this article we will consider biblical stewardship in the light of four aspects: that of a shepherd, a watchman, a leader and a servant. In each of these areas, the example of Jesus Christ is profoundly instructive.

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" and I "know my sheep and am known of mine" (John 10:11-14). Any account of the Good Shepherd would be incomplete without reference to Psalm 23. This beautiful description of the Good Shepherd offers instruction to all who are given the responsibility to shepherd a flock. Jesus Christ is our Chief Shepherd and He has placed men in the role of elders with responsibilities clearly explained in the Bible. This involves caring for, guarding, feeding and leading the flock with a shepherd's heart. It also includes strengthening the diseased, binding up the broken, bringing again that which was driven away and seeking the lost (Ezek. 34). It requires awareness of the condition of the church: "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds" (Prov. 27:23), which underscores the importance of good, open, constructive communication between the church and the elder (Gal. 6:6).

Peter described beautifully the heart of a true shepherd. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples of the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-3). It is God's desire that His flock receive sound nurturing and protection. "And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:4). The consequences of not caring for the sheep are grave, as the Lord has said to unfaithful shepherds, "I will require my flock at their hand..." (Ezek. 34:10).

Biblical stewardship also requires us to be watchmen. "I have set watchmen upon the wall, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night. Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence" (Isa. 62:6). An important part of being a watchman is to teach and to warn. Jesus, the master teacher, "...opened his mouth and taught them..." (Matt. 5:2). Paul exhorted that representing Christ involves "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom" (Col. 1:28), and he spoke of doing this untiringly with tears (Acts 20:31).

Part of teaching is sounding a warning which instructs and prepares people to deal with various dangers. Ezekiel wrote that the watchman must sound the alarm (Ezek. 33:2-6). If the watchman sees the sword come and he sounds the alarm, it is the duty of the people to listen. If they choose not to listen and the sword comes, they bear the responsibility for their loss. However, if the watchman does not sound the alarm clearly, the watchman will bear a measure of responsibility for those who are lost. In order to be effective watchmen, we must have "understanding of the times" as those in Israel's time who were able to help give proper direction to the people (1 Chron. 12:32). Understanding the impact which cultural change is having on us will help us discern the spirits and remain firmly grounded on the truths of God's Word.

Paul emphasized the need for clarity of the warning. He reminded us that there are many voices of significance. Therefore, "...except (the watchman) give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Cor. 14:7-8).

Jesus emphasized that all believers are to watch and pray. As He taught the people about the confusion of the world and the uncertainty of the times, He told them that they should not be found sleeping. "And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13:37).

Leadership is part of biblical stewardship. True leadership requires being a good example (1 Tim. 4:12). The Good Shepherd exemplified a high standard and He led his sheep by still waters and in the paths of righteousness (Psa. 23:2-3). Jesus chastised the scribes and Pharisees be-

cause of their hypocritical example. "For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (Matt. 23:4).

It is understandable that we are deeply disappointed when leaders set poor examples and seem to lack personal integrity and responsibility. The Bible teaches us that "...unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48).

Biblical stewardship also requires being a humble servant, one who willingly does for others. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus clearly taught that serving others is more important than being served, even though the one who is served is often regarded as being greater than the one who serves. "For whither is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as one that serveth" (Luke 22:27). The humble servant nature of Jesus was further demonstrated when He "...took a towel, and girded himself... and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded" (John 13:4-5).

We have many opportunities to serve our families, our churches, and our communities. We also have numerous ways to serve others throughout our nation and in many parts of the world by supporting various World Relief projects. We need to willingly perform even small deeds of service (such as the widow's two mites, or a cup of cold water), not just those efforts that appear to be more glorious. If we wait for an "important" occasion to arise before we serve, we may find that we will have missed many opportunities.

Biblical stewardship is both a responsibility and a privilege. We are motivated by love for Christ to fulfill "...all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), which includes being a good steward. This will be reflected in faithful shepherding, diligent watching, humble leading and charitable serving.

An editorial committee of elder brothers is preparing articles for this section of the Silver Lining to address some of the special needs of our times.

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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

### A Prayer for Outreach

In Matthew 6:9-10, Jesus teaches His name to be worshiped, His kingdom to advance, and His will to be done joyfully in our lives and in the lives of people throughout all the earth. This is a prayer for both local outreach and world missions, because there are many places in the world where God's name isn't being hallowed, Christ's kingdom hasn't arrived in power, and people are living for themselves, captive to Satan's will.

Mexico is one of these places that has sat for a long time in the shadow of religious darkness and spiritual blindness. But the harvest is plenteous, the Lord is sending laborers, and God's kingdom is breaking into hearts in small, unlikely places like Ixtlan. It is both an urgent and promising time for the gospel in Mexico.

### School developments

Why start a Christian school in Ixtlan, Mexico? It is not simply to offer children a quality alternative to the public education system. It is to rescue them from a godless curriculum and harmful peer pressure... to teach them the fear and knowledge of Christ... to see all of learning and life through the lens of the Creator and His Word... to reach them with truth while their hearts and minds are impressionable... to overcome the barriers that distance their families from the Truth.

Currently, legal work is in process towards incorporating the school to be able to start classes in fall 2009. In the meantime, English classes will be offered for children, teens, and adults. This outreach could be a medium God uses to build relationships and introduce students to the

gospel. After several weeks of registration for classes in August, there were still no men signed up. This was a great disappointment because men are usually the ones who are interested in learning English, and the ones who so need to be reached with the gospel. After praying and asking God to remove the obstacles keeping these men from signing up, the last day for registration arrived. Three male college students came that day and registered. Praise God for answered prayer!

### New children's outreach

Fistfights and bloody noses might cause many of us to shy away from a group of roudy youngsters. Some Ixtlan sisters were willing to tackle this challenge. They started to reach out to children from a poorer area of town by organizing them to play games on Tuesday nights. Since then, a number of these children have been coming to church activities. They are rough around the edges, but hungry for love.

It's encouraging to see this ministry spring up from local sisters. This wasn't a missionary's idea. Isn't that what God wants for the local church, that all believers would be filled with a passion for hallowing God's name and testifying to the gospel through their unique outreach ministries?

### Barra Vieja

A group of Ixtlan sisters went to Barra Vieja to do Vacation Bible School in August. They came back encouraged by the interest the children have in the Word of God, as well as the simplicity and generosity of the believers' lives there. But their hearts were torn as they left. Why? There wasn't anyone to stay and teach the children, or anyone

permanent to disciple the adult believers. One of the adult converts said, "You sent teachers for the children, but when are you going to send a teacher for us?" There are now three converts close to baptism, but there still isn't a missionary couple there for long-term ministry. Until now couples have been going every month to encourage and teach the converts, but this seems to be a patchwork system until the Lord provides someone permanent.

### Prayers are appreciated...

- for timely completion of the school incorporation process, that Satan wouldn't be successful in hindering this work of God's kingdom.
- for the Holy Spirit to use the English classes to hallow God's name, further His kingdom, and to see His will done in Ixtlan; to provide wisdom and encouragement to the teachers; and to build bridges with students in order to share the gospel with them.
- that the missionaries and the Ixtlan believers would be filled daily with the joy of God's salvation and emboldened to share the gospel.
- for continued open doors for effective ministry of the gospel to old and young, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, etc. without respect of persons.
- to raise up a married couple for long-term ministry in Barra Vieja.

We want to express thanks to all who have supported the ministry in Mexico this year through prayers, contributions, visits, or teaching and discipling the children and converts in Barra Vieja.



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

## Building a Better Haiti

It takes only 90 minutes to travel by air from Miami to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A mere 90 minutes to travel from one of the most prosperous nations in the world to the poorest country in the western hemisphere. This extreme poverty is especially evident in Haiti's system of education. With no available public education, the burden of teaching Haiti's children falls to private schools and to the Church.

In Haiti, the Mission of Evangelical Baptists of Southern Haiti (MEBSH) churches play a vital role in building and operating schools. Typically, MEBSH schools are located in close proximity to a MEBSH church, and the local pastor will have the oversight of the school.

World Relief has worked together with the MEBSH organization on various projects for decades. Under the World Relief Literary Aid Program, schools are constructed in cooperation with the local MEBSH church and pastor. Each local church is responsible for initiating the project by building the cement block walls. After the walls are constructed, work teams are utilized to build the roofs with lumber and tin. The roof materials and all labor for installation are provided and shipped to Haiti by World Relief.

Before 2006, the role of World Relief in Haiti was as a support to the MEBSH construction department. Then in 2006, when Ron and Linnea Shick returned to the US in completion of their time as missionaries in Haiti, World Relief assumed primary responsibility for the construction department.

Five work teams, comprised of approximately 60 volunteers, travel to Haiti each year to build and install school roofs. In addition, the full-time World Relief coordinators in Haiti host several non-Apostolic construction teams.

The typical World Relief construction team spends one week in Haiti. The coordinators set up a work schedule, and often transport some of the building materials to the work sites ahead of time. It is usually possible to complete 2-3 roof projects in the week the team is there, depending on travel time, the extent of each project, and the experience of the brothers on the team. Sisters are welcome at the work site as well; they are usually assigned the task of assembling and painting pre-cut/drilled school benches.



It is a highlight to be able to spend several days at remote locations. Traveling to and from these locations can be grueling. Haitian roadways are usually rough, with flat tires occurring frequently. Flexibility and patience are essential – a 30 mile trip can take all day. However, despite the difficulties, the often scenic trips are regularly cited as the favorite part of at least one team member's trip.

To round off the typical work trip, there is usually one day budgeted

for visiting various World Relief-sponsored locations in the Cayes area, relaxing with our brothers and sisters in Cayes, and tasting a small sample of the Haitian existence.

Currently, there are two families and one sister living near Cayes, Haiti who manage the construction department. They also coordinate several other World Relief sponsored projects. Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan Reinhard of Peoria live with their five children in Haiti, Sis. Sarah (15), Sis. Bethany (13), Hannah (8), Gabriel (4), and Faith (1). Bro. Jan and Sis. Val Gutwein also serve full-time in Haiti. Their six children are Sis. Tess (18), Alisha (13), Mark (11), Derek (4), Brett (2), and Joel (1). Sis. Sheila Moser from Sabetha is the newest addition in Haiti. Sis. Sheila moved to Haiti this August and will assist both with the construction department and hosting work teams. Sis. Abby Gerber is also serving in Haiti in the MEBSH Child Care office.

We are thankful for the many opportunities to serve in Haiti. In addition to sharing the Gospel, the work of the construction department provides direct assistance to Haitians in need and gives hope for a better future. Please keep the construction department in your prayers for...

- wisdom and guidance for the work being accomplished.
- protection from health and travel hazards.
- ability to learn a different language and culture.
- help to cope with the daily stresses of living surrounded by great poverty and need.
- grace to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in all we do.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

*I Peter 2:1-3*

We certainly feel at ACHH that the Lord has been gracious to us. Much continues to happen in the process of our Right Sizing project. Three of the six houses we need to carry out this plan have been purchased. Timber Ridge is filled to our licensed capacity with 98 residents. This allows us to submit our plan to the state of Illinois of decreasing the number of residents at Timber Ridge by 25%. Remodeling and other maintenance work in the recently acquired houses is underway. This includes fire alarm systems, proper locks and door closures, and other work necessary so that the new CILA homes meet the standards under which they are licensed. The move of four men into the first of these homes is anticipated to take place in October. Some new employees have been hired and are currently training to be ready to help in the staffing of the new homes. One of our previous CILA directors has returned to work for us in a temporary position as project manager. We have been blessed by individuals who have been called to support the financial needs just when we needed it. God has provided in so many ways and we realize how dependent we are on His grace and blessing. We trust He will continue to open doors and move people to support this work as He opens those doors.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL Athens, Alabama Sarah Hodel

Kids really have a way of making you smile, don't they? They also like to make sure everyone is following instructions and will see to it that the teachers know if someone disobeys. Well, every morning we have circle time where we sing Sunday School songs and do a Bible Story using the flannels. We have been going through the story of Moses. In the first scene one day, Pharaoh was sitting on his throne, and in the second scene, he was standing. One particularly rambunctious little boy (who, also happens to be one of our biggest tattlers) said “Hey! He got out of his chair!” Hmm.... they may be taking it a little far when they start tattling on the flannel pictures!

Our themes for the month of September have been space and community helpers. Some of the kids had fun taking letters to the mailbox and were thrilled to see it show up at their house a couple days later. One parent said their daughter carried it around all night long and wouldn't let anyone else touch it! Our color was blue and we worked on the letters D, E, F and G.

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## ALABAMA, ATHENS Louise Hall

“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*

Certainly there are many reasons to lift each other up in prayer. This month we especially think of our friends who have been in the hospital. Alex Hoover (son of Rene Hoover,

great-grandson of Sis. Naomi Hall) had surgery. Sis. Naomi's daughter, Brenda Austin, has been in the hospital as well. Also, Janice Flannagan (Bro. J.R. and Sis. Louise) has been in and out of the hospital. We pray for healing for all of them, and for their families who stand by their sides.

As mentioned before, Matthew Moore (Bro. Mike and Sis. Pam) has moved away to college. If anyone would like to send him a little encouragement, his address is:

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We want to thank our Champaign/U of I young group for coming and having a work day at the preschool and Tennessee Fellowship Center. We also had some young group from Bluffton that weekend. We loved having their fellowship and are grateful for the work they got accomplished.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Jim Vierling (Sis. Linda, Eureka, IL). Thank you and may God bless you for your efforts!

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## ARIZONA, PHOENIX Heather Hinrichsen

We were blessed this month to hear the truth of God's Word shared with us by Bro. Tom Leman (Denver), Bro. Mike Baumann (Mansfield), Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), and Elder Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North). We thank them for their labor of love.

On August 27, Benjamin Lane joined the family of Bro. Jeremy, Sis. Janelle, Ashton and Bryce Ebert. His grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Diane Ebert and Bro. Sam and Sis. Cindy Hohulin.

Undergoing surgery and in need of God's healing power are Bro. Ron Lindenbaum (Sis. Marge), Sis. Jodi Labudde (Bro. Brandon), Sis. Gina Emch (Bro. James), Sis. Linda Yackley and Bro. Jim Beres (Sis. Lois).

Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall have moved into an assisted living facility. Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr have also moved into an assisted living facility. Tristan Jones has finished his schooling here in Phoenix and has accepted an employment position in Oregon. We wish them all God's blessing as they enter this new stage in their lives.

We thank the Lord that our Sunday School had a safe and blessed weekend in Altadena, CA, over the Labor Day Weekend.

As we begin to listen to the Conference tapes, may each one of us earnestly pray that we accept the challenge to walk closer to Christ and immerse ourselves deeper in His love.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

After over 20 years of being the Silver Lining correspondents, Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr have retired from this service. The Phoenix church would like to express our thanks and sincere love to them for their years of dedication and ministry.

## ARIZONA, PRESCOTT

### Denise Steidinger

Sunday School started again on September 7. Sis. Stacy Fehr was elected to teach preschool thru 2nd grade, and Bro. Corbin Fehr was elected to teach 3rd thru 5th grade.

A small congregation is always overjoyed to receive a new couple. Such is the case with our Bro. Stan

and Sis. Norma Schambach, who recently moved to Prescott from Elgin, IL. We welcome them and are thankful to have them with us. We are holding up Sis. Norma in our prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North), Bros. James Emch (Phoenix), Tom Leman (Denver) and Jim Koehl (San Diego), along with their wives, visited our congregation this month. We appreciated their service on our behalf and pray the Lord's richest blessings upon their lives and their ministries.

## ARIZONA, TUCSON

### Lisa Knapp

We are happy to welcome Bro. Chris, Sis. Sarah and Baby Isaias Hattan from Iowa City. They are moving to Tucson for work related reasons for Bro. Chris. We hope they will feel welcome here in Tucson as they settle into their new home.

Our Sunday School Bible Class enjoyed a trip to Altadena over the Labor Day weekend. They thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and activities. Once again, we wish to thank the Phoenix church for letting Tucson ride along on their wonderful chartered bus. Special thanks to the Altadena church for their warm hospitality and hard work. God bless you all!

We have started our Wednesday evening services, Sunday School and monthly fellowship suppers again. Fall is slowly creeping into our weather. We are noticing a slight cooling in the morning and evenings, just enough to get us hopeful and excited for fall. We do have a chance to reach 100 degrees again next week (the week of September 23) but we have been enjoying highs in the low 90's recently.

## CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

### Catherine Brame

Labor Day weekend saw our annual ACYF gathering here in Altadena. We were blessed with many visitors from our Phoenix and Tucson Churches, and delighted in spending the last weekend before commencement of the new school year together.

Our Sunday school students returned on September 7. It is a joy to hear our children raise their voices in worship together. It is rich to be given the privilege of teaching a small child the Word of God and to see the understanding and love grow in that child's heart. We praise God for the beautiful children that He has placed in our care.

Fall is a time for our high school seniors to apply to colleges. If you have children or friends who are seeking a place to attend college, we invite you to consider the following schools which are within one hour, or less, driving time of the Altadena church.

### Colleges Partially Supported by the State of California

University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)  
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California State University - Northridge  
California State University - Long Beach  
California Polytechnic - Pomona

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University of Southern California (USC)  
Pepperdine University  
Pomona College  
Harvey Mudd College  
Claremont McKenna College  
California Institute of Technology (CALTECH)  
Occidental College

Loyola Marymount University

There are also numerous Community Colleges. We at Altadena welcome all students to our fellowship.

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**KITCHENER, ONTARIO  
CANADA  
Kim Leman**

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

*II Peter 3:18*

We appreciated Elder Bro. Rick Plattner (Sis. Mary, Fairbury, IL) exhorting us in a topical Bible study on humility on a Saturday evening and also ministering to us the following Sunday. Our Elder Bro. Mark Bahr also spent a Wednesday evening with us. Other brothers bringing God's Word to our congregation were Bros. Curt Rassi (Sis. Kathy, Tremont, IL), Jerry Bauman (Sis. Martha, Rittman, OH), Jim Ramseyer (Sis. Marlene, Bay City, MI), and Fred Domka (Sis. Connie, Mansfield, OH). May God richly bless these dear brothers for their labors.

We have enjoyed working together as a congregation the last couple weeks as we are in the process of painting the interior of our church. What a blessing to be able to work and fellowship together. It builds special ties as well as special memories.

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**COLORADO, DENVER  
Ann Gonglach**

On August 24 we were blessed to be able to witness the baptisms of Sis. Kaylynn Hohulin (Bro. Doug and Sis. Sharolyn) and Sis. Dominique Braun-Lasnier (Sarah). We appreciate the ministry of Elder Bro. Ron Schambach (Sis. Nancy), who was here for this special occasion.

We rejoice with Kerry Berg (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary, Bern, KS), who has begun to seek her soul's salvation through repentance, after recently moving back to Denver. We're also glad to welcome Bro. Ernie Wiegand who has moved here from Eureka, IL.

The engagement of Sis. Whitney Steffen (Bro. Larry and Sis. Sue) to Bro. Tyler Huber, currently living in Murfreesboro, TN, and attending the Athens, AL, congregation, was announced. His parents are Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sharlyn of Sabetha, KS. May the Lord guide and bless this couple as they plan their wedding for October 12, and make their home in Tennessee.

We appreciate Bro. Dick Meister (Sis. Sharon, West Lafayette, IN), a retired history teacher, coming on the weekend of September 19-20 and presenting to us “Christianity from a historian's perspective”. He gave much on which to think.

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“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:”

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

With a busy summer coming to an end, we have much to be thankful for as we look forward to autumn. It has been an eventful month for us. It was a blessing to have many visitors with us, including ministering Bro. Mike Ursu (Sis. Barb, Kitchener, Ontario), Bro. Roger Aberle (Sis. LaVonne, Sabetha, KS), and Bro. Jerry Isch (Sis. Linda, Philadelphia, PA). It was wonderful to have these brothers and their families with us, and may God bless them for their labors while among us.

We bid farewell for the present to

Bro. Nathan Galat (Bro. Dave and Sis. Ellen), who left us this month for Washington, D.C. where he will be attending college. May he feel God's nearness and be blessed in his efforts there. It is surely a blessing for the small congregation there to have him in the area, and he will certainly be well cared for and appreciated.

“A time to be born...”

Bro. Doug and Sis. Heidi LaPlante were blessed with a baby boy this month. Clay Douglas joins a big brother, Drew, and sister, Elise. Grandparents are Bro. Wally and Sis. Judy Carlson and Bro. Leo and Sis. Sherri LaPlante. Bro. Gardy and Sis. Suzanne Moreau also had a baby boy, a bit early, but healthy and happy. Titus Gregoire joins his siblings, Lily, Elias and Rose. Grandparents are Bro. Mark and Sis. Luella Hoffman and Lucia St. Eloi. It is a joy and blessing each time a new little one comes into the world.

We want to extend our best wishes to Tom LaPlante and Wendy Casati (Bro. Leo and Sis. Sherri LaPlante and Roland and Joan Robinson) as they were married on August 16. Our best wishes also are extended to Kara Ryan and Matthew Stanley as they were joined in marriage on September 13. Parents are Elder Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl Ryan and Tim and Vivian Stanley. May God bless them and be present with them as they establish their homes and begin a new life together.

“...and a time to die;”

As the seasons change, and the colors of summer fade away into fall, it causes us to reflect on the shortness of life, how seasons come and go, and the certainty that life for each of us will some day end. We laid to rest Bro. Walter Spielman in the past few days,



a welcome repose after ninety-four years of life. May his family feel the support and prayers offered for them at this time. Our deepest sympathy also goes out to Sis. Betsy Hany (Bro. Richard Sr.) and her family for the recent passing of her mother.

"I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made everything beautiful in his time..."

May the coming seasons of our lives be blessed with the mercy and grace of God our Father.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON  
Henrietta Meyer**

Our caretakers for the first portion of September are Bro. David and Sis. Ethel Wiegand from Champaign, IL. Sis. Doreen reports we still need caretakers for a few weeks in December. Her contact information is in the ministers' book.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Greg Stoller (Sis. Jill, Forrest, IL), Elder Bro. Ben Wiegand (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Ken Eisenmann (Sis. Sharon, Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Rod Bajema (Sis. Twyla, Lester, IA) and Bro. Brad Eisenmann (Sis. Cindy, Chicago, IL). Other visitors this month were from Sardis, OH; Bluffton and Bluffton North, IN; Lester, IA; Cissna Park, IL; Rockville, CT; and North Fort Myers, FL.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our convert Ken Belsley as he has returned home after his surgery. Both he and Roberta are dealing with health issues.

Our congregation welcomes Bro. Nathan Galat from Rockville, CT, as he begins his college education in this area. We trust Bro. Nathan will feel a part of our small congregation.

Directions in the new Ministers'

Book are good for those coming from the north or west. For those coming up I-95 from south of DC or from the eastern part of the area, you need to take I-95/495 to Exit 28A (New Hampshire Ave) for approx. 2 miles to Rt. 29 North. Go about 3 miles to Fairland Road and follow the directions in the Ministers' book.

If you are planning to visit Washington, D.C. area for vacation or business, please contact Bro. Joe and Sis. Holly Bohart at jbohart@gmail.com or Sis. Henrietta Meyer at (703) 904-8301 for assistance and to let us know how many to expect for Sunday services. If you would like to get together on Saturday evening, please let us know that as well. We would be happy to have an evening of fellowship and/or singing.

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**FLORIDA  
FORT LAUDERDALE  
Renee Mangold**

We were thankful to have two visiting ministers this past month. Visiting were Bro. Virgil Metzger (Sis. Mary, Chicago, IL) and Bro. Bill Masters (Sis. Mary, N. Ft. Myers, FL). We pray that our Lord will bless them for their service to Him.

Bro. Harry Sutter is now residing in a nursing home. His new address is Harry Sutter c/o Manor Pines, 1701 NE 26th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33305. Our prayers are with him for an easy transition to his new home. I'm sure he would love to hear from any in the church.

Sis. Helen Luginbuhl has returned from her summer in Connecticut and Martica Alba has returned from several months in Europe. We welcome these dear ladies back to our church and we are looking forward to seeing our other winter residents return.

Sis. Vi Gerber continues to mend at home. Our continued prayers are with her that she will regain her full health and be able to attend church

services again very soon.

We were very grateful that Hurricane Ike missed us. Our prayers certainly go out to all those who have suffered loss from the storm.

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**FLORIDA  
NORTH FORT MYERS  
Naomi Vogel**

Where did summer go? We still have our small 'summer' crowd, but by the next reporting, some of the snowbirds will have arrived. We look forward to their arrival and anyone else who wants to escape the winter weather up north, whether for a short time or for the entire winter!

Last Sunday we enjoyed a delicious meal and warm fellowship at the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Master's home and tomorrow we will all journey down to Naples to the home of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rhea Steffen after church for more of the same. Most of the permanent residents are back from their summer travels so we are excited about spending time together for worship and loving fellowship in the presence of our dear, loving Savior.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Sis. Lois (Bro. Irvin) Yaggie of Francesville, after a long battle with cancer, but glad to know that her suffering has ended and she is at home with her Lord. She was the mother of Sis. Rhonda (Bro. Nate) Gutwein and the sister of Sis. Joan (Bro. Harvey) Gutwein. They all winter with us here in Ft. Myers. May you feel God's comfort at this sad time!

Once again, we are thankful that we have escaped the recent hurricanes, but feel badly for those who are suffering because of them! However, hurricane season is only half over, so who knows what is in store for us? "Nobody but our Lord and Savior"!

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA****DiAnne Brown**

Happy Autumn Greetings! Although it is hard to tell it is harvest time with daily highs still near 90°, the calendar says it is so. The end of summer is so subtle in our area: no golden fields of grain or rows of pumpkins lying in wait of harvest, no gathering flocks of geese nor chilly mornings to give away the impending arrival of bitter winter.

Recently I heard a song which spoke of how a person never crumbles in a day, a family never crumbles in a day, but it is a "slow fade". Much like the subtly of our autumn, the decisions and actions that can result in the crumbling of a person or a family do not happen overnight, but rather over time. We need a keen eye to watch for a "change of season" in our spiritual walk with Christ.

With great joy we announce the arrival of Levi August Koehl on August 28. He is the first child for Bro. Matt and Sis. Emily Koehl. Grandparents are Bro. Ron and Sis. Carol Koehl (Sarasota) and Sis. Joanni (dec. Bro. Fred) Endress (Morton). Baby Levi and Mom are both doing very well.

It has been wonderful to see some of our brethren with health problems able to attend services, including Sis. Marilyn (Bro. Gordon) Bryant, Sis. Marie (Bro. Art) Keller and Bro. Miklos (Sis. Aranka) Bozzay. As they continue to recover, we thank God for the healing mercies tendered to each one and pray for a continued return to full health.

Special birthday greetings go to Bro. Tom Miller. While he is home in Gridley and absent in body, he is frequently present in spirit. Please know your Sarasota family is praying for you, dear brother.

Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Jeff Streitmatter led our Communion service on September 6. It is always such a reverent time of reflection and renewal and is even more

special when a new member is present for the first time. The spirit was strong among us and it was good to feel such closeness to the body of believers and God.

Recently several went to sing for Sis. Marie Reardon. She is such a beautiful soul and it was a privilege to fellowship with her. Sis. Debbie Sauder hosted a light supper for all after the singing and we thank her for her hospitality.

Special prayers are being sent for our brethren and ministry in India. As the unrest and dangers of these uncertain times continue to threaten them, we ask God for protection of those dear ones and preservation of their good works. May they know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

**GEORGIA, ATLANTA****Melinda Gramm**

It has been a blessing for us to have Brad and Stephanie West and their children, Cody, Hailey, Abbigail and Ashlyne, join us in fellowship and worship of our Lord. Brad and Stephanie in faith have begun a repentance and wish to become a full part of our fellowship. We pray that as their faith deepens and their walk becomes even closer that we can all be a blessing to them.

Bro. Gary Sinn (Sis. Paulette, Latty, OH), Bro. Marvin Leman (Sis. Jane, Bradford, IL), and Bro. Vic Beer (Sis. Dorothy, North Ft. Myers, FL) ministered the Word to us this month.

During the break in a community college class I'm taking, some students started talking about what they were going to do after class. One of the girls said that because she had to be in class while her mom and a friend were at a flea market having fun, her mom was going to save the "smokes" until she got out of class. By "smokes", she was referring to an illegal substance. I thought how sad when your own mother encourages you to do some-

thing harmful as well as illegal. I thought of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he shall not depart from it." But what if your parents do not train you in God's way? Dear friends, "The harvest truly is plentiful, 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). Let us pray that God will burden our hearts to preach the Gospel to the lost.

**ILLINOIS, BELVIDERE****Doreen Moser****Jenn Johnson**

Praise, God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below.

We have many reasons every month to praise God but this month our Belvidere congregation cup has been filled to overflowing. We have been blessed with and praise God for:

~Visiting ministers that came from far and near:

Bro. Kenneth Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Bro. Dale Banwart (Congerville, IL), Elder Bro. Phil Stettner (Bluffton North, IN), Elder Bro. Ron Messner (Washington, IL), Bro. Alan Schambach (Remington, IN), Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern, KS), Elder Bro. Ron Schambach, Bros. Dave Steffen, Chuck Kellenberger, Dan Moser (all from Elgin, IL), Bro. Mark Wettstein (Lacrosse, IN) and Bro. Matthew Rassi (Chicago, IL). We were blessed to have them preach the Word and to enjoy the fellowship of their precious spouses and children.

~Souls that have buried the old man of sin in the water of baptism:

With joy we welcomed two new brothers in Christ. Trent and Troy

Steffen's (Bro. Dean and Sis. Carol) baptisms were one of the many blessings of the month. Two more souls bound for heaven and bound to praise the Lord in their daily walk of life.

~Wednesday evenings:

We have been listening to the Conference tapes that our Elders have labored to bring to us. With all the blessings that the Lord has given us, it saddens this writer's heart that we seem to be so much like the children of Israel who were never satisfied with what the Lord gave them. Will the Lord leave us in the wilderness and not let us into heaven? We truly all have work to do to be united in ONE heart and ONE Mind and to love the Lord with all our soul, mind and body.

~Youth Group fellowship, ACYF, Thursday evenings in Madison:

Many gatherings with brethren, our youth, and singings have also been a blessing this month

~Fruit of the womb:

A daughter, Madeline Grace, has been sent to bless the home of Eric and Nichole Edwards. Gary and Sis. Doreen Moser are the excited and thankful grandparents.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, son and Holy Ghost.  
*Hymns of Zion #95*

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### ILLINOIS BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

**Betsy Zimmerman**  
**Alissa Kieser**

We welcomed back all of our college students on August 17 with our College Welcome weekend. We invite all local students to join us for worship on Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Elsa Endress welcomed a new granddaughter,

Soliel Gabrielle. She was born to Ashley (Endress) and Andy Netzer on August 23. She joins her sister, Evangeline. Paternal grandparents are Henry and Jeanne Netzer of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Bro. Matt and Sis. Janelle Steidinger are parents of a baby girl, Sierra J, born August 31. Grandparents are Bro. Dennis and Sis. Jane Steidinger (Fairbury) and Art and Jana Lehmann (Strawn).

Congratulations to Bryan Kellenberger (Springfield, IL) on his engagement to Becca Finks (Lincoln, IL). Parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kellenberger and Gale Schock and Bruce Finks (Bloomington).

Our sympathies go to Sis. Wendy (Bro. Alan) Edelman and Sis. Betsy (Bro. Todd) Zimmerman over the loss of their grandmother, Martha Fehr (Fairbury).

Thanks to our visiting ministers this month: Bro. Dave Steffen (Elgin, IL), Bro. Ted Steffen (Alto, MI), Bro. John Lehman (Wolcott, IN), and Bro. Art Mueller (Belvidere).

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### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Philip and Donna Nenadov

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever."

*Psalm 111:10*

Heidi Ehnle (Bro. Donn and Sis. Tracy) has expressed that she feels peace with God and man and would like to be baptized in the near future. We are thankful to God that He gives us good understanding when we do His commandments.

We are thankful to report Sis. Lucille Kieser and Sis. Mardell Dietz (Bro. Kenny) have both returned home from a hospital stay to complete their recovery.

September 21 was the day when we were blessed to witness God's provision in providing us with a brother to lead our church family. Our prayers are with Bro. Bruce Endress, his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, and their children, Matthew, Sarah, Laura and Andrew, that the Lord will provide. The Elder brothers involved in the ordination service were Elder Bros. Ron Schambach (Sis. Nancy, Elgin, IL), Jon Schmidgall (Sis. Julie, Oakville), Jim Plattner (Sis. Marlene, Princeville) and Wayne Anliker (Sis. Judy, Forrest).

We would like to thank Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy for their labors of love while serving us these past several years. May God richly bless them throughout all eternity.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

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### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

**Rachel Meyer**

Greetings from Chicago. We thank the following Brothers for sharing the Gospel this past month. They are Bros. Randy Gudeman (Francesville, IN), Dennis Kaufmann (Bloomington-Normal), Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North) and Elder Bro. Jay Luthi (Lamont-Gridley).

Several in our congregation lost loved ones this past month. We extend our sympathy to Sis. Janell Hofstetter upon her loss of her dear aunt Elsie Hofstetter. Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria Stahl lost a grandson, Carson Ray Plattner. Carson's parents are Bro. Craig and Sis. Raelynn (Stahl) Plattner of Nashville, TN. May God comfort this family as their little jewel passed on to Heaven. "...suffer little children to come unto me...for of such is the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)

On August 22, Bro. Justin Koch (Washington, IL) gave a wonderful exhortation and encouragement at the Sunday School Teacher-Minister

Meeting. Sunday School has now resumed and we also thank Bro. Rick Kaisner for his willingness to serve our children by teaching.

Praise God that another soul has sought Jesus in repentance. Our dear friend, Christine Eckel, has found the grace to express her desire to become a child of God. This dear lady has assembled with us quite often and we give her our prayers, love and support.

On August 24, we shared a farewell reception for two families that have been in Chicago for many years. Sis. Rose Yah and her children, Leila, Aaron and Sam, have moved to Akron, OH, due to Sis. Rose's job transfer. We praise God that in the middle of sadness there can be peace of heart. We will miss this family greatly, and will cherish the memories we have. May God be with you always. Also, Bro. Kent and Sis. Jill Rager and their children, Sis. Allison, Kendall, Holly and Callista, have moved to Leo, IN, due to Bro. Kent's job change. It is hard to express our love for them in words, but we hope to travel the pathway to Leo, IN, and Akron, OH, as we continue to strengthen our ties of heart. We praise God for our time together.

On August 31, we welcomed Sisters Andrea Luthi and Kaitlyn Isaia who have moved to Chicago for schooling. It is a joy to have them and we pray they will feel the same.

On September 14, we said farewell and best wishes to our dear Sis. Michelle Bachtold. Sis. Michelle has received her Physician's Assistant Degree and is moving to the Washington, DC, area where she has found employment. We praise God for His leading in her life and will miss her smiling face and kindness of heart.

We will be listening to the Conference recordings the four Wednesday evenings in September. Thank you, Elder Brothers, for your diligence and

inspiration.

As I write this article, my mind is speeding ahead to all that I must do this week. Decisions with children at school, making sure parents are assured and happy with the work we will give their children and my wish that all will go seamlessly. What is your week like? Have you ever sat quietly on a late Sunday evening wishing you could rewind the day? God knows these feelings. Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." (John 17:15). Now that is a prayer that you and I can hold onto, whatever this week will bring.

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### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

#### Jackie Eisenmann

As a church we are always excited to meet our new students each school year and see the returning students from their summer break. We had that opportunity on Sunday, August 24, at the Student Welcome Picnic. All of the Parkland College and University of Illinois students and their families are invited to church for the day and a picnic at a nearby park. We hope the students will feel at home in Champaign-Urbana and will worship with us. We enjoyed having Elder Bro. Tom Stock (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Glen Braker (Princeville, IL) with us that day, as they are dads of students. We thank them for being willing to be used on the pulpit that day. We hope that parents always feel welcome to come visit us and their children.

Bro. Steve Pamer (Akron, OH) was here on Sunday, August 30, and Elder Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL) was here on Sunday, September 7. We enjoyed having these brothers with us and teach us God's Word. May God bless them richly for their efforts!

Wednesday, September 10, was our annual Fall Picnic at Illini Grove on campus. It gives the students and the church a chance to get to know each other and spend some time together outside of church. It is always enjoyed by all!

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

*Luke 15:10*

Our congregation is rejoicing with the angels with the news that our friends, Corbin and Stephanie Kupferschmid, are seeking the Lord in repentance. May God continue to grant grace to them and continue to call others.

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### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

#### Vickie Maul

#### Janie Waldbeser

Our thanks to visiting ministering Bro. Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL) who willingly shared God's Holy Word.

We are missing two dear sisters as they are spending some time in the nursing home. Sis. Twylla Beer is at Heartland Health Care in Paxton, and Sis. Mabel Farney is at the Hoopeston Nursing Home in Hoopeston.

We rejoice at the news of an engagement in our congregation. Sis. Joyce Bauer was announced to Bro. Lester Stock; we wish them and their families God's richest blessings on their upcoming marriage.

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### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

#### Holly Zobrist

Bro. Kent and Sis. Lanae Wiegand are thankful for the safe arrival of their son, Riley Keith. Also thankful are his grandparents, Bro. Rick and Sis. Sue Wiegand and Bro. Mark and Sis. Cheryl Zimmerman (Eureka).

Our hearts go out to Bro. Kim and Sis. Carol Craig as Bro. Kim's father, James Craig, has passed away. We also want to keep his wife, Elda Mae, and his other children, Duane, Gerald, Quentin, Pamela Chrisman, and Deborah, in our prayers. May they feel God's nearness during this time.

"Two are better than one....For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow..."

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

We rejoiced with Bro. Brad Knapp and Sis. Anna Rinkenberger as they were married on September 14. May God continue to work in their lives as they walk the road to Heaven together.

We are thankful to hear that God is still working in leading souls together. Bro. Henry Wettstein (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Emily) was recently announced in Bloomfield, his home church, to Sis. Wendy Schulz (Bro. Roger and Sis. June, Oakville).

We are also rejoicing with Bro. Jeremy Stickling (Bro. Scott and Sis. Jan) and Sis. Janae Schulz (Bro. Roger and Sis. June, Oakville) as God has led them together as well. May God richly bless these couples as they prepare to take this next step in their lives.

We would like to thank the ministers who took time to bring God's Word to us this past month. They are Bro. Jim Vierling (Sis. Linda, Eureka) and Bro. Donald Gudeman (Sis. Mary, LaCrosse).

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**ILLINOIS, ELGIN**  
**Amy Gasser**  
**Miriam Gasser**

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while."

*Mark 6:31*

Our family found this truly beneficial during our recent visit to the Southwest, where we saw impressive landscapes and awesome rock formations. We marveled at huge boulders upheld by a mighty and merciful hand and at beautiful geological sculptures in different stages of erosion. It was sobering to think people will someday cry out to such rocks to cover them, rather than face the wrath of God. How much better to fall upon the rock Jesus Christ in this time of grace!

Elder Bro. Doug Schock (Bloomfield, IA) and Bros. Brad Gudeman (Bradford, IL) and Alan Schambach (Remington, IN) brought us the inspired Word during their recent visits. One Wednesday evening, Bro. Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL) presented a topical Bible Study entitled "The Christian's Heart and Our Government". We thank each of these brothers for their ministry.

There was a farewell singing on August 22 for Bro. Stan and Sis. Norma Schambach, whose last Sunday in Elgin was August 24. They moved to Prescott, AZ, to be near their daughter's family. We have appreciated this couple's many labors of love over the years and wish them God's blessings as they establish their new home.

The Sunday School's annual Pancake Breakfast on September 6 brought donations that will help to offset travel expenses and other project costs. An enjoyable time was had by all!

Bro. David Steffen (Sis. Linda) was ordained as deacon on the evening of September 14. Elder Bros. Ervin Knecht and Doug Schock came to assist retired Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen and Elder Bro. Ron in this work. Our prayers will be with Bro. Dave and his family.

Recent hospital patients include Sis. Marie Hugh, Lydia Osmun, and Verona Schock. We are sorry that

Matt Steffen (Natalie) had to resume treatments for melanoma and that Bro. Dick Klopfenstein (Sis. Judy) needed to begin chemotherapy. May we remember and encourage the many in our congregation who are dealing with various types and stages of cancer or other afflictions.

On August 27, the Lord called Sis. Marge Wewetzer (Bro. Bill) to a better home. Though it left us saddened, we believe she gained the victory. May the Comforter be near her husband, Bro. Bill; her children, Bro. Mark (Sis. Nancy) and Sue; and her grandchildren and remaining family. We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Dorothy Schifferer, in the passing of her sister.

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**ILLINOIS, EUREKA**  
**Cindy Stoller**  
**Dee Baer**

Best wishes to our Bro. Joe Ehnle (Bro. Gary and Sis. Carole) and Sis. Andrea Knobloch (Bro. Stan and Sis. Dawn, Lester, IA) as they have vowed love and faithfulness to each other in marriage. May God be with them. We welcome Sis. Andrea to Eureka.

Our thanks to visiting ministers, Bros. Mark Steiner (Smithville, OH), Randy Mogler (Washington, IL), Wayne Wiegand (Goodfield, IL) and Craig Martin (Princeville, IL).

We welcomed two little girl cousins this month. Bro. Jeffry and Sis. Allison Huber became parents with the arrival of Esther Elyse. Grandparents are Bro. Gary Huber, Karen Huber, and Bro. Gary and Sis. Carole Ehnle. Also, Bro. Kevin and Sis. Brenda Vierling welcomed Heidi Lynn. Her older sister is Dawn and grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Linda Vierling and Bro. Gary Huber and Karen Huber.

Prayers are offered on behalf of Bro. Maurie Crawford, as he recovers from a fall, and for the many others

who have ongoing health concerns.

*Note of Thanks:*

We would like to thank so many for their acts of love, cards, gifts, and especially their prayers since the birth of our precious Down Syndrome child, Joseph. May God bless you richly.

In Christian Love,

*Bro. Bob and Sis. Kathy Zimmerman and children*

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**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY**

**Elizabeth Fehr  
Anna Schmidgall**

We rejoice with Bro. Brad Brown (Bro. Gary and Sis. Jane, Forrest, IL) and Sis. Shannon Fehr (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Cinda) as they were joined in marriage. We pray for God's blessings on them both.

Sis. Susan Herr (Sis. Cindy) was announced to be married to Bro. Ben Mueller (Bro. Ron and Sis. Loida, Forrest, IL). May God guide them always.

Our congregation was thankful to hear that Maria Steidinger (Bro. Keith and Sis. Kristine) turned her back on Satan and expressed a desire to repent. How precious all of our dear converts are to us.

We welcome two new sisters and two new brothers to our brotherhood. They are Sis. Rebecca Herr (Sis. Cindy), Bro. Rich and Sis. Karen Stoller, and Bro. Billy Mashburn (Sis. Barb). We are thankful God calls to everyone in patience and mercy and then grants the grace to answer that call.

Several ministers visited us this past month. They are: Elder Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto, MI), Wayne Anliker (Forrest, IL), David Graf (Akron, OH), Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL), and Bros. Bill Schick (Magdalena, MX), Marvin Dotterer (Forrest, IL), Pat Zaugg (West Bend,

IA), and Gary Brown (Forrest, IL). Thanks to each one for laboring on our behalf.

We have just finished listening to the recordings of the Brotherhood Conference. We are grateful for the time and effort our Elder brothers put forth and are thankful for God-given exhortation and encouragement.

Bro. Duane Kilgus and Bro. Don Bazzell spent time in the hospital but are back home and we are thankful for healing.

*Note of Thanks:*

Many people have said to us that they cannot find words to express their feelings in this difficult time. We feel the same way when we try to express gratitude for the outpouring of love and sympathy shown to us in the injury and death of our beloved one. The gifts and cards, comforting words, deeds of love, and, most of all, your prayers, mean so much and have helped to sustain us. We are indeed blessed to be part of a church family through which the love of God can flow. May He bless you for caring for us.

*The family of Bro. Doug Moser*

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**ILLINOIS, FORREST**

**Jill Wenger  
Lori Leman**

Our congregation rejoiced the weekend of September 6-7 as we heard the testimony and witnessed the baptisms of our two new Sisters-in-faith, Sis. Kaylee and Sis. Kara Kaeb (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Stephanie). What a blessing it is to seek the Lord in your youth! We thank Elder Bro. Rick Plattner for helping during this blessed weekend.

We thank Elder Bro. Ben Wiegand (Philadelphia, PA) and Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI) for opening the Word of Life and preaching the plan of salvation to us. We appreciate their

visit.

Sis. Shannon Fehr (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Brad Brown were united as one in the Lord on August 31 in Fairbury. Their parents are Bro. Ivan and Sis. Cinda Fehr (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Gary and Sis. Jane Brown. May their marriage always be a three-fold cord. We welcome Sis. Shannon to our congregation.

The engagement of Sis. Susan Herr (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Ben Mueller was made known. Their parents are Sis. Cindy Herr (Fairbury, IL) and Bro. Ron Sr. and Sis. Loida Mueller. We commit this young couple to the Lord and pray for His blessings on their wedding plans and into the future.

Bro. Matthew and Sis. Katie Schneider and big sister, Lauren, rejoice with the birth of a son, Brett Matthew. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Sally Rinkenberger and Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandra Schneider. Bro. Jay and Sis. Jolene Mueller are thankful for Tucker Dale. He is welcomed home by siblings, Bailee, Jessica, Kylee, and Brandon. Tucker's grandparents are Bro. Ron Sr. and Sis. Loida Mueller; and John Sr. and Edna Haas of Fairbury, IL.

Our hearts were saddened by the passing of a dear older brother, Bro. Paul Wiegand. He was 93 years old and faithfully served God for many, many years. He leaves his wife, Sis. Edna; two brothers, Bro. Wilbur Wiegand (Sis. Ruth) and Bro. Dave Wiegand (Sis. Ethel) of Champaign, IL; three sisters, Sis. Leona Steffen (Bro. Mel), Sis. Edith Zimmerman (Morton, IL), and Sis. Virginia Hilti; two sisters-in-law, Sis. Pauline Wiegand and Sis. Beverly Wiegand (Morton, IL) to mourn his passing.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Ruby Bolliger (Bro. Mark) and family on the death of her mother, Rosa Sinks, of Forrest. Sis. Ruby lovingly

cared for her mother in her home during her declining years. May God bless her for this service.

Our love and prayers are also with Sis. Velma Jean Ifft (Bro. Harvey) and Sis. Virginia Blunier (Bro. Homer) on the passing of their brother, Melvin Huber, of Brazil.

May God comfort these families in the days and weeks to come.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave Schmidgall (Sis. Alma Jean) as he spent time in the hospital this month.

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### **ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD**

**Amber Grimm**

**Rita Bauman**

We are thankful for the miracles that God has placed in two families. Bro. Ron and Sis. Cassandra Wiegand welcome their daughter, Josie Marie, born on August 29. Siblings Mya and Lance are excited, too. Grandparents are Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen Wiegand, and Tom and Sandy Beckcom, Edinburg, VA. Also, thankful for a miracle is Bro. Ryan and Sis. Liz, Cade, Emerie, and Ayla Knapp. They welcomed Lincoln Jon on September 10. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Jon and Sis. Pat Knapp and Bro. Mike and Sis. Mary Schieber (Congerville, IL).

On September 21, many witnessed the wedding of Bro. Robert Rokey and Sis. Melissa Kuenzi in Silverton, Oregon. Parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis Rokey and Bro. Jim and Sis. Barb Kuenzi (Silverton, OR). We wish them God's blessings as they establish their new home. Also, we want to welcome Sis. Melissa to the Goodfield congregation and hope she feels at home.

We were privileged to have visiting ministers, Elder Bros. Ron Messner (Sis. Pam, Washington, IL) and Earl Ringger (Sis. Dixie, Gridley, IL), and Bro. Roger Aberle (Sis. LaVonne, Sabetha, KS). We were also thankful

that Bro. Kevin Knapp (Sis. Dixie, Bloomington, IL) was able to share with our Invite a Friend weekend for the Bible Class on September 14. We thank each one for their willingness to be used in the Lord's service.

As Bro. Bruce Hohulin retires from the Eldership and ministry, the Goodfield congregation would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the many hours of labor, love, and sincere dedication Bro. Bruce and Sis. Charlene have given in shepherding our flock. We wish them God's continued blessing and nearness in all He may call them to do as they continue down the path of service in the Lord's name.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been hospitalized. They include Bro. Sam Plattner (Sis. Pat), Ed Wiegand (Joanne), Sis. Carolyn Rokey, Sis. Carol Hohulin (Bro. Harold), Bro. Daniel Wiegand (Sis. Verla), and Bro. Larry Bauman (Sis. Betty). We pray that God will grant His healing strength to each one going through a trial.

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### **ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY**

**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

We had two baptisms on Sunday, September 21. Taken in as new members of the body of Christ were Bro. Daton Kupferschmid and his wife, Sis. Kathy Kupferschmid. Both gave nice testimonies, and it was a blessed evening on Saturday (proving) and Sunday (baptisms). We can rejoice that God is still calling souls to repentance; and can rejoice even more that souls are responding.

Bro. Brandon Emch (Kansas City, MO) was our visiting minister on September 21. We thank him for his labors.

We offer our sympathies to Bro. Roger Stoller over the death of his grandmother, Elaine Rinkenberger, who passed away on September 28. Also, we offer sympathies to Sis. Mary

Gramm, over the loss of her brother-in-law, Bro. James Sutter of Taylor, MO.

We have several of our local members who are in various stages of illness, and recovery. We pray earnestly that God will be with them. Bro. Barry Ehresman is taking chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Bro. Dave Wagner was hospitalized and is now home and attends church again. Gerry Sievers fell and broke her leg. Bro. Dick Kiefer, who now resides at the Meadows Home, has become somewhat weaker. Bro. Tom Miller continues to be treated for cancer. Sis. Winifred Schlipf continues to suffer from illness, but can leave the Eureka Home for short excursions. Bro. Dave Steffen is again attending church services, for which we are thankful.

Some of our young members are overseas for a duration. We pray for Bro. Scott Wettstein (Italy), Sis. Christy Stoller (Mexico) and Sis. Brittany Kiefer (England). May God deliver them home safely.

Farmers are busy with the corn and soybean harvest. As always, they hope for the best yield possible. In a spiritual sense, we should pray and work for the highest possible yield as well. In the latter sense, we are dealing with where souls will dwell during all eternity!

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### **ILLINOIS, MORTON**

**Annette Tanner**

**Julie Bahr**

Morton was blessed by the following visiting ministers: Bro. Brad Metz (Sis. Karen, Bloomington) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Sis. Carla, Chicago, IL). Thanks to both of them for giving of their time in God's work.

Bro. Tim Sauder visited us from Leo, IN, to give an informative presentation on the work of Gateway Woods. We appreciated his willingness to travel here and spend time

sharing with us.

Our sympathy is extended to our Sis. Edith Zimmerman in the death of her brother, Bro. Paul (Sis. Edna) Wiegand, from Forrest.

On August 31, Kendon Bahr was united in marriage to Jacqueline Pamson. Kendon is the son of Bro. Brian and Sis. Julie Bahr. Jacqueline is the daughter of Leonard and Pam Pamson, Washington.

The birth of baby boy Tucker Lee blessed the home of Chris and Amy Kaufmann. Sis. Kathy Kaufmann is the grateful grandparent.

Little William Michael was born to Seth and Sarah Webb. Big sister Haley, along with grandparents, Bro. Gary and Sis. Debbie Rassi and Brian and Jane Webb (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) welcome him.

On September 8, Bro. Roger and Sis. Margie Ackerman were thankful to welcome a grandson, Brayden Lee, born to Bro. Doug and Sis. Kary Mangers of North Carolina. Paternal grandparents, Bro. Dennie and Sis. Cheryl Mangers, along with big sister Alexa, join in welcoming Brayden home.

Bro. Scott and Sis. Wendy Baum of Scottsdale, AZ, were blessed with the arrival of Rachel Lanae Baum on September 20. Koby, Isaac, Annika, Rebekah, Bryan, and Alaina are excited older siblings. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. LuAnn Klopfenstein (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Jody Baum (Morton, IL).

Meesha Kenzee was born September 23 to Jesse and Suzanne Zeller. Big sister Keely welcomes her home. Grandparents are Bro. Jon and Sis. Christie Zeller and Linda Monical and Jim Mattingly.

Be especially prayerful in the upcoming weeks for our Presidential election. As believers, we must seek God's face to reveal the one God has chosen to carry out the principles of His Word. If we seek for a leader of

Godly morals and principles, all other things will be added as God would will for our country.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA Pam Fritzenmeier

We are pleased to report the birth of two sweet baby girls. On August 4, Sadie Jo was born to Bro. Derek and Sis. Wendy (Rieker) Menold. Siblings are Olivia and Zachary and grandparents include Bro. Tom and Sis. JoAnn Rieker and Bro. Mike and Sis. Sharon Menold (Princeville). Jared and Amy (Herman) Plattner welcomed their third daughter, Kaliese Rayne (Kali), August 18. Her sisters are Ariya and Tessa Lei. Grandparents are Bro. Greg and Sis. Beth Herman, and Tony and Barb Plattner.

We also have two engagement announcements. On August 10, Sis. Olivia Hoerr (Bro. Don and Sis. Jacki) was announced to Bro. Bret Steffen (Champaign), son of Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth (Cissna Park). October 26 is the date set for their wedding. Bro. Philip Sceggel (Bro. Mark and Sis. Judy) was announced August 17 to Sis. Anna Esslinger (Bern, KS). Her parents are Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gerty (Bloomfield, IA). They are planning a November 16 wedding in Bern. God's blessings during your special time of engagement.

Bro. Matt Kaufmann (Sis. Rebekah, Bloomington) allowed the Spirit to use him to present the topic "Astonishing Grace" for our family night. Bro. John Lehman (Sis. Connie, Bern, KS) ministered at the jail on a Sunday morning. Thank you for your ministry.

We welcome two families to our congregation. Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Huber (Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Huber's parents) and Bro. Gregg and Sis. Heather (Wieland) Rumbold, Deryk, Dayton, Sadie, and Saige. We hope you soon feel at home. We said

farewell to Bro. Neil and Sis. Leann Banwart. They have moved to Quincy and are assembling with the Taylor, MO, church. We know Taylor will be blessed by their presence, as we were here in Peoria.

We rejoice with Mike and Sis. Janet (Kieser) Weber as their daughter, Sis. Angela, was united in holy marriage September 14 to Bro. Seth Braker, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge (Roanoke). We are thankful to have a new couple dedicated to serving the Lord. Visiting ministers for this joyful occasion included Elder Bro. Don Braker (Sis. Eileen, Kansas City, MO), Bro. Glen Braker (Sis. Audrey, Princeville), Bro. Ted Witzig, Jr. (Sis. Donna, Morton), Bro. Dennis Kaufmann (Sis. Bonnie, Bloomington), and Bro. John Bradle (Sis. Jill) and Bro. Wayne Leman (Sis. Julie), both from Roanoke.

Please keep Bro. George and Sis. Ruth Huthmann in your prayers as they are experiencing health problems.

On their last Sunday before returning to Haiti, Bro. Tim Reinhard spoke to our church about their work. He told of the history of Haiti and its fall into poverty. The Haitian pastor who visited this summer was amazed at the lunch at church. They often get just one meal a day and some will mix mud with a type of vegetable oil to make a mud cake to try to satisfy the hunger pains. Bro. Tim and Sis. Joan and family are helping to put up schools and churches and have a long waiting list of projects to be completed. In a recent update, they told of their safe arrival back in Haiti, after many aircraft and baggage delays. They report the situation for the Haitian people is desperate. Added to the food shortage is the devastating flooding, resulting in crop damage, animal loss, and water running through homes. They request our fervent prayers and ask that we pray that the



people will call on God in their time of need.

Bro. David Sceggel cares for eight boys ages 9-15 in Magdalena. He asks that we pray that God will work in the hearts of the boys and that he will be strengthened with might through God's Spirit.

We have another prayer request from the Rural Gospel and Medical Missions of India. There is a significant push to try to convert Indian Christians back to their Hindu faith. There have been brutal attacks against men, women, and children, resulting in death and despair. There is great concern that the next area to be concentrated on for attacks are the two states where the RGMMI are actively working. Please pray for our director, Dr. Parkhe, his family, the RGMMI evangelists and pastors, and the Christian believers in India. Those of us who have been privileged to have Dr. Parkhe and his wife visit our congregations in person, can certainly put a face to those suffering for their faith in Jesus.

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## ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Linda Joos  
Connie Christ**

"A Christian now baptized, to me much grace is given" (Zion's Harp #43). We were so thankful to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of four precious souls on August 23-24. We welcome Bro. Scott Herrmann (Bro. Dean and Sis. Dawn), Sis. Brooke Streitmatter (Bro. David and Sis. Crystal), Sis. Beth and Sis. Lena Christ (Bro. Kurt and Sis. Connie) as our new brother and sisters in the Lord. We thank Elder Bro. Doug Schock (Bloomfield, IA) for so willingly and lovingly assisting our Elder Bro. Jim for this work. Other visiting ministers for the baptisms included Bros. John Lehman (Wolcott, IN), Greg Lehman

(Wolcott, IN), Kenny Schneider (Remington, IN), Frank Sauder (Roanoke, IL), Brad Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) and Marvin Leman (Bradford, IL).

Other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Garry Bucher (Valparaiso, IN), Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Ed Fritz (Washington, IL), and Elder Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont, IL). We pray that God will bless every brother who is a willing vessel to bring His Holy Word.

We sadly bid farewell to our dear Sis. Elsie Mueller who passed away on August 26. We are so thankful she could be relieved of suffering, and she has won the victory. Our prayers are with her brother, Bro. Roy Mueller, at this time of great loss, as well as many dear nieces and nephews.

Our prayers are with our dear Sis. Teresa Martin and Sis. Julie Dapper as they struggle with their health that they may feel God's strength and nearness as they go forward day by day. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," (James 5:16).

Many of our congregation traveled to Washington, IL, on September 21 to share in the joy as Bro. Mark Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Sonia) and Sis. Katelyn Fehr (Dave and Sis. Linda) became one in the Lord. We pray God's presence and blessings on their marriage for "where two join hand and heart, we find a three fold cord not lightly rent apart."

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## ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Dee Fehr**

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."  
*Mark 10:9*

Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Hodel enjoyed many wonderful years of life together until Sis. Lorene slipped from

this life suddenly and peacefully on their 61st wedding anniversary on August 24. Beside Bro. Bob, also surviving are four children, Sis. Deb Leman (Elder Bro. Mike, Denver), Ellen Brown (Gordon), Neil Hodel (Lelia), and Paul Hodel.

As one God-made union was parted, so another one came together when Bro. Seth Braker and Sis. Angela Weber were united as one on September 14 in Peoria. Their parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge Braker and Mike and Sis. Janet Weber (Peoria). The wedding of Kayla Rassi and Ryan Hedrick took place on August 31. They are the children of Bill and Jan Rassi and Bruce and Yvonne Hedrick.

Tyson Leman is excited to have a little sister, Nina Alexandra, born on August 6 to Bro. Chris and Sis. Elizabeth Leman. Grandparents are Scott and Jane Leman, Mindy and Gary Norbom, and Norman and Sharon Seckler. Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wiegand are first-time grandparents with the birth of Grady Steven, born to Emily and Derek Neal on August 24. Also thrilled to be first-time grandparents are Bro. Chuck and Sis. Rita Hodel. Ella Naomi arrived on September 12. Her parents are Bro. Kirk and Sis. Wendy Prather (Washington). On July 27, Bill and Jan Rassi became grandparents when Zachary Jason was born to Jason and Amanda Rassi. Bro. Gary and Sis. Elna Wettstein gained another grandchild on July 28 when Will Edward was born to Sam and Emily Wettstein. Gage William was born to Bro. Jesse and Sis. Jill Schroeder (Peoria) on September 19. Grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Rachel Schroeder. Bro. Steve and Sis. Colleen Byrd added another son to their family on September 20 with the arrival of Daniel Curtis. Daniel's siblings are Craig, Josh, Jesse, Karen, Ryan and Benjamin.

Bro. Dan Beer (Milford) visited us on August 24. We appreciate his willingness to be led by the Spirit and used of God in the proclaiming of the Gospel.

"Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually."

*Hosea 12:6*

We rejoice with Tim Schwind (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Rita) as he turns to God for mercy in repentance, and pray that he will be richly blessed during this special time of renewal in his life.

"Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." On the evening of September 17, Don (Sis. Helen) Brown testified of the grace of his Lord and Saviour which has led him to a new life in Christ. We rejoice with Bro. Don, Sis. Helen and all of their family, as Bro. Don was baptized as a new lamb into the fold.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him."

*Psalms 37:5*

On September 21, trusting in the Lord and committing their future to God, Sis. Dee Fehr and Bro. Bob Leman (Peoria) made known their intentions for marriage. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (II Tim.1:7).

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**ILLINOIS, TREMONT**  
**Teresa Rowell**  
**Janice Sauder**

"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also

to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Acts 20:20-21*

Our congregation wants to thank Bro. Glenn and Sis. Marilyn Dill for their many years of ministry as Bro. Glenn is retiring from the pulpit. We know God has many blessings for them in the years ahead as they continue their walk of faith and find other ways to "minister". Thank you, again!

Elder Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forest, IL) came to visit this month to help Elder Bro. Charles Sauder have the Dedication Service for our recently finished expansion project. Bro. Jon Zeller (Morton, IL) was also visiting that day and shared in this "Re-dedication" of our church as a place for God's worship and glory. We also thank Bro. DeWayne Dill (Minneapolis, MN), Bro. Tom Troxel (La-Crosse, IN), and Bro. Brad Funk (Garden Grove, IA) who also visited us recently. May God bless them for their efforts.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Miriam Frank, as she was able to pass from this life of sickness to life eternal. They include her husband, Bro. Marvin; one son, Bro. Doug (and Sis. Cheri), of Tremont; two daughters, Sis. Susan (and Bro. Dale) Glueck of Tremont, and Dawna Frank, of Chicago, along with six grandchildren. Also from Tremont are seven brothers: Bro. David (and Sis. Frances) Koch, Bro. Cleo (and Sis. Nancy) Koch, Bro. Eugene Koch, Bro. Dan (and Sis. Carol) Koch, Bro. Vernon (and Sis. Ruth) Koch, Gerald (and Bonnie) Koch and Bro. Elmon (and Sis. Janice) Koch; and one sister, Sis. Carolyn Bolliger. We pray God will continue to send comfort during your time of grief and loss.

We are pleased to report that Zach Garman (Steve and Sis. Sara) and Jen

Shrum (Ken and Robin Shrum of Brimfield, IL) have announced their engagement. May God bless them as they prepare for their May 2009 wedding.

We are enjoying getting to know Bro. Kirby Leman (formerly of Roanoke) who has been assembling with us frequently, as he is living and working in the Tremont area for a time. May we all be thankful for our Brotherhood, as we move from town to town and find Believers of "like mind and faith"!

Our hospital patients this past month include Sis. Joann (Bro. Dale) Sauder, Bro. Dan (Sis. Carol) Koch, and Sis. Brenda (Bro. Darrell) Ehnle. We hope and pray they all continue to find new strength each day.

At the conclusion, we just want to again tell of our appreciation to our Elder brothers, as we have been listening to one topic (from this August's Church Conference) each Wednesday evening. They put so much prayer and effort into preparation for the day and it truly is a blessing to listen, and hopefully apply, the good teachings.

Note of correction:

David Callan will be serving as a Judge Advocate in the JAG Corp. There is only one Judge Advocate General!

*Note of Thanks:*

We would like to say "Thank you" for the many deeds of kindness and love shown us through Darlene's illness and death. May God bless you richly.

*The Darlene Kaeb family*

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**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**  
**Elizabeth Heinold**  
**Nancy Knepp**

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee and through the rivers, they shall not

overflow thee," promises the Lord in Isaiah. With the abundance of water overflowing its boundaries in rivers, oceans, and streams and the massive destruction it has wrought in many parts of our country, it may cause us to question the Lord, "not overflow? We are swamped." In pondering the promise, we understand He said, "Not overflow thee." Many prayers are with all those who have suffered massive loss. May the Lord comfort you with the assurance of His presence with you always!

The engagement of Bro. Matt Gerber (Bro. Neil and Sis. Leesa), currently in Ixtlan, and Sis. Ruth Cervantes, also from Mexico, was announced.

A multitude of visitors joined us on September 21, the wedding day for Sis. Katelyn Fehr (Dave and Sis. Linda) and Bro. Mark Stoller (Bro. Gale and Sis. Sonia, Princeville). We appreciated the thought-provoking ministry of Elder Bro. James Plattner (Princeville, IL), Bro. Chuck Kellenberger (Sis. Debbie, Elgin, IL) and Bro. Dean Steffen (Sis. Carol, Belvidere, IL), here for the wedding, and Bro. Jim Butikofer (Sis. Diana, Iowa City, IA) here the previous week for a family reunion.

Bro. Britt and Sis. Megan Steffen welcomed their firstborn son, Mason. His grandparents are Bro. Stan and Sis. Jane Descarpentrie and Bro. Larry and Sis. Sue Steffen (Denver, CO). Bro. Kirk and Sis. Wendy Prather welcomed their firstborn daughter, Ella. Her grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Marlene Prather and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Rita Hodel (Roanoke, IL).

We miss the presence of Sis. Pauline Schick as she has not worshipped with us since her surgery several months ago.

Surgical patients this month were Sis. Louise Teubel (Bro. Ed) and Bro. Josh Gerber.

We sympathize with Sis. Angie Schrock (Bro. Jason) who lost her grandmother, Janice Zook.

The weather cooperated perfectly for our annual father/son campout. Our Sunday school students have advanced another year. Some of them seem to have grown a foot over the summer! We pray the yearly growth in their Bible knowledge and spiritual understanding will be just as significant.

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**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**  
**Stefanie Kipfer**  
**Jan Schwartz**

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

*Psalm 23:6*

It is so amazing to know and hold on to the promises the Lord gives us in His Word. With an ever present request for prayers in our church and community, it's comforting to know that God's goodness and mercy will follow us throughout all life's joys and trials.

Following a car accident, the church was asked to lift up Kassie Baumgartner, daughter of James and Lisa and granddaughter of Herb and Gwen. Mat Groce, grandson of Sis. Colleen Landrum, was in an ATV accident and requested prayers during his hospital stay and recovery.

Also spending time in the hospital and seeking prayers are Sis. Irene Steffen and Mary Jo Frauhiger, sister of Sis. Carolyn Gerber (Bro. Bill). A. J. and Dawn (Dick) Violes are also requesting prayers on behalf of their 3-month old daughter who had surgery to remove a malignant tumor. Evelyn Ivins (Edson) also has been hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

Jonathan Magnin's mother, Judy Huffaker, and Bro. Alan Gerber (Sis. Joli) requested prayers for wisdom and strength as they face uncertainty with their health. We are praying for God's peace and direction for them and their families.

As a church, we were also exhorted to be diligent in prayer for the Christians being persecuted throughout the world, specifically the Christians in India. We are especially prayerful for the RGMMI mission and staff as the persecution becomes more of a threat and hindrance to them.

In addition to our prayers, we have also rejoiced with two families as they welcome new babies. On August 23, Bro. Kenny and Sis. Lynnette Frauhiger's family grew by one when Isaac John joined his two brothers, Aiden and Ephraim. Isaac's excited grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Rose Frauhiger and Sis. Ann Reinhard.

Five days later, Micah Osh EINaggar joined his parents, Adam and April. Bro. Dale and Sis. Joni Schwartz are enjoying their new grandson.

August 31 saw our church family celebrating the marriage of our Bro. Logan Aschliman (Bluffton North) and Sis. Abby Reinhard. Bro. Logan is the son of Bro. Kelly and Sis. Lisa (Bluffton North) and Sis. Abby is the daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Renee. Bro. Ted Witzig, Jr. (Sis. Donna, Morton, IL) was able to be a part of their wedding service.

Bro. Rustin Meister (Sis. Amanda, West Lafayette) preached to our congregation on September 14. We are thankful for his words that touched our hearts and souls. Every Sunday we are reminded of the love and care of our Savior and rest in the knowledge that His goodness and mercy are promised to us all the days of our lives.

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**INDIANA  
BLUFFTON NORTH  
Jessie Longenberger  
Sherry Pfister**

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

*II Cor. 5:17*

Sunday, September 7, was a great day of rejoicing when four people from our congregation were baptized after giving their testimonies the previous evening. Baptized were: Brian Curry (husband of Sis. Kristy Nuenschwander Curry), Andrew Harris (Bro. Mark and Sis. Susan), Taryn Gerber (Bro. Blake and Sis. Fawn) and Blake Fiechter (Bro. Tony and Sis. Peg). Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz and Sis. Jenny as well as Bro. John Reinhard and Sis. Pam were here to assist in the baptismal services.

Loved ones requiring hospitalization this month were Sis. Sandy Kipfer (Bro. Aaron) who had open heart surgery and Mick Culp who needed a new pacemaker/defibrillator.

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**INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE  
Jessica Murray  
Barb Huber**

Greetings dear loved ones. What a joy to be writing this as I enjoy the last day of summer and the day is warm and full of sunshine. Today we hosted Junior High ACYF for Sunday School students from Indiana, and had many here filling the day with songs, lessons, games, and fond memories they will take home and have for a lifetime. Thank you for planning and sharing with us, for this blessed day.

What a joy to have Bro. Jan and Sis. Val Gutwein and their family home again from Haiti. They are in need of prayer, for the area where they live and serve in while in Haiti

was near the hurricane that came through and damages are plenty. They are still adjusting to the Creole language that is spoken there, and pray the Lord will continue to help them in speaking and understanding better.

We rejoice with A.J. Gutwein and Raquel Messer as they were wed on September 13. Parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Janice Gutwein and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Messer of rural Francesville. We wish you the Lord's blessings as you are united together. May you always look to Jesus as the head of your home.

Our dear Sis. Lois Yaggie (Bro. Irvin) went home to be with the Lord on September 9. Sis. Lois lived her last year and a half, as she battled declining health, with inspiring faith, sharing the love of Jesus with her family. May they each keep their hearts open to the Lord as they will always carry the love of a dear wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. We will be praying for each of you for strength in the months to come.

Our Bro. Andre Neihouser (Sis. Lois) is recovering in Lafayette from open heart surgery this past month. We will continue to pray for our dear brother as he regains his bodily strength and the Lord gives him spiritual strength. May you and your family be blessed.

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**INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS  
Sandy Lichtle  
Penny Schroder**

The engagement of Bro. Ben Graham (Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanette, Princeville, IL) and Sis. Suzanne Zeller (Bro. Eric and Sis. Ginny, Indianapolis) was announced on August 31. We rejoice with Bro. Ben and Sis. Suzanne as they begin this step together in their lives. Both are currently a part of our Indianapolis congregation.

It is always a joy to welcome newcomers to our church. Sis. Valerie Bahler (Bro. Mark and Sis. Bonita, Remington, IN) recently moved to Indianapolis to pursue further education. Lance Schwab (Bro. Jon and Sis. Wendy, Wolcott, IN) has also moved to Indy as he has accepted employment in the area. We welcome each of them and pray they can feel a part of our church family.

Our hearts are heavy as we hear of those we love facing difficult situations; however, it is in the promises of the Word that we can find encouragement and hope. Jane Czerwinski, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Gail Bradford, was recently diagnosed with cancer. We pray for her comfort as she seeks advice and healing. We also remember her husband, Tom, and 5 year-old son, Guinness, during this time.

Our prayers also go out to Bro. John Waibel and his family as his father (Bro. Clyde Waibel, Remington, IN) has been hospitalized recently in his battle of cancer. May they feel the support and comfort of the Spirit.

Bro. Ron Kipfer (Sis. Linda, Bluffton, IN) helped us to understand the importance of determining and using our spiritual gifts. He reminded us that in using our gifts it will ultimately bring glory to God and unity within the church.

In addition, we were blessed to have Bro. Bob Beebe (Sis. Sue, South Bend, IN) and Bro. Kevin Knapp (Sis. Dixie, Bloomington, IL) share with us from the Word this month. Our Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL) was also here to worship with us on a Wednesday evening. God's blessing to each of them.

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**INDIANA, LACROSSE  
Bethany Johnson  
Julie Rocke**

Rain, rain and more rain. After

near-drought conditions this summer in our area, who would have thought that come fall, we would have more rain than we know what to do with? In times when things just don't make sense, it helps to remember that God's way is far above man's ways and the wisdom of man is foolishness to God. We were exhorted that trusting God is not merely when we take our burdens to God in prayer; it is when we are able to leave them there with Him. It brings to mind I Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." And yet, when we hear of those who are buffeted by storms of wind and water, those by illness and pain, and those by persecution or death for their faith, a few more inches of rain is merely that. Our hearts and prayers go out for those in such great need.

We appreciated the service of three visiting ministers this month. Bros. Ned Stoller (Sis. Heidi, Alto, MI), Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit, MI), and Chris Wuethrich (Sis. Carla, St. Louis, MO) gave of themselves for our benefit. We thank you and pray for God's blessings to be upon you.

Bro. Gene Nuest (Sis. Norma) has again spent some time in the hospital. We are thankful that at the time of this writing, he has once again been able to join us at church. Sis. Connie Knobloch will be undergoing treatments in the next few weeks. Our prayers are for each of these loved ones – for grace, strength and God's healing powers.

Karla Frank (Elder Bro. Curt and Sis. Lyla) and Jason Martin (Dennis and Diane Martin) of Kouts, IN, were joined in marriage on August 30. We pray that God will grant them grace and wisdom as they walk this path of life together.

### **INDIANA, LEO Elizabeth Schrenk Abigail Schrenk**

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."

*Psalm 92:1-2*

Elder Bro. Lynn Stieglitz recently shared with us from Psalm 92. He encouraged us in this Psalm of praise to the Lord. We have observed many things which we can rejoice over this past month.

Bro. Sylvan Pulfer has been in the hospital for tests and is now in a nursing home. Sis. Eleanor Strahm continues to gain her health while residing at Kingston Care Center. We rejoice with them as they find the Lord faithful during this time of recovery.

We listened to several tapes from the recent General Conference. We thank the Lord for the commitment of our Elders who prayerfully consider each topic for presentation. We pray each one will know His loving-kindness and faithfulness in a personal way.

Sis. Judy Gehring recently retired from Gateway Woods. We pray the Lord will guide her in these coming days. We rejoice with Sis. Judy as she celebrates years of God's faithfulness to her.

Bro. Trent and Sis. Mandy Regier are singing praises to God for the gift of life in their first-born son. Tait Michael Regier was born on September 20. First-time grandparents are Bro. Dana and Sis. Martha Regier (Princeville, IL) and Elder Bro. Lynn and Sis. Leonda Stieglitz. May God continue to bless this couple as they raise little Tait to fear and honor the Lord Jesus.

### **INDIANA, MILFORD Pam Beer Carol Hurd**

The Milford congregation has been listening to the Conference tapes on Wednesday evenings. On Sunday after the tape on marriage, Bro. Daron Price was moved to read from I Corinthians 7. All Christians of all ages need to meditate on this message written by Paul.

Speaking of marriage, many of the Milford congregation will be traveling to Mansfield, OH, on September 21 to celebrate the marriage of Bro. Kurt Fiechter and Sis. Staci Beer. Kurt is the grandson of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer.

Once again we are asking for God's healing powers for Mathew Longcor (Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy) as he undergoes knee surgery. His knee was injured during a football game.

Fall is here, bringing the busy harvest season and the first World Relief Work Day of the season. Sis. Shelby Beer's presence was missed as we all continue to pray for her and her family.

Among the guests of the Older Potluck group on September 7 was visiting ministering Bro. Bob Beebe and his wife, Sis. Sue (South Bend, IN).

The Milford congregation wishes to thank Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter and his wife, Sis. Emily, for their love and support. We appreciate their trips here and time spent here.

### **INDIANA, REMINGTON Jenni Honegger Marcella Tyler**

We are very pleased to welcome a new little blessing into our congregation! Rose Patricia arrived on August 16 and is the first child of Bro. Chad and Sis. Janice Kaeb. Rose's birth was also eagerly anticipated by grandparents, Bro. Eric and Sis. Lou

Ann Kaeb (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz (Junction, OH). We look forward to seeing Rose grow in the nurture and admonition of both the Lord and her loving parents.

Bro. Clyde Waibel (Sis. Mary Sue) is currently hospitalized after surgery. We sincerely pray for his healing and for the Lord's comfort and strength to be upon both him and his family during this difficult time, and we ask for your prayers on their behalf as well.

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### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

**Natalie Virkler  
Becky Langhofer**

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

*Psalms 42:1-2*

With today's uncertain times, heaven seems ever nearer and ever more longed for. As we've been enjoying Conference tapes the last several weeks, it is encouraging to be reminded of our common goal.

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### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

**Marguerite Hoerr**

The LaCrosse and Valparaiso congregations are looking forward to hosting the Eastern World Relief Meeting at Valparaiso on November 8, 2008. Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse) had the idea that we do it jointly and it met with the approval of both congregations. It has been an enriching experience for all of us to prepare for this meeting. If you have inquiries, please direct them to William Frank, 1251 S 700 W, Wanatah, IN 46390. His e-mail address is [bjfrank74@gmail.com](mailto:bjfrank74@gmail.com)

We were privileged to have Bro.

Jeff Niehouser (Sis. Sue, Francesville) minister to us this month. How grateful we are to have ministering brothers travel to spend time in the Word with us.

We have experienced the pleasure to have various members and friends from other churches visit us in this past month. We feel the warmth of their love and friendship as they help us fill the benches. We have a hunger for visitors and are blest by those who take time to come and be with us.

I had the joy this past Sunday of doing dishes with Sis. Jo Meiss. We shared with each other what occurred in our past week and I realized, as we did this, what a blessing I received.

Recently I ran across a book in our little library that was titled "Wind Songs". It noted that it contained 60 calligraphic interpretations of hymns and spiritual songs. I was curious to open it and when I saw songs that I recognized, I brought it home. The author in his introduction told about his mother singing hymns while doing dishes and his grandfather teaching him the keyboard on the piano. How many of us remember singing hymns and playing the piano in our own homes? I was familiar with most of the songs and the author had a beautiful way of interpreting them with beautiful calligraphy and art work. "Were You There When They Crucified our Lord?" "Just as I Am without One Plea" are two of the songs that were included. There are 60 songs in all. Most of them will be familiar to you. I felt as if the Lord blessed my day at work most richly and I thought I would share it with you.

For those of you who will be attending the Eastern World Relief meeting and for those of you who have a desire to visit us; please remember that we're located on IN State Rd 49 S, just 2 3/4 miles S of U.S. 30. We will welcome you with open arms.

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### INDIANA WEST LAFAYETTE

**Hollie Meister  
Darlene Walder**

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was in August. Food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We wish to thank our outgoing teachers, Bros. Corey Gerber, Kevin Gutwein, Jeff Moser, and Sis. Darlene Walder. We would like to welcome the following new teachers: Bros. Matt Ginzel, Grant Gudeman, Randy Leman, Brad Widmer, Sis. Laura Gutwein, and Sis. Brooke Widmer. A special thanks to Bro. Corey Gerber for continuing the Sunday School Superintendent position.

We are excited to have our college students back as they began classes in August. We had our annual freshman dinner to welcome all of our new students. We pray for each student as they begin a new school year.

Bro. Grant and Sis. Cara Gudeman have a new baby girl, Morgan Renae, born on September 4. Big sister Braylyn was very excited to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bill and Sis. Jan Baumgartner (Leo, IN) and Bro. Dale and Sis. Peg Gudeman (Francesville, IN).

We are very thankful for the ministers who travel to share His Word with our congregation. This month we were blessed to hear from the following ministers: Bros. Brian Huber (Francesville, IN), John Lehman (Wolcott, IN), John Baumgartner (Bluffton, IN), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL), and Ken Schneider (Remington, IN).

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### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

**Lynell Blume  
Erica Blume**

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Sis. Frances Bahler (Bro. Alfred) as she recovers from surgery.

We are thankful she is home and doing well. May she continue to feel the Lord's nearness and healing mercies.

We were certainly encouraged and uplifted by the visits of ministers this past month. May God richly bless Bros. Ron Isch (Sis. Jane; Lamont-Gridley, KS); Randy Gasser (Sis. Sue; Detroit, MI); Fred Witzig (Sis. Nancy; Indianapolis, IN); and Neal Widmer (Sis. Kris; West Lafayette, IN) for their willingness to be used in the Lord's service.

This month also included our annual Invite-a-Friend weekend, which was such a blessing! We enjoyed fellowship with many visitors and extend our thanks to them for traveling to be with us.

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### **IOWA, BLOOMFIELD** **Christy Wiegand**

Greetings in our Savior's name. We have been enjoying listening to the topics from the summer Conference and want to thank our Elder Brothers for their time and devotion to our denomination.

We are rejoicing with Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Metzger at the safe arrival of their twenty-second grandchild. Ethan Paul was born to Mark and Lana Spencer on August 20.

Congratulations to Bro. Henry Wettstein (Bro. Denny and Sis. Emily, Congerville, IL). Bro. Henry's engagement to Sis. Wendy Schulz of Oakville, IA (Bro. Roger and Sis. June) was announced to our congregation. We wish them God's guidance and blessings as they make plans for their life together.

We continue to pray for Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger. We pray God can restore Bro. Cleo's health as He sees fit. We miss him being able to assemble with us.

Sunday school resumed at the beginning of September. We pray for wisdom for the teachers and that God

can work in the hearts of the children as they learn about the way of salvation.

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### **IOWA, BURLINGTON** **Karla Gerst** **Dixie Messner**

The time flies on ... and sometimes we forget to stop and think of our earthly duties. We must apologize for not getting any news in last month. The deadline came and went before we even thought about writing. Hopefully, we won't let time fly by so fast that we neglect to give our lives to God. That would be a sad day if eternity came and we were too busy.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Jon Schmidgall and Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville), Bro. Myron Knobloch (Lester) and Bro. Michael Wagenbach (Wolcott) share God's Word with us.

Matt and Monica Eisenmann and their children welcomed little Naomi Ruth into their home.

Sis. Mary Massner and Bro. Dale Massner spent some time in the hospital. We are thankful they are both home and improving.

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### **IOWA, ELGIN** **Gloria Frieden**

We are in the midst of the harvest season again and the freezer and pantry shelves are being supplied with many prepared fruits and vegetables to enjoy until next year's harvest. Much labor goes into preserving this bounty, but may we remember that we would have nothing if God didn't provide the rain and sunshine.

We welcome Rachel Miller (Portland) who is planning to spend some time here with her sister, Sis. Brianna Strahm (Bro. Brent), and their family.

Our thanks to all who came for our "Invite a Guest" weekend. It was a

real blessed time of worship and Christian fellowship. Visiting ministers with us that weekend were Bros. Mike Rinkenberger (Sis. Pat, Congerville, IL), Gene Metzger (Sis. Dolores, Lester, IA), Greg Braker (Sis. Wendy, Lamar, MO), and John Steiner (Sis. Carol, Oakville, IA).

We were also blessed with two mid-week visiting ministers this past month: Bro. Bruce Endress (Sis. Elizabeth, Bradford, IL) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Sis. Joyce, Akron, OH). May God richly bless each one as they continue to serve in His vineyard.

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### **IOWA, IOWA CITY** **Diana Butikofer**

Congratulations to Dawn Gerst (Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie) and James Malone, who were married September 13. We are thankful that Bro. Bruce and Sis. Bonita Frank (Cissna Park, IL) could be here for the wedding and stay for Sunday. We were also blessed with a Wednesday evening visit from Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Gasser (Akron, OH) as they were traveling to Lester, IA, and thank both these brothers for their service in sharing the Word of God with us.

We told Bro. Chris, Sis. Sara and little Isaias Hattan farewell September 7 at a supper and singing in their honor. We will certainly miss them since they have moved to Tucson, AZ, but we pray they will be a blessing to the Tucson congregation as they were to us.

Bro. Brad and Sis. Joyce Eland were blessed with another grandchild. Kaeding Bradley was born to Ryan and Beverly Eland (stationed in England) on September 1. Kaeding's sister is Summer and maternal grandparents are Rolando and Cresencia Ello (Port Charles, FL).

We pray each of these dear souls will look to God for guidance and pro-

vision during these times of change and service to one another and that He will bless them as they do!

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**IOWA, LESTER**  
**Polly Metzger**  
**Gloria Moser**

Our congregation rejoices with two families that have welcomed precious babies into their homes. Jed Robert was born on August 22 to Chris and Mary Fagerness. Gracie is a happy big sister and Grandpa Jim Moser is thankful for another grandchild to love. Bro. Micah and Sis. Marcy Gherian are thankful for the arrival of a baby boy, Abel Jonathon, who born on September 10. Zachary and Jenneka are excited for a new little brother. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Susan Van Whye and Bro. Paul and Sis. Sharon Gherian (Akron, OH).

Little Drendan Van Whye (Bro. Mychal and Sis. Dawn) has spent time in the hospital. He is now back at home and doing well.

We extend our congratulations to Tessa Moser (Bro. Wes and Sis. Esther) as she has recently graduated from college and has found employment in our area. May God be near Tessa as she serves others in the occupation of nursing.

"When pure and upright hearts,  
 By flames of love ignited,  
 Are by the bond of faith;  
 more firmly yet united..."

*Zion's Harp #79*

On September 7, Sis. Andrea Knobloch (Bro. Stan and Sis. Dawn) and Bro. Joe Ehnle (Bro. Gary and Sis. Carole) from Eureka, IL, were united in Holy Matrimony. Our prayer is that God will bless them as they establish a Christian home. We appreciated the effort of visiting ministers that were with us on that weekend: Elder Bro. Ervin Knecht

(Eureka, IL), Bro. Bruce Endress (Bradford, IL), Bro. Mark Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Bro. Don Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA). Other visiting ministers in the past month include: Bro. Matt Steffen (Princeville, IL), Bro. Joe Dotterer (Bloomfield, IA), Bro. Ron Isch (Lamont, KS), Bro. Wayne Fehr (Portland, OR), Bro. Brandon Emch (Kansas City, MO), Bro. Brent Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO), Elder Bro. Lawrence Luthi and Bro. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO). May they feel our support as they preach the Gospel.

We rejoice with Matthew Warner (Bro. Stan and Sis. Sue) who has found that precious gift of peace. May we always cherish the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ and His boundless mercy.

"At Home 'tis well. There shall the pilgrim tarry,

When tired and worn by sorrow, grief and strife,

In heaven when the hard race of earthly life

Is run, the long-borne load no more he'll carry."

*Zion's Harp #170*

After years of battling Parkinson's Disease, Sis. Verna Moser passed into eternity on August 26 at the age of 75. Even though our hearts are saddened, we are thankful she could exchange her cross for a crown. Sis. Verna is survived by her loving husband, Bro. Franklin, and two sons, Bro. Rick (Sis. Lori) and Bro. Brad (Sis. Gloria). We also extend our sympathy to the following on the loss of a dear sister and sister-in-law: Bro. Phil and Sis. Donna Mogler, Bro. Howard and Sis. Lillian Mogler, Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona Moser, Bro. August and Sis. Florence Knobloch, Sis. Marge Mogler, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger, Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Leuthold, Bro. John and Sis.

Donna Gerber, Sis. Estelle Leuthold and Sis. Janet Wysong.

On August 28, Bro. Nathan (Bud) Knobloch passed away at the age of 88 years. Bro. Nathan also endured many physical afflictions in his last years and so we rejoice that his earthly battle is over. Bro. Nathan is survived by his faithful wife, Sis. Irene, four sons, Kelvin (Marion), Bro. Tom (Sis. Jeri) from Lamont, KS, Levi (Vicki) and Bro. Denis (Sis. Jackie), and two daughters, Sis. Connie Knobloch (Lacrosse, IN) and Kathy Knobloch. We also remember Sis. Gladys, Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva, Dale and Sis. Mary Knobloch as they sorrow the loss of a dear brother and brother-in-law.

We extend our love and sympathy to Sis. Emma, Sis. Pauline, Sis. Vera and Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Helen Knobloch as they have bid farewell to a brother, Dietrich Knobloch. May God comfort all that are grieving the loss of loved ones.

*Note of Thanks:*

Thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to us. Our hearts have been touched by the many cards, gifts and prayers on our behalf.

May God bless you.

*Bro. Frank Moser*

*Bro. Rick and Sis. Lori Moser*

*Bro. Brad and Sis. Gloria Moser*

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**IOWA, OAKVILLE**  
**Sharla Wiegand**

The flood rebuilding continues and we are thankful for all of the volunteers who have come to help. We have had many visiting ministers including Bro. Calvin Schneider (Lacrosse, IN) and Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) on August 20; Bro. Garry Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) on August 24; Bro. Dave



Hartter (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Ron Isch (Lamont- Gridley, KS) on August 27; Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT), Bro. Gary Endress and Bro. Bruce Endress (Bradford, IL) on August 31 and Bro. Dan Stoller on September 3.

On August 24, the engagement announcement of Sis. Wendy Schulz (Bro. Roger and Sis. June) and Bro. Henry Wettstein (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Emily, Congerville, IL) of Bloomfield, IA, was made known.

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**IOWA, WEST BEND**  
**Sue Schneider**  
**Janet Fehr**

Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

Why what we long for most of all,  
Eludes so oft our eager hand;  
Why hopes are crushed and castles  
fall,  
Up there, sometime, we'll understand.

God knows the way, He holds the key,  
He guides us with unerring hand;  
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see;  
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.

Chorus: Then trust in God through all  
the days;  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.  
Tho' dark thy way, still sing and  
praise,  
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.

*Hymns of Zion #165, vs. 1,4,5*

Our hearts have been deeply saddened by the sudden loss of two West Bend young people. Mindy Bruellman (John and Cindy) died on August 21, several days after her and two other teens were involved in an automobile mishap. Mindy was a cheerful and helpful young lady whose life touched the hearts of both

the young and the elderly. Left to cherish her memory are her parents, John and Cindy, and three siblings: Michael, his wife, Lisa, and their daughter, Michaela, of Ottosen, IA; Jonna (Daniel) Quinn of West Des Moines, IA; and Calvin, also of Ottosen. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman are Mindy's grandparents. May the love, comfort and peace of God be felt in the lives of all experiencing this loss.

Sis. Matilda (Bro. Elmer) Fehr and Sis. Eunice Knobloch lost a brother, Bro. Nathan (Sis. Irene) Knobloch, from the Lester congregation, and Ade (Jean) Knobloch's brother, Dick, from DeSmet, SD, passed away during the past month. Our sympathy is extended to both of these families.

We were privileged to listen to the Conference tapes the last three Wednesday nights of August. It was good to be both encouraged and admonished as different Elder brothers spoke on different topics.

On August 17, Bro. Josh Banwart's (Brad and Julie) engagement was announced to Sis. Lainey Frank (Bro. Scott and Sis. Elaine) from Eureka, IL. Also, Sis. Krissa Skoglund (Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori) from the Minneapolis congregation was engaged to Bro. Jim Klotzle (Elder Bro. Tom and Sis. Jody) from Altadena, CA. We pray they can keep God as the center of their respective marriages.

September 6 was the wedding date selected by Eli Fehr (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Charlotte) and Carey Hilton. May God's loving presence be felt in their home.

Sis. Jackie Mogler unfortunately fell and broke her leg. She is now recuperating at the West Bend Care Center for the time being. May God bless her with a full recovery.

It was a joy to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of our dear new sister in Christ, Amanda Gerber

(Bro. Dave and Sis. Diane). May God richly bless her new walk in life with Him. We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Dennis Warner (Sis. Esther, Lester, IA) and Bro. Dale Moore (Sis. Cheryl, Elgin, IA) spend the weekend of August 24 with us.

Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy, Portland, OR) was "back home" to visit in West Bend over the weekend of September 7. We appreciated his willingness to share the Word with us.

You never can tell when you do an act,  
Just what the result will be;  
For with every deed you are sowing a  
seed,  
Though its harvest you may never see.

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Carrie Ito**

We were blessed this month with a visit from Sis. Judy Bauer (Cissna Park) and her cousin, Elaine Young. It was interesting to hear of various experiences that Sis. Judy had when she was a teacher at the kindergarten here years ago!

The funeral service for Sis. Haruko was this month. It was a blessed service and many people were able to hear the gospel preached. The traditional Buddhist funeral is chanting that nobody can understand, so we are hoping that many people could feel the Holy Spirit and desire to learn more of Jesus!

We are preparing for the Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois's moving to the U.S. at the end of October. Please pray for them and our church as this transition occurs.

Recently we got a report about the statistics of Christians in Japan. The latest report is that 0.45% of the Japanese population is Christian. The article suggested that the best way to draw others to Christ was through the church members' lives and witness. Please pray that we each can

have the grace, strength, faith and courage to share the gospel. Some of our believers' circumstances and the Japanese culture seem like very big barriers to the sharing of the gospel, yet we know and are thankful that nothing is impossible for God and that He can revive us and revive this country that is so in need of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray that we can have the faith to believe that God can work a miracle!

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Jill Meyer**  
**Rita Menold**

We wish God's blessings upon our newly married couple, Bro. Jason Kaeb (Bro. Paul and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Maggi Eisenbise (Bro. Dave and Sis. Sheri; Sabetha), who were joined as one on August 31. We welcome Sis. Maggi to our congregation.

Our thanks goes out to Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz, who brought forth the Word to us on September 14, and also gave a presentation on September 13 for the Rural Gospel Medical Missions of India and Loving Shepherd Ministries. May our prayers continue to be with those being persecuted for their faith in India.

Hospital and medical patients this month include Sis. Ramona Strahm (Bro. Ed) and Sis. Darlene Meyer (Earl). We pray God's healing hand would be on both of them as they recover.

Our hearts ache with Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta Plattner in the loss of their still-born grandson, Carson Ray, born to Bro. Craig and Sis. Raelynn Plattner of Nashville, TN. May God comfort them as we lift them up in prayer.

We also want to remember our Bros. Matthew Kaeb and Brady Strahm as they will be studying in Prague, Czech this semester. They are looking forward to worshipping

with a number of our European brethren.

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**KANSAS, FORT SCOTT**  
**Martin Hohulin**

After a hot July and a torrid August, cool weather has come with an abundance of rain. The weather is not always to our liking, however, we can be thankful God is always in control.

September 6-7 were days of special blessings. A group from the Wichita congregation joined our Ft. Scott groups to sing at church. This group will take the train to the Peoria, IL, church and sing there on September 20-21. Singers range in age from ten to eighty-five. A lot of practice has gone into this endeavor.

On September 14, we were blessed by the ministry of Bro. Cory Metzger. Retired Bro. Max Reimschisel was also with us.

Haste and seek your soul's salvation  
 Heed the Word of God today.  
 Haste to flee His condemnation  
 Seek the straight and narrow way.  
 Evil are the worldly pleasures  
 Leading to eternal fire.  
 Seek the everlasting treasure  
 'Ere the day of grace expire.

On Sunday, August 14, we had a special blessing. Jerod Bahr, 15 year-old son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Maria, had made known his desire to repent and become converted. We rejoice with him and wish him God's grace and blessings! There is nothing that encourages us older believers more than news of converts.

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**KANSAS**  
**LAMONT-GRIDLEY**  
**Ester Knobloch**

Though all this world should pass  
 away,  
 The truthful Word of God will stay.  
 It gives us bread from heaven,

Illuminates our earthly course,  
 Of strength and courage is the source.  
 The humble now are given knowledge,  
 wisdom;  
 Earth relenteth; Faith ascendeth  
 pure, immortal,  
 Out of death to heaven's portal.  
*Zion's Harp #3, vs. 2*

The truth of God's Word brought to us this month by several visiting ministers: Bro. Steve Baner (Gridley, IL), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington, IL) and Bro. Jeff Bahr (Kiowa, KS). We were also encouraged and strengthened by the instruction given to us from the Conference recordings, which we listened to this month.

Our thoughts and prayers for healing according to God's will are with Bro. Steve Schrader as he continues to recover from an illness of the flesh. Bro. Glen Anliker was also under the hands of surgeons and we're thankful for his quick recovery.

What a comfort the hope of heaven is when loved ones pass into eternity. We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeri Knobloch upon the death of Tom's dad, Bro. Nathan "Bud" Knobloch (Lester, IA).

We wish Sis. Andrea Luthi (Elder Bro. Jay and Sis. Jane) God's blessings and direction as she moves to Chicago, IL, for schooling.

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**KANSAS, SABETHA**  
**Rebekah Beyer**  
**Carrie Grimm**

It was a wonderful occasion to meet Steve Brownlee (Sis. Selena) as a Brother in Christ. He gave his testimony and was baptized on August 24.

The Lord has provided a helpmeet for Bro. Tyler Huber of Nashville, TN (Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sharlyn). Sis. Whitney Steffen (Bro. Larry and Sis. Sue, Denver, CO) will become his bride on October 12.

August 31 was the wedding date of Sis. Maggi Eisenbise (Bro. David and Sis. Shari) and Bro. Jason Kaeb (Bro. Paul and Sis. Joan, Bern, KS). "Like-wise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (I Peter 3:7).

Visiting ministers that shared God's Word with us were Bro. Greg Braker (Sis. Wendy, Lamar, MO), Bro. Leslie Kaeb (Sis. Christine, Francesville, IN) and Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Sis. Karen, Kansas City, MO).

Sunday School students anticipated returning to class on September 7. How grateful we are for the labors of the teachers and the guidance that God will give them.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Arlene Grimm welcome two new grandbabies into their family. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lana Kuenzi (Silverton, OR) have a new son, Kellen Michael. He was born on September 11 and has two sisters, Kirsten and Claire. Kiaya Joy was born on September 17 to Bro. Klint and Sis. Kara, Wyatt, Kody, Jake, and Kate Beyer. Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer are also her grandparents.

Convert Maria Eisenbise (Bro. David and Sis. Shari) has been announced for peace and seeks baptism. Our prayers are with Maria as she continues to search out God's will in her life and shares her testimony with our congregation.

Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Sis. Jeni, Bluffton, IN) and Bro. John Ringger (Sis. Beth, Bluffton North, IN) recently gave a presentation on Loving Shepherd Ministries and Rural Gospel & Medical Mission of India. We are truly thankful for the amenities we possess and our freedom of religion here in America.

## KANSAS, WICHITA

### Emma Miller

It is a temptation to complain about the weather. We endured six to ten inches of rain in a twenty-four hour period after a long spell of wet weather. The saturated drainage basins quickly rose to flood stage. The waters spread over the roads and fields, wreaking their havoc on whatever was in their path—crops, buildings, machinery and people. We were spared so much as compared to those affected by the recent tropical storms and we thank our Heavenly Father for watching over us.

Our hearts go out to our Bro. Howard and Sis. Ann Warner, whose oldest son, Andy, is stricken with a terminal disease. He had been living in California but has come back to Hutchison to be near his parents as the disease takes its toll. We are keeping all of them in our prayers.

Another family in our congregation has concern for the health of their oldest son. Jerry and Pauline Carnahan's son, Nathan, who lives in Ohio is struggling with complications with his heart. His mother asked for prayers for him as he copes with his affliction.

I found this prayer of an unknown Confederate soldier in my collection of saved articles.

I asked God for strength that I might achieve:

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things:

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy:

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men:

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life:

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I among all men, am most richly blessed.

## KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

### Lester Huber

"Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort."

*II Corinthians 1,2,3*

The Lord truly has been faithful to send ministering brethren and we do appreciate each one who has come. We have been encouraged and strengthened through God's Holy Word. His Word, like a magnet, draws us closer to Him and it has blest our assembly. Visiting ministers during the past two months were: retired ministering Bro. Everett Gerber (Sis. Nancy, Rockville, CT), Bro. Brad Gudeman (Sis. Teresa, Bradford, IL), Bro. Paul Zimmerman (Sis. Loretta, Forrest, IL), Bro. Tom Bolliger (Sis. Jane, Tremont, IL), and Bro. Brian Huber (Sis. Jackie, Francesville, IN). May the Lord bless each of you and your families for all your efforts to help serve in the Lord's vineyard.

In behalf of the precious faith of the Apostolic Christian Church here in Kentucky, we humbly express our appreciation for the support throughout the past years. We are so unworthy of your longsuffering and patience with a small church, and, are fearful and trembling, but feel a duty to persevere that the Light continue here. For this reason, we have been

led to prepare a place on Becknerville Road for a "House of Prayer" that the Apostolic Christian Church, as we have known it from our forefathers, may persevere until Jesus returns, that we may be accepted of Him. As of October, we humbly invite and unworthily welcome you to worship with us at 3938 Becknerville Road, Winchester, KY. *Church Services will no longer be held at the Comfort Inn Motel.* Directions are as follows:

**From Lexington:** I-75 exit #110 (US 60), east about 6 miles to Road #1923 (Combs Ferry Road), right about 5 miles to Road #3371 (Becknerville Road), left 1/2 mile.

**From Winchester:** Road #1958 (Bypass) south to Road #1927 (Colby Road), west about 3 miles to Road #3371 (Becknerville Road), left 2 miles. Services: Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. EST/EDT

A hearty welcome is extended to anyone who may be in our area or traveling through to worship with us. You may contact the Germann's (859) 223-0294 or Bro. Lester Huber (859) 745-2541.

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### MEXICO, IXTLAN Matt Gerber

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice...Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

*Philippians 4:4,6*

We rejoice this month in the engagement of Bro. Matt Gerber and Sis. Ruth Cervantes, and thank God for how He led their lives together. We appreciate your prayers for them as they prepare for marriage. We also give God thanks that Bro. Rudy and Sis. Rosario Troxel, along with their

son, Nathan, were willing to go Barra Vieja for two months to teach and encourage the believers there. The converts are very thankful to finally have a married couple staying there for more than just a few weeks. Please join us in thanking God, as well as requesting His protection and grace over the Troxel family during their time of ministry there.

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### MEXICO, MAGDALENA Carissa Schlipf

¡Saludos de amor en el nombre de Cristo, nuestro Salvador!

I apologize for the omission of Bro. John Schick's (Bro. Bill and Sis. Joan) high school graduation and subsequent move to Illinois to work and eventually continue his education. We pray that God will bless and continue to lead John as he begins this new chapter of his life. We will miss John's help and presence on campus here at Casa Vida y Esperanza and are prayerful for his adjustment.

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

*Matthew 6:33*

The beginning of September a few more "finishing touches" were put on the new house, enough so that the girls were able to move their things from the dormitory to their new bedrooms in the house with Bro. Keith, Sis. Emily, and Kaleigh Schambach. While the house is not completely finished, we are thankful that they are able to become a little more settled in this time of transition.

Y sabemos que a los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas les ayudan a bien, esto es, a los que conforme a su propósito son llamados.

*(Romans 8:28)*

Trusting that God's ways and plans are higher than ours, we said good-bye to our Sis. Gloria González, who returned to her hometown of Ixtlán, México, after more than 3 years of service here at Casa Vida y Esperanza. We are so thankful for the time that Gloria shared with us here in Magdalena and thank her for her love and care for the girls she mentored as if they were her own. We are prayerful for this time of transition in her life and look forward to when she can return to visit!

"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*

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### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Sarah Knochel Janelle Ramseyer

Our prayers are with those who have had surgery or spent time in the hospital recently. We pray that the Lord's healing strength will be with Sis. Marian Knochel (Bro. Floyd), Sis. Eleanor Munsel, Sis. Illean Wackerle, Sis. Mabelle Wackerle, and Randy Wackerle (Jane).

We rejoice with Will and Jessica McElrath in the birth of another baby boy, Parker Harley. Also welcoming Parker home are older siblings, Saylor and Carter. Thankful grandparents are Bob and Sis. Maureen Weiss and great-grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marian Knochel.

We appreciated having Bro. Gary Maibach (Sis. Mary Ann, Smithville, OH) and Bro. Ken Schneider (Sis. Bernice, Remington, IN) share the Word with us as they were in our area on vacation.

Hark the Master calls for reapers;  
Rich and ripe the harvest, see;  
Idle not, but quickly flying,  
Answer Lord send me, send me,  
*Gospel Hymns #800*

May God be with each one in the coming days.

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**MICHIGAN, DETROIT**  
**Manuela Denes**  
**Tamra Coughlin**

“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.”

*I Timothy 5:17*

Our congregation would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our ministers, Bros. Mark, Randy, Jesse, and Lucas, for their faithful, loving service and ruling our congregation of believers in Christ well. We know they make many sacrifices in their personal lives that we often do not see, but do appreciate their example of humble leadership! We also extend our appreciation to their wives, Sis. Bev, Sue, Bonnie, and Crystal, respectively, and their children who support them in their service!

Thank you, Bro. Scott Bahr, for initiating an opportunity for our church to reach out to the Livonia community and surrounding neighborhoods through a clothing donation drive and distributing them, along with Bibles, to God’s Storehouse in downtown Detroit. May each one of us continue doing our part to faithfully serve and show love to our neighbors.

We also wish to thank Bay City visiting minister, Bro. Bill Waibel, plus Bros. Derrell Steffen and Gene Meylan who accompanied him and helped with the midweek service at Woodhaven. Bro. Gary Brown (Sis. Jane, Forrest, IL) joined us on a

Wednesday night this past week and we appreciated Bro. Gary’s sharing the Word of God. The last weekend of September Bro. Michael Wagenbach (Sis. Erica, Wolcott, IN) was here and shared in the pulpit ministry. Thank you.

We want to lift up Sis. Vi Barton as she continues her fight for restored health and her husband, Bro. Jim, as he journeys beside her.

Our church looks forward to hosting visitors from our church family throughout the states for the World Relief Committee meeting in December!

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**MINNESOTA**  
**MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Mary Mogler**

There are friendships that we cherish  
In our daily walk of life;  
Friends with whom we meet and labor  
In our earthly toil and strife.  
Friends among the aged and youthful,  
Friends that live from us apart;  
Friends of higher rank and station,  
Find a place within my heart.

*Hymns of Zion #91*

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary at our current church building, we welcomed back many on September 13-14 who had made Minneapolis their home. Although years may have passed since we had last been together and the miles between us are many, old friendships quickly renewed. It was a weekend of sweet Christian fellowship as we recalled past times and blessings shared in earlier years. As Sunday came to a close, we could all certainly echo the words the hymn writer penned, “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!”

It was a blessing for our congregation to once again have Bro. Ken Lawson (Atlanta) bring forth God’s Word as he and his wife, Sis. Sharon, gath-

ered with us for our reunion. Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon have shared many of our joys and sorrows, and we appreciated the effort they made to come back “home” for the weekend.

“Love of all gifts is the greatest...” We celebrated the blessings of 50 years of marriage with Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Virkler on Sunday, September 7. The two of them are a special part of our congregation and loved dearly. We pray many more happy and healthy years as husband and wife can be theirs.

Beginning their beautiful journey as husband and wife are Sis. Krissa Skoglund (Bro. Mark and Sis. Lori, West Bend) and Bro. Jim Klotzle (Elder Bro. Tom and Sis. Jodi, Altadena, CA). For those of our congregation who were able to attend the wedding in Altadena, it was a blessing to witness their vows, and we pray God’s untold blessings on their marriage.

Often our thoughts and prayers go to those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis. Sis. Diane Stewart (Bro. David) had hip replacement surgery this month and Sandy Bentz, Sis. Maxine Larson, Sis. Arletta Bragg and Sis. Vera Schmidt are dealing with on-going health concerns. We trust the Great Physician to tenderly care for his children.

*A Note of Thanks:*

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concern and acts of kindness during my recent hip replacement surgery and recovery. God bless you richly.

*Sis. Diane Stewart*

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**MINNESOTA, MORRIS**  
**Sheila Reuter**  
**Susie Wulf**

We were thankful Elder Bro. Paul Messner could come and help with the provings of Kyle Feuchtenberger (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sally) and

Jilaine Furrer (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jill).

Bro. Damon and Sis. Stephanie Knobloch were blessed with daughter Maggie Grace. Welcoming her home are siblings, Sawyer and Lilly. Bro. Mitch and Sis. Abby Fehr were also blessed with a daughter. Myley Jo will join her two siblings, Monte and Madeline. Daughter Samantha Kay was born to Matt and Renee Konz. She will join big sister, Makenzie. Mandy Marie was born to Steve and Annette Metzger. Big brother Logan welcomed her home.

Our prayers are with Bro. Otto Schaefer as he has spent time in the hospital. We also pray for Sis. Linda Yackley (Phoenix, AZ) as she has underwrote heart surgery. Sis. Linda is residing in Morris until she is healed.

*Note of Thanks:*

With grateful hearts we would like to express our sincere thanks to each one who remembered us in any way after the passing of our beloved husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. May the Lord be your rich Rewarder.

*The Bro. Frank Messner family,  
Sis. Gladys Messner*

*Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl Messner  
and family*

*Sis. Bev Minke and family*

*Bro. Beirne and Sis. Joyce Messner  
and family*

*Bro. Henry and Sis. Charlene  
Messner and family*

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**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP**  
**Rachel Steiner**  
**Julie Schmidt**

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.  
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*

“For whatsoever a man soweth,  
that shall he also reap.”  
*Gal. 6:7*

In the fall of the year, we are thankful for the bountiful fruits we can harvest from our gardens and fields. Also, it is in this time of year, we have the opportunity to listen to the Conference recordings. We appreciate all the sound Biblical advice we receive. As we heed the advice we receive, we are sowing seed that will help us to bear fruit in the harvest day.

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**MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY**  
**Brittany Fehr**

May God’s blessings be upon the following visiting ministers for their labors on our behalf: Bro. Galen Rokey (Sis. Nancy, Bern, KS), Bro. Bruce Endress (Sis. Elizabeth, Bradford, IL), and Bro. Tom Leman (Sis. Marlene, Denver, CO).

We are thankful for the two converts that have recently moved to our area! Nina Karjalainen, formerly of the Smithville, OH, congregation, moved to the Kansas City area for work; Kara Kraft (Bro. Doug and Sis. Judy, Lamont-Gridley, KS) is attending school in the area and assembles with us often. We hope they have both felt a warm welcome!

Our congregation is nearing the end of the recordings from the recent Brotherhood Conference; what a blessing it is to hear the timely counsel, wisdom, and warnings of the Elder brothers! Let us not forget to keep these brothers in our prayers.

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**MISSOURI, LAMAR**  
**Becky Luthi**  
**Dana Braker**

We are thankful for the many visi-

tors that we enjoyed. We appreciated Bro. Kevin Banwart (West Bend, IA) being willing to share God’s Word with us. It is a precious privilege in our Faith to be able to travel across the land and find brethren of like mind.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Violet (Bro. Raymond) Luthi on the passing of her brother, Dick Knobloch. May she feel God’s nearness and may we all be reminded that we strive to be ready for we don’t know when our time will come.

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**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS**  
**Meagan Wuethrich**

We would like to thank our many visiting ministers who so willingly came and ministered God’s Word to us: Bros. Dale Frank (Sis. Tina, Oakville, IA), Philip Schulz (Sis. Kelli, Burlington, IA), David Hartter (Sis. Beth, Sabetha, KS), Brad Metz (Sis. Karen, Bloomington, IL), Stephen Baner (Sis. Donnalou, Gridley, IL), Gary Tonner (Sis. Diann, Bluffton, IN), and Elder Bro. Wayne Banwart (Sis. Charlen, Champaign, IL).

Bro. Loren Schrenk had back surgery recently, and we are praising God that He blessed the hands of the surgeons, and Bro. Loren is having a smooth recovery.

As always, we extend a warm welcome to anyone who plans on passing through the St. Louis area or is wanting to support a small church, to come and worship with us.

We always appreciate the fellowship and encouragement of our brothers and sisters!

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**MISSOURI, TAYLOR**  
**Kathy Eberhardt**

In this election year, we are hearing so much and seeing so much, but are we praying much? We are commanded to pray for Godly wisdom.

May God bless our country with Godly leaders.

We also recently were encouraged to read our Bibles. If our Bibles are falling apart, our lives are not. If our Bibles are not falling apart, then our lives are.

Bro. Bob Pflederer (Sis. Ellie, Morton, IL), shared a Bible Study about scripture memorization, with the purpose of hiding some of God's words in our hearts.

Bro. Steve Stieglitz (Sis. Jane, Leo, IN) spent a weekend with us and shared God's Word.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Rosie Massner (Bro. Allen), and Bro. Jim Sutter (Sis. Kris). May God add His healing hand.

A new couple joined our Taylor congregation this month. We welcome Bro. Neal and Sis. Leann Banwart. May God bless them in their new location.

We extend our sympathy in the passing away of Thelma Gottman, mother of Bro. Jim Gottman. May God comfort this family.

A soldier of the cross has recently gone home. Bro. James Sutter (Sis. Lois) has parted this life to meet his Maker. We express our sympathy to his family.

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### NEW YORK CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Hope Graves

Our prayers go out to Bruce Farney after the death of his mother, Josephine, on August 20. Elder Bro. Duane Farney had her service at the Adirondack Funeral Home. Our hearts were also saddened in the loss of a dear sister in faith, Sis. Loretta Graves. Sis. Loretta had recently celebrated her 94th birthday before her death on August 23. Prayers for the Lord's comfort extend out to her son, ministering Bro. Floyd Graves and Sis. Linda, and daughter, Sis. Mae

and Bro. Ted Virkler. We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan travel here to assist with the funeral service from Rockville, CT. We also appreciate the support they have given to help with the singing at several of our funerals here. The Lord always provides!

How shall it be? Oh, what this mortal vision

Can neither see, nor hear, nor understand.

Of happiness and glory shall be given,  
To those who pass into that promised land!

Then onward, brethren! Let us hasten thither,

'tis worth the hardship and the pain we bear.

To climb this path for there shall never wither,

The blest inheritance which we shall share!

*Zion's Harp #146, vs. 6*

We were thankful to have ministering Bro. Mike Ursu travel with his family from Kitchener, Canada, to be with us for the weekend of August 23-24. May the Lord richly bless him for his labors. A potluck dinner was shared together that weekend on Saturday evening, followed by a singing.

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### NEW YORK CITY Secaucus, New Jersey

"Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

*Psalms 48:13*

We were thankful this month for our visitors who came to worship with us in Secaucus, especially ministering Elder Bro. Ben Wiegand (Sis. Michelle), as well as visitors from Tremont, IL. One of the blessings that we experience in our fellowship together is when we can see the generations of a family worshipping together. It was

good to see Bro. Bruce and Sis. Laretta Schafer as they visited their family in New Jersey. At the same time, it reminds us that each one of us have the opportunity to be part of the family of God.

We would like to update the remainder of the 2008 Secaucus schedule. Lord willing, we plan on having one set of services on November 9. Our services are held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Secaucus, New Jersey. As always, if you are in the area on other Sundays, you are always welcome to worship with the brethren in Philadelphia, PA, which is not that far away.

If you are planning to visit the New York City area for vacation or business, please call Bro. Ben Wiegand at (215) 295-4526 for assistance and to let us know how many to expect for Sunday services. We would be glad to provide directions on how to get to the hotel, or you can contact them directly at (201) 864-1400.

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### OHIO, AKRON Mara Henico Rachel Pamer

Our thoughts and prayers are with a number in our congregation who have said an earthly goodbye to loved ones. Our Sis. Judy Gal (Bro. Roger) traveled to Szeged, Hungary, for her father, Bro. Ordog Karoly's funeral. Sis. Joyce Gasser (Bro. Paul) also had a brother, Melvin Huber, who passed on. Also, our sisters Helen and Esther Boleratz had a brother, Paul (Martha) from Oregon who recently took his last breath. We know that we all have the time that our Father has given us to serve Him now; but one day this gift will be gone. How important it is that we use our time in a way that glorifies God and denies self!

We were thankful to have Bro. Ken Eisenmann (Sis. Sharon, Cissna Park, IL) with us for our midweek ser-

vice. We appreciate his willingness to be used that we could be fed from God's Truth. We trust he felt our prayers and hope God will bless his efforts. Also, as we listen to the recordings of the recent Brotherhood Conference, we are encouraged that God is with us as we serve Him with our whole heart, soul, and mind and remember to strive to love one another as He loved us.

We are thankful that Sis. Rose Yahli (daughter of our Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy Bako) and her sons, Aaron and Sammy, have relocated to our congregation from Chicago. We trust that God will bless them and grant His blessing and provision in the transitions and decisions that are necessary during this time.

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### **OHIO, COLUMBUS**

#### **Sarah Rufener**

We give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father who has provided our congregation with encouragement and truth from the following ministering brethren: Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville), Bro. Paul Gasser (Sis. Joyce, Akron), Bro. Lucas Frank (Sis. Crystal, Detroit), Bro. Tim Gerber (Sis. Wendy, Mansfield), Bro. Jesse Bedolla (Sis. Bonnie, Detroit) and Bro. Mike Baumann (Sis. Lilly, Mansfield).

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by recent storms and flooding. It is our desire that all may be comforted in their time of need, and be drawn closer to our Lord.

"Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever."

*Psalm 73:25-26*

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### **OHIO, JUNCTION**

#### **Vicki Boroff**

Our congregation was blessed with a new arrival. Myrriah Connie was born to Bro. Sam and Sis. Shelby Manz. Excited siblings are Elyse and Tytus. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Connie, and Bro. Walt and Sis. Renee Sinn (Latty).

We were thankful to have several visiting ministers this past month: Bro. Fred Domka (Sis. Connie, Mansfield); Bro. Ted Luginbuhl (Sis. Stephanie, Smithville); and Elder Bro. Andy Stoller (Sis. Roberta, Smithville).

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### **OHIO, LATTY**

#### **Amanda Wenninger**

#### **Carmen Eisenmann**

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Bill Waibel (Sis. Carol, Bay City, MI), Elder Bro. Kent Heimer (Sis. Jan, Taylor, MO), Bro. Justin Koch (Sis. Marcia, Washington, IL), and Bro. Warren Schlatter (Sis. Cindy, Junction, OH). We were blessed by these brothers' presence and pray that God will bless them for their efforts.

Hospital and/or surgery patients this month were Sis. Irene Stoller (Bro. Melvin) and Sis. Iva Stoller (Bro. Darl). God grant them healing as only He can.

Our congregation rejoices with two souls who have found peace with God and man. Jessica Wenninger (Bro. Randy and Sis. Joni) and Abby Greutman (Bro. Greg and Sis. Kristy) are planning on being baptized the weekend of October 4-5, Lord willing.

The weekend of September 13-14 was a special one for Latty as we commemorated Holy Communion. Elder Bro. Kent Heimer was present to assist Bro. John with the holy sacraments.

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### **OHIO, MANSFIELD**

#### **Esther Baumann**

We were delighted to welcome four precious gifts from God into our congregation this past month. Little Hazel Elizabeth was born on August 13 to Zachary Rau and Kayla Woodruff. Excited grandparents are Mark and Lynette Rau, Brad and Allison Woodruff, and great-grandpa, Bro. Dale Gabor.

On August 27, Thomas Daniel was born to Bro. Archie and Sis. Amber Tucker. Also welcoming her home are big sister Anna, and grandparents, Dan and Sis. Barb Tucker and Bob and Trisha Tschantz.

Ella Mae was born on September 11 to Bro. Jared and Sis. Abigail Keever. Excited to have her home are big brother Eli, and grandparents, Clair and Sis. Bev Keever and Bro. Ed and Sis. Laura Ramsey.

Also on September 11, Brennan Henley was born to Bro. Bruce and Sis. Denise Sauder. Showering him with attention are siblings, Jordan, Lauren, Colin, Madelyn, Elayn and Harrison; and grandparents, Sis. Caroline Sauder, Tom and Aleisa McFarland and John and Kathy Besenti.

On August 22, Sis. Roma Them was baptized. We are humbled to witness God's almighty power in her life.

Continue to remember our recently hospitalized brethren in your prayers: Bro. Pete Baltic (Sis. Karen), Sis. Millie Gerber (Bro. Wilbur) and Sis. Delores Hill (Bro. Mick).

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### **OHIO, RITTMAN**

#### **Linda Zollinger**

#### **Laurie Beery**

We rejoice as four more souls were able to give their testimonies of faith and then be baptized on August 17. We welcome Bro. Kurt and Sis. Kelly Gasser, Bro. Andrew Raifsnider (Sis. Diana and late Bro. Doug) and Bro. Matthew Dotterer (Bro. Rick and Sis.



Dawn) into the fold. Elder Bros. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) assisted our Elder Bro. Merle Hartzler in this work.

Also ministering to us this month were Bros. Ron Palitto, Steve Pamer and Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) and Bro. Curt Kaufman (Tucson, AZ).

Belinda Zollinger (Bro. Norman and Sis. Betty), Kendra Hartzler (Bro. Mark and Sis. Natalie), Wendy Hartzler (Bro. Dan and Sis. Jennifer), Laura Bauman (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Martha) and Nathan Steiner (Bro. Jim and Sis. Sara) have turned to the Lord in repentance. We are thankful that they were able to come unto Him in their days of youth.

The engagement of Bro. Rudy Zollinger and Sis. Polly Uhler (Dale and Sis. Marilyn, Smithville, OH) was announced on August 31. Danelle Pope and Jeremy Vanni were united in marriage on September 6. We wish these couples God's richest blessings.

Bro. Kevin Rufener (Sis. Marsha), Kaden Katanic (Bro. Mike and Sis. Heather), Bro. Wayne Rufener (Sis. Nina), Bro. Quill Barna, Sis. Mary Hartzler (Bro. Jon), Bro. Dan Baltic, Jr., and Sis. Elizabeth Beery have spent time in the hospital recently. We pray that each one who suffers an affliction will feel God's nearness and comfort.

Zelden Steele, the father of Bro. Ken (Sis. Martha) Steele, passed away recently. May this family feel the comfort of God's Holy Spirit during this time.

Sis. Lucy Gasser welcomed a new grandson, Levi Michael, born on August 22. Parents of Levi are Paul and Carol Zollinger. On September 8, little Colby Samuel was born to Bro. Garth and Sis. Hannah Maibach (Sardis, OH). Grandparents of Colby are Bro. Walt and Sis. Lynda Beery.

## OHIO, SARDIS Faith Beard

Should I restrain the Spirit's course  
for fear of man so feeble?

Though Satan's hosts are raging here,  
should I not be more faithful?

Awed by a mortal's frown, shall I  
conceal to Word of God Most High?

Shall I to please the blinded throng  
withhold Thy word so truthful?

Or thus to soothe the ears of men  
of their reproach be mindful,

To gain earth's gilded joys, or flee  
the cross endured, my Lord, by Thee?

*Zion's Harp, no. 113, vs. 1,4*

We were blessed this month to listen to the Word as spoken by Elder Bro. Merle Hartzler and Bro. Tim Ramsier (both of Rittman, OH), Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH) and Bro. Don Steidl (Akron, OH).

Along with the new school year, we have started a new Sunday School term. We thank those teachers who, for two years, gave half of their day every Sunday to teach our children: Bro. John Figel, Bro. Seth Beard and Sis. Alice Ramsier. New teachers are Bro. Milan Indermuhle, Bro. Matt Brake and Sis. Joy Indermuhle.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

*Isaiah 55:8-9*

On September 8 we received the unexpected news of the birth of little Colby Samuel, firstborn son of Bro. Garth and Sis. Hannah Maibach. Colby had not been expected to arrive until Christmas Day — but that was man's timing, not God's. We pray for Garth and Hannah that God grant them the measure of grace necessary to lead them through this period of hospitalization, and for Colby that he

may grow and heal according to God's will. Colby's grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Lynda Beery (Rittman, OH) and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach (Smithville, OH).

After fervent prayer and consideration and believing it to be the will of God, our congregation has asked two more of our Brothers to serve us from the pulpit. Bro. Bob (Sis. Laura) Dotterer (son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer of Lamar, MO) and Bro. Dana (Sis. Joy) Indermuhle (son of our Elder Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Indermuhle), have humbly accepted this calling. As we lift them up in prayer to speak the words as directed by the Spirit, let us remember that we are all ministers of the Gospel in our day to day activities of this life. We thank Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Emily) for his help and input in making this weighty decision.

"But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me."

*Psalms 3:3-5*

## OHIO, SMITHVILLE Ruth Gasser Edith Miller

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!

*Zion's Harp #112, vs. 3*

We are currently listening to the tapes of the 2008 Brotherhood Conference. We continue to pray for our Elders that they be given godly wisdom to lead God's people.

Two ministers have recently vis-

ited our congregation. Bro. Lucas Frank (Detroit, MI) and Bro. John Baumgartner (Bluffton North, IN) have each had a part in ministering to us.

God is still calling souls to repentance, and we are thankful to report Bryce Indermuhle (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shari) has made that most important decision to follow the Lord. We wish him an abundance of grace as he begins this journey.

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

*Genesis 2:18*

God has provided a help meet for two brothers recently. The engagement of Bro. Rudy Zollinger (Rittman, OH) and Sis. Polly Uhler (Dale and Sis. Marilyn) was announced. Also, Bro. Derek Nieman (Bro. Denny and Sis. Kay) and Sis. Juliet Dotterer (Bro. David and Sis. Luanna) have become engaged. We wish God's blessings on both couples as they plan their wedding and marriage.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach became grandparents to a tiny little boy, named Colby Samuel Maibach, whose parents are Bro. Garth and Sis. Hannah Maibach (Sardis, OH). Little Colby was born prematurely and remains in the hospital at this time. Our prayers are with Colby and his family as they go through this difficult time. It's a stressful time for them, but we know God will be with them.

Boyd Nieman (Teri) spent some time in the hospital in the last month. We're thankful to see him at church again, and trust he will continue to experience good health.

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**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
**Teresa Rywalski**  
**Rebecca Beard**

We send our love and greetings to each and every one of you.

What a blessed weekend it was, when we welcomed our college students back for another school year. Let us always keep our students, whether in elementary, junior high, high school or college, in our prayers. These young people face many challenges in their young lives and we all know that the prayers of many will make a difference in all their lives.

Joining us on the pulpit this month were Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Emily, Junction) and Bro. Warren Schlatter (Sis. Cindy, Junction). Once again, God provided willing brothers to feed us from His Word.

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

*1 Peter 5:10*

Linda Harmon (Bro. Doug and Sis. Lanna) has heard this call and answered. What a joyous time it is for her, her family and our church. May she always feel our love and prayers.

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**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
**Renee Angstrom**

We were blessed this month to have visiting with us Elder Bro. David Graf (Sis. Barbara, Akron, OH) and Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Sis. Barbara, Lamont-Gridley, KS). We would like to thank you for sharing the Word with us. We always appreciate the ministering brothers from Silverton that share the Word with us. Elder Bro. Art Metz (Sis. Betty), Bro. Ed Knecht (Sis. Judie), and Bro. Christopher Kuenzi (Sis. Mary) worshiped with us this past month.

We had our annual Sunday School Picnic after church on Sunday, August 31. It was a beautiful day and we

enjoyed each other's fellowship at McGyver Park.

*Note of Thanks:*

I want to thank everyone for their love and prayers, bringing food and meals to our family, and everything they did while I was recovering from my fall. May God bless you.

*Sis. Barb Moser and family*

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**OREGON, SILVERTON**  
**Cindy Metzger**

The Silverton congregation was glad to have Bro. Wes Fehr with us for the last several months. We wish him the Lord's blessings as he has moved back to his home church of West Bend, IA.

Our sympathy is with Sis. Tami Dettwyler (Gary) and her family at the loss of her dad, Albert Sprauer, on September 10.

Kellen Michael was born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lana Kuenzi on September 11. Sisters Kirsten and Claire welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Nick and Sis. Mary Kuenzi and Bro. Rodney and Sis. Arlene Grimm (Sabetha, KS).

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Rick and Laura Dietrich who have joined together in marriage on September 13. Their parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Joan Dietrich and Dan and Tanya Herberger (Canby, OR).

Bro. Paul (Sis. Marie) Jensen has been hospitalized again this month. His family appreciates the prayers during this time.

We were thankful to have Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Sis. Barb, Lamont-Gridley, KS) and Bro. Ron Jones (Sis. Liz) and Bro. Wayne Fehr (Sis. Kathy) of Portland to serve us from the pulpit this month.

## PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA

“And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.”

Luke 9:11

From time to time, we have reported on the health of our friend, Frank Via. Frank is a young man from our community that assembles with us on a regular basis – we are always glad to see him. Frank has Cystic Fibrosis and is often challenged in ways that most of us can't imagine. Again this month, he was confined to the hospital with a serious setback. But as Luke shared in his account of the Lord's work, He “healed them that had need of healing”; Frank has recovered and is back with us for Sunday services. We welcome Sis. Maggie Schrenk to Philadelphia. Sis. Maggie, from our Gridley, IL, congregation is a “traveling nurse”; her current assignment is at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). We are blessed to have Maggie in our fellowship.

We have enjoyed visitors this month from Lester, IA, Fairbury, IL, and Rockville, CT. “And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the LORD, and see how they do.” (Acts 15:36)

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## TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE Mike and Monica Fritz

Carson Ray Plattner was welcomed to this earth and received back to worship forever our Lord and Creator on Wednesday, August 27, 2008. Those anticipating a joyful reunion with him are: his parents, Bro. Craig and Sis. Raelynn; siblings, Anissa,

Jonathan, Emily, Zachary, Elijah, and Moriah; grandparents, Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria Stahl (Chicago, IL), and Bro. Eldon and Sis. Waneta Plattner (Bern, KS); and great-grandmother Sis. Della Metzger (West Bend, IA). We continue to hold the family up in prayer through this difficult time.

We rejoice with Bro. Tyler Huber (Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sharlyn; Sabetha, KS) and Sis. Whitney Steffen, Denver, CO (Bro. Larry and Sis. Sue) whose engagement was recently announced. We pray the Lord will continue to direct their lives as they prepare to become one in Him.

In the past month, the Lord has provided strength and encouragement from His Word through the willing service of several visiting ministering brothers: Bros. Trent Meiss (Sis. Lucy; Eureka, IL), Ken Lawson (Sis. Sharon; Atlanta, GA), Randy Gudeman (Sis. Becky; Francesville, IN), Dave Hartter (Sis. Beth; Sabetha, KS), Tom Waldbeser (Sis. Sue; Atlanta, GA), Scott Wegman (Sis. Dawn; Taylor, MO), and Nate Wieland (Sis. Suzanne; Goodfield, IL). We have also been strengthened through the fellowship of brethren and friends visiting from Atlanta, GA; Belvidere, Chicago, Eureka, Forrest, Goodfield, Gridley, and Washington, IL; Francesville, Indianapolis, LaCrosse, and West Lafayette, IN; West Bend, IA; Bern and Sabetha, KS; Taylor, MO; and Junction, OH.

If you are traveling in or through the Nashville area, please plan to worship with us. The following churches are scheduled for services in the near future: Bluffton North, IN (10/26); Gridley, IL (11/2); Altadena, CA and Ixtlan, MX (11/9); Wolcott, IN (11/16); Champaign, IL (11/23); Forrest, IL (11/30). If you are planning to worship with us, please call ahead to confirm our schedule. Often we

gather on Saturday evenings for fellowship, and all are heartily welcome. We also meet on Wednesday evenings for a song service at 7:15 p.m. and would welcome any midweek visitors. Contacts are Bro. Don and Sis. Faye Sauder, (615) 373-8928; Bro. Mike and Sis. Monica Fritz, (615) 866-5543; and Sis. Gwen Leuthold, (615) 356-5755.

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## TEXAS, AUSTIN Amy Ringger Serenity Ringger

In the true faith let me never tire;  
And the fruit of faith, the holy fire,  
Love untarnished, Lord, O give to me.

Without it I cannot forward journey;  
Love alone can lead to love eternal;  
Only love leads through this world to  
Thee.  
*Zion's Harp #90, vs. 3*

There are times we may get physically tired, and need refreshing through rest and nourishment. We are grateful that God gives us spiritual refreshment so that we don't get spiritually tired and lose the fervent love we need on our spiritual journey.

We are thankful for the spiritual refreshing brought to us by visiting ministers: Bros. Todd Stoller (Sis. Pam, Latty), Jaye Rinkenberger (Sis. Peg, Goodfield), Dennis Rassi (Sis. Diane, Fairbury), and Paul Schmidgall (Sis. Shawn, Morris). We appreciated our visitors in the past month from Bluffton and Chicago.

The following is the minister schedule for November: (2) Silverton/Portland, (9) Altadena, (16) Leo, (23) South Bend, and (30) Cissna Park. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be in the area to worship with us, even midweek, though we don't have a regular schedule for midweek services. Please call ahead to help us plan for serving lunch.

Also, because visitors add much to our local fellowship times, it helps if we know about your visit well in advance, perhaps even a month or more if possible, so that we can accommodate you more readily in our weekend gatherings. See the ministers' book for local contact information.

Directions to our church are these: from the intersection of Hwy 71 and 21 on the west side of Bastrop, go east on Hwy 71 about 1/2 mile and take the first exit (by the Ford dealership), proceed on the eastbound frontage road about 4/10 mile. The church is on the right. It is located about 18 miles east of the Austin airport. The address is 1025 W. Highway 71, Bastrop, TX 78602. It is a one-story building with limestone siding and the church sign in the front. Quite a few people have tried using the GPS system to find the church; but they found out that GPS doesn't know where it is, and ended up getting lost. We advise following the directions instead of GPS.

In the church, there are two furnished bedrooms for the ministers to use when coming for services. When you contact someone about coming for services, please let them know if you would like to use the bedrooms during the time you are here.

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### **TEXAS, McALLEN** **Joyce Nohl**

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Dan Koch (Sis. Julie, Tremont, IL) and Bro. Leland Plattner (Sis. Mary, Zapata, TX). We are so blessed to have those who will give of their time and resources to serve us here in the Valley. It is a long way to travel and takes much time for arrangements to be made for travel, etc. Please know, each of you are so appreciated and we pray God will richly bless you for your efforts of love.

We received our first cool front this fall. It is so refreshing after a hot

summer. When it starts cooling off it's a time we look forward seeing each of our winter residents and visitors. It's such a happy, delightful reunion as we meet and greet after being separated for a season.

We would like to extend an invitation to any who plan to go South for the winter season to include the McAllen Area as a possibility. We are close to Reynosa and Progreso, Mexico.

There are many things to do and/or much charity work that needs help with. Please pray about this possibility. We would surely welcome any who would choose to come. We are a very small congregation and even one or two makes such a big difference for those of us who are here.

The following churches are scheduled for services: (Oct. 26 - West Bend, IA), (Nov. 9 - Smithville, OH), (Dec. 7 - Chicago, IL) and (Dec. 21 - Peoria, IL).

Our address is: Holiday Inn Express, 1921 South 10th St. Turn 1 1/2 blocks off the Expressway on 10th Street. Services will be held at 10:30 and 12:30. Please see ministers' directory for local contact information.

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### **TEXAS, ZAPATA** **Mary Plattner**

Our sympathy goes to the family of Bro. Roland Messner (Winthrop, MN). He and his wife, Sis. Melva, wintered in Zapata for many years, and not having him among us this winter will certainly be a loss for us in Zapata.

Our summer and fall has been busy preparing for all the hurricane activity on the Texas Coast. Several times families in South Texas were urged to evacuate. Fortunately, Zapata is enough inland to escape the heavy winds; we have had wind and rain, but nothing devastating. For the brethren living in the Valley which is about 100 miles southeast of Zapata, it has been more of a concern. Zapata

received nearly 30 inches of rain this summer which probably breaks any previous record for rainfall.

We are glad to see our winter residents begin to return and we certainly welcome anyone coming to Texas this winter to spend some time in the Zapata area.

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### **VERMONT** **CLARENDON/NORWICH** **Nathan and Miriam Reutter**

Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine;  
Lord, I will forever and always be Thine,  
for Thou hast created and purchased me, too,  
Baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou makest me new.  
*Zion's Harp #209*

With thankful and sober hearts we came together to listen to the testimony and proving of our dear friend, Adam Stevenson. The following day, September 7, we were able to witness his baptism and hear him make a covenant with God to be true and faithful, and to be dead to self and unrighteousness. This took place outdoors behind our rented Grange hall in Clarendon after we all gathered around and sang a hymn together. It was such a blessing to be able to share as a congregation our first baptism and to greet Adam as a brother in faith. We are thankful for Bro. Adam and his family in our fellowship and wish them God's graceful presence in the future.

We want to thank Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl), Ordained Deacon Bro. Warren Zahner (Sis. Bonnie), Bro. Duane Reutter (Sis. Kay), Bro. Dan Goric (Sis. MaryLou), and Bro. Tom Bahler (Sis. LaNae), all from Rockville, CT, for being present at the proving. Elder Bro. Kevin, Bro. Warren and Bro. Duane and their wives also stayed for Sunday services

and the baptismal service. It was a blessed weekend for all who participated.

We also want to thank our other visiting ministers this month: Bro. Tim Gerber (Sis. Wendy, Mansfield, OH), Elder Bro. Kevin Ryan (Sis. Cheryl) and Bro. Tom Bahler (Sis. LaNae), both of Rockville, CT, who took the time and effort to share God's Word with us.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Luella Hoffman were very thankful and quite surprised at the early arrival of their newest little grandson, Titus Moreau. Parents are Bro. Gardy and Sis. Suzanne of Rockville, CT. We are very thankful that mother and baby are doing well. God's provisions were certainly evident in this dear little boy's life. May God be glorified!

If you are interested in fellowshiping with us here in Vermont, and would like information about service locations, and dates, please contact Bro. Chad and Sis. Jenny Virkler (802-325-2724). We love to fellowship with believers whether it is during the week or on the weekend. Please let us know if you are planning on being in our area so we can accommodate you. Service times are as follows:

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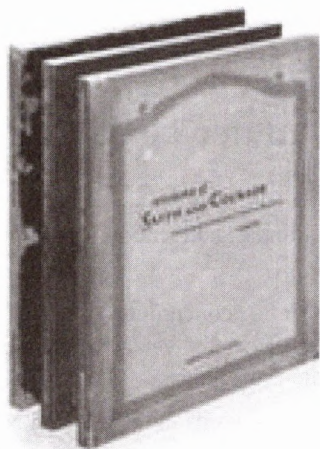


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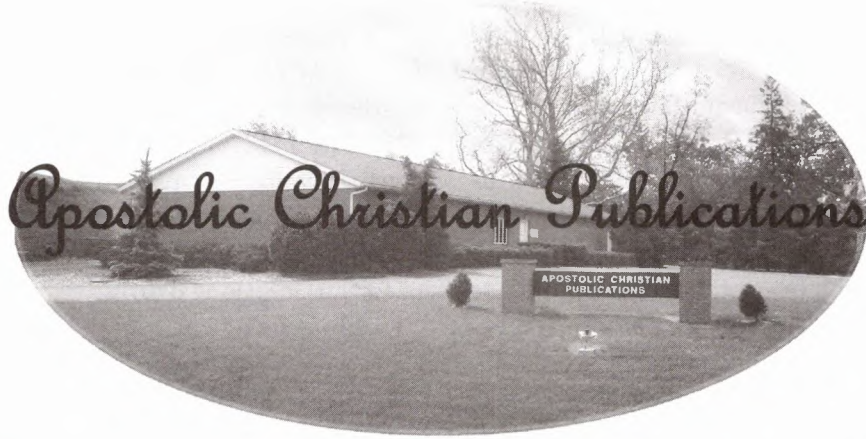
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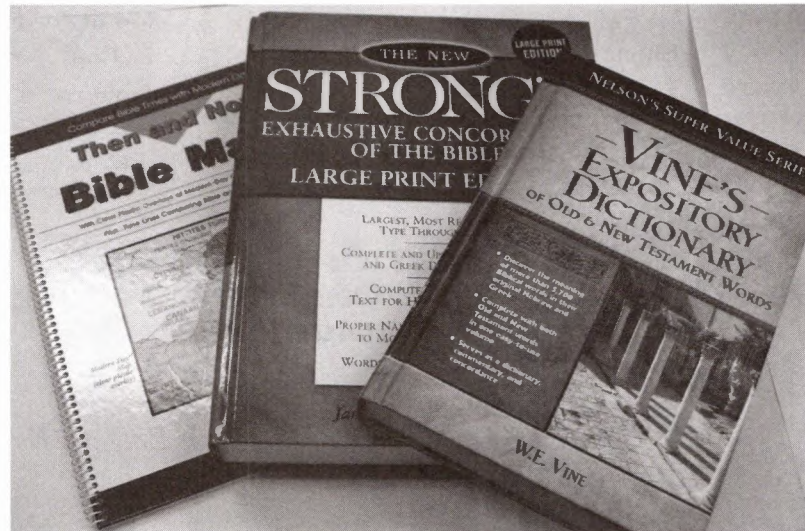
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### Love Languages in Marriage - Loving Well

I recently heard the statement, "He loved so much ...he just didn't love so well." What's the difference between loving much and loving well? Loving well implies loving in a way that truly communicates love to the receiver of the affection. Imagine traveling to a foreign country and speaking in your native tongue while the listeners wear confused looks on their faces. The traveler may be quite confident that he is communicating effectively, but the message is missing the mark if it is not in the language of the recipient. When God chose to communicate His love, He spoke our language by sending His own son clothed in flesh and blood, a language we could understand. This article is the first of a two-part series on five ways love is communicated, called "love languages": Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Gifts, and Physical Touch. We hope to offer some practical ways for you to express love to your spouse in a language that he or she will understand. In part one; we explore the first two love languages.

#### Understanding love languages as ways to give and receive affection.<sup>1</sup>

One way to think about affection is that there are basically five ways that people give and receive love. These are commonly termed "love languages." Everyone is born with a core need to be loved. As a couple, you can help meet that need by learning, and then speaking, each other's love language. While most people enjoy receiving love in all of the following ways, generally speaking, one or two will communicate love and affection most powerfully to your spouse.

#### 1. Words of Affirmation.<sup>2</sup>

Someone who has a primary love language of Words of Affirmation receives love through encouraging words and compliments. This person can resonate with the truth in the verses in Proverbs 18:21, "*Death and life are in*

*the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof*" and Proverbs 12:25, "*Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.*" For these individuals, kind words that build up, show appreciation, and communicate loving feelings are an essential part of feeling loved. He or she needs to hear the words that affirm his or her worth and abilities in order to believe that you truly love and honor him or her. Loving words, expressed regularly and on an ongoing basis, will provide long-lasting positive effects in your marriage.

#### Examples of giving Words of Affirmation to your spouse include:

\* Verbalizing your appreciation: "Thanks for helping me out today; it really meant a lot to me that you were there."

\* Giving compliments: "You did a really nice job painting."

\* Noticing: Thanking your spouse for something routinely done but rarely recognized: "Thanks for being a great father/mother to our children." "I really appreciate your doing my laundry."

\* Writing: A positive note of encouragement can be kept and reread.

\* **NOTE:** People with a primary Words of Affirmation love language may be very sensitive to how requests are phrased. Asking him or her to do something in the form of a request will be accepted much more quickly than if it sounds like a demand.

#### 2. Quality Time.<sup>3</sup>

Jesus, amidst all the demands placed on him, made sure He set aside sufficient quality time to spend with his disciples. For example, Mark 6:30-31 recorded that, ". . . *the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.*" God loves it when we spend time with Him in prayer and in our meditation on the Word.

Likewise, an individual whose love language is Quality Time will feel most loved when his or her spouse spends

time being with or doing an activity with him or her. You can speak this love language by giving undivided, focused attention to your spouse. People with this love language often like to spend time together, having meaningful conversations. When engaging in quality conversation, the focus should be on hearing one another's thoughts, feelings, and desires rather than problem-solving or giving advice. When Quality Time includes doing activities together, be sure the activity allows time for connection. Going to a high school reunion doesn't qualify for Quality Time, while walking together in a park does.

#### Examples of spending Quality Time with your spouse include:

\* Finding time daily to connect with your spouse and share thoughts, concerns, and highlights of the day.

\* Planning a special outing with just the two of you or doing an activity that your spouse enjoys. For example, you could prepare a picnic and take it to a local park. Or you could go for a walk together before or after work.

\* Going for a long drive together, with or without a specific destination.

\* Making household tasks more meaningful by doing them together.

\* **NOTE:** Be careful not to let work, family responsibilities, and even church activities (e.g., being on too many committees at once) lead you to neglect spending time with your spouse. Occasionally, say "no" to an invitation and instead spend that time with your spouse.

Hopefully the descriptions of the first two love languages have stirred some thoughts. As Christ proactively expressed His love to us, let's be proactive in sharing love with our spouse through words of affirmation and quality time. In the next issue of the Silver Lining we will look at the final three love languages: Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch.

<sup>1</sup> Gary Chapman, *The Five Love Languages*, (Chicago, IL: Northfield Publishing, 1995).

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whatsoever He commands us. Here he says that, hereby do we know that we know him if we keep his commandments. The Word of God is so clear. It is so black and white. That we are to keep the commandments of God. We are to walk in His love.

There really is no excuse, dear ones, even as we walk here below and there is so much confusion, even in the religious circles today. I believe we heard something about that this morning hour. Where in business there are all these options. There are so many options in this life. We go to buy a car or a house or do different things. There are all these different things, dear ones, that we can do and they are okay in the world. But it is not okay in our spiritual walk of life. The Word of God is quite clear. The Word of God is what is going to see us to the very end. Then when we get to the very end, the Word of God is going to judge us. It is not going to be something different.

We've talked about that before. There will not be a deception at the end. There will not be a surprise at the end. The Word of God will be there. The Word of God will be opened up and our life will be judged according to the Word. According to that which God has given unto us and the understanding that He has meted out unto us.

"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." I John 2:5. Dear ones, we are to strive for that perfection. We are to strive for a holy walk of life. Even as we talked about righteousness. He says here that whosoever keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected. It is a full time job, dear ones. That is what it is supposed to be. It is our vocation here upon this earth. It is the most important thing in our life, to keep ourselves unspotted from the world and to visit the fatherless and the widows. We know dear ones, that the Word of God is alive and well. The Holy Spirit, if He is dwelling in us, there will be that unity of the Spirit and the Word in our lives as we walk here. That we can walk in God's love and in His ways. It says here, then the love of God is perfected in our lives.

Then we'll find ourselves doing things, as we would look back upon a day's time or a week's time - and we take no credit for any of it and a lot of times it is better off if we do not dwell upon it - but we find ourselves doing those things and being kind one to another. Reaching out to those that are in need. We have a heart and a desire to help.

That is so important as we walk here below. Because we are to love the brethren. We are to love our neighbor. So then those things would come naturally for us if we are filled with the Spirit of God. When we have brethren in distress and we have opportunities - of these things that are happening today, with all the weather situations - it is just another way that God grants many of us opportunities to help in one manner or another. Whether it is physical or whether it is monetary. Whether it is through prayer. There is going to be much to do in the weeks and months to come. God grants opportunities. We don't have to look very far. God grants us opportunities to help one another. May it be that God's love would be perfected in our lives as we would look around about. That we would even prefer others before ourselves.

I think a battle that a lot of us have, perhaps we wouldn't want to admit it, but we become selfish at times and we start thinking of our own selves. We like to hoard time to our self. Perhaps we like to have some down time. We like to have those things that we enjoy. We know that we need to steal away and there needs to be that time of rest. We have been reminded of that lately. But yet there is that time that we need to make sure that we are thinking of others.

Oftentimes, dear ones, when we think of others and we try to do for others, then we feel better about our own life. Because if we just sit around and dwell upon our own woes, we can get discouraged and we become depressed here upon this earth. But there is so much that we can be thinking of. So many other people we can be praying for. As long as we are on this earth, we need to be of a prayerful people.

We sang in that hymn about faith

and hope and love. I believe at the end of the hymn when it comes to eternity, those things, we won't have them anymore. We won't need faith. We won't need hope. We will be filled with love but we won't need faith and hope anymore. (Zion's Harp #78, v.8) There is another one of our beautiful hymns that we sing that it talks about praying. When we get to the end of the way and we enter into those heavenly portals, we won't need to pray anymore. But while we are here upon this earth, we need to busy our self with praying and we need to exercise our faith and our hope and our love, even as that hymn did describe for us.

He says, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." I John 2:6. I believe when he says, even as he walked, he is talking about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no greater example. For our young people, there's no better way to spend our time than reading the Word of God and reading about Jesus as He walked here upon this earth. Seeing how He lived. The examples and the many teachings that He did have. It is good for all of us.

Then we can also read about the apostles and how they were unselfish, even as they walked here below. But even it says here, he that saith he abideth in him, ought to himself also walk, even as he walked. So that is for us, dear ones. If we have the love of our God and our Lord and Savior in our hearts and minds, then we will have that comparison, that we would be Christ like. That we would have the mind of Christ. That is what we are all to have, dear ones. We are to be armed with the Word of God. We are to have the mind of Christ. If we have the mind of Christ, dear ones, even as we sang in this song, Unity in Love (Zion's Harp #181), we are going to be in unity, dear ones. But that is the key, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To walk with Christ and to walk in His Word. To have His Word abounding in our lives through the Spirit of God.

He says, "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from

the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now." v.7-9. The Apostle is switching gears just a little bit here. But still, the theme of this chapter would be the true love of God, I believe. But here he is talking about walking in darkness and walking in the light. He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now. Dear ones, it is not an option to love one another. It is not an option to forgive one another if we would trespass one against another or we'd have hurt feelings.

Sometimes, dear ones, I think when my feelings are hurt, it is probably just pride a lot of the time. I remember hearing our Brother talk about that before. It is really the truth, dear ones. Sometimes our feelings are hurt, maybe it just wounds our pride a little bit. Then we have to humble our self and pray to God and we can see, perhaps we were wrong in whatever it was.

There are times, though, when someone perhaps hurts our feelings unintentionally and maybe it has nothing to do with pride. There, we forgive. There are times perhaps, our feelings are hurt and maybe it was rather intentional. Someone said something a little course, whatever it may be. Something happens and maybe our feelings are hurt. They truly are. Perhaps we need to visit with them about it. But either way, dear ones, we need to forgive. Because we cannot hate our brother. We cannot hate our brother or sister. We cannot hate our neighbor, whether they are of the faith or not of the faith.

God looks down upon this sin sick world. What does the Word say? The Word says that He loves the sinner but hates the sin. That's God. That's hard for us to do sometimes, dear ones. When there are people that commit such gross sins or whatever it is, perhaps they do things that maybe they affect us at work or at school. We think of God, how He loves them but He hates the sin. We are to strive to be

like God. That's easier said than done. But dear ones, the main thing is that we just forgive and try to forget. Because if we continue to remember something, we allow Satan to bring it up, it is going to be hard to forgive. It is going to be hard to get over that.

Satan is just so crafty. He is so good at that. Sometimes he starts bringing something back to our memory and whatever it is, all of a sudden he is taking us down this road that brings back a memory of something that happened and it is an ill thought. He is really good at that. We need to recognize that. We need to be on guard. We need to have that discerning Spirit of Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit within us to see when he is taking us down that pathway. So that those thoughts don't come in the first place. But it is so important, dear ones, that we forgive and forget.

"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." v.10. It is really a tremendous verse. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. Dear ones, when we are around a brother whose love is just abounding, or a sister, it is quite obvious. We just laid to rest a brother, today, who loved people. He loved the brotherhood. He loved us all. It was obvious, dear ones. It abounded and it says there was no occasion of stumbling in him.

When we walk in the way and we love one another, first of all dear ones, we are not going to take on liberties that would make our brother or sister stumble and have an occasion to fall or stumble. So we have to think about that, even as we read down through here a little further on about the lusts of the flesh and those things that pertain to this world, pertain to Satan and sin. That we would not partake of those things, number one, because we want to go to heaven. Number one, we don't want to be deceived by Satan. We don't want to be wounded and we don't want to be killed by him spiritually. Because we want to serve almighty God and Jesus Christ because we love Him because He first loved us. That our goal is heaven.

But then when we think about some occasions, we think, this isn't

that big of a liberty. Then we have to think about the love and the light we are to be to our brother and sister. That he that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is no darkness there. If we abide in the light, then there is no occasion of stumbling. So that we wouldn't take occasions and take those liberties, even as the Word of God says. We are to not take liberties of the occasion of flesh. May it be, dear ones, that we would watch ourselves. That we would ask ourselves, how much do we love one another, when there are those things that we could perhaps partake in. Even the church has warned us over the years, through the Spirit of God and through the power of the Spirit and we know better. Yet the flesh is weak and the flesh wants to be entertained.

There are all kinds of things that this flesh would love to do. We know sometimes people say that they can handle this or they can handle that. Yet how about our brother? How about our weaker brother or weaker sister? I even hesitate to say it that way because if we think we can handle it, we are perhaps the weaker one to begin with. Because we have allowed Satan to put those thoughts in our minds, that we can handle something that we have been warned not to do.

It is just like the Word of God warns us about money and the love of money. The riches of this world are a spiritual snare, oftentimes. Yet we have heard over and over that the world would want to convince us that we should try it anyway. That we should try to get all we can. Even though the Word warns us against it. So that is the way it is, even when we are warned against staying away from the things of the world. The lusts of the eye, the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life. We are warned to stay away from those things. So who is telling us then that we should try those things and we can handle it? Perhaps we are the weaker one and we don't realize it.

"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. I write unto you, little children,

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because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one..." v. 11-13. There is that word, overcome. That is what God expects of us when we start repenting. When we start on this pathway, that we are to be the overcomers. We are to overcome the wicked one.

"...I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." v. 13,14. It says here, I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong. There is no question that when we are young brothers and sisters in the Lord, that we actually have a strength that the older brothers and sisters don't have. There is a zeal and a strength there. Dear ones, we just need to make sure that we allow the Holy Spirit to channel that strength. That we would abound in the Lord. There are many things we can do for the Lord. We get older. Those that are older brothers and sisters sitting here, there is no thought, when the call goes out to go work on the levee, that they can go, and so forth. That's just an example. But when we are younger and healthy, there are things we can do. The Lord expects us to only do that which we can do.

But he talks about those that are young and strong. May it be though, dear ones and young people, that we would make sure the Holy Spirit is leading, guiding and directing us when we would try to help. That we would not become over zealous and thinking that we are something of ourselves. Because we are really nothing. Almighty God doesn't really need any of us. He doesn't need any of us to accomplish His will here upon this earth. But He chooses to use us. Even it goes that way with money and so forth. He doesn't need our money. But He chooses, through His Word of God, to instruct us to tithe and to help out

here and there. So that is the way it is to be. We are to humble our self before Him. Realize it is all from Him to begin with. He gives us talents to go work here and there. We've got to thank God for that. He is the one that gives the talents. He is the one that gives the energy. May it be that we always keep that in mind. That it all goes back to Him and that we thank Him and praise Him for His goodness.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." v.15. There again, it is very straight forward, that we are not to love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. So as we sit here tonight, we have to ask ourselves, how does God look down upon each one of us? Does He see us loving the world, the things that are in the world? It's really not that complicated to figure out what is in the world and what is of the world.

We have to make a living. But we need to be careful that it doesn't become our god. That we don't set a god before our almighty God in heaven. So we need to be careful how much we even love to work and all that sort of thing. But then we get outside of the monetary things and those sort of idolizations, that we need to be very careful with. Then we get into the love of the world. What is of the world? It's just really not that difficult to see that all the sporting complexes and all that stuff, it is not of God. All the music, the country, the rock and roll and all that stuff, it is not of God. All the stuff that entertains the flesh.

Dear ones, for many of us that are in my age bracket on up, we can remember so well and vividly, it was so cut and dried when we were younger. I can remember - for some reason these thoughts come to me - sitting in this church when we didn't have air condition. We had the windows open. As a young boy in grade school - I think it is a boy thing - but the older kids, perhaps they were seniors or got out of high school, they had these hot rod cars. We'd go out in the parking lot to look at them and then we'd come in and sit in church and maybe they

drove out of the church yard and they rumbled out. It left an impression upon me. We thought that was really neat. But dear ones, something that made more of an impression was when those young men repented. The next Sunday we went out in the parking lot and their car wasn't there. They rode with Mom and Dad to church. Those are the things of the world, dear ones. The pride and the vanity. All that that pertains to the flesh. It was so cut and dried back then. Dear ones, it really should be today. This Word that we have in front of us tonight is so clear. It is so plain. Yet there are so many gray areas wanting to creep in. We just need to go back to the Word of God.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." v.16. We talked about a few of those things and we could spend a lot of time here on the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. We need to remember those things are all of the world. He said here, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Where will we be, dear ones, if the love of the Father is not in our hearts and minds? If we don't have the love of the Father, we have nothing. We have lost it all. We can get to the end of the way and we could have accomplished a lot of things. We could have had a really good time here upon this earth. But if we don't have the love of the Father, we've lost it all forever. This Scripture is just such a reminder, dear ones, that we are to walk close to the Lord. That we are to deny ourselves the things of this life. We are to pick up our cross, that cross of self denial.

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." v.17. That is what we want, dear ones, we want to abide forever. First of all, we want to abide forever in the vine, Jesus Christ. That someday we could abide forever with Him in the heavens above.

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." v.18. Dear ones, the

antichrist could be just something that is anti Jesus Christ. It is anti the Word of God. I believe, dear ones, it is in the Christian circles big time in this country. That there is so much that is not true to the Word of God. It is being spoken of in this country all the time. We need to be on guard, dear ones, that we are not sucked up into this deception. It is anti. It is anti-Christ. It is anti-word of God.

Sometimes we think of an antichrist. We think of one that just opposes Jesus Christ. It is that also. Maybe in the end times there will be one that rises up and he will have so much power the people will look to him. He is not of Christ. He is of the world. He is of Satan.

But another definition of antichrist is a rivaling spirit. We live in a day and age, dear ones, where there is this rivaling spirit. There is this spirit that is wanting to rival with the true Word of God that we have before us tonight. The Jesus Christ that we know and Him crucified and the love of the God that we are to have in our life. That we are not to be a part of the world. But what is this rivaling spirit that we are surrounded by in the world today, dear ones? The rivaling spirit is, we can do our own thing. We can take part of these things that the Word does talk about right here, that we have read together. That we can still call ourselves a Christian.

Dear ones, we can call ourselves anything we want to. In the book of Revelation it says, there will be those that come and they will have a name that liveth but they are dead (Rev.3:1). So dear ones, it doesn't matter what we call ourselves. It's, what does Jesus Christ call us and almighty God as He looks down from the heavens above? What does He look down and call us? Does He call us a brother and sister? Or does He call us a son and a daughter? Does He call us someone who is trying to surrender our life and our heart to Him and live the life of an overcomer? That is what we are up against, dear ones, in the day and age we find ourselves living in. We find ourselves against the antichrist of this time. This rivaling spirit, dear ones, and it surrounds us.

So may it be that we would take

courage, dear ones. We look into the Word of God. The Word of God never changes. Those things that we talked about that are of the world, they are still of the world. They were of the world when we were younger. They were of the world fifty years ago and eighty years ago. They are still of the world today. Not only that, but many of them are just plain sinful. So may it be, dear ones, that we would want to strive to walk in that perfection, even as it read here, "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." I John 2:10. That we would not be a stumbling block, dear ones, to our brother or our sister or our converts or the friends of the truth. And even to those that are not that familiar with our church or our faith, dear ones. We could be a stumbling block to someone if we allow them to think that we are a believer and we take part of things that we shouldn't be partaking in. They would see that and think that everything is okay. So may it be that by our love for God, they would see someone denying themselves.

There is a lot of Scripture here, dear ones, that we are going to have a hard time covering. Perhaps we will just close with, "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." I John 24,25. Dear ones, the promises of God are true. We have said it often. He loves us. He wants to see us be spiritually successful. He will grant us His undeserved grace to the very end and we will have plenty of grace if we humble our self before Him. We will live the life of the overcomer even as we have read here,

for the fathers and the young people who will live the life of the overcomer. The promise of eternal life, dear ones, is for each one of us that are true and faithful unto our high and heavenly calling.

But there is always a flip side. The flip side is that the wrath of God will abide upon those that turn their face. Even as we read back there in the Old Testament time, that there are those that did not serve God. Then a king would come along that would serve God and he would clean the house and clean the temple. Clean out the filthiness. Dear ones, as we read down through there, my thought went to our own hearts. How are our hearts, dear ones? Do they need a little cleaning, even as they cleaned the temple of God then? We know that really is the instruction when we repent, that we clean the filthiness out of our heart. That we clean it with the shed blood of Jesus Christ. That we do our part to numbie ourselves to allow God to have His perfect work in our heart.

But then, from time to time, dear ones, as we are on this pathway of life, that we would also make sure that we would cleanse our heart with the washing of the water of the Word of God on a daily basis. Then on Wednesdays and Sundays we'd gather around the Word and we furthermore have that cleansing of the Word of God. So may it be, dear ones, that we'd take courage again in this evening hour. Almighty God wants to have each one of us in heaven with Him. It is altogether possible that each and every one of us can be there but we have to deny our self and we have to love Him with our whole heart and our whole mind and strive after that perfection that He would desire of us.

### **Official Apostolic Christian Church Website**

*\* Providing basic information about our church and linkage to other church-related sites is located at:*

**[www.apostolicchristian.org](http://www.apostolicchristian.org)**

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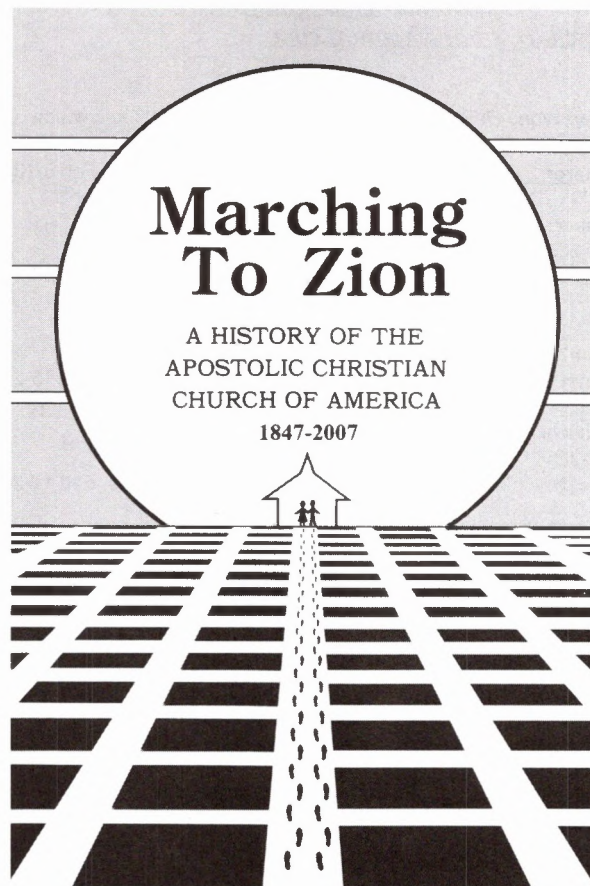
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***Marching To Zion: A History of the Apostolic  
Christian Church of America, 1847-2007***

The second edition of *Marching To Zion* will soon be printed and distributed to the local congregations. The first edition was distributed in 1984, and the second edition covers each congregation's history and includes new data since 1984. It also includes the histories of twelve new congregations.

This new edition also chronicles the growth of World Relief, Mission Committee programs, Apostolic Christian Publications expansion, and our church's senior citizens homes, Gateway Woods and Home For The Handicapped. New developments in Mexico are also referenced.

The new updated *Marching To Zion* consists of 810 pages compared to the first edition's 650 pages. It contains a detailed name and topical index as well as a local congregational index which allows quick access to any local history. This volume contains over 380 footnotes.

Initial shipments will be made to the local congregations. After that the new book will be available from Apostolic Christian Publications, Eureka, Illinois, and from the author in Gridley, Illinois.

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## CARIBBEAN BOARD PROJECTS - 2008/2009

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Project	Year 2008	Coordinator	Capacity				
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Les Cayes MEBSH School Roof	Dec 5-12	Ted Habegger 260-694-6765 <a href="mailto:tjh@citiznet.com">tjh@citiznet.com</a>	12	Croix De Bouquets Lifeline Medical	Feb 10-17	Glen Steidinger 815-693-3473	8
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Les Cayes FRW Simone Orphanage	Jan 9-16	Rick Wuethrich 219-567-9488 <a href="mailto:topnotch@home.ffni.com">topnotch@home.ffni.com</a>	12	Les Cayes MEBSH School Roof	Mar 20-27	Rich Bertschi 309-467-6110 <a href="mailto:lemangm@mtco.com">lemangm@mtco.com</a>	12
La Higuera - D/R Lifeline Construction	Jan 20-27	Jim Koehl 309-377-3201 <a href="mailto:jmkoehl@yahoo.com">jmkoehl@yahoo.com</a>	8	Les Cayes MEBSH Maintenance	Mar 27-Apr 3	Jon Zeller 309-266-9009 <a href="mailto:jzeller@mtco.com">jzeller@mtco.com</a>	12
Les Cayes AWA Water Aid	Jan 23-30	Troy Stuber 309-925-2603 <a href="mailto:troystuber@verizon.net">troystuber@verizon.net</a>	4	Les Cayes AWA Water Aid	Apr 24-May 1	Troy Stuber 309-925-2603 <a href="mailto:troystuber@verizon.net">troystuber@verizon.net</a>	4
La Higuera - D/R Lifeline Construction	Jan 27-Feb 3	Ted Steidinger 815-867-6452 <a href="mailto:tsteid@route24.net">tsteid@route24.net</a>	8	Les Cayes MEBSH Medical	May 1-8	Keith Knepp 309-467-4691 <a href="mailto:kknepp@mchsi.com">kknepp@mchsi.com</a>	8
Les Cayes MEBSH School Roof	Jan 30-Feb 6	Dean Pashak 989-662-7685 <a href="mailto:dwpashak@charter.net">dwpashak@charter.net</a>	12	Haiti MEBSH Caribbean Eval.	May 15-23	Tom Hitz 734-454-9229 <a href="mailto:tchitz@sbcglobal.net">tchitz@sbcglobal.net</a>	Invitation
La Higuera - D/R Lifeline Construction	Feb 3-10	Eldon Steidinger 815-848-8988 <a href="mailto:eldonsteid@yahoo.com">eldonsteid@yahoo.com</a>	8	Les Cayes FRW Vocational School	Jun 5-12	Rick Wuethrich 219-567-9488 <a href="mailto:topnotch@home.ffni.com">topnotch@home.ffni.com</a>	4
Les Cayes SEED Agriculture Aid	Feb 6-13	Dale Frank 319-766-3661 <a href="mailto:frankfarms@iowatelecom.net">frankfarms@iowatelecom.net</a>	12				

### Haiti and Jamaica Work Team Code Definitions

**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  
**Palm Grove** = Mission of Haiti

**A.W.A. - B.** = Apostolic Water Aid/Bluffton  
**A.W.A. - FRW** = Apostolic Water Aid/Francesville, Remington, Wolcott  
**A.W.A. - T** = Apostolic Water Aid/Tremont  
 (\*) = Changes or additions since last issue  
 (\*\*) = Spring Break Timeframe



**JAMAICA**

Data updated from the Apostolic Christian World Relief web site as of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 -[www.acworldrelief.org/work-teams-caribbean/](http://www.acworldrelief.org/work-teams-caribbean/)

Project	Year 2009	Coordinator	Capacity				
Kingston School CCCC Open to all	Mar 7 - 14	Roger Stoller 309-747-3228 rstoller@dtnspeed.net	40 (Open)	Jamaica Deaf Village CCCC	May 22 - 30	Ted Hirstein 309-266-8769 hirstein@mtco.com	40
Kingston School CCCC Gridley SS Only	Mar 21 - 28	Roger Stoller 309-747-3228 rstoller@dtnspeed.net	40 (Full)	Jamaica Deaf Village CCCC Akron, Rittman, Smithville SS	Jun 20 - 27	Jay Maibach jmmaibach@embarqmail.com	40
Montego Bay School CCCC Bluffton SS	Mar 21 - 28	Gene Gerber 260-824-4601 ggerber@meyerbuilding.com	40				

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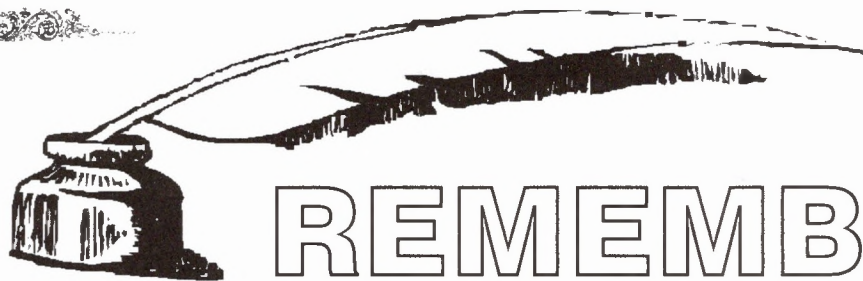
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Magdalena Construction	Nov 22-29	Rod Schmidt 303-774-7913 rschmidt@Acosta.com		Magdalena Construction	Mar 14-21	Joe Darlington/Purdue Purdue University 815-245-7913 joedarlington@gmail.com	
Magdalena Construction	Jan 3-10	Darl Rassi 815-867-2195 mr.rassi@gmail.com		Reynosa Construction	Mar 21-28	Mark Sauder/U of I University of Illinois 309-202-3279 markus_329@yahoo.com	
Magdalena Construction	Jan 10-17	Steve Kaeb 217-379-4707 kaebbs@illicom.net		Magdalena Construction	Mar 21-28	Pete Aberle Tremont Bible Class 309-925-5969 dpabfrms@hotmail.com	
Magdalena Construction	Jan 17-24	John Teubel 815-657-8721 jteubel@maxwire.net		Magdalena Construction	May 30-Jun 6	Seth Beer Phoenix Bible Class 602-918-1722 sethbeer@gmail.com	
Magdalena Construction	Feb 14-21	Steve Veins 860-871-8329 veins1@earthlink.net		Magdalena Construction	Jun 13-20	Brent Knobloch 815-923-4736 bmknob@mc.net	
Agua Prieta Construction	Mar 7-14	Kevin Gerber 260-565-3313 kevgerber@yahoo.com		Agua Prieta Construction	Jun 20-27	Brad Leman 260-273-1953 crazyhorsebrad@gmail.com	
Magdalena Construction	Mar 7-14	Dustin Huber/ISU Illinois State University 309-825-0864 dustin.huber@verizon.net		Magdalena Construction	Jun 20-27	Aaron Klopfenstein Indianapolis Bible Class 317-596-8739 aaronklop@sbcglobal.net	
Agua Prieta Construction	Mar 14-21	Steven Sauder/ICC-Bradley Illinois Central College/Bradley 309-657-2067 stevensau@gmail.com		Magdalena Construction	Jun 27-Jul 4	Kent Mogler 651-452-8586 kent.mogler@comcast.net	

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# REMEMBERING

## *Our Spiritual Heritage*

### Church History

The second edition of *Marching To Zion* is currently at the printer, after several years of preparation. There is an old adage that says, "Never rush a history." Whether true or not, it is applicable in this case. Various factors have held up a quick completion of the work. First, the new book is 810-pages, complete with footnotes and indexes, etc. The sheer volume of work in editing and proofing such a lengthy volume has resulted in months and years of time. Getting a reading from the local congregations on the number of books for each church has consumed more time than anticipated. Nonetheless, by early October the project has had good movement, although no set time has been indicated when the books will be ready.

The second edition of *Marching To Zion* provides additional information on our church's American history. It brings each church up to date, from the 1984 edition, and covers the twelve new churches that have been established. Also, almost three decades of growth in World Relief, Mission Committee Work, Apostolic Christian Publications and the church's numerous nursing homes are chronicled, along with Gateway Woods in Leo, Indiana, and the Morton, Illinois Home for the Handicapped. The new 810-page book is a bargain for \$20. After this printing, the price will increase substantially.

There still remains interest in our church history. In 1984, a total of 10,000 *Marching To Zion* history books were printed and distributed. Since that time, orders of 1,000 books have been printed five or six times — and sold through Apostolic Christian Publications in Eureka, Illinois, through the author, and at a few area bookstores. Regarding the second edition, more than 7,700 books had been ordered by early October, with about 20 or so congregations expected to send in

orders. It is heartening that interest in our heritage is at a good level, and we as a church are wise to present the zeal and diligence of the past to this and coming generations (should God tarry His coming).

Although unrelated to *Marching To Zion* (in terms of producing historical data), another history of the church exists entitled, *Apostolic Christian Church History, Volume I* by Herman Ruegger of Switzerland. This book chronicles the early days of how the church was established by Samuel H. Froehlich and his contemporaries. It provided a good basic foundation for our understanding of Froehlich's work, and the trials associated with forming a new church, based solely on Scriptures. Incidentally, Ruegger's title includes "Volume I" as if to suggest there is a "Volume II". There is not a second book. *Marching To Zion* includes many of the phases of the work mentioned by Ruegger, but is a totally separate book.

Compiling the church history has benefited by an Elder History Committee. Overseeing the first edition were the following Elders, chosen regionally, to give guidance and advice to the author when needed: Bros. Edwin Ringger (Gridley, Illinois), Robert Beyer (Naumburg, New York), Ben C. Maibach, Jr. (Detroit, Michigan), Roy Sauder (Peoria, Illinois), Richard Schubert (Phoenix, Arizona) and Rudolph Graf (Akron, Ohio). Of these six brothers, four have gone onto their reward. Only Bros. Edwin Ringger and Ben C. Maibach, Jr. are still with us.

The current Elder History Committee consists of Bro. Mark Masters (Mansfield, Ohio), chairman, and Bros. Jay Luthi (Lamont-Gridley, Kansas), Duane Farney (Croghan-Naumburg, New York), Dave Wiegand (Champaign, Illinois) and Gene Marti (Kansas City, Missouri).

### Lambert Brothers

Unusual occurrences are what feed the interests of history enthusiasts. On June 14, 1924, a very unusual episode took place near Burlington, Oklahoma. A meeting of believers took place at the home of John Schrock, with about twenty persons in attendance. Although they had never attended one of these meetings before, the three sons of Bro. Alfred Lambert — Frank, Ernest and George — were present that evening. After an evening of singing, Alfred Lambert took the Bible and began reading from St. Matthew, Chapter 24. When he reached verse 15, he slumped and could not continue.

As he fell out of his chair, his three sons caught him and placed him on a bed, and he soon died. The three boys quickly realized that if they ever wished to see him again, they must turn to God in repentance. Indeed they did, yet that night. George Lambert, a long time minister at Wichita, Kansas, remembered that evening and wrote, "It was then that the dear Lord entered into our hearts, and by faith we believed."

These young men were "taken up" at the church at Burlington, Oklahoma, in December, 1924. With the consent of the congregation, Elder Gottlieb Kurz proved all three brothers at the same time. (Source: *Marching To Zion, First Edition*, pages 363-364).

### Legacy of Song

"Teach us all Thy true obedience  
Teach us Lord, to do Thy will.  
Lead us in Thy holy presence;  
Through this world do guide us still."  
*Zion's Harp*, page 18, verse 7

By Perry Klopfenstein

Next Issue: Misc. history

# *The Light Of Hope*

## *From Across The Ocean*

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#### **“Dead To Self”**

*Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Shioda, Japan*

The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, “I am crucified with Christ.” In Romans 6:8 we read, “Now if we be dead with Christ.” In Matthew 10:39 the Lord Jesus said, “He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.” What’s all this talk about losing our life, about being dead with Christ, or about being crucified with Christ?

There are other ways of speaking about being dead with Christ. Phrases which may be used are, “Full surrender,” or “Taking the path which brings Christ the most glory, regardless of personal will or desire in the matter.” These phrases are not from the Bible but Romans 12:1 reads, “I beseech you therefore, bretheren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,” which certainly means full surrender.

Before we are baptized we are instructed that we must be dead to sin or the old man or person cannot be buried in the waters of baptism. Evidently,

the Lord Jesus and the Apostles thought that the old person should remain dead. This concept I describe as being dead to self.

My experience and observation tells me that it is the big “I” that interferes in our spiritual lives. I want to live here, I want to do this, I want to do that, I like this kind of food, I don’t like that kind of food, and on and on it goes. If I’m not mistaken, according to the Bible, we should ask, “Where does God want me to live?”, “What does God want me to do?”, “What kind of food does God want me to eat or drink?” and “How does God want me to treat my brothers and sisters in Christ?” Too often we set ourselves up as someone called of God to set everyone else straight. It may be necessary to straighten others out so they comply more closely with the teachings of the Bible, but if we put ourselves above others in the attempt, we lose our credibility and are ineffective. Dead people do not put

themselves above others.

Recently I have had the conviction that God is calling the Apostolic Christian Church to be an example to all other denominations. We have some things going for us. True conversion is emphasized, every member of our church is taught to read the Bible every day and to pray every day, we are hospitable, and we are accountable to each other, elders included. The Catholic Church has 1.3 billion members in the world and I can believe it is difficult for them to keep track of how each member is living. We have a great deal of outreach to spread God’s Word and to help the needy and unfortunate in this world. In these areas we are following what the Bible teaches.

It is my conviction that if every member of the Apostolic Christian Church lives a life that is dead to self, we will indeed be an example to all other denominations.

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*And all the trees of the field shall know that  
O the Lord have brought down the high tree,  
have exalted the low tree,  
have dried up the green tree,  
and have made the dry tree to flourish:  
O the Lord have spoken and have done it.*

*Ezekiel 17:24*