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"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"



"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, EVEN as many as the Lord our God shall call."

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The Call For Labourers

[Am I where my Lord wants me to be? Am I willing to forsake the comforts of home life, if my Jesus wants me to carry His message to lost souls? Through prayer, have I laid my all on the altar, every part of me? Listen and prayerfully consider the plea of love through Henry Souder, Jr. Then, if you haven't, tell the Lord you'll do what He wants you to do. Trust that His will be done, through you!]

The midnight darkness reigns over yonder village today. Some lonely heart groans with its terrific burden of sin and shrinks in terror at what is beyond. Some soul has many years felt nothing but the heart-rending lashes of the blacksnake of sin . . . some poor thing with ugly scars on his face, but with a heart that would enjoy peace — somebody's darling, worth more than the whole world.

Sad hearts are there, too . . . hearts that are broken from the absence of familiar footsteps that are gone forever . . . sobs that shake souls that are weary and worn . . . sometimes the fevered toss and the unrational dreaming of one who is approaching eternity's entrance. Dark, dark the night . . .

"How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that **sheep**, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that

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TRAVELING THE ROADS

[How fully do I yield to eternal love? The degree of joy we experience in our day by day Christian living is determined by the degree we are lost in our heavenly Father's will. His Word tells us how we can become perfect in love. Brother Andrew Dotterer of our Junction church brings out some very important directions which reveal the secret of a happy day. Listen as he in brotherly love encourages us to be going about doing good.]

There is much traveling done in these days. For various reasons, many people like to see the creation of God, which often does convince us that

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."

God is almighty, when we can behold the work of God. But the traveling and journeying of the apostles was for a far different purpose, when Christ sent them out into the world from place to place and told them (St. Mark 16:15), "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We find they went forth and preached every where, the Lord working with them.

We have many advantages in our days that the apostles did not have, as we can meet many of like mind and spirit and can on our journeying receive many blessings, if we exercise ourselves with the words which the apostle Paul said in I Thess., chapter 5, verse 11. "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

We often meet such that are in need of comfort, that are in sorrow. Such one's burden can often be lightened somewhat when they can behold that they are thought of, as Christ said, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in." St. Matthew, chapter 25, verse 35. Then the Lord will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" Matthew 25; verse 34.

It is a great comfort when we behold the precious promises that the Lord left in His holy teachings—that there shall no deed be left unrewarded, not even a cup of cold water. So let us not become weary in well doing, for in due time we shall be rewarded with a heavenly reward. So let us be watchful and not become easy, as did Esau and sold his birth right, but afterward sought it with tears, but could not obtain it.

Gems for Our Sunday Schools

ABRAHAM

[Will you come with me as we view how real human beings lived in real life under God's direction centuries ago? The true thrillers portrayed in God's marvellous word give us a splendid opportunity to learn from example. On the wonderful stage of God's word, we see real faith in action. It is not something beyond our grasp, but very really lies within the attainment of our everyday life. Don Schlatter sets forth this real life picture of faithful Abraham. How did Abraham meet the daily problems and gain such glorious victory?]

Few men mentioned in the Scripture have such a place of prominence as does Abraham. "The Father of the Faithful" is called father by both Jews and Christians. We read much of him in the New Testament as well as in the Old. Abraham holds a key position in God's plan, and there is much we can learn by studying his life.

Paul chose Abraham as the best example of faith in the entire Old Testament. Through reference to Abraham's life, Paul could explain the great doctrine of justification by faith. "And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." (Gen. 15:6, Romans 4:3). All through Abraham's eventful life, it is his faith that is outstanding. How the world today needs the unfaltering faith of Abraham!

We first read of Abram (his name was later changed by God) in chapter 11 of Genesis. He was the son of Terah, a descendent of Shem, and he was born in Ur of the Chaldees. This was probably not far from the site of the Garden of Eden. We read very little of Abram's early life. He was married to Sarai while in Ur. Sometime later Terah and his sons with their families left Ur and journeyed to Haran, a city about 600 miles northwest of Ur and 400 miles northeast of Canaan.

The world in Abram's day was extremely wicked and ungodly. Most of the people had forgotten the God of their fathers and were serving the idols of the day in utterly vile fash-

ion. Even Abram's father was a worshipper of idols. (Joshua 24:2) Abram had the courage to stand up in the midst of a wicked world and declare his faith in God.

When Abram was seventy-five years old, God spoke to him in a marvellous manner, telling him to leave the country of his people and go to a land that God would show him. (Gen. 12:1) God promised to make of Abram a great nation, to bless him, and cause all nations to be blessed through him. This latter prophecy was fulfilled in the coming of Christ from Abram's lineage. It took real faith for Abram to suddenly gather his possessions together and with Sarai, Lot—his nephew, and their servants, set off for a land which he had never seen. Yet he had confidence in God's promises and His divine guidance, so he went forth willingly. The first thing Abram did upon arriving at Sichem in the promised land of Canaan was to build an altar to the Lord to express his gratitude and thanks for God's leading. (Gen. 12:6 and 7) He also built altars at Bethel and Hebron. Wherever he went, Abram gave God thanks. These altars also were Abram's way of telling the idolaters around him of his faith in God. Abram was ever willing to stand firm in his great faith.

Abram next journeyed to Egypt, because of the famine in Canaan. (Gen. 12:10) After he returned, the Bible tells us that he was very rich. Because of his extensive herds and the large possessions of his nephew, Lot, it became necessary for them to part, for Abram was a lover of peace. (Gen. 13:5-13) Lot's selfish choice of the best land had bitter fruit in the troubles which came later. After this separation, God renewed his promise of giving this land to Abram and his seed. (Gen. 13:14-18) God always strengthened His servant before his trials. Because of his faith in God, Abram was able to defeat four kings and rescue Lot from their grasp. (Gen. 14) After this victory, Abram gave tithes to Melchizedek, priest-king of Salem (Jerusalem). Already God had picked out the city which

was to be the center of His work here on earth. Jesus, being both priest and king, is a priest of the order of this Melchizedek. (See Hebrews 7) Christ, like Melchizedek, will one day rule supreme at Jerusalem. We know little about this man, but he was an early picture or type of Christ.

In Genesis 15, 16, and 17 we read of God's wonderful promise of a son to Abram, who was until now childless. Although he was already of great age, Abram believed God's promise that he would have descendants as the stars of the heaven. God also foretold of the Egyptian captivity of the Israelites (Gen. 15:13-16) and told Abram that his seed should have the land from the Euphrates to the Nile. No matter how incredible these promises might have seemed, Abram always believed.

However, Abram thought that God's promise was fulfilled when he became the father of Ishmael by Hagar, Sarai's handmaid. Instead God had even a greater miracle in store. Abram was 99 years old and Sarai was 90 when God spoke to him, telling that Sarai would bear a son. Although it seemed impossible, yet faithful Abram believed and in due time Isaac was born. Here was the beginning of the promised nation which would come from Abram. God's great plan was unfolding according to His divine will.

God changed Abram's name to Abraham (father of a great multitude) and Sarai's to Sarah (Princess) because they were specially chosen vessels. God instituted circumcision to set God's people apart from the rest of the world. It was the faith of Abraham, however, and not the outward sign that was really most pleasing to God.

The plight of Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah was made known to Abraham at this time by the angels sent from God as a warning. (Gen. 18) These wicked cities were awful cesspools of iniquity, and their fate was a warning to the people of that day and this, of God's punishment of sin. Abraham's prayer of intercession (Gen. 18:23-33) is further testimony

both of his faith and of God's great mercy.

The greatest test of Abraham's faith came when God commanded Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. We can hardly imagine how hard it would be to be obedient to such a command. Abraham knew that he was to be the father of nations. (Gen. 17:16) How he must have been tempted to disregard this command! Yet Abraham did not waver. He believed that somehow God could bring Isaac back to life. (Hebrews 11:19) Of course God never intended for Abraham to kill his son. Besides being a test of Abraham's faith, this event is a marvelous picture of Christ's sacrifice. God not only was willing, but He did sacrifice His only Son for us. Here on Mt. Moriah, the same place where Christ died 2000 years later, God provided a picture of the plan of salvation for all men. How wonderfully does God reveal to man the greatness of Christ's sacrifice for us!

Abraham once again received God's promise of blessing (Gen. 22:15-18) because he was willing to obey God at all costs. His faith was always the most outstanding characteristic in Abraham's life. Even when he sought a wife for Isaac, it was by his faith that the right one was chosen. (Gen. 24) Abraham died at 175, truly called "Friend of God" and "Father of the Faithful."

THE CALL FOR LABOURERS

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one of these little ones should perish."

The same sun that shines on us illuminates human beings speaking approximately 1,000 different tongues, without even one portion of the written scriptures available to them . . . our neighbors. The same sun illuminates some soul's pathway, but the Light of the world is still hidden from his view. Behind the dark prison walls of sin we hear a wail of anguish . . . the unhappy, the heart-sick, the dying . . .

Does Jesus care? The Father's will is His will. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." He "will

have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Our desires, our dreams, our longings should be found in His desires, His dreams, His longings, for "he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The labourers will go therefore with loving hands and tender care. They will tell the down-trodden Somebody loves them. They will teach the little children . . . the tiny tots will come unto Him. The weary and heavy laden will hear of the sweetness of Jesus and of Calvary's Cross. Human hearts will drink in the blessed message of the loving Shepherd who carries the lambs in His bosom and gently leads His sheep.

Tell them the story simply. In their own tongue let them hear of Jesus and His love. The Master's will is to take the precious good news in the way they can grasp it. "I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an **unknown** tongue."

All the way the Saviour leads . . . What have we to ask beside? As a labourer approaches yonder village with the gospel of saving grace, he must be utterly yielded to the will of the Master. "I know that thou canst do every thing." . . . He knows it is not he, but his Lord Jesus who is seeking the lost on mountains afar. Hardships and sufferings and possibly death lie ahead, but he knows that, moment by moment, his best Friend is constantly abiding, directing his steps.

"Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house."

There's no time for delay. The Lord

provides the way to grasp an unknown tongue. He can lead to knowledge through which the labourer will have a bridge to cross to another language. The worker can more easily and orderly learn the meaningless symbols of a strange tongue. These sounds can be made stepping-stones for telling troubled hearts of the Light of the world. They become word pictures through which he can point the sufferer to his altogether lovely One!

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." The duty of love demands as long as there is even one darkened heart and even one child of God—to go . . . to tenderly bind the wounds . . . to rescue the perishing and care for the dying. The labourer can start his trek through the fields of practical training in linguistics. He secures knowledge of how sound is formed and the different kind of sounds. By the tools he packs away in his mind, he can go to any people and catch on in understanding them more easily. He secures the know-how to construct a scientific alphabet. He is enabled to put spoken speech on paper, even though the language never had any written word before. He can reach the sufferer's heart in a way the poor thing understands and point him to the merciful Saviour. "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

Love desires to share to all the joy it has. Perhaps the Lord will direct the labourer to a country of a well-known language. In some of the major tongues, the Lord has provided a way to learn the language right at home. We did not begin to learn our own language by studying grammar, but by hearing and repeating. In this training, the student starts to learn by seeing and hearing and repeating. In the manual, the student learns through his eyes. He sees the foreign word or phrase or sentence and its English equivalent. Then through his ear he hears the foreign pronunciation on a record. In this way he can thoroughly learn the words so the listener can easily un-

derstand him. To go along with this is a dictionary. Using these tools, he can learn the basic words in only a few weeks. The gate is thus open to extend the glorious invitation to the human beings dwelling under this tongue. The Lord always provides a means for His will to be fulfilled!

The Saviour cheers each step of the path of an obedient child. Teach those who have no knowledge of written words to read. Choose words they are familiar with and have experienced. Take charts and using the knowledge God has intrusted to you, patiently work with them. Then let the best students teach others to read also and so on. Let them read for themselves the wonderful story of love. Hearts which never knew of God and His Son will be singing the blessed story. Dear faces will be eagerly drinking in the word of life. Will some sacrifice you have made be a help in making one more face radiant with God's happiness?

God's wonderful Word provides the Labourer with complete instructions. Within its pages we find the Lord's plan is for each child of His to be a shining light in this dark world. The Lord wants His work to spread by multiplication. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." So the worker instructs those who have come to Jesus to consecrate their All to Him. The Holy Spirit can use them in furthering the work of salvation among their own people. May we ever give all praise and glory to our great God, who has prepared and carries out His marvellous plan of salvation!

How wonderful that our Father does not require of us extensive plans and worrisome toiling, but only a child-like trust in His leadings and His strength. True joy is being in moment by moment fellowship with Him, believing and trusting and yielding to His Spirit within. Then it matters not whether the path of duty is at home or far away to a people of a strange speech, for He is All in All to His own!

Beyond the Sunset Sunrise Tomorrow

"... I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Jesus said, "... rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." How joyfully can we cherish the fact that those who have died in Jesus are resting in His care. It is but for a moment, and if our journey be well run, we will exchange personal greetings. Every tick of the clock brings us nearer home, sweet home. After this short day is over, we will fellowship together on and on under the eyes of Him who loved us and bought us with His own blood. Sorrow and sighing will have fled away!

"One thing I seek, Far more than tongue can tell
That in Thy holy place
With Thee, my God, I might forever dwell
To praise Thee for Thy grace.
O Lord, I wish to see Thy splendor!
Prepare me now that I may enter,
The mansion bright."

John Sauder of Roanoke departed this life on July 23 and funeral services were held on July 26, with Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton officiating. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, and four sons. John's smiling face and pleasant personality will be missed, but some day, not very far away, we hope to meet again. We're going to recognize all our dear ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus, and they are going to recognize us. "... and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Brother **Fred Stockburger** passed away July 2 after a two week illness at the age of 89 years and 6 months. Brother Stockburger was born in Germany and came to this country when a young man, lived for four

years in the vicinity of Forrest, Illinois. Later he married and settled in Little Falls, New York, and came to Castorland in 1913. He was a faithful, devout member for 53 years, ever willing to serve the Lord and the church and will be greatly missed. He lives to mourn their loss three daughters and five sons and several grandchildren. His funeral was held at Naumburg, July 5.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Now sleeping in Jesus and awaiting the resurrection morning is one of the oldest members of our **Girard church, Miss Christine Brenner**, aged 98. She had been sick for the past 13 years and on Thursday, August 31, 1950, she passed away. She loved and lived for Jesus. Every night she would sing hymns to the honour of the Lord, like Paul and Silas when they were in stocks and bound in prison. They still praised Him from whom all blessings flow.

Tremont: Theo Winzeler passed away on August 3, 1950, at the age of 61. Surviving him are his wife and five daughters and seven grandchildren. Funeral services for him were held on Sunday afternoon, August 6. David Mangold and J. A. Getz held the services. Burial was in the church cemetery. On Sunday, September 3, 1950, **Mrs. Ben Pfledrer** passed away at the age of 74. She leaves her husband and one son and four daughters to mourn her loss. Funeral services for her were held on Tuesday afternoon. J. A. Getz held the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Peoria: Our beloved elder, Emil Schubert, passed away on August 14

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Reasons for Rejoicing

We rejoice for each soul who is awakened to the shallowness of the state of his contentment without Jesus. May we who experience His love, that passeth understanding, fervently intercede for friends who are deluded by the frivolous gaiety of this world. May we ask Him to help us to lose ourselves completely, so that the world would see only Him, our All in All!

Let us thank our dear Father that He still in mercy is calling sinners to repentance and bestowing His peace on those who heed His voice and love obedience. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

BURLINGTON: Mrs. Hulda Prather and son Jack Prather and John Somerhalder have heeded to the call of the Lord. They have found peace and are enjoying the new life they find so different.—Many in our congregation were in Wichita July 29 to witness the provings and baptisms of two souls.

HANCOCK and MORRIS: Again we rejoice as there are five friends who want Jesus to come into their hearts. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wulf, and Raymond Luthi. How comforting it is for God's ransomed to read His precious promises! "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

FAIRBURY and FORREST: We are very happy to have added to the fold of Christ, Joyce Huber, Miss Leona Nussbaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blunier. We wish them God's rich blessings. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgus and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaisner were in Alabama on July 22 and 23. Two more souls were added to the fold.

BREMEN: On Sunday, July 23, Eli Dotterer and Sam Aeschliman visited our congregation. Five young converts were proved and baptized according to their faith in the Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus. They were

Jack and Kathleen Skeeters, Don and Marciel Zeltwanger, and Gary Klopfenstein. We wish them God's holy guidance and protection. George Sinn and family, Carl Zeltwanger and daughters, and others from Latty, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kyburz and family of Wolcott, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein and others from Leo visited us on this day.

WICHITA: We are happy to announce that Milton and Lillian Bowers have found peace with the Lord. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." They were announced Sunday, July 16.

LEO: Mrs. Lester Pulfer has been added to the fold of Jesus. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bollier and Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch have turned their eyes to our wonderful Jesus. Mrs. Bollier is the former Velma Norr, while Mrs. Bertsch is the former Marie Norr.

ALABAMA: It was on July 23 that James and Louise Tosh of the Athens group were baptized into the body of Christ at a stream near our Hillsboro, Alabama, church by Noah Bauman of Sterling, Ohio. May we praise our God for again showing His boundless mercy!

FRANCESVILLE: In our community a number of dear souls have left the paths of sin to follow Jesus, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." One of the new converts, James Gudeman, has written the following poem:

If you're feeling kind of weary,
And you don't know what to do
Just come to Him in humble prayer
And He will see you through.

You'll never have a better friend,
So loving, kind and true,
To help you out of troubles
Even when you're feeling blue.

Remember the words He has spoken,
For they will never die,

They will live on and on forever
As the "Theme song in the Sky."

So don't pass by His calling,
For the time is drawing nigh,
But come to God, be born again,
And reign with Him on high.

Wichita: Two dear souls, Milton and Lillian Bowers, were added to the Fold of Christ Sunday, July 30. We welcome them into our fellowship. Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, conducted baptismal services. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Visiting brethren and friends were here from Burlington, Oklahoma; Gridley, Lamont, and Harper, Kansas.

Francesville: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized . . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." On August 13, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Culp, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Anliker, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anliker, Mrs. Ivan Pelsy, James Gudeman, and Lois Ann Huber were baptized. Praise the Lord for His work of grace in the hearts of these precious souls.

Mansfield: Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were in our midst Sunday, September 10, for baptismal services of John and Katherine Oesch. Many were present from Latty, Junction, Rittman, and Akron. We had a very blessed day. Also three more souls who have found peace with their God and Saviour were announced for proving in the near future. May God continue this wonderful work of grace.

Remington: We spent a blessed day August 20 when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clauss were taken into the fold. What a glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus. We are happy to say Betty Ann Bahler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler and Alfred Bahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler, have accepted the invitation of Jesus to come unto Him. We wish them God's many blessings.

Latty: Visiting with us August 27
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Sunshine for Shut-ins

and

OTHER PILGRIMS

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Outside, the waves dash high; the unhappiness of sinners and their clash of interests brings turmoil and hate. But the one, who has his mind fixed on God rests his soul in the sweet confidence of everlasting companionship with the Lord. He can rejoice in whatever may happen to him in the way of circumstances, for his God has seen fit that it is best for him. To him all things have become new. The door of heaven has opened to him all the glorious unsearchable riches of love in his Christ Jesus. Satisfaction and confidence in the flesh mean nothing to him, but to walk in the heavenlies with his Lover is joy untold! May our dear friends, whether on the sick-bed or well, realize they cannot see these heavenly riches as long as they have no window open to receive their beauties!

Throughout our churches we have many who would appreciate a friendly visit or a short note . . . and it takes so little time. Will you, dear brother or sister, share just a little of your time to visit some friend . . . or some brother or sister in bonds? You will reap eternal dividends! Do spread your sunshine!

Burlington: Mrs. Raymond Roth is convalescing from surgery undergone the middle of July. Mrs. George Miller, Sr., is much improved after undergoing surgery. We truly hope that good health will be the reward of both Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Ben Farney is convalescing in his home after spending several weeks in the hospital suffering from a severe heart attack. He is much improved at this writing.

Latty: Victor Stoller has been confined to the hospital in Lima, Ohio. He was taken there the latter part of July. The nature of his illness is not positive at the present time.

Lester: They are happy to have Brother Jacob Metzger home from the hospital again. He suffered with

rheumatic fever and is much improved.

We as humans so often look on our everyday afflictions and circumstances in self pity. But, beloved, do you know that is not the way God has told us? In a life of complete surrender, a life walking in the heavenlies, is found God's will for us. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." It is a daily task. We must be a stern disciplinarian of this flesh. In doing so we find ourselves losing more and more of our own life, but gaining more and more of His life and traversing the road of happiness!

Lamar: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Braker and their sons, Donnie, Morris, and James, spent several days here the week end of July 2 visiting Ben's mother, Mrs. Sarah Braker, who is a patient in Lamar Memorial Hospital. Her condition, we are glad to report, is improving.

West Bend: Mrs. Ray Banwart, Mrs. Alphi Fisher, Mrs. Louis Schaffer, Jr., Mrs. Levi Banwart, and Henry Schmidt, Sr., all had operations during July and are at home again. William Zaugg was a medical patient in a hospital also and is now at home. We wish them all a speedy recovery and will be glad when they can gather with us again.

Croghan and Naumburg: Brother Peter Rohr, who was taken to the Lewis County General Hospital June 30, is home again and somewhat improved. Timothy Farney of Lowville underwent an operation in the House of the Good Samaritan at Watertown, New York, July 26 and is improving slowly.

Hancock and Morris: Arnold Koehl, who had polio a couple years ago, had an operation on his legs July 13. He was in the hospital 11 days. We pray he will get along fine. He is the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Koehl.

Fairbury: Miss Mary Kilgus is con-

fined in bed for the past few weeks with an arm condition.

Lamar: Mrs. Sarah Braker, who had been a patient in the hospital since June 18, was brought out to her home August 12. We are glad to report that she is recovering satisfactorily from her stroke and broken arm. Mrs. Leslie Frieden is convalescing from a recent operation. Her mother, Mrs. Peter Fankhauser of Madison, Kansas, was with her for a time and Mrs. Fankhauser's husband, Peter, was here the week end of August 26.

Hancock and Morris: Miss Clara Miller of Morris underwent an operation, in which we all wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Henry Nohl has to be in bed a week and then we hope she can be up and out again. Mr. William Feuchtenberger, Sr. of Morris had a heart attack on Sunday, September 3. We pray for all that God will be with each one in their shut-in days.

Girard: Elizabeth Kindler has been taken to the hospital for observation: Room 298, North Side Hospital, Youngstown. Cards to cheer up the sick will be appreciated. Louis Munz, an aged brother at the Churchill Rest Home, is quite poorly—very weak and hardly able to talk above a whisper.

Croghan and Naumburg: Mrs. Flora Rohr, who was taken to the Lewis County Hospital September 2, is somewhat improved. Miss La Veda Farney, who is a patient in Spears Sanitorium, Denver, Colorado, reports some improvement. We hope she can soon return home. Herman Schultz suffered a heart attack August 11 and was taken by ambulance to the Lewis County Hospital. We are happy to report at this writing that he has returned to his home and is slowly improving.

"... the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Sister Rachel Funk of our Gridley church was one hundred years old on Saturday, September 9. Her three sons, Ben, Joseph, and Peter, and her three daughters: Anna Boller, Katherine, and Elizabeth were present at a gathering on this occasion. Also present

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NEWS

Athens, Alabama

On September 3, 3 p.m., our first meeting was held in our newly rented building in the north part of Athens. There were sixty-two persons present, including children. The Lord willing, we shall continue to gather together at this place of worship each Sunday afternoon.

Melvin and Katherine Huber of Francesville and Melvin's parents from Fairbury spent the week-end of August 20 with loved ones here in Alabama.

Henry Smith has gone to Kentland, Indiana, to spend a few weeks just prior to cotton picking time.

The prospect of "fruit from the soil" in the form of cotton has been greatly hampered here by the extremely large number of cotton boll weevils.

You may continue to send clothing to 1405 Seventh Avenue, E., Decatur, Alabama, for distribution among needy folks. Children's clothing is especially needed.

Wanted by the Master: Labourers for His vineyard; Men with convictions. Men carry opinions, but convictions carry men.

Bluffton

Delores Geisel and Eugene Maller were united in marriage on Sunday, July 9th, by Sam Aeschilman.

Bremen

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and children of Toledo, Ohio, visited our congregation Sunday, July 2, and spent several days in this community visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hueni and family spent a week's vacation together by taking a trip through the West Central States.

A goodly number of our young folks spent the weekend of July 30, in Toledo, Ohio.

Burlington

Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert and daughter and Mrs. Bertha Lambert of Wichita, Kansas, visited our congregation August 6.

Miss Doris Miller spent several weeks in Kansas City, Kansas, where

she aided Mrs. Henry Aberle and infant daughter.

Mrs. Rosa Freiden is spending sometime in Peoria, Illinois with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Anliker.

Mr. Claude Springer and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diel spent two weeks in Illinois recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher and daughters and John Somerhalder and Jack Prather visited in Morton, Illinois recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank and daughter of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Banwart of Lamar, Missouri were visiting friends August 9. Brother Banwart conducted evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry left for a visit with relatives in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hodel are vacationing in New Mexico.

Earl Bowald from Roanoke, Illinois, Peter Weber and Bill Yackley from Peoria, Illinois, and Albert Wenger from Fairbury were visiting in our community August 9.

Eleanor and Imogene Steiglitz of Grabill, Indiana, and Emma Jean Anliker and Doris Clauss of Fort Wayne, Indiana visited friends and relatives over the week-end of August 13. They are en route home from a trip in Colorado.

Croghan and Naumburg

The Misses Lois Schneider and Aline Feldman of Rockville, Conn., spent the week of July 2 with some of the young people here at Lake Brantingham.

Leon Virkler and wife, accompanied by the Misses Lois Schneider and Aline Feldman returning to their home and Philip Beyer and his wife spent the week end of July 9 at Rockville and joined by John Bahler and his wife and several others from Rockville, visited the North Haven Congregation. On Sunday brothers Bahler and Beyer conducted services.

John Moser of Sabetha, Kansas, and Miss Esther Heiniger of Goodfield, Illinois, visited the members here during the week of July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevic and son, David, of Gridley, Illinois, parked

their large house trailer at Robert Beyer's, while visiting the members here and while they made a trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada.

Ernest Knecht and his wife and daughter, Helen, of Chicago, spent a few days here with members and friends.

Fred and Jacob Weisser of Tremonton, Utah, visited the Stockburger family and other members and friends here July 10 and 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman of Cissna Park, Illinois, Arthur Gudeman and wife and sons, Frank and Don, of La Crosse, Indiana, Ernest Luginbuhl and wife, Mrs. Ervin Luginbuhl, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Luginbuhl, and the Misses Clara, Gertrude, and Evelyn Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut, were with us over Sunday, August 19. Brothers Gudeman and Luginbuhl held services.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stoller and daughter, Edna, Walter Koehl, Miss Mary Koehl and Miss Anna Obergfel of Fairbury, Illinois, were with us August 23 and 24. Brothers Stoller and Koehl held services in both churches. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Heinold and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart of La Crosse, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. David Schlatter, Miss Laura Knochel and Herbert Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, also attended the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huber of Elgin, Illinois, were with us over Sunday, August 27.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider and daughter, Lois, and son, Roy, and Charles Lanz, Mr. and Mrs. George Schamback and the Misses Margaret Gerber and Lavina Schneider of Rockville, Connecticut, spent Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, with relatives and friends here.

Andrew Nussbaum and wife, Miss Ida Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler and sons, Walter and Raymond, and daughters, Mable, Betty, and Viola, of Remington, Indiana, Peter Ernst of Chicago, and Wilmer Kaufman of Cissna Park were in our midst over Friday, September 8. Brother Nussbaum held services in Croghan church.

Detroit

Sunday, July 16, we enjoyed the company of Mrs. Mildred Schlatter, son, Victor, and daughters, Joan and Ethelyn, and Imogene and Marvin Stieglitz from Leo, Indiana, Elmer Sauder of Mansfield, Ohio, Emmet and Albert Gasser, Jr., and Elton Rufener from Rittman, Ohio and Willis Eisenman of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stoller and family of Haviland, Ohio were with us July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig and son of Gridley, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Klaus and family of Eureka, Illinois were in Detroit, Wednesday evening, July 26.

Our visitors on July 30, were Frances Leman, Lorna Erb from Francesville, Alice Heiniger of La Crosse, Indiana; and Evelyn Hartman of Chicago, Illinois. The four are on their way east for their vacation.

Detroit now has song service on Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock.

The first week in August, Ted Hitz of La Crosse was with us. He was visiting his brother, Leonard Hitz.

On August 6, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emery and daughters; Mr. Phillip Weber; and Mrs. Wright of Akron, Ohio, were with us.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Belsley on August 14. The baby was named Jeanette Lynn. On August 21 a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Weber. His name, Keith David. Mrs. Weber is the former Donna Maibach.

On August 20, a group of sisters from Maywood, California, and Akron and Girard, Ohio, visited with us.

Eunice Marti of La Crosse, Ind., spent three weeks in Detroit at Ben Belsley's and Ben Maibach's.

Fairbury and Forrest

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgus and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kaisner spent the day at Francesville, Indiana on July 19. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koehl spent the day at Gridley, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gerber and children of Rockville, Connecticut were here on July 2. They visited their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Stoller, and others in this vicinity for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Metzger of Peo-

ria spent the day with us, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koehl spent the day at Cissna Park, July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgus and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kaisner were in Alabama on July 22 and 23. Two more souls were added to the fold.

Mr. and Mrs. George Broquard and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Moser returned from an extended trip to the East Coast and visited our Rockville, Connecticut congregation while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witzig of Maywood, California visited among friends and relatives here Wednesday evening, July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Koehl are the parents of a baby girl, Marsha Ann, born July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zimmerman are the parents of a son, born July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber and son, Luke, were visiting in Alabama from August 12 to 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dotterer from our Junction church visited Fairbury and Forrest churches Sunday, August 13.

The engagement of Miss Marion Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, and Byron Nussbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nussbaum, was announced Sunday, August 20. They are both from this community and we wish them God's blessings.

Sam Anliker from Lamont, Kansas, visited our Forrest congregation on Tuesday evening, August 15, when he held services.

Henry Wackerle from Bay City Michigan, visited Forrest congregation on Monday evening, August 28, where he held services.

Francesville

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James. 5:20.

Henry Kilgus and wife and Jos. Kaisner and wife of Forrest, Illinois, spent Sunday, July 9, with our congregation.

Fred Grimm and family from Quincy, Illinois, spent Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, with friends and relatives in our community. Friday evening services were held. Sunday

evening, August 6, we gathered together for our Young People's Program. The theme was "Obedience." Bro. Fred Grimm closed the meeting with a short talk on obedience. Those who were present with us and took part in the program were a group from Forrest, Illinois, Remington, and LaCrosse, Indiana.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This statement from God's Word is true also in teaching the little ones to give. The three youngest departments of our Sunday School held their second annual "Pete Party" last Thursday, August 31. About \$212.00 was received from the pig banks. This will be sent to the American Leprosy Mission to help bring physical and spiritual aid to lepers. Seventy-five children, mothers, and teachers enjoyed the afternoon.

We would implore the Lord's blessings upon two recent engagement announcements — Wayne Huber, Francesville, to Carol Stoller, Fort Wayne — and Wendell Gudeman to Marcella Gutwein, both of our Francesville church.

THOUGHTS — Devotional reading of the Bible requires devotedness to the Author.

Nothing but love can bring forth love in others.

Girard

Maggie Marty and Charles Marty were Sunday visitors at the Carrie Deislingra home. We enjoy visiting those of like mind, where we can see and feel the Lord is with them. Is it not a foretaste of that which is above for those who stay true?

Lorentz Emch and children, Betty and Mary Jane, visited the Rittman congregation Sunday, August 27. Singing at Melvin Beery's home was enjoyed.

Paul and Ola Froelich, Mrs. Esther Arman and children, Wilbert and Philip, of Girard and Hannibal, Ohio, respectively, visited relatives and members of the Rittman church Sunday, August 27.

Friday, September 8, Misses Lula and Esther Bachman, Mrs. Fred Ramsey, and Mrs. Lydia Hassig visited at the home of Rose Froelich.

Don and Mary Emch of Rittman

visited the Girard congregation Sunday, September 10.

Hillsboro, Alabama

Ted Brooks has left us for the time being and is now employed in Chicago.

After having spent three months with us here in Alabama, on July 25, Otto Norr returned to his home in Indiana.

Meetings are held at the church each Sunday morning and Wednesday night in an effort to learn more of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

There were fifty-four persons present, including children, at our Sunday morning meeting the fourth Sunday in August. Since there were no visiting ministers from the North, the morning service was the usual Sunday school period. After dinner, some time was spent in the singing of hymns; the children, also, were given an opportunity to sing their little songs.

Lamar

Visitors in the Daetwyler homes in Lamar, July 4th were their sisters, Mrs. Hulda Hoerr and Mrs. Jacob Schnieder of Peoria, Ill., also Mr. Jacob Schneider.

Jacob Kibler of Peoria, Ill. visited his sons, Will, John, and Walter and their families a few days the first of July.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cordill accompanied her son, Walter, to the home of her son, William, at Oakville, Iowa, July 3, where she expects to remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer of Wolcott, Ind., spent a few days the last of July, visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary Frieden, and other relatives and friends. Their daughter, Miss Verna, who has been vacationing here several weeks, returned home with her parents.

Raymond Braker, his sister, Alice, and nephew and nieces, Donnie and Allene Braker, Fred Marti and Rosemary Marti, spent the weekend of July 22 in Sabetha, Kansas. Mrs. Elizabeth Marti, who has been here the past month helping take care of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Braker, returned to her home in Sabetha with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Remm attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Caro-

line Pflederer at La Crosse, Ind., July 27. Walter Kibler and son, Bennie Jack, went with them as far as Peoria, Ill. Eunice and Betty Marti of La Crosse accompanied the Remm's home.

Plans have been under way for some time for remodeling our church. Work was begun the first week in August.

The marriage of Pearl Marti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marti, and Roy Schrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Ill. was solemnized Sunday, August 6, with Jacob Pfister of Ft. Scott, Kansas, officiating. Dinner was served afterwards at the home of the bride's parents to many of their relatives and friends. They will make their home on a farm near Congerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank and daughter, Joyce, of Oakville, Iowa, spent several days visiting Mrs. Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Banwart, and other relatives over the week end of August 5. The following week they drove to Burlington, Oklahoma, to visit friends. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Banwart. The Franks returned to Oakville August 11.

Eunice and Betty Marti returned to La Crosse, August 11. They were accompanied by Donnie Braker of La Crosse, who had spent several weeks in this vicinity visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yergler of Cissna Park, who were visiting their daughter and family, the Will Brosseau's in Pittsburg, Kansas, attended services with us Sunday, August 13.

Misses Bertha Liechti and Anna Ulmer of Bern, Kansas, spent a week in our community visiting friends the latter part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock and Charlen and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wag-enbach and Marc returned to their home near Oakville, Iowa, August 28, after a ten day vacation spent in the Fred Marti home and several days touring in the Smoky Mountain region of Tennessee. Miss Corrine Marti accompanied them home for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder of Gridley, Kansas, visited her mother, Mrs.

Sarah Braker, over the week end of August 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan spent several days visiting in the home of Mrs. Banwart's mother, Mrs. Anna Miller, and family and other relatives and friends in Burlington, Oklahoma, September 1.

Visiting in our community over the Labor Day holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John Strahm, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Stoller, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartman and son, Gene, all of Sabetha, Kansas.

Since our church is being remodeled, our temporary place of worship is in a vacant school house located two miles north and one half mile west of the church site. We have service each Sunday forenoon.

Latty

A daughter, Debra Kay, was born to Victor and Dolores Stoller, July 1.

George and Clara Sinn, Clemens and Elizabeth Wieland, Don and Josephine Wenninger, Ray Sinn, and Darl Stoller visited in Bay City, Michigan, July 9.

Thomas and Dolores Grant and Marie Rager visited in Toledo July 9.

Harold Wenninger spent two weeks vacationing in the Eastern States with friends from Bay City.

The young members from here visited with the Remington congregation July 16.

George and Lenora Stoller, Maurice and Alberta Stoller, Hazel Huber, Mary Ellen Gudeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller and family, Louise, Ida, Sophie, and Anna Sinn, and Mrs. Clara Stoller and children spent the day in Leo, July 23.

Fred Rager, Jacob Schweitzer, Mrs. Dora Sinn, Mrs. Dorothy Glass, Mrs. Katie Stoller, and Anna Sinn attended the funeral services of Mrs. Pflederer at La Crosse, Ind., July 27.

Many from here attended the wedding of Lee Eisenmann and Norma Steffen at Bluffton, July 30.

Eleanor Stoller spent a week at the lake with friends from Ill. and Ind. July 30-Aug. 5.

A large number from here attended the dedicating services held at the new Bluffton Church August 6.

Jesse and Katie Stoller, Ronny and

Elaine Stoller, Anna, Sophia, Ida, and Louise Sinn, Mrs. Clara Stoller and Ruth and Marion Stoller left for a several days' trip in the Smoky Mts. August 7.

Marilyn Fehr of Wolcott spent several days visiting in this community with her sister, Mrs. Wayne Stoller, and with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller visited in Wolcott August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stoller and Twylla and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. David Kieser, and Mrs. Edith Martin, of Princeville, Illinois, visited with friends and relatives in this community August 12 and 13. A singing was held in their honor at the home of Irvin and Marie Stoller August 13. Marvin Stieglitz of Leo visited the Latty congregation August 13.

Many from here attended the Stoller reunion held at Monticello, Indiana, Saturday, August 19.

On August 27, the announcement was made of the engagement of Wayne Huber of Francesville and Carol Stoller of Fort Wayne. They plan a fall wedding.

Lois Ann Huber spent a week visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Maurice Stoller and Mrs. Herman Schlatter, August 19-26.

Mrs. Ellen Klopfenstein honored Miss Marguerite Gerber with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Mary Ella Klopfenstein, September 1.

Elias Dotterer solemnized the wedding of Albert Zeltwanger and Rose Rager September 3. Fred and Caroline Zeltwanger attended the couple. A reception and supper was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Rager. We had many visitors for the occasion, including Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger and children from Hancock, Minnesota, and many others.

Mrs. Paul Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut, spent several weeks visiting her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lanz. Paul Lanz spent the week-end of Labor Day with them and his wife returned home with him.

Many from here attended the Eismann family reunion on September 2, and others attended the Huber family reunion September 4. Both

were held at the Monticello City Park.

Mrs. Ida Zimmerman and children attended the wedding of Eldora Kaehl, their niece and cousin, at Forrest, Illinois, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber and family attended the wedding of Mr. Gerber's father in Bluffton, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller, and Verlin Stoller visited in Cissna Park, Illinois, September 3 and 4.

A daughter, Portia, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Stoller, Aug. 16.

The corner stone for the new church was laid Sunday afternoon, September 3. A small ceremony was held there immediately after services, with a goodly number attending.

Leo

We are happy to report that Elias Winzeler and Andrew Troxel, who have been ill, are again able to attend church services.

Elias Dotterer of our Junction church, and Joseph Klopfenstein of our Gridley church conducted communion services on Sunday, September 10.

Otto Norr is back with us again, after spending several months with the members and friends in Alabama.

Lester

John Moser, Sr. of Sabetha, Kansas and his granddaughter, Esther Heininger, of Deer Creek, Illinois stopped at Lester, after spending six weeks traveling through the Eastern States.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger and family of Elgin, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kellenberger and family of Morris visited relatives and friends during the week of July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Wagenbach and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feucht of Peoria are spending their vacation in Lester and Morris, Minnesota.

We enjoyed a very blessed week-end with Jos. A. Getz and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wyss of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Bolliger of Tremont, Illinois. On Monday they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger and Karoline, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Les Wagenbach and family, Mrs. Carl Feucht, Sr., Esther Heininger of Deer Creek, Illinois, Ernst Knobloch, Fred Feucht

of Peoria, to attend evening services at Morris, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Steffen spent a few days in Lester; also Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen and daughter of Elgin, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm of West Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart, Leona, Clara, and Edwin Banwart, Berniece, Gladys, Florence, Mary Jo, Lucille, Doris, and Floyd Banwart, and Mrs. Mike Schmidt of West Bend spent the week end at Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heiniger, Esther and Berniece, of Goodfield visited at the John Moser home.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Wagenbach and family of Peoria were vacationing at the home of Mrs. Carl Feucht.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold and daughter visited our congregation and spent a week with their son, Art, and family—also enjoyed mid-week services conducted by Brother Leuthold.

We had a number of visitors, including Simon Wiegand and his wife and daughter, Marion, and Corrine Harder of Goodfield, Gus Schietlin and wife and family of Oakville, Ia.;

Mr. and Mrs. William Metzger and family of Sabetha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Strahm and family visited at Lester and Morris, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elasser, Mr. and Mrs. David Ehnle, and Rose Ann Knobloch of Princeville spent the week end at Lester. On Monday they continued on their traveling to Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knobloch and family and Mr. John Elasser visited the Ernst Knobloch home and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mogler and Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Joas visited their aged mother, Mrs. Mary Mogler.

Noah Schrock and wife and family spent Sunday at Lester. They went to West Bend Sunday evening for services. Several cars from Lester attended the services at West Bend.

Mrs. Paul Metzger and Bobby returned to Elgin, after spending the summer months at the Jacob Metzger home.

Miss Marie Metzger of West Bend spent a week with her sisters, Mrs.

Martin Knobloch and Mrs. Walt Knobloch.

Mansfield

Brother and Sister Fred Oesch of Alto, Michigan, visited us Sunday, August 27. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Brother Walter Koehl and Sisters Mary Koehl and Anna Oberfeld and Brother and Sister Alex Stoller and daughter of Fairbury visited us Friday, September 1. We had evening services, which we all enjoyed.

Milford

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab of Bluffton, Indiana, spent Sunday, July 23, at Milford, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emch and children of Gerard, Ohio, spent the week end of July 22 and 23 with Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Beer and family.

The Adult Sunday School class spent Sunday evening, July 29, at Leo, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Krauter spent the week-end of August 5 and 6 at Peoria, Illinois.

A group of young people from Milford and Bremen spent the week end of August 5 and 6 at Goodfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plattner spent Sunday, July 30, at Bluffton, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steffen spent Sunday, August 6, at Bluffton, Indiana.

Morris and Hancock

We had many visitors during July. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knapp of Missouri spent two weeks in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osmun and children of Elgin, Illinois left for their home July 29, having visited with friends and relatives for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Koehler of Tremont, Illinois, Mr. Charlie Metzger of Sabetha, Kansas, and Phil Mogler of Lester, Iowa were our visitors on July 23.

Week end visitors of July 2 were Louise Steiner, Alma Cordell, Marie Hue, Ida Sinn, and David Schmidgall of Elgin, Illinois.

Illinois visitors of the week end of July 29 were Peter Weber and William Yackley, Peoria, Earl Bowald of

Roanoke, and Albert Wenger from Fairbury.

Mrs. Donald Esterling and children went to their home in Springfield, Minnesota July 23, having spent a week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidgall.

Mrs. Rose Jensen and Earl of Santa Barbara, California are visiting a couple months with her father, Fred Spohr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zimmerman and children of Rock Island, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Witzig and son of Morton and their mother, Mrs. Ida Koehl, of Peoria visited in our community a couple weeks during July. Mrs. Koehl is staying a couple months with her sons and families Ephraim and Charles Koehl.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger and children of Elgin, Illinois spent a few days with relatives and friends, coming to our community July 17.

July 29 visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hohulin and children, Clara Thomas and Alice Knapp of Peoria, Illinois. They will be with us about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Nohl went to their home in Morton, Illinois on July 31, after a couple weeks visit here.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mesner are her mother, Mrs. Jacob Meier, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Millinger, and children of Peoria, Illinois. They came August 1, and will stay about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meiss are parents of a son, born July 24, He has been named Richard Dean.

A blessed day was July 23 when we had communion following afternoon services.

What spiritual food we received Monday evening, July 31, when we had some visiting ministers! Those visiting us this evening were, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Getz of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger of Tremont, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knobloch and Mrs. Pauline Feucht of Lester, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger and Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Metzger and children of Lester, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wagenbach of Peoria, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wyss of Morton.

We were very much inspired when our visiting ministers had services

during August. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and sons of Fort Scott, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber and children of West Bend, Iowa, were with us on August 20 for morning, afternoon, and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Scheitlin, Kenneth, Roland, and Mildred of Oakville, Iowa, were with us on Sunday, August 13. He, too, had service in the evening, as well as during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger are parents of a son, born September 4. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehl had a baby boy, born August 16, and was named Dale Charles.

Visiting over the Labor Day holiday were: Hartzell Schmidgall of Morning Sun, Bill Massner of Burlington, and Mark Grimm of Oakville, Iowa, George, Eric, Fritz, and Harold Koehl of Peoria, and Albert Koehl of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. August Feucht and daughters of Lester.

Miss Libby Ann Goll, who works in Elgin, Illinois, came home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goll. She will be here the first two weeks of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch were to Lester, Iowa, over the Labor Day holiday. Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger, Doris, Vila, Billy, and Lyle were to Ohio and Indiana over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fehr spent Labor Day in West Bend, Iowa.

Peoria

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wackerle and daughter Neola and Alice Wieland of Bay City, Michigan, were with us August 28. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. Will Maibach.

On August 23 we enjoyed a visit from Jane Hartzler, Janet Bauman, and Velma Bauman of Rittman, Ohio. A group of young people from Fairbury spent that evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock of Kiowa, Kansas, have been visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth.

We want to welcome Mrs. Lee Eismen into our midst. She was Norma Steffen of Bluffton, Indiana, before her marriage on July 30. We hope she will like living in Peoria.

Announcement has been made of

the engagement of Evalyn Baurer and Noah Herman of Princeville. They are planning an October 1 wedding.

Several friends and relatives from here attended the wedding of Eldora Koehl and Wilbur Hoerr in Forrest on September 3. The couple will make their home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler of Castorland, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schneider and daughter, Lois, of Rockville, Connecticut, visited with us on their trip through the middle west.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth have moved into their new home at 610 W. Richwoods Blvd. We hope they will have many years of happiness here.

Princeville

Miss Ruth Ricketts of Princeville and Miss Fannie Minger of Roanoke returned home July 1 after spending two and one half months in Europe. They had a very enjoyable trip and visited with many people. They saw many beautiful and interesting things while traveling through ten countries. In Germany and France, many scars of the war can still be seen, yet the general condition is improving and all are getting along fairly well now. All are thankful for the help they received from the American people. In Germany and in Switzerland, they asked to have their appreciation and thanks extended to all.

On Sunday, July 23, the following engagements were announced: Eunice Feucht to Raymond Klumpp, Iola Knapp to Walter Feucht, and Evalyn Baurer to Noah Herrman. All are from the Princeville congregation but Iola, whose home is in Cissna Park.

A number from our congregation spent Sunday, July 30, in Cissna Park, while some from Forrest and Fairbury visited with us.

Mrs. Albert Menold is spending this month with her son, David, and family in California.

Misses Louise and Hulda Martin, Elizabeth Kieser, Martha Stahl, Shirley Feucht, and Martha Jane Sieben-thal spent Sunday, August 6, in Taylor, while on their way to the Ozarks,

where they expect to spend the week.

Remington

Funeral services were held July 1 for William Bahler of Rensselaer, Indiana, who died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday evening, June 28.

Those who visited our congregation July 2 from Gridley, Illinois, were Mr. and Mrs. George Gramm, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witiz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gramm, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ringger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schlipf; also Sunday, July 9, we enjoyed having four cars of Gridley young people. They all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beckley.

We spent a very blessed day July 16 with a large number of young people that visited us from Latty, Ohio. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler.

On August 13, Mr. and Mrs. Art Herzog and son, Bradley, visited here from Castorland, New York.

Also on August 13, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stoller and children, Anna Rassi, and Lee Blunier of Roanoke, Illinois, spent the day with us.

We enjoyed having Henry Beer here for midweek services on Thursday evening, August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Zahner, Russell and Marjorie Bahler, and Ellen Zahner of Rockville, Connecticut, spent a two weeks vacation here with friends and relatives.

Roanoke

Announcement of the engagement of Lois Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman, of Roanoke, and Marvin Getz, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Getz, of Morton, was made on Sunday, July 2. The couple are planning an early fall wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schumacher, Jr., are the parents of a daughter, Madeline Corrine, born on July 10. This is their second child and first daughter. The mother is the former Dorothy Wetzberger of Eureka.

A son, Terry, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder on July 30. The mother is the former Elizabeth Klaus of Eureka. This is their third son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Getz of Roanoke announced the engagement of their daughter, Verla, to Danny O. Weigand of Goodfield, on July 30. They plan to be married the early part of October.

Many from here attended the funeral of Theo Winzeler of Tremont, on August 6. Many also attended the dedication of the Bluffton church on the same day.

Toledo

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and family of Goshen, Ind. and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and family of Bluffton, Ind. visited the Frautschi family over the July 4th week end.

A number of Toledo folks visited the Detroit Church on July 9th when Frances Maibach was added to their fold.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi and son of Grabill, Ind. and Misses Leah, Rose and Adel Conrad of Ft. Wayne, Ind. visited relatives in Toledo on July 16.

The Weiser brothers from Utah visited in Toledo on their way home from the East Coast.

On July 23rd Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters Mary and Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family, Miriam Miller, John, Aaron and Eugene Fetter visited the Bay City, Michigan Church.

Mrs. Rudolph Graf and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Akron visited in Toledo recently.

On July 26th Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters Mary and Emily and Josephine Rehklau attended the funeral services of John Sauder in Roanoke, Ill. They also visited friends in Morton, Illinois and at the home of Ed Conrad in Watseka, Illinois.

The Eisenmanns from Toledo attended the wedding of their brother, Lee to Norma Steffen at Bluffton, Indiana on July 30th.

On July 30th a number of young folks from Bremen, Ind. visited in Toledo.

Misses Emma Klaus, Martha Minger and Ann Rassi of Roanoke and Eureka, Ill. visited in Toledo on the week end of July 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevick and son of Gridley, Ill.

also visited us the same week end.

A number of folks from Toledo attended the dedication service of the new church at Bluffton, Indiana on August 3rd.

Bob and Dorothy Stevens have moved into their new home. We wish them much luck.

Tremont

August Bolliger and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder and John Schmidt and others spent Sunday, September 3, in Francesville.

West Bend

On July 4, visitors here were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellenberger, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Metzger and daughter of Lester, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen and Cheryl spent the second of July at the Eli Grimm home.

Misses Elizabeth Metzger, Julia Wuthrich, Priscilla Kellenberger and Mrs. David Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois and Lydia Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa spent a few days with relatives and friends.

Bertha Sauder of Elgin, Illinois spent a two week's vacation at the George Sauder home here and at the Virgil Sauder home at Lester.

July 16 visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Jr. and daughters of Winthrop, Minnesota and Herman Neiss of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger and children of Elgin, Illinois, Mrs. Theo. Schneider and Toby, Emma and Martha of Peoria, Illinois, Sarah, James, and Donald Messner of Winthrop, Minnesota, and Loretta and Marilyn Miller of Princeville, Illinois were recent visitors here.

The wedding of Mrs. Bertha Sauder of West Bend and Herman Nuest of Phoenix, Arizona, took place August 13. They are making their home in West Bend.

Announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Glen Banwart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Banwart of West Bend, and Viola Moser, daughter of Mrs. Emma Moser of Elgin, Iowa.

Gust Scheitlin and wife and Mildred, Kenneth, and Rollan Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa, visited here August 21.

Mrs. John Mogler of Lester, Iowa, and Miss Leah Mogler of Peoria, Illinois, spent a few days at the Ervin Mogler home.

Noah Gerber and wife and family spent the week end of August 20 at Morris, Minnesota, visiting the Joseph Moser family and other relatives.

Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, conducted services here Sunday evening, August 26. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters. Several from the Lester, Iowa, congregation, gathered with us that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Ortie Rocke of Oakville also spent the week end here.

Paul Fehr and wife and family spent September 3 here. Visitors from Princeville, Illinois, the same day were Alice and Della Streitmatter, Alice and Janet Martin, and Lila and Edith Stahl.

Miss Viola Moser, Mrs. Emma Moser, and Gene Moser of Elgin, Illinois, and Misses Bertha and Mildred Sauder of Elgin, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baer of Edelstein, Illinois, spent the Labor Day week-end here.

Wichita

Visitors Sunday, July 16 were Brother Lou and Sister Esther Knapp, Betty and Ramona.

Brother and Sister Johnny Barth and children went to Oakville, Iowa, June 30, to visit Mrs. Barth's parents. They arrived home July 11. It is wonderful when from far and near we can meet and have this blessed band of Christ between us.

With the Lord's help we are holding singings every Thursday evening. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Brother and Sister Arthur Wullsehleger and children visited the weekend of July 9, at Gridley.

Brother and Sister Sam Bahr of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stair of Emporia visited here Sunday, July 23.

Brother and Sister George Lambert

and Irlene and Sister Bertha Lambert visited the Burlington, Oklahoma, congregation August 6.

Brother and Sister Roy Yackley, Becky and Andrew, attended the Taylor church dedication August 13.

Brothers Bill Yackley and Peter Weber of Peoria, Illinois; Earl Bowald of Roanoke, Illinois; and Alvord Wenger, Forrest, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here August 10.

Brother and Sister Joseph Schrock of Congerville, Illinois, visited here August 17 and 18, and then Brother George Lambert accompanied them to Burlington, Oklahoma, August 20.

Brother and Sister Jeff Frieden, Rose Ann and Sue, took a two weeks vacation through the West and into Canada during the first of the month. It is indeed a pleasure to travel and behold the wonderful creation God has made. It leaves with us a feeling of awe and nothingness when we see such beauty.

Brother and Sister Alpha Aberle and family of Sabetha visited here August 30 on this way home from a vacation in the West.

Brother Henry Aberle of Kansas City visited here August 30.

Wolcott

Visitors here on July 16 were Ben Weigand and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebach, Mr. and Mrs. John Kyburz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Meiss, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bachtold, Miriam Ramseyer, and others from Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stoller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stoller and family of Latty. Song service was held at the church in the evening.

Mrs. Ida Nussbaum has moved to Bloomington, Illinois, to make her home with her daughters.

Announcement was made on July 23 of the engagement of Marilyn Furrer to Robert Schieler of Remington.

Irvin Lehman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stoller and family were Cissna Park visitors on July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Farney and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney spent July 30 at Cissna Park.

Croghan and Naumburg

Mrs. Ernest Graf Sr., and the Misses Edith Graf, Ruth Emory, Elizabeth Tschantz, and Mary Zollinger of Akron, Ohio, visited here August 1 to 4 on their way to Rockville.

The Misses Anna Wahl, May, Genzil, Helen Schlatter, Aldine, Maybelle, and Neola Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, spent Sunday, August 6, at Croghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Junk and daughters, Melba and Iva, and Miss Evelyn Reutter of Cissna Park, Illinois, spent a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Susie Zimmerman and daughter, Viola and Dean, and Mrs. Anna Halliday of Elgin, Illinois, visited relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ries and daughters, Mary and Judy, and Mrs. Anna Stresnek of Akron, Ohio, were with us over Sunday, August 13.

Sunshine For Shut-Ins and Other Pilgrims

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were Mr. and Mrs. George Gramm. Sister Funk was born in the Mackinaw Dells territory of Illinois. She has been a member of our faith for eighty-seven years, and until within the last year was an active church goer. She is in good health, able to be up and around.

To the person who is leaning on the everlasting arms of God are given many precious promises and instructions. "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." Going beyond feelings and emotions, the child of God can always be happy. It is not the light, artificial imitation the world offers, but a solid happiness in realizing by faith that love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, dwelleth within him. Jesus is sweeter than all. May it be our privilege to shed every weight that hinders us in experiencing the full communion of our God!

Though troubles assail and dangers
affright,
Though friends should all fail and
foes all unite;
Yet one thing secures us, whatever
betide,
This promise assures us; the Lord will
provide!

Some Reasons For Rejoicing

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were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein of Francesville, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pfeiffer of Bluffton, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bauman and daughters of Rittman, and Mr. and Mrs. Elias Dotterer. Brothers Bauman and Dotterer held provings and baptismal services for three friends, Roberta, Elaine, and Wanda Stoller.

On Sunday, August 20, Mildred Hoerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hoerr, and Mildred Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Klein, were added to the fold of Christ. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Beyond The Sunset Sunrise Tomorrow

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at his home. Funeral services were held on August 16, with Brother Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton officiating. Funeral services were held on August 30 for Brother Matt Weiser. He had reached the age of 89 years.

To you whose hearts are wet with tears over the loss of a loved one, God offers balm through His precious words. How comforting it is to lean our heads on our Saviour's bosom and pour out our hearts to Him. Soon we shall hear with a thrill the trump of God. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Keep pressing on, oh pilgrim!

New Vision

[In this poem, Brother Henry Beer puts his heart throbs on paper. May we all more fully appreciate the wonderful wonders our God has given for all to enjoy!]

It seems to me as time goes by,
Each fleeting day and year
The works of the Creator's hands
More beautiful appear.

The grass is greener by the way;
It seems I've never seen

Such wondrous trees in woodlands
wild,
Arrayed in shades of green.

It seems the birds sing sweeter now
Than in the by-gone days;
Their cheery notes from hill and dale
Oft tune our hearts to praise.

The crimson roses by the gate,
The lilies blooming fair
Have grown more lovely through the
years,

Their fragrance seems more rare.
The clover fields of crimson hue,
The ripened fields of grain,
Present a mental picture fair,

Which I would e'er retain.
The vision of the mortal man
With fleeting years will wane;
Just why I see more clearly now
In verse I would explain.

Some men have eyes, yet fail to see
The lovely, pure, the bright;
You'll see in the abundant life
Things in the proper light.

When faith is kindled in the heart,
The inner man can see
Anew with vision clear and bright
The Father's majesty.

There is only one way to complete victory in Christ Jesus and that is to keep Satan from entering in and taking possession of our lives. We must keep submissive to the will of God and obey what we know is God's Word for us. To keep our hearts filled with the fulness of the blessing will not give any vacancy or room for the enemy to come in. David said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."

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