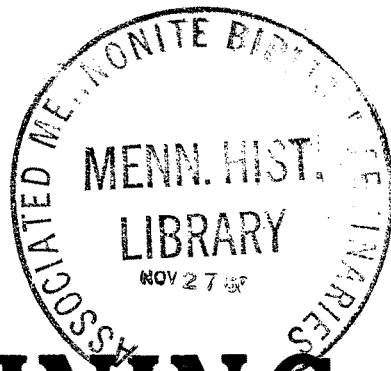


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How To Find More Joy

Shape Your Today in the Design of His Word

"But godliness with contentment
is great gain.

For we brought nothing into this
world, and it is certain we can carry
nothing out.

And having food and raiment let
us be therewith content."

From I Timothy 6

The Great Love of God

Aaron A. Sauder

Again we see and behold the great
love and mercy of God for mankind.
When a soul has known the ways of
God for many years, and has attend-
ed the services and had a longing in
her heart to become a child of God
and an heir with Christ, and repent-
ed many years ago, but through the
cunningness of Satan, could not be
strong enough in faith to make the
final step and be baptized. But God in
His great love granted her the grace

and faith that in the last days of her
life, even on her death-bed, she could
yet have faith and was baptized
seven weeks before she passed into
eternity, at the age of 71 years.

We praise and thank our dear Lord
for His wonderful love and mercy.
But we do not recommend or advise
to any soul to wait until their
course is run. for it may be for ever
too late, for God will not be mocked.

Living Happy Ever After

Henry Souder Jr.

The night threads through the
soul, but the toiling stitcher finds
no joy in its artless chases.

The bosomed unrest of existing in
a thousand centuries could yield

naught but empty frustration.

But Jesus calls us out of the pain-
ed yesterdays.

"Now when the sun was setting,
all they that had any sick with divers

diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

How many who now read this will be counted that golden grain of eternity?

When time will have been leafed over . . . how many of those we love so much will be with us?

Day would soon fade into night.

Now the beauty of a departing sun glowed from His hand. The rippled waters of the sea were touched in sunset colors from His heart.

He had come to bring things that the eye had never seen, neither the ear heard, and they had never even entered the heart.

That day also faded, yet still God gave another.

"And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore."

Sin had sapped the color out of life.

Fruitless fantasy, how futilely it provides!

But, oh, the fountain of love, the dawn of pleasure, the blessing of Home . . . the riches of true satisfaction . . . found in Christ Jesus.

He told in simple words glorious mystery.

The good seed is sown. He told of the trampled way of hardened dust. He told of the stones and the shallow places. He told of the crowded weeds that choke. But then He spake of the good ground where the seed grew and increased.

"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side."

The Lord of Solendor brings glory and peace into the heart.

Though we live and work in buildings merely temporary, He builds great.

Alone He saves from those flaming canyons of eternal darkness. When the creeping blight of night threatens to blind out all Light, He speaks and

the soul begins to stir.

He speaks the glistening beauty of morning. His Life awakens the soul to a world gloriously snow-white . . . beyond the fondest dream of surprises . . .

For it is real.

"And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full."

Repentance is the only way to prepare the heart for Christ.

The clouds of the soul seem to deepen. The mirrored blue and the seemingly tranquil roll are gone. The vessel surges and rolls and tosses on the thundering waters.

The storm is of God. What but wondrous ways could bring the miracle of heaven to our souls!

The very tremors of the storm bring a falling to our knees. We cry out for mercy!

" . . . and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

Fear's frenzied hunch fearfully speaks to reveal not. Confession is from the Hand of God, working with our soul.

There was Another who took the whip out of the darkening skies. His bleeding back brings healing to our souls.

He died under the very same skies that darken our soul. And, wonder of wonders, we find Him in our vessel, being in human flesh, being made sin for us. And we are made right with God in Him!

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still."

The footprints of His suffering is the path of God for His church.

In this day, the work yet to be done is tremendous and wonderful.

But we are also confronted with a challenge. We are in the crucible of the test. Only the might and power of God can secure the church in the tremendous tremors of the onslaught.

God whispers His courage.

We soar into victory. Though spent, we rise from our very weariness and secure the foundations.

"And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs;"

Do we really realize how unclean the darkness is?

Sin rules the night! It numbs. It beheads man of his very soul.

Civilization is sin-crusts very deep.

There is a drifting dizziness, a danger in fixing our eyes on the flow of the broad way. There is danger of paralleling its movement, of being carried into its frenzied waters.

Only in Christ is light and freedom.

But how uncomfortable and restless is the soul in sin,

"and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces:"

Demons of darkness have made dungeons of men's souls. They attach and entwine. They stab their sins. They fog their fun in the dense bleakness.

Beloved, these are the controlling haunts that so often darken national media today. We must shake ourselves, or we shall be engrossed in their tactics.

They control lines and lines and pages and pages of reading. They entomb hours and hours of the TV station with their antics. So often, hour after hour, they people the air waves. How can we enjoy the demoned pressure, forcibly pushing with the untrue, the unlovely, the impure!

But think rather what great things Jesus has done for you!

"And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."

There is a last step that is over the threshold of eternity.

Do you really want to live happy ever after?

Sound Teaching

Holding the true and spurning the false.

Jesus desires His people to be in the best of spiritual health.

What are proven practices in the church find their power in His Spirit. Grounded in His precious word, proven treasures of tradition is God's Hand keeping His people and seeking the erring.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

False teaching is deadly contagious. Unless isolated through separation and avoidance, its germs are deadly dangerous and destructive through contact. Thus we feel God's

guiding hand keeping His church spotless and white.

But what criterion has God given to tell sound teaching? His word is His standard of perfection. And when we can see those gospel principles so freely flowing in practice, we should hold fast.

The boundary line of God is sharp and clear.

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Tremendously weighty words. Especially more since Christ will one

day be the judge.

How then may we keep in the shelter of the fold? Obedience, doing the Way He explained it. This brings Christ's safety to glory.

As the stars in yonder heaven were each placed by His command, so the workers in His organization are placed by His Spirit.

Some carry out His desires to watch over the flock and guide it. These are the overseers or elders.

There are those, it is revealed in holy wisdom, who have the express gift of telling a true spirit from a false.

Together we work as a team and in His success know no defeat. "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:"

Certain tell-tale marks blemish the

record of the sinking star.

They despise government, that is, they thwart God's command for themselves, pushing away the Shepherding Voice of God. They heap to themselves solely and proudly, the task of telling of spirits. They blunder by their blindness, stumbling away from the Light.

But those who have kept steadily in sight the heavenly goal unconsciously radiate the mark of true wisdom. They find greater freedom in greater obedience, and are able to delight in the gift God has given to others.

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end."

Then, we shall be satisfied.

The Editor



NEWS



JAPAN

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In the country church, where thirteen members and many seekers attend, we recently observed the Lord's Supper. It was a time of real thanksgiving and appreciation to the Lord of all for His sacrifice for even us.

The one lovely young sister in front of me stood in a deeply reverent position. This sister's lovely soprano voice was outstanding as we sang together a translation of the familiar Zion's Harp hymn number 200, entitled "Communion."

All the country church members were present and also the two who are presently working in Tokyo.

A young man who has repented and was announced for proving and baptism on that day also, suddenly asked to have more time to think

it over. This was quite a blow to us, as we thought he was firmly grounded and had a sufficient waiting period. Kazuhiko Mizukami is his name. We call him by his last name with san added for politeness.

Sisters Asakawa and Atsumi are the Sunday School teachers at the country church. We have called for a meeting of all the believers in the church for October 4, at which time we hope to discuss the benefits of Sunday School and our needs, hoping to arouse some interest among the believers so we will have some volunteers for teaching positions. We should have at least three teachers to take care of all the children.

This past week I searched for a tomato catsup recipe and finally found one. We plan to stay in the country several days after attending services there this coming Sunday evening, and the following days I hope to share my recipe with the sisters. Canning and preserving food

is altogether unknown to them; hence their winter diet is very lean. With the Lord's help I have taught them canning of peaches, and peach and grape jam. We save all our jars and share them with the country folk.

Here on the outskirts of Tokyo we are rejoicing over our new church and dwelling place. We finally have the property registered with the government in the name of the Tsutsuji-ga-oka Apostolic Christian Church. Tsutsuji-ga-oka is the name of our local train station and will probably become the name of this machi, or village, before long.

This has been a long and wearying task, but **He gives power to the faint and to them that have no might He increases strength.** Mr. Utsuki, whose business is in taxes, has carried the weight of this load and has been very cooperative in setting up our bookkeeping system also.

Especially since we have children, we appreciate having a church to go into on Sundays for worship service rather than use our home, like we did for the past five years.

The church is simple in design and offers a worshipful atmosphere. The adult service here in the village of Kaneko begins at 10:30. The attendance is not so large yet, but blessings are many.

Sister Junko and Brother Yoshito made posters stating the date, etc., for two evenings of special meetings and distributed them throughout this village. Brother Takeshita, from the country church, came in, and he and Willis had the services on the evenings of August 24 and 25. Nine new people attended these meetings in addition to regular attenders.

There are four Japanese members and, counting us, there are six members in this church. Three of them are from the country, two working in Tokyo and one attending the same university that Willis does. Brother Yoshito and Sister Junko teach the two Sunday School classes. Sunday

School session is from 9 to 10:15.

Wednesday night we have an informal Bible Class in this church. We are studying the Gospel of Mark now. Since this is also Willis's responsibility, you can see he is rather busy with church responsibilities. Through the day he works on his thesis for graduation. He also teaches English part-time to business people and students who come here for their lessons. He still needs some Japanese language credits and hopes to complete those by next spring.

Then it will be time to tie ends and say farewell to all our dear brethren and friends here and leave for America, where we plan to visit until September. This is all subject to the Lord's will. We understand some brethren will fill our place while we are gone, for which we are very thankful.

One day last week a middle-aged woman sought shelter here until that evening, when the police were coming to her home to talk with her and her husband. The woman had run away from home the day before, because of mistreatment by her husband, and was afraid to go back. She ate quite heartily all the food in the tray I gave her.

Mr. Utsuki has built a new office to his house and asked that we come there one night each week for a scripture lesson, for the benefit of his family and neighbors. His family does not attend here on Wednesday night, so it looks like we will have to go there for a home meeting. By train it is about 40 minutes from here. Both he and Mrs. Utsuki are regular attenders.

One of the country sisters, Brother Takeshita's wife, has recovered from an ear ailment which impaired her hearing. As far as we know, all the members are well except Brother Akira Utsuki, who is able to work every day, but doesn't enjoy good health because of a nervous condition. Our little family is fine, and

the children are growing so fast.

Perhaps you heard recently about the big typhoon Number 9 that did much damage to the area of Kofu and our country church. Many tile were blown off the roof of both the church and the little house beside it, as was the case with almost all buildings. The fruit trees were blown over, and Sister Asakawa's chicken house flew to the neighbors. Other farmers suffered much damage to their grape vineyards. Close to Brother Yoshito's home, there was more damage and also loss of lives, as a river suddenly overflowed.

Will close for this time, wishing you much joy in believing in the risen and coming again Lord.

We always enjoy your letters, and are encouraged by your prayers and interest in the Lord's work.

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Harold and Carole Widmer were baptized on August 9. Now living in Rittman, Carole had formerly lived in Akron all her life. She is the daughter of Robert D. Kaufman.

Brothers and Sisters Ned and Mary Baumgardner, Elmer and Juliet Graf attended services in Sardis, Ohio, on October 18. Brother Joe Ramseier was the visiting minister.

Brother and Sister Forrest and Marie Ritzman and daughter, Mary Ann Zollinger, visited in New Martinsville, West Va., on October 27. They called on the elderly sisters, Emma Barth, Emma Burger and Fanny Schupbach.

Dan W. and Martha Kaufman are leaving Akron, November 11, to spend the winter months at Lake North, Florida. They will be missed here.

Sister Grace (Wormald) Schuckert had an accident on October 27. Fortunately, she did not have to be hospitalized, but suffered sprains and bruises.

Our dear friend, Charles Wormald,

83 years old, passed away October 23. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Brown) Wormald, three sons and four daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Joe Ramseier and Brother Rudolph Graf.

Mary Ann Graf, daughter of Ernest Graf, and Margaret Graf, daughter of Rudolph Graf, have entered nurse's training this fall.

ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sister Carrie Borden, who has been ill for several weeks, is in the hospital. Her husband, Arthur, has been sick the past few weeks.

Our friend, Mrs. Sidney Parker, of the Landersville church is very sick in the hospital at Moulton, Ala.

Brother Henry Perry of Athens, Route 4, had the misfortune of injuring his foot at work and was laid up for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bauer of Cissna Park and her mother spent Sunday, Nov. 1, with us, and all enjoyed the blessed fellowship together.

Brother Sam Heiniger of Kouts, Ind., is spending several weeks here in Alabama, visiting the many families, and helping along with the church work.

Sat. evening, Nov. 7, at the home of Brother Frank and Sister Alma Haggemaker, we had church services, and around 60 gathered around the fireplace. All enjoyed a blessed evening, worshipping the Lord in singing and reading God's Word.

Bro. Paul and Sister Theresa Von Tobel, Bro. Lester Huber, Frances Leman and Helen Huber spent Sat. evening with us at Haggemakers, and Sunday at all three churches in Athens, Hillsboro, and Landersville, enjoying precious moments of fellowship together.

Woodrow and Eva Will Haggemaker is the daughter of Sister Retha Chamber of Tanner, Ala. and Woodrow, the son of Brother Frank

Haggenmaker of Madison, Ala., Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig Sr. of the Landersville church are the parents of a baby girl.

Nov. 1, Sunday afternoon, about 25 of us gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig Sr., where we all enjoyed a delicious supper in honor of their mother, Mrs. Moore's birthday.

Friday evening, Nov. 13, at Landersville, a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost, where all enjoyed the blessed fellowship of singing and the study of God's precious Words with young and old.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Charles Fiechter, son of Brother and Sister William Feichter, and Maxine Gerber, daughter of Brother and Sister Ervin Gerber, were united in marriage on October 18 by Brother Sam Aeschliman, at the home of the bride's parents.

Brother and Sister John Yergler and Brother and Sister Harold Isch visited in Gridley on October 18.

Heinrich and Mrs. Miller of Austria visited here on Wednesday, Oct. 21. After the evening services he spoke of his life in a concentration camp. Brother Jesse Gerber of Latty acted as interpreter.

Brother and Sister Albert Fisher of Chicago and others from Princeville and Milford were here on Nov. 1. The Sunday School had a supper in the church dining-room, and song service was held in the evening. Brother Fisher spoke to the huge gathering before returning home.

Sister Aldine Aeschliman, 84, wife of Brother Joel Aeschliman, died Oct. 31 at the Cooper Rest Home, after a long illness. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Brother Andrew Koehl and others from Forrest were here on Nov. 28;

also a number from Gridley and Rittman.

Brother Ned Kipfer is leaving us on Nov. 12, having been called to the Service.

Births: To Friends Marilyn and Willis Pritchard a son, on Nov. 12; to Friends Patricia and Milton Gerber, a son; to Brother and Sister Richard Reimschisel, a son, on Nov. 5; to Brother and Sister Everett Geisel, a daughter, on Nov. 7; and to Friends Nova and Robert Steffen, a daughter, on Nov. 8.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

After spending a few years in Chicago, Bro. and Sister Robert and Joyce Pohl and their little daughter, Tina, moved to Burlington, Iowa. We miss them very much.

Bro. and Sister John and Pauline Schrenk's youngest daughter, Bonnie (just 13 years old), was recently taken into the fold. We pray the Lord be with her and guide her.

On Oct. 25, we enjoyed having Brother Henry Grimm and wife from Morton with us.

Sisters Louise and Anna Stoller from Morton, Ill., visited Chicago congregation recently. It was nice to have them back. They worked on the North Shore and attended our church for many years.

Several weeks ago, a large group of the Milford, Ind., Sunday school visited our Sunday school. Having a very small Sunday school here in Chicago, we appreciated and enjoyed having them with us.

On Nov. 1. Brother Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Mich., visited us. We had a blessed day. In the evening, they went to Elgin, Ill., for services.

Bro Al Fisher and wife are vacationing in Florida for a few weeks.

On Nov. 8, we were happy to have Bro. Lorenz Emch from Girard, Ohio, visiting us.

Mrs. Anna Gerber of Bremen, Ind., will visit at the home of her daughter,

Mrs. Ernest Knecht, for a couple of weeks.

This past week end, Nov. 8, Sisters Helen and Mildred Wieland and Leah and Helen Ramseyer from Bay City, Mich., visited our congregation. They were guests of Sister Ruth Schupbach over the week end. Ruth is at home in Park Ridge, Ill.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenmann

Funeral services were conducted for Brother Joe Farney on October 14.

A daughter, Tammi Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitten on October 29.

We all appreciated the visit of Brother Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, Indiana, on November 1. Also, we are thankful for the visit of our Elder Brothers Noah Schrock, Oakville; Josh Brovard, Fairbury; Henry Kilgus, Forrest, and Silas Leuthold of Princeville, on November 4.

Brother John Eisenmann left November 9 for oversea duty in the Far East.

On November 12, funeral services were conducted for Sister Minnie Vogel, who had been in poor health for many years.

Our congregation is surely thankful for the group of souls who have recently turned to the Lord. Our most recent converts are Earl Gudeman and Frederick Waldbeser, and also Bob Walder, who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. We wish them all much grace from above.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

We enjoyed the recent visits of the following ministers: Bro. Maurice Frank, Chicago, Oct. 4; Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, Oct. 14; Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, Oct. 18; and Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke, Oct. 25.

We rejoice that our friend, Stanley

Vogel, has repented and found peace with God.

On Oct. 18, Bros. Noah Gerber and Lloyd Gerber of Latty, together with their families, spent the day with us.

Our friend, Janet Lowery, has been proved and baptized by Bro. Frank Woertz. May she always enjoy God's blessing.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Oct. 18, we had two visiting ministers: Bro. Rother and Bro. Ben Heiniger, both of Morton, Ill.

Oct. 25, Bro. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa visited his brother Albert, who has been hospitalized and is now home. We also had other visitors, Bro. Don Schrock of Congerville, Ill., and Brothers Wilbur and Willis Triplett of Peoria. We had a church supper.

Oct. 20, a baby girl was born to Bro. Elmer and Sister Eleanor Steffen; the name is Jolene Janelle.

Oct. 31, a baby boy, Kenneth, was born to Sister Ruth and Harvey Schurterer.

Nov. 1, Sunday evening, services were held by Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Mich., and Bro. Frank of Chicago.

Nov. 8: our Elder Bro. Frank Woertz was with us this Sunday.

FUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers have been the following:

Brother Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield and Brother Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, Oct. 18; Our Elder Bro. David Mangold of Roanoke visited our Wednesday evening services on Oct. 28; Bros. Theo Beer and Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana, Nov. 1; Bro. Francis Rother of Morton at morning services, Nov. 8.

We always enjoy guest ministers in our church.

Sunday evening, Oct. 25, we had our monthly singing at the church. The Bible class from Roanoke were

special guests and sang a couple songs.

Bro. Theo Stoller has recently returned home from the hospital. Sister Evelyn Sinn also returned home from the hospital following surgery. May they soon join us in the house of worship again.

God has called another soul from darkness unto repentance. She is Charlene Wiegand, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sister Lena Wiegand. May God call many more souls before it is too late.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

With the angels in heaven we rejoice that some found their need to be reconciled with God. There is no better gift than that which God gives of peace to a soul. Warren Zehr, Delores Meiss, Margaret Broquard, and Doris Widmer now experience this great blessing.

Bro. and Sis. John Yergler, Bro. and Sis. Harold Isch, Sis. Amelia Bane, Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Furrer, Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Furrer, Bro. and Sis. Vernon Furrer, Bro. and Sis. Joe Stoller, Wolcott; and Bro. and Sis. Will Gramm, Bro. and Sis. Matt Stortz, Sis. Esther Yergler visited here Sun., Oct. 18.

Bro. Joe Getz of Morton held funeral services for Bro. Jake Kaisner Oct. 28.

Bros. Frank Woertz and Silas Leuthold were here Oct. 27.

Bro. and Sis. Lerov Hartman and Bro. and Sis. Jim Hoerr were our guest ministers Nov. 1.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

Visiting ministers were: Albert Kaisner from Maywood, California, on November 1. He has our deepest sympathy for the passing away of his father.

We were happy to hear that Miriam Bachtold from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has started to repent,

and wish her God's Blessings. She was formerly from Forrest.

A group of young brothers and sisters from here spent an evening with the Cissna Park young folks, for John Eisenmann, who is leaving for the Far East. We wish him God's Guidance.

On October 22, Brother Art and Sister Velda Huette became the parents of a baby girl, Julie Ann.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporters: Edwin and Carol Baurer

We are happy to have two repentant souls in our midst. Friends Robert Walder from Cissna Park, Illinois, and Earl Feucht from Princeville, Illinois, have found grace to repent, while here at Ft. Sam.

On the week end of October 25, Sister Dora Walder and her son, Bro. Charles Walder from Cissna Park, Illinois, were with us. Sister Dora has been making her home nearby here, to be with us over the winter.

On the week end of Nov. 1., we were blessed with company from home. Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold from Princeville was with us. Also Sister Natalie Feucht, Sister Ruth Feucht, Sister Elizebeth Kieser, Sister Louise Baurer and Joan Knobloch, from Princeville, were our visitors.

On Nov. 7, Bro. Robert Frank of Morton arrived here for Basic Training.

On the week end of Nov. 8, Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron was with us. Also, on the same week end. Bro. and Sister Dale Walder and Sister Delores Walder of Cissna Park were here at Ft. Sam.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

We rejoice to have three more souls turn to the Lord. They are Larry Bauman, Harold Knapp and Rita Sibenthal.

On October 25, we had as guest minister Bro. Eugene Bertschi from

Roanoke and numerous students from the University of Illinois and Illinois State Normal University.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Sister Doris Bahr and Brian spent two weeks visiting with her mother, Mrs. Dave Hartmann, and relatives at Fairbury, Illinois.

Bro. and Sis. Lewis Bahr, Sabetha, enjoyed the Oct. 18 week end visit with his sister, Sister Lydia Kraft, and other relatives and friends.

Sister Eileen Bahr, Paula Sue and Jeff spent a week visiting with her parents, the Sam Schifferers, at Elgin, Illinois.

Bro. and Sis. Bruce Dobbs and family and Bro. and Sis. Robert Young, Wichita, visited our congregation on October 18.

Sister Mary Huber has returned home now, following surgery at the Ft. Scott Hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery. Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner had been caring for Eric and brought him home Sunday, November 8.

Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm had a gathering at their home, on October 26, in honor of Bro. and Sis. Ray Sinn of Latty, Ohio, who stopped for a visit on their trip.

Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris, Eldorado, Kansas, spent the week end of Nov. 1 with her mother, Sister Lydia Bahr, and relatives and friends.

Our congregation joined the Lamont congregation on November 11 for evening services, conducted by Brother Rudolph Graf, Akron, Ohio, which we enjoyed very much. A small group of members from Ft. Scott and Wichita also attended.

Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Beyer and family just returned from a short visit with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Louis Knapp of Forrest, Illinois.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Don Bucher

Visiting ministers: We have been visited recently by Bros. Henry Beer from Milford, Walter and Andrew Koehl from Fairbury, Jesse Schrock from Congerville, Sam Kilgus from Remington, and Ben Maibach, Jr. from Detroit.

A group of La Crosse couples spent Oct. 18 visiting at Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard (Tod) Feller are the parents of a girl, Denise Lynn, born Oct. 30.

Pfc. and Mrs. Gene Nuest left Oct. 15 for Ft. Mead, Md., where they will reside in an apartment, while Bro. Gene finishes his duty in the service.

The wedding of Bro. Ken Bucher and Sis. Carol Wettstein of Congerville was postponed due to his confinement in a Pontiac hospital, following an accident. He is slowly improving, for which we thank God.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

On October 18, the wedding of Bro. Ray Sinn of Latty and Sister Ann Haab took place in Milford, with Bro. Theo Beer officiating. We wish them much happiness, and welcome Sister Ann to Latty.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 22, The Henry Millers from Austria were here. He told us of his many trying experiences after the war. He was put in prison for distributing the food and clothing that was sent over from our congregations.

They were being taken to different places by John Artz and his wife of Cleveland.

A large number of Sunday School children and some of their parents from Bluffton were here for the day on Oct. 25. Also 5 couples were here from Tremont. In the evening, we were very glad to have with us for services Brother Joe Waibel from Bay City. We wish to thank him for his services and hope he will come again.

Several of the young folks attended the farewell dinner and singing on November 7 at Bluffton for Bro. Ned Kipfer, who is to leave for the Army.

On November 8, we had a very Blessed day, with Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Theo Beer with us for services. Also those who were with them were Bro. Sam's wife, Bro. and Sister Elmer Haab and Bro. and Sister Oliver Haab.

On Sat. evening, Nov. 14, a farewell singing was held for Bro. Walter Sinn. Bro. Walter is to leave for the Service the 16th. We wish him the Lord's Blessings wherever he may be stationed.

We are very happy to report that our friend, Harold Glass, has repented and found peace. May God ever Bless him.

Sister Marian Zeltwanger had the misfortune of getting badly burned. Her clothing caught fire from a heater in their home. She was hospitalized for over a week, but is home again.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Ministering brethren who recently visited the Leo congregation were Brother Joe Waibel from Bay City, Michigan, Brother Robert Hueni from Bremen, Indiana, and Brother Samuel Aeschliman and Brother Orville Ringger from Bluffton.

Brother Otto Norr, who has been ill and confined to his home, is again able to attend church services.

Brother William Klopfenstein is still confined to his home with illness.

We are happy to report another one of our young friends, Arlene Martin, has chosen to give her heart to the Lord.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Many brethren and friends from Latty, Leo, Bluffton, Francesville

and various other places attended the wedding of Sister Ann Haab and Brother Ray Sinn of Latty, Ohio, on October 18. Bro. Theo Beer officiated. The couple will reside in Van Wert, Ohio.

Bro. Lawrence and Fern Beer became the parents of their fourth daughter on Nov. 5. The baby's name is Angela.

Numerous brethren and friends, along with Bro. Will Furrer and family from Wolcott, visited here on Oct. 25. We enjoyed their visit.

Bro. Bob Beer and family were with us the Sunday of November 8.

Construction has been started on the Milford church, to make more Sunday School room.

Several brethren, along with Bros. Theo and Henry Beer, visited the Eureka Congregation Nov. 1.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Deaths since the last issue:

Sister Ida Grossenbacher, Oct. 14. Aged 71 years. Services by Henry Sabo.

Sister Barbara Lehman, Oct. 22. Aged 97 years. Services by Henry Sabo.

Sister Esther Matthes, Oct. 6. Aged 72 years. Services by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Sister Katherine Houston had an eye operation Oct. 19. We hope it is successful, and wish her the Lord's blessings.

Our shut-ins at present are Sisters Eva Gross, Christine Reieser, Sorhia Grossenbacher, Ella Grossenbacher, and Friend Fred Griffon.

Our visitors on Oct. 25 were four couples from Bremen, Ind., two cars of young people from Leo church and several from Rittman. Brother Robert Heuni and Earl Zeltwanger conducted our Services, which we enjoyed very much, and invite all to come back again.

Sister Mary Keitel of Cissna Park visited relatives a few weeks.

The Robert Sauder family visited in Paulding, Sunday, Oct. 18.

Sunday, Nov. 1, a number of young people from Milford and Leo visited with us.

The Robert Beer family visited in Milford, Sunday, Nov. 8.

Brother Jacob Schweitzer of Bluffton, Indiana, is spending a few weeks with friends.

We thank all our visitors for their visit and invite all to come again.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder

We are happy to report that Sister Julia Dapper is recuperating at home, after a long stay at the hospital.

Sister Elizabeth Kaisner also is home from the hospital and doing nicely.

Brother Albert Kaisner made a hurried trip to Forrest to attend his father's (Jacob Kaisner) funeral. We in Maywood will greatly miss Brother Kaisner's visits, which he made nearly every winter to our community.

A number of members from Altadena and Maywood met at the Albert Kaisner home Sunday night to hear the recording of Brother Jacob's funeral.

Sister and Brother Joe Martin of Roanoke, Ill., and Sister and Brother Bob Blunier, stationed at San Antonio, Texas, were recent visitors.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Work has begun on the remodeling and addition to our church.

Brother Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley, Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Dave Mangold of Roanoke and Silas Leuthold of Princeville spent Sunday evening, Oct. 11, with our congregation.

Sister Jean Ann Jacob and Brother Harlan Kaiser have announced their engagement.

Brother Richard Barth and Sister Dorothy Geiger were united in marriage Nov. 1 by Brother Joe A. Getz.

On Wed., Nov. 4, Henry Mueller of Linz, Austria, told of his experiences while a prisoner in Europe.

Bro. Joe A. Getz, David Mangold and Silas Leuthold spent Sun., Nov. 8, in Oakville, Ia.

Bro. and Sister Joe A. Getz attended the Bible Class at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, Wed., Nov. 11.

Funeral services for Elmer Kinsinger, 77, were held Wed. morning, Nov. 11.

New arrivals are: A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Getz, Oct. 14; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bauman, Oct. 17; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Wuthrich, Nov. 1; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. William Heutte, Oct. 31; and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Fischer, Oct. 10.

PFORIA, ILLINOIS

Our visiting ministers the past month were Brothers Joe and Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Illinois, Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville and Brother Silas Leuthold of Princeville.

We had three deaths the past month, Sister Mary Brunner, aged 94; Brother Paul Sauer, aged 91; and Oliver Bessler, aged 45. Brother Michael Weyeneth officiated.

Our ministers visiting different churches the past month: Brother Jim Hoerr and Leroy Hartman to Fairbury and Brother Michael Weyeneth to Roanoke, Illinois.

We had a blessed day Sunday, October 8, when Cathy Martin was taken into the fold. We wish her many blessings. Brother Silas Leuthold was here for the day.

We had a large attendance at our Hymn-sing, Sunday, November 1. Many different groups sang. The evening was well spent in singing hymns to the honor of God.

The Lord has blessed us with two new converts. They are Robertta Plattner and Carl Wess. May the Lord's blessings follow.

Brother Fred Sinn and his wife of Fort Scott, Kansas, spent Sunday, November 8, here. They also came to visit their brother, Brother John Schwind, who has been in the hospital with an heart ailment.

Brother Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Illinois, visited his son, who lives here, and also had the services on Sunday, October 25. We enjoyed his messages very much.

Sister Mary Mathys of Portland, Oregon, has been visiting in Peoria. She was a guest of Sister Pauline Farney while here.

Christian Endeavor was held here November 15. There was a large crowd. The Gridley, Roanoke, Princeville, Morton, Eureka, Goodfield, and Congerville churches took part.

Our ministers held services at the Roanoke Nursing Home on Wednesday evening, November 4. Quite a group from here accompanied them. They were guests of Brother and Mrs. Fred Seibenthal of Roanoke, after the services.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

A dear sister, Louise Herrmann, was laid to rest on October 20, with Brothers Frank Woertz and Joshua Broquard officiating. Brothers Ben Heininger and Dave Mangold also assisted. She passed away in a Peoria hospital, after several months illness. She is survived by her husband, Brother Albert, and the following children: Margaret, Eugene, Noah, Harry and Walter. She also leaves several grandchildren, sisters, brothers and many other relatives. She will be greatly missed by many, but has earned her reward, having been a patient sufferer during her illness.

Brother Noah Schrock conducted morning services October 25. In the afternoon, he was accompanied to Peoria by Brother Silas Leuthold.

We had a blessed day November 1 when Brother Merle Kaisner of Fair-

bury and Brother Kachelmus of Forrest were with us, with others from their congregations.

Brother Uriel and Sister Judy Gehring and Brother Ira Farney of Elgin, Iowa, brought a few members of their Bible Class to spend the week-end of the 7th and 8th with us. We all enjoyed their visit very much and welcome all our recent visitors back soon.

Brother Joseph and Sister Emily Stoller are the parents of their third son, Brent, born November 1.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, October 18, we were blessed to have two visiting ministers. Bro. Leroy Huber accompanied a group from Eureka and Oakville. The Art Gudeman family from La Crosse were also with us. They were guests of the Albert Schini and Leon Waibel families respectively.

On Sunday, October 25, Bro. Ezra Feller and others from Cissna Park were with us and spent the evening at the Erwin Bahler home.

Bro. Jesse Schrock and wife of Congerville spent Saturday evening, October 24, at the Sam Kilgus home, and on Sunday the two families spent the day in La Crosse.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

Recent visiting ministers have been Bro. Fred Marty on Sept. 13, Bro. Rudy Graf on Oct. 11, Bro. John Bollier on Nov. 1, and Bro. Fred Marty on Nov. 8. We enjoyed these visits very much.

A son, Mark Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsier.

Sister Callie Rufener, suffering from cancer, passed away, and was laid to rest on Sept. 28.

Friend Chester Rufener has found grace to make his beginning with the Lord. We wish him God's blessings.

A group of our young brethren visited the Monroe County church on

Oct. 18 and the Bluffton church on Nov. 8.

Traveling along on the road of life,
Tho weary and tired you may be,
Remember that someone is following
you
And your bright shining light must
see.

Dale Hartzler

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Deaths: Bro. Henry Bowald died of a heart attack Oct. 13. His funeral was the following Thurs. morning, with Bro. Gene Bertschi officiating.

Special Items of Interest: Recent visiting ministers to our congregation wer Bro. Rother and Bro. Rapp, both from Morton, Ill. Their visit was greatly enjoyed.

Our dear friends, Karen Leman and Mary Jane Schumacker, and a very dear old friend, Hulda Beer, who is 80 yrs. old, have repented and found peace with their Lord. We wish them God's blessing.

I Shall Not Pass This Way Again
Through this toilsome world, alas!
Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

October 25, Brother Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kansas, visited us, and we all enjoyed a blessing from God through Brother Sam's services, which were imparted to us. We are looking forward to another visit by him in the near future with hearty anticipation, God willing.

October 25, Brother Gene Marti and his wife and his mother, Sister Elizabeth Marti and Sister Louise Hartman, attended the funeral of Sister Elizabeth Marti, widow of the

late Brother Dan Marti, at West Bend, Iowa.

October 25, Sister Bertha Metzger returned to her home in Sabetha Sunday morning, after a visit of five weeks with her mother, Sister Diriwachter, and her son, Clayton, and his wife, and several brothers and sisters at Portland, Oregon. She came by rail, and Brother Phil met her at Omaha.

October 26, Sister Katie Ott returned home, after a few days visit with relatives in Lamar, Missouri.

November 1, Brother Albert Kipfer and his wife of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Brother Herman Kipfer and his wife from Bluffton, Indiana, spent the week end, over Sunday, with members and relatives, and attended the wedding of their nephew, Lester Myer, and Dorothy Heiniger.

November 8, Brother Al. Langhoffer and family of Wichita visited members of the Sabetha and Country churches, and returned home after services.

November 13 and 14, many of our brothers, sisters and friends gathered for our annual house-cleaning of our church this week.

November 12, we were sorry to hear that Brother Rudolph Graf was called home, because of the illness of his wife. We were awaiting a visit from him on his way home from San Antonio, Texas. We hope he found Sister Graf better, and that she is well again.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

A son, Donald Roy, was born to Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm on Sept. 29; also a son, Steven Eugene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riney on Sept. 10. The Grimms and Rineys each have three daughters, so are especially happy with their new sons.

Several of our young people have returned or have enrolled in college this fall. Sis Nancy Hodel returned to Illinois State Normal University

at Normal, Ill., Bro. Norman Hoerr to the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo., Ron Hodel has enrolled at the University of Ill. at Champaign, Ill., Sis. Charlotte Hoerr and Bob Frieden at the University of Missouri and Faye Yackley at State Teachers College at Kirksville, Mo.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich, from Pulaski, Ia., Bro. Ezra and Sis. Ollie Feller and daughter, Joan, from Cissna Park, Ill., spent Sun., Nov. 1, with us. We appreciated their visit very much.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Our annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by a large number on Sunday evening, October 18, in the Armory at Remington.

On October 25, our Sunday School Bible Class were guests of the Milford Sunday School. They were accompanied by their teacher, Bro. Bob Schieler; also Bro. Will Furrer and a number of other members. In the evening, we all enjoyed the song service, with various churches participating in the practice of the new melodies in our new hymnals.

Bro. Phil Sauder and family of Cissna Park visited our congregation on Oct. 25.

We are happy to have the LeRoy Farney family back with us. They recently returned from the Service, being stationed in Germany.

The brethren from the Wolcott and Remington congregations met two evenings to hear the recording from the Conference at Gridley. It was very interesting and inspirational.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

(The third Silver Lining that was published, Dec. 15, 1943, a dear brother and minister of Toledo, Ohio, wrote the following article. Some years ago this brother, Jacob Fraut-schi, went to be with the Lord. But his memories are not forgotten. And

all of us will only be remembered by what we have done. As the holiday season of the year is approaching on which this article is centered, it no doubt will be of interest to many to have it reprinted.)

Though the world is seething with trouble at this Christmas-time, let us begin this season like this: Open thou mine eyes, Lord, that I may behold the wondrous story of Thy love.

The most beautiful story in all the world is the record of the birth of Jesus, as given in Luke 2:8-20. It was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, good tidings of the Saviour's coming, the hymn of praise of an immense heavenly choir, and the story of the wise men who followed a star.

Indeed: astronomers still insist that in the year before Jesus was born there was a formation of stars in the sky much like a grand parade of planets. Many of these stars were far, far away from their regular places in the sky. We can but believe that the Almighty God was proclaiming the fulfillment of His promise to send the Messiah! We can agree with the Psalmist, who said, All the Heavens declare the glory of God.

Christmas Joys are more than feasting; exchanging of gifts; and family reunions. Christmas joys are of the soul, lasting into time and eternity. The soul rejoices in the coming of Jesus, and rejoices in His Death and Resurrection. Therein is your salvation and mine. We will take with us this joy and praise into that great beyond, and there we will continue the everlasting song of praise and thanks, praising the Lamb that was slain, but now liveth forever. Amen.

DELIVERANCE WILL COME

I saw a way-worn trav'ler
In tatter'd garments clad,

And struggling up the mountain,
It seem'd that he was sad;
His back was somewhat laden,
His strength was almost gone,
Yet he shouted as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come.

The summer sun was shining,
The sweat was on his brow,
His garments worn and dusty,
His step seem'd very slow;
But he kept pressing onward,
For he was wending home;
Still shouting as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come.

The songsters in the arbor,
That stood beside the way,
Attracted his attention,
Inviting his delay:
His watchword being "Onward!"
He stopped his ears and ran,
Still shouting as he journeyed,
Deliverance will come.

I saw him in the evening,
The sun was bending low,
He'd overtopped the mountain,
And reached the vale below:
He saw the golden city,—
His everlasting home,—
And shouted loud, Hosanna,
Deliverance will come!

While gazing on that city,
Just o'er the narrow flood,
A band of holy angels
Came from the throne of God:
They bore him on their pinions
Safe o'er the dashing foam;
And joined him in his triumph,
Deliverance had come!

I heard the song of triumph
They sang upon that shore,
Saying, Jesus has redeemed us
To suffer nevermore:
Then, casting his eyes backward
On the race which he had run,
He shouted loud, Hosanna,
Deliverance has come!

DO I REALLY PRAY?

I often say my prayers,
But do I really pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

For words without the heart
The Lord will never hear
Nor will He to those lips attend
Whose prayer is not sincere!

Lord, show me what I need
And teach me how to pray,
And help me when I seek thy grace
To mean the words I say.

By Ethel Blythe Penningroth.

I do not know the load my brother
carries;
Oft hidden from the eye is each man's
cross;
I only know his stumbling footstep
tarries
Under the burden of great pain or
loss.
And since I do not know, may I keep
ready
Because I know what such could
mean to me
A word of courage, or a hand-clasp
steady,
To ease one fainting step toward Cal-
vary.

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