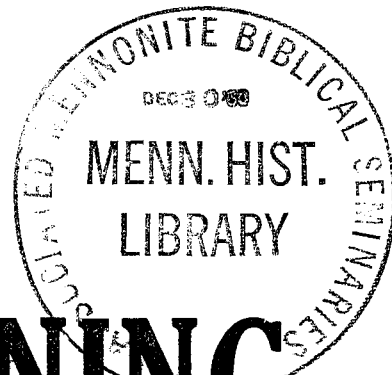


# THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

December, 1960

## THE GLOW OF CHRISTMAS AND LOOKING HOME

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: . . ."

From I Corinthians 13

## YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Ben Sommer—Submitted by Noah Schrock

(Continued from last month)

### ACCEPTED BY THE SAVIOUR

The climax comes, not when we accept Him, but when He accepts us. When He sees the fruit of repentance ripened, the heart purified, the will subdued into obedience to Him, then he changes our hope and belief that He can and will forgive our sins and accept us, into a conviction, into an assurance, that **He has** accepted and forgiven us. Thus the struggle ends. Peace and joy fill the heart. An all-consuming love fills and overwhelms the soul. This love knows no bounds. It embraces all men, friend and foe, and burns with a desire to tell all men of the life-giving, soul-saving, healing, and liberating power of God in Jesus Christ.

### That soul is converted!

#### BAPTISM

The man of sin has perished in the heart, has been nailed to the cross with Christ; "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."<sup>24</sup>

The "old man of sin", the Adam nature, being now slain, crucified with Christ, that soul may now be baptized into the death of Jesus Christ and arise with him to "walk in newness of life."<sup>25</sup>

Thus, baptism is not the means of obtaining forgiveness of sins, but is the ensembling of an established fact,

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24 II Cor. 5:17

25 Rom. 6:4

## Words Spoken By Brother John Gerber

(When Of Fairbury)

At Peoria, in September, 1896

Submitted by Will Stettner

When our Lord and Saviour was here on earth, often in wonderful ways did He teach the people and tried to show them how they could be redeemed and saved from sin and death. Jesus tried to show man the true conditions of his heart.

We read of a young man who came to the Lord and asked Him: What must I do to be saved?

The Saviour told him: One thing is needful; sell everything that you have and give it to the poor and then come and follow me. Then you will have a treasure in heaven.

If this young man would have heeded the Saviour's words, we would even today call him blessed, and say that he did well and chose the better part. But instead, we read that he turned sorrowfully away from the Lord.

It is now nearly two thousand years since he was laid in his grave. If he obeyed the call of Jesus, he would have received the promise of our Lord of having a treasure in heaven.

Therefore, it is well for everyone of us to become loose from the things of this world, not to fasten our hearts and souls on that which is earthly and worldly. For the time may come for each one of us, when the Lord will try and test us if we can leave everything and all for Him. Then, if our hearts are loose from the world, and we love God above all, we can lay down everything for Him and His sake, even that which may seem dearest to us in this life. But, should we be carnal minded, and our hearts and minds bound to that which is earthly and worldly, then we would be like this young man.

## THE GREATER HOUSE

Henry Souder Jr.

This house has home glowed in warm hearts. It is God's family, warmed with love.

It's that Inside, the love, that is beyond all that man could see, hear or express in the mind within.

Outside . . . that once was the common lot of his own.

Outside is sin . . . bleak and cold and indifferent. Sin whines its winless wages. And though man steepes himself in diamonds . . . and frets away his time along the avid avenues of pride and pleasure . . . yet, it is altogether so cold . . . so dark, so unappealing.

But Inside, look . . . the warm win-

dow glows with the radiant rays of love.

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus . . ."

Could we but realize more . . . to lay aside the short-term mind-movers of fret . . . ill-feeling, anger, priding our inner pulse, not forbearing, not forgiving. . . and always richly live in the love . . . to live **deeply** in His affection . . . to love to find richer fellowship . . . to abundantly obey His "Rejoice evermore."

The Father's house is Together . . . now. Sure, there's discipline . . . and

order makes way for exploring those deep things of God.

That there is a kiss of charity kindles our delight . . . here we have heaven's own creativity . . . love . . . kept in glowing fires, cozy, comfortable, kindled deeper than all thought.

What marvellous warmth wells inwardly, as we ponder what God gives!

"Behold I and the children which God hath given me."

God's home has the beauty of His family life. Experience deepens in the bosomed joy of love's familiar faces.

The Father has a radiant personality. He is a wonderful Father.

Think of all He has done . . . of all that He likes. Ponder sweetly of the warmth and glow of peaceful personalities of years gone by . . . He glowed. Think of the tender touch of a mother's heart . . . He touched. Think of the delightful little peals of sweet simplicity of a child's heart . . . He chorded.

God's heart beats like ours. He likes what we do, for we grow up to look like Him, and be like Him.

What surprises await the heart glowed by His fire!

" . . . our Lord Jesus Christ . . . died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

The holiday's hope holds happiness, in waiting. We may think about, talk about, and treasure "His" gifted glory.

The mind of man has mended the thought of Santa Claus. But our Father in heaven, through the long winter's night, wonderfully wondrously gives and glows, till our hearts are happy beyond all we think. He is true and real. He brings joy that is full.

It is wonderful and warm to think, that every hope brought happily by God's child will be delightfully filled Beyond our fondest dreams.

Today, the eve before His beautiful Christmas, we are more together

with His family above than man can imagine. The body sleeps ( so beautifully expressive, where even death is marked **out** by our Lord's victory). The spirit glows . . . is bright and happy . . . in the warm dwelling of the Father's house.

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together . . ."

The house that burns brightly with heavenly flame is midst the scenic grandeur of Mount Zion, the heaven-

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### HIS FAMILY FIRE-SIDE

The angels told about His peace  
One silent Christmas night—  
That we may happy be at home,  
Glowed warm with heav'nly light.

God gave tradition to His own,  
That, shown within His Book,  
The inner warmth of Home so great  
More kindles while we look.

The early church was knit in love,  
Did dine with joy so much,  
So when we like to lunch at noon,  
We feel His fireside touch.

And when you see the lustrous veil  
Of list'ning souls given,  
Faith hears the angels softly move,  
Choirs list'ning, of heaven.

To sit in order, men with men,  
And ladies 'cross the aisle,  
Brings order of Christ's lakeside  
scene,  
And seats heav'n's family style.

The kiss shows pals of pleasant peace;  
Love shown in heart-felt zest;  
Strikes chords in fervent friendship's  
fold,  
Warmed Always in His Rest.

We love to live in God's own House,  
Brought up amid His thought,  
Happy among His children's joys,  
At fireside God has wrought!

Henry Souder, Jr.



# NEWS



## AKRON, OHIO

**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

November 15, twins, a daughter—Colleen Ruth, and a son—Colin Scott, were born to Brother Robert and Sister Florence Graf.

Bill Von Gunton was hospitalized this month, but is now home and doing nicely.

Over Thanksgiving, Brother Robert and Sister Marion Graf and family visited their family and Mother Mary Graf, and attended services with us.

Brother Peter and Sister Elizabeth Barna, Brother Noah and Sister Bertha Bauman visited all the churches in Alabama over the November 20 week end.

Brother Arthur and Sister Maxine Novotny and family visited Arthur's parents, the Charles Novotnys, and attended services with us November 19.

Brother Arthur Graf was home over Thanksgiving, and attended services with us. Song service was held in his parent's home Sunday evening, November 27.

Bob Ritzman was home from college for Thanksgiving and the following week end.

Brother Forrest and Sister Marie Ritzman went to Milford, Indiana, to attend the wedding of their niece, Sally Sorg, December 4.

November 15, Dan and Martha Kaufman left for Florida, where they will be for the winter. Their address is: Box 149, Route 1, Lake Worth, Florida. They attend services in Ft. Lauderdale.

Sister Mary Fritz of Lakewood, Ohio, who attends services with us in Akron, fell and broke her leg. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery. Her address is: Mrs. Robert Fritz, 3535 W. 52nd St., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

Brother Rudolph Graf spent Sunday, December 4, in Toledo.

Brother and Sister Silas Leuthold and Brother and Sister Sam Kieser, from Princeville, Sister Honegger (Mrs. Walter), and Sister Maurer spent some time with us, while on their way east. Brother Leuthold held service for us November 10, and we were glad to have them all with us.

## ATHENS, HILLSBORO, LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Oct. 30, Bro. Otto Norr, Sister Helen and her daughter—Elaine, Norr, Sister Millie and her daughter, Ethelyn, Schlatter, and Sis. Mamie Schlatter spent the week end visiting the three churches.

Friday evening, Nov. 4, worship and Sunday School was held in the home of Don and Christine Montgomery in the Landersville area.

Worship services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Long at Lester, Ala., Nov. 5. They are the parents of Sis. Retha Chambers.

A blessed evening was spent Nov. 8 with the young people of the Hillsboro church. All went to the Colonial Rest Home at Trinity, Ala., and sang for the shut-ins. Bro. Henry Stricklins and Sis. Martha Evans have a sister there, Mrs. Ruth Wade, who has been there for some time, and she always rejoices and appreciates the worship services.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, worship and Sunday school service was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, for the Prospect, Tenn., friends and members.

Nov. 11, the Athens sisters and friends met at the home of Mrs. Bradshaw, and all enjoyed the afternoon singing and fellowshiping around God's Word.

The Landersville group spent a blessed evening, Nov. 11, singing, and fellowshiping around God's Word, also Sunday School was held, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Letson. They are the parents of Sis. Manlie Hale.

Saturday evening, Nov. 12, a large group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons near Hartselle, Alabama. They are the parents of Chester Simmons of the Landersville church.

Bro. and Sis. Christ Hodel spent a week visiting their daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and daughters, Joan and Susan, also visiting many families and the three Alabama churches.

Thursday evening, Nov. 17, worship services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blankenship for all the friends and neighbors in the Lester, Ala., area.

Nov. 18, the Landersville group met in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradford, where worship service was held for young and old. Mrs. Bradford is the daughter of Bro. Henry Stricklin.

Our visitors for the week end of Nov. 20 were: Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Phil Getz, Wolcott, Ind.; Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman of Rittman, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Peter Barna, Medina, Ohio; Sisters Della and Carolyn Manz, Paulding; Maburn Hale of Paulding, Ohio; Sisters Mary and Frances Gilliom of Mansfield, Ohio; Sisters Carol Weiser, Edna Lehman, Irma Haab and Joan Streitmatter of Milford, Indiana.

Sunday, Nov. 20, we praise the Lord for such a blessed day, enjoyed by all the members, as five precious souls gave their testimony. Three were baptized at the Athens church. They were Peggy Porter and her mother, Mrs. Emma Bradshaw, and Johnny Chambers, a son of Sis. Retha Chambers. In Landersville, two souls Chester and Barbara Simmons, were

added to the fold. We ask for your prayers for all these new converts, that they grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Fire destroyed the home of Pete and Ruby Perry and their five children, Sunday, Nov. 26. They had just been picked up and brought to church, when their neighbor, Sis. Vera Lott, came and told them their house was on fire, and when arriving there, it was burned down, and nothing was saved except the oldest girl held her Bible, which she rejoiced in having it with her at church. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry of Atens. The Athens community helped them to get household furnishings and plenty clothing, and they are now settled in another home.

Nov. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Betz of Mansfield, Ohio, visited a couple days with Sis. Clara Heiniger and the Bro. Wagler family. In the evening, the Landersville group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost for singing and meditation in the Scripture, for family altar worship with their children.

## BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman spent Sunday, Nov. 13, with the Ft. Wayne congregation.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Eisenmann of Oakville and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf of Roanoke visited us over the week end.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman visited Milford on the 20th. Guests here were from Latty, Fairbury, and La Crosse.

Six of our new converts were announced for proving. They are Nancy Gilliom, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Gilliom; Sally Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Moser; Phyllis Isch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roger Isch; Keith Honegger, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Honegger; Charles Shively, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shively

of near Bluffton; and John Isch, son of Bro. and Sis. Harry Isch.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Schrock of Congerville, Ill., visited our congregation on Tuesday evening, Nov. 22.

Services were held here in the morning on Thanksgiving Day.

Bros. Henry Manz and Homer Reinick and many others from Bay City, Ft. Wayne, Rittman, Morton, Toledo, Leo, and Taylor, were here on the 27th. Bro. Sam Aeschliman spent the week end in Bremen, Bro. Wm. Fiechter visited at Remington, and Bro. Carl Kipfer at La Crosse.

Louise Fiechter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Fiechter, has been announced for proving.

Sis. Emma Isch, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, has been able to go to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Honegger.

Bro. Joe Isch is still in the Clinic Hospital.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Fiechter attended the Ft. Wayne church on Dec. 4, and Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger were in Gridley. We also had guests from Tremont, Alto, and Rittman.

Bertha Dubach, wife of Bro. Eli, has been announced for proving. She has partially recovered from a long illness, and proving and baptism will be in her home.

More of our many friends have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Longenberger became the parents of a new son on Nov. 18.

Our college students:

Mary K. Gerber  
500 N. Calvert St.  
Muncie, Ind.  
(Ball State Teacher's College)

Keith Honegger  
Box 635  
West Lafayette, Ind. (Purdue)

Charles Shively

Box 635  
West Lafayette, Ind. (Purdue)

Duane Gerber  
Box 77  
North Manchester, Ind. (Manchester)

Arthur Moser  
Lot 74  
305 E. Vermillia  
Bloomington, Ind. (Indiana)

Thomas Heyerly  
R. 4  
Decatur, Ind. (Purdue Extension)

John Isch  
316 S. Walnut St.  
Crawfordsville, Ind. (Wabash)

### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Reporter:** Lydia Heuberger

On Nov. 6, the following families visited the Fort Wayne church: Bro. and Sis. Robert Heuni, Bro. and Sis. George Carmichael, Bro. and Sis. Donald Buck.

On Nov. 6, Bro. and Sis. Earl Zeltwanger and children, Bro. and Sis. Carl Zeltwanger, Susan and Beth Zeltwanger, daughters of Bro. and Sis. Richard Zeltwanger; Bro. and Sis. John Laidig and Sisters Mary and Lydia Heuberger attended services at the Remington church.

On Nov. 13, Bro. and Sis. Robert Hueni, Bro. and Sister Earl Zeltwanger, Bro. and Sis. Donald Buck, and Bro. and Sis. Richard Zeltwanger visited the church in Cissna Park.

Correction from the November issue: Bethel College is located in Mishawaka, Ind., instead of South Bend, as was reported.

Nov. 20, announcement was made that Sue Ann Johnson, daughter of Bro. and Sis. David Johnson, has given her heart to the Lord. We rejoice to have another young soul added to our group of converts.

Nov. 20, the Sunday School presented a Thanksgiving program in the evening, which was very well attend-

ed by our brethren and friends. We were richly blessed by their readings and songs.

Bro. and Sis. Mike Schmidgall visited with Bro. and Sis. Carl Zeltwanger and relatives at Bremen from Nov. 15 to the 18th. They attended Singspiration services with us, which were held on Wednesday night, the 16th.

Births: Nov. 7, a daughter, Trena Rene, to Michael and Janet Levy; Nov. 11, a son, Kim Jon, to Jon and Sonja Laidig.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman, our elder of Bluffton, was assisted by Bro. Theo Beer of Milford on Saturday, Nov. 26, for proving services, and on Sunday, Nov. 27, for baptismal services for the following converts at the Bremen church: Verdon Feldman, Leon and Larry Hartter, Kenneth Klopfenstein, Karen and Sharon Laidig, Mary Lou Zimmer, Carol Steffen, and Sue Ann Johnson. We rejoice with the parents of these new converts, and thank the ministering brothers for their services rendered unto us for this most inspiring day. Relatives and friends from Peoria, Goodfield, Latty, Fort Wayne, Goshen, Elkhart and Milford were present for the baptismal services on Sunday.

Nov. 20, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Reinhard, Jr., and family of Bluffton visited the Bremen church and Bro. and Sis. Dan Clauss, the parents of Sis. Reinhard.

### **BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Sis. Helen Murrow and her daughter, Lynn, visited in Peoria and Eureka the first week in November.

Bro. and Sis. Gottlieb Reutter of Cissna Park, Ill., spent several weeks with their daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder, in helping

care for their new granddaughter, Mary Ann.

Bro. and Sis. John Teubel of Morton, Ill., visited here Nov. 20.

Our Sunday School students will present a Christmas program the evening of Dec. 18.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Hodel of Roanoke, Ill., visited his sister and her husband, Bro. and Sis. John Schrock, on their way to Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 23.

Bro. and Sis. Arnold Ott and family attended the proving and baptizing of their neice, Connie Schupbach, in Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 27.

Sister Lydia Ott is in Phoenix, Arizona, for six weeks, with her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney.

Sis. Martha Roth returned home Dec. 1, after spending a month with her two daughters and families, Bro. and Sis. Bernard Ziegenhorn of Peoria and Bro. and Sis. Melvin Weyeneth of Roanoke.

We are happy to hear that Diane Farney, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Farney, has given her heart to the Lord. Diane is attending college in Manhattan, Kansas.

Visitors here over the Thanksgiving holidays were Bro. Felix Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa; Bro. and Sis. Jack Prather, Eureka, Ill., and Bro. and Sis. Lee Schock of Morton, Illinois.

The betrothal of Sister Emma Michel of Burlington to Bro. John Greiner of Sabetha, Kansas, was announced December 4.

Sis. George Diel, who has been a patient the past three weeks at the Hardtner, Kansas, Hospital, is now a patient at the Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. Our wish and prayer is for her, a speedy recovery.

Those from here attending the funeral of Bro. Dan Imthurm at Lamont, Kansas, Nov. 30, were Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder, Bro. and Sis. Ike Diel, Sis. Anna Miller and Sis. Elizabeth Otti.

**CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young**

Our monthly singing was held the first Sunday of the month, with a good attendance.

Visiting ministers during the past month were: Elder Bro. Josh Broquard, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, Bro. Robert Heuni, Bro. David Mangold, Bro. Joe Getz, Bro. Frank Woertz and Bro. Leroy Huber. We are truly thankful for all visiting ministers and elders.

Bro. Al Fisher held funeral services for Sis. Lizzie Hofer of Forrest Park, who was brought here for burial Nov. 23.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Feller are spending the winter in Phoenix, Arizona, for Sis. Louisa's health. She is much improved at this writing.

Ben Merkle received severe burns in an accident on his farm. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Sis. Lena Feller and our aged Friend, Mary Baumgartner, are able to worship with us again, after a long absence.

A number of our members attended the wedding of Bro. John Eisenman and Beverly Anliker of Forrest, Nov. 27.

The evening of Nov. 30 is the date set for Holy Matrimony for Bro. Melvin Walder and Sis. Erma Bowald.

We are happy to have Bro. John Gudeman and Sis. Mary Ellen with us, after spending two years in the Armed Services.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Elden Steffen, a boy, Jon Charles, Oct. 29; to Bro. and Sis. Dale Walder, a girl, Marilyn Rose, Nov. 4.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Louise Steffen**

Those who are hospitalized at this time are: Alfred Hugh, who had eye surgery; Lydia Stettner, who suffered a coronary heart attack; and Al Nelson, who was badly burned at work. He has second and third degree burns.

Also, a few of this congregation are sick at home, Bro. Fred Grimm and Sister Pauline Messerschmidt. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Bro. Noah Schrock and his wife visited our church on Nov. 13. They came by train.

Nov. 27, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Bro. John Wahl of Elgin and Sister Emma Brammer of Gridley, Illinois.

Dec. 4, Bro. Rolland and Sister Melva Messner visited here. They are from Winthrop, Minnesota.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Visiting ministers have been as follows: Nov. 6, Bro. John Rokey and Bro. Simon Wiegand of Goodfield; Nov. 13, Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville and Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley; Nov. 27, Bro. Al Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria; Dec. 4, Bro. Dave Mangold was an afternoon guest.

Nov. 6, in the evening, the members from Roanoke assembled with us to hear the report from the conference held at Cissna Park. Bro. Joe Getz, Bro. Dave Mangold and Bro. Frank Woertz assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in giving the report.

Services were held Thanksgiving morning, with Bro. Leroy Huber giving the message. We indeed have many things to be thankful for again this past year.

The evening of Nov. 30, Sister Erma Bowald and Bro. Melvin Waldner were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber. May God bless their married life.

Nov. 27 was the evening of our monthly singing at the church. The Sutter girls trio sang three numbers, and also the Prairie Choristers sang several numbers.

Dec. 4, Edna Anliker was proved and baptized this afternoon by Bro. Huber and Bro. Mangold. May God share His many blessings with her in her new walk of life.



Nov. 3—A baby girl was born to Bro. Maurice and Sis. Ella Wittmer, Susan Marie.

College students from Eureka:

Miss Elaine Kempf  
305 North St.  
Normal, Illinois

Miss Linda King  
Ropp Hall  
Bluffton College  
Bluffton, Ohio

Miss Naomi Bowald  
208 Normal Ave., Normal, Ill.

Gene Leman  
58 E. Gregory Drive  
Champaign, Illinois

Jerry Zimmerman  
614 W. Burton Ave.  
Eureka, Illinois  
Eureka College

Ben Bowald  
715 Washington St.  
Pekin, Illinois  
(address will be Normal, Ill. after about 6 weeks.)

School of Nursing

Miss Ginger Wuethrich  
211 Green Leaf St.  
Peoria, Illinois

Miss Eileen Gingel  
233 Crescent Ave.  
Peoria, Illinois

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Mike Weyeneth from Peoria on Nov. 6, Bro. Phil Sauder from Cissna Park, Bro. Merle Kaisner, Bro. Edmund Kloter, and Bro. Walter Koehl from Fairbury on November 27. Bro. Joe A. Getz and Bro. Silas Leuthold were here on November 8 to assist Bro. Josh Broquard and Bro. Henry Kilgus with the Memorandum from the Con-

ference, which was read to the Fairbury and Forrest congregations.

On November 20, the Bible Class accepted an invitation from Eureka to the Christian Endeavor. They enjoyed it very much.

The young brothers and sisters from here spent the day of November 20 in Bluffton, Indiana.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Lydia Kilgus accompanied Bro. Phil and Sis. Eliza Getz from Remington to the churches in Alabama on Nov. 20.

Sister Beverly Anliker from Forrest and Bro. John Eisenmann of Cissna Park were united in marriage on November 27.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Delores Stoller

As of the last writing, we have had quite a few visitors. I will try to mention as many as I can, but, in the future, it will be almost impossible to mention every one.

Robert and Jean Luginbuhl of Roanoke, Ill., were here the first of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Yager of Berne, Ind., John and Mary Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Isch of Bluffton, Ind., Lydia and Roy Betz, Mansfield, Ohio, Lydia and Louise Schock of Elgin, Illinois, Misses Irma Haab, Carol Weisser, Edna Lehman, Joan Streitmatter, all of Milford, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kaufman of Akron, O., are here to spend the winter with their daughter in Palm Beach.

Will and Mayme Erkert of Peoria, Ill., have returned to their home here in Florida for the winter.

Our Wednesday evening singings are to be resumed. Our first singing will be held at Bro. Matt Wackerle's home. Each week, it will be held at a different home. Anyone wishing to attend while here may call Bro. Matt Wackerle or Bro. Harry Sutters' for information. Both are listed in the Ft. Lauderdale phone directory.

**FORT SCOTT, KANSAS****Reporter: Marie Zaugg**

November 6, Brother and Sister Danny Sinn, Brother and Sister Martin Hohulin and family spent the day visiting the Wichita, Kansas, church.

November 13, the Lamar, Mo., Sunday School entertained our Fort Scott Sunday School. We enjoyed the day very much.

We welcome Brother and Sister Harold Kraft and family to our congregation. They moved here from Wichita, Kansas. May it be a blessing to them, and to all of us here.

Visiting here, on November 20, were Oscar and Sister Caroline Banwart and Eileen, Sister Marie Marti, and Sister Carrie Lehman, of Lamar, Missouri.

Thanksgiving visitors here were Brother and Sister Harry Kaiser and family and Sister Lillian Kaiser of Morton, Illinois; Brother and Sister Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; Brother and Sister Harvey Smith and family and Brother Dave Hangartner, Wichita, Kansas; Brother and Sister Louis Hoerr, Taylor, Mo.; Brother and Sister Samuel Huber and family Burlington, Kansas; Arlie and Eva Banwart and Karen, West Bend, Iowa; Jerry and Shirley Herd, Kansas City, Kansas; Brother and Sister Ben Banwart and family, Brother and Sister Arthur Banwart and family, Lamar, Missouri.

Brother and Sister Lyle Fischer are the parents of a new son, Jeffery Lynn, born November 28.

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA****Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer**

Our Thanksgiving program was held Nov. 6, with Francesville as our guests. A Christmas program is being planned for Dec. 18.

Arlene Martin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Oscar Martin, was proved and baptized Sunday, Nov. 13, with Elder Brothers Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer officiating. This is our first convert baptized in the new

church, and we wish her God's richest blessings.

Fred Drayer, husband of Sis. Nettie Drayer, suffered a light stroke on Nov. 5. He is slowly improving.

Carol Masel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulfer, was operated on for appendicitis on Nov. 15 at the Lutheran Hospital. She is getting along nicely.

Sis. Florence Pulfer had surgery at the Parkview Hospital Nov. 30. She is as good as can be expected, at this writing.

Sis. Marty Moser left Nov. 25 for Florida. She plans to stay for an indefinite time with her brother, Ray. Her mailing address is: General Delivery, Punta Gorda, Florida.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville conducted services here Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, and on Friday evening, Nov. 25, he showed pictures of the Holy Land at the Hobby Ranch House.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo and Sis. Mary Sabo of Mansfield visited with Bro. and Sis. Albert Kipfer on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30.

The mailing address of Sis. Connie Hurt, who is attending Ball State Teacher's College, is: 511 N. Calvert St., Muncie, Indiana.

Our visiting ministers during the past month were: Bros. Orville Ringger and Robert Hueni, Nov. 6; Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, Nov. 13; Bros. George Yergler and Loren Stoller, Nov. 20; Bros. John Bollier and Ben Schlatter, Nov. 27.

**FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA****Reporter: Mrs. Willis Wuethrich**

Joseph E. Pelsy passed away Nov. 7, at the Little Co. of Mary Rest Home. Surviving are his wife, Ella, and a son, Ivan, and family. Funeral services were held by Philip Gutwein and Harry Bucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Messer of California are here for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yaggie and family.

On October 23, we had a Youth Program, with the theme **Ye must be born again**, and Nov. 20, our Thanksgiving program was presented. Both were very inspiring.

Nov. 26, a premature daughter, Debra Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Neihcuser. She lived 14 hours. Services were held Nov. 28.

With the approaching holiday season, we must keep in mind the full meaning of Christmas, and put Christ first, above all. May it be a blessed time for everyone.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marian Wiegand**

The Memorandum of the Elder Conference was read and explained to the Congerville and Goodfield congregations Sunday evening, November 13. Elder Brethren Dave Mangold, Joe Getz, and Leroy Huber assisted our Elder Brother Frank Woertz.

Hulda Helderle has been a patient at the Eureka Hospital, where she underwent surgery. She is improving nicely.

Bruce, 5-year-old son of George and Wilma Knapp, had the tips of two fingers taken off, while at play recently.

About 25 couples from the Cissna Park and Elgin churches were guests at our church, December 4. Supper was served by Bro. and Sis. Roy Wyss, Bro. and Sis. Roy Hangartner and Bro. and Sis. Mike Knapp, Junior.

Bro. and Sis. Hans Hinrickson, Bro. and Sis. Simon Wiegand Jr., Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bauman and Bro. and Sis. Harold Resser were visitors at the Oakville church on December 3.

The Goodfield Bible Class were guests to the Roanoke Sunday School, for Youth Fellowship on November 20.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler**

A daughter, Lori Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Roy Funk on Nov.

15. She has four brothers and sisters: Randy, Rhonda, Charlene, and Bruce.

We have two more new converts, since the last writing. They are Don and Rozella Gramm, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. George Gramm.

Sis. Rose Schlipf attended the wedding of her nephew, Elton Wiegand, in Sabetha, Kansas, on Nov. 27.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, Bro. Leroy Huber, Bro. Joe Getz, and Bro. Dave Mangold visited us, and assisted Bro. Joe Klopfenstein in sharing the deliberations of the brother meeting, which was held in Cissna Park a while ago. Many valuable teachings were brought forth, and we wish to thank the visiting ministers for their part.

Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm recently returned from a trip to Morris, Minnesota, where they visited Bro. and Sis. Harold Gramm and family. They attended services in the Morris congregation on Sunday, and on Tuesday evening, they visited the Winthrop congregation.

Sis. Averil Stevig of Arizona recently spent a few weeks in Gridley, visiting her relatives and friends. She attended services while here, and we enjoyed seeing her again.

Clara Bruelman was proved and baptized on Sunday, Nov. 27. Supper was served in the church basement, afterwards, for relatives and friends. A singing was held later, in the Sunday School room.

The Bible Class participated in the Christian Endeavor singing, which was held in Roanoke on Nov. 20.

Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Program, which is to be held on Sunday evening, December 18, in the church assembly room.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Our congregation enjoyed the messages of Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, Iowa, and Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern,

Kansas, at Lamont, Thursday evening, Nov. 10.

We had a blessed day November 13, when our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent the day with us, and gave us the report of the Brotherhood Conference.

Visitors the past month: Bro. and Sis. Art Banwart and family, Lamar, Mo.; Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart and sons, Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and daughters, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and son, Eldorado; Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Howard Warner and family, Arlington; Bro. and Sis. Ike Diel, Cherokee, Okla.; Mrs. Gladys Botham and family, Kansas City; Bro. David and Mother Metz, Forrest, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Jack Stieglitz, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon; and Bro. Joe Stoller, Sabetha.

Combined Lamont and Gridley Thanksgiving Eve services were held at Gridley. Among the visitors were Bro. Robert Young, Wichita, and Bro. and Sis. John Teubel, Morton, Illinois.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Lucy Imthurn, Lamont congregation, in the recent death of her husband, Bro. Dan Imthurn, Madison, who passed away November 28 at the hospital, where he had been for the past eight weeks. He was eighty-five years of age, and was laid to rest on November 30 at the Lamont Church Cemetery. Bro. Sam Anliker conducted the services.

Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Beyer and family spent Thanksgiving vacation with Sis. Mary Louise's parents, Bro. and Sis. Louie Knapp, of Forrest, Illinois.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

**Reporter: Shirley Gudeman**

November 3: Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka was with us. He chose as his text, Ephesians 3. There were 22 students and 33 guests present.

November 10: Brother Joe Schrock of Congerville read and meditated upon Matthew 16. Fifty-six people were present, fifteen of which were students.

November 17: John 8:1-12 was the text Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury used. Of the 49 people present, 25 were students.

Guests this month were present from Congerville, Morton, Gridley, Eureka, Fairbury, Quincy, Peoria and Goodfield.

We want to extend an invitation to everyone to come visit us some Thursday evening. Our meetings are held every Thursday at 7:45 p.m., at the 3rd floor lounge of the University Union. We enjoy having visitors very much.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Bert Bucher**

Visiting ministers in the past month were Bros. Philip Gutwein and Conrad Gutwein of Francesville and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton.

The engagement of Bro. Garry Bucher, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Bucher, to Sis. Lois Gerst of Oakville, Iowa, has been announced. She is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerst.

Our Thanksgiving program was given on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23.

We missed one of our friends who is also in college, Willard Yergler Jr., at Purdue University, Lafayette.

### LATTY, OHIO

**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

On Nov. 6, we had several visitors. There were four couples from Gridley, Ill., and also some from Bluffton. The Elmer Ginzels, Jerry Fischers and Sam Leman families of Eureka and Roanoke, were here also, after coming for the wedding on Saturday of Gloria Stoller and Kent Miller.

On Nov. 10 and 11th, Bro. Ezra and Sister Velda Schlipf of Metamora, Ill., and Bro. Joe and Sister

Anna Eisenmann of Burlington, Iowa, were visiting here with relatives and friends.

On November 13, Paula Sinn, daughter of Bro. and Sister Dan Sinn, was baptized. Visitors here were Bro. and Sister John and Minnie Fetter and Tillie Laukhuf of Toledo, Bro. and Sister Carl Zeltwanger of Bremen and the Alvin Laukhufs of Rittman. Nearly the entire Junction congregation was with us also in the afternoon.

November 20, the following visitors were here: The George Laidig family and Sister Lena Rager of Toledo; Bro. and Sister Noah Gerber of Fort Wayne; Florence and Annabelle Hartzler and Carolyn Stoller of Rittman; Sister Maude Greuter of Leo, and Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou Grimm of Princeville, Illinois.

Monday evening, Nov. 21, Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville was here for services. Also with him was his wife and her sister, Helen Sorg, of Milford. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Orville Ringger and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction. After services, Bro. Schrock showed pictures at the Raymond Klopfenstein home of their recent trip to the Holy Land.

We truly rejoice that we again have dear souls that have answered the Lord's call and turned in repentance. They are Kent and Gloria (Stoller) Miller and Janet (Laukhuf) Williamson. May the Lord be with them and richly bless them.

**Births:** A son, born to Bro. and Sister Alvin Klopfenstein on Nov. 20. He has been named Roy Willis. He has two brothers and two sisters. A boy, Curtis Gus, was born to the William Ragers on Nov. 27. His two brothers and four sisters welcomed him. A daughter, Susanne Kay, to Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann (Haab) Sinn on December 1.

We are glad that John Schlatter is again able to assemble with us, after being laid up for a long time. Also,

Carl Laukhuf is back again, after a recent operation. Little Ruthie Klopfenstein, daughter of Alvin and Ellen, had an operation on her eye. She is getting along good, and now is able to go to school.

### **MANSFIELD, OHIO**

**Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder**

Visiting ministers were: Brother Joe Ramsier of Rittman, Ohio, Oct. 30; Elder Brother Rudolph Graf of Akron, Ohio, Nov. 20; Brother Fred Marti of Sardis, Ohio, Nov. 27. Their wives and several others came with them. We enjoyed the services of the brothers very much, and invite all back again.

Brother Robert Beer has been able to attend services again a half day the last two Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roth of Alto, Michigan, visited the Carl Oesch family, Nov. 10.

On Nov. 12, 61 members of the Prairie Choristers from Roanoke, were in our midst. After supper at the Liberty Park Pavilion, we had a general singing, and then the Choristers entertained us with a number of hymns. Sunday, after the afternoon services, they also sang quite a few selections for us again. They then requested that our Vesper Choir sing.

We also had visitors from Bremen, Junction, and Grabill. It was a very blessed day to hear and sing songs of praise to God, and to enjoy the blessed fellowship with those of kindred mind. We heartily invite all to visit us again.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, the Vesper choir sang for the ladies at the Apostolic Christian Home.

### **MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

**Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder**

Brother Fred and Sister Freda Messner of Gibbon, Minn., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Earnest Dapper, and family.

Brother Warren and Sister Delores Zehr of Fairbury visited Altadena

and Maywood churches.

Brother and Sister Jack Stieglitz of Morton, Ill., were California visitors.

Maywood Sunday School pupils held a picnic at the church, Nov. 19. Thirteen pupils attended with their mothers.

Latest word from Brother Theophil Schwing, who is now with his son in northern California, is that he is in somewhat better health.

### **MILFORD, INDIANA**

**Reporter: Irma Haab**

The engagement was announced of Bill Graff to Kay Eisenhower of New Paris. Bill is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Ida Graff.

Ministering Bro. Elmer Hartter underwent an emergency appendectomy. He is getting along fine at this time.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton visited our congregation Nov. 2. The memorandum of the Brotherhood meeting was read and discussed.

Fred Weisser and Diane Cory were united in marriage Thursday, Oct. 20. Fred is the son of Herman and Gwen Weisser.

Many brethren from various churches attended the provings Saturday night, and baptisms Sunday, Nov. 20, of Susie Beer and Mary Zimmerman. Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Joe Schrock were with us.

Visiting ministers Sunday, Dec. 4, were Bro. Mike Weyeneth and Roy Sauder from Peoria and Bro. Forrest Ritzman from Akron. Their wives accompanied them.

The marriage of Sally Sorg, daughter of Earl and Lorene Sorg, and Dr. Gene Hoerr, son of Otto and Marie Hoerr, took place Sunday, Dec. 4.

### **MORRIS, MINNESOTA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fehr's son, Gregory Dean, was born Nov. 5. Bro. and Sister Raymond Luthi had a baby boy, Calvin Ray, on Nov. 28.

Sunday, Nov. 13, thirteen couples went to Lester, Iowa, and were supper and evening guests of Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler.

Visiting minister this month was Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Illinois. His wife accompanied him. They visited with their son, Bro. and Sister Harold Gramm and family.

Visitors Nov. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Enz, Lamont, Kansas; Bro. and Sister Lloyd Nohl, Mr. Nathan and Sister Banwart and Mable of West Bend, Iowa; Bonnie, Kenneth Knobloch, Della, Pauline, Dale Metzger, and Rosella Kellenberger of Lester, Iowa.

Donnie Luthi, son of Bro. and Sister William Luthi, and Della Metzger of Lester have announced their engagement.

Sister Ida Koehl of Morton, Illinois, came to make her home with her son, Bro. Charles Koehl, and family. She also has three other sons here whom she will visit.

Holy Communion was served Sunday, Nov. 27.

Bro. and Sister Gilbert Knobloch and children of Lester, Iowa, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Bro. and Sister Ernest Kellenberger Senior.

Bro. and Sister Bob Haas and children were to Elgin, Illinois, for Thanksgiving, and spent a week visiting with relatives.

Bro. and Sister Louie Messner (your reporter), and Joy Steven, were to my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Meier, in Peoria, Illinois, a week. We had a family reunion Thanksgiving day, with our brother, Paul, and family, home from California, the first time in 14 years.

We want to welcome back Bro. and Sister Moser and son, who have been living in Spring Valley, Iowa, and are moving back to Hancock.

### **MORTON, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz**

A boy was born to Joe and Sis. Florence Jacob, Nov. 2; a girl was

born to the Arthur Stetzlers, Nov. 28.

We had church services Sunday evening, Oct. 30. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka were with us.

Funeral services for Lena Drepler, 73, were held Nov. 5. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse, Ind., Nov. 13, and Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, Ia., Nov. 20.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Mary Fritz and Bro. Walter Gasser of Rittman, Ohio.

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Jack Kaufman  
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David Schick  
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Urbana, Illinois

William Aupperle  
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Urbana, Illinois

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Karen Plattner  
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DeKalb, Illinois

Steve Pflederer  
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Galesburg, Illinois

Janice Grimm  
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Peoria, Illinois

Rosemary Huette  
Student Nurse, Methodist Hospital  
Peoria, Illinois

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Iowa City, Iowa

Glen Gerber  
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Morton, Illinois

Roger Kahler  
Fulton Hall, Monmouth College  
Monmouth, Illinois

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, WEST VA.

**Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

Mrs. Emma Riggenschbach spent Thanksgiving with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gehring, near Sardis, Ohio. On Friday evening, she went to the home of another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marty. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Marty and daughter, Margaret, and Mrs. Emma Riggenschbach drove to Sterling, O., where they spent the night with relatives, and on Sunday attended the church services at Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Marty assisted with the Sunday service, due to the illness of one of the ministers, Mr. Robert Beer.

Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Chauncey Wade spent November 18, 19, and 20 with their sisters, Mrs. R. D. Williams in Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Albert Durig in Girard, Ohio. They attended the church service at the Girard church on Sunday morning, returning home late Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emma Berger (Mrs. Chris) is not very well at this writing.

Mrs. Fanny Schupbach remains about the same, in the home of her son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, O., spent the Thanksgiving week end here with the Barth families.

Mrs. Emma Berger (Mrs. Will) attended the church service at the Monroe church on Sunday afternoon, November 20, and, later that day, went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Glover, in St. Marys, W. Va., where she will spend the winter months.

At this Christmas season, we, the family of Mrs. Emma Barth, wish

for you a very blessed Christmas, and to all of you whom she remembered with cards and little expressions of love and appreciation, and who in turn remembered her in many ways, we all say "thank you," for all the loving deeds you did for her. Your kindness meant much to her.

Jesus Christ was born to show forth the perfect life, which puts love before all else, a love which is available to all and which, by its nature of self sacrifice, can overcome evil.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Reporter: John L. Steiner**

The engagement of Sis. Lois Gerst to Bro. Gary Bucher of La Crosse, Indiana, was made known November 13.

Friend Floyd Rowell was announced for proving and baptism some weeks ago. As of this writing, this undertaking was scheduled for December 4.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock was accompanied by Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville on a visit to the West Bend, Iowa, church on December 27.

Bro. Frederick Pohl of Burlington was inducted into the Army on December 1. We all will miss him, and wish him God's protection and blessing.

Mid-week services at Oakville are now held on Thursday evening at 7:30.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Our monthly Hymn sing was held Nov. 6. The smaller children of the Sunday School sang a few numbers, and a mixed choir also took part.

Jacob Meier was announced for proving. We are so glad for him, and wish him God's grace and blessing.

Sisters Ruth and Mary Aberle attended the wedding of their nephew, Elton Wiegand, to Loretta Strahm on Sunday, Nov. 27, at Bern, Kansas. They also visited friends at Sabetha.

We enjoyed having Bro. Eugene



Bertschi with us on Sunday, Nov. 27. We were richly blessed by the true word of God. Those that were with him were, his wife; his mother, Sis. Miriam Winzeler; Bro. and Sis. Irvin Leman, Bro. and Sis. Joe Clauss, and Bro. and Sis. Melvin Sorg.

Bro. and Sis. George Gudeman and family of Cissna Park and many others from different places visited our congregation on Sunday, Nov. 27, and then attended the wedding of Roma Hodel to Russell Rumbolt.

Bro. and Sis. Leroy Hartman visited the Eureka church on Sunday, Nov. 27. Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth visited the Forrest church on Nov. 6 and the Sabetha, Kansas, church on Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waibel are the parents of a daughter, Jody Roe, born Nov. 15.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth, Sis. Emma Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. John Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Ed Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Rudy Hoerr, Sis. Emma Schumacher, Bro. and Sis. Emil Hoerr, and the August Hoerr family spent Sunday, Dec. 4, at Milford, and then attended the wedding of Sally Sorg to Dr. Gene Hoerr, at the home of Sis. Helen Sorg.

Sis. Mary Schlipf and her daughter, Anna, left for California for the winter.

Announcement has been made for the coming marriage of Willis Tripplet to Shirley Witzig.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Reporter: Alice Heiniger**

Those visiting us from out of town in October were, Sister Emily Hari, Sister Cora Yergler, Brother Ed and Sister Louise Feller from Cissna Park. The Fellers plan to stay for some time, due to Sister Louise's health, which has been greatly improved at this time.

Those moving to Phoenix in October were, our Elder Brother, Roy, and Sister Minnie Farney, their

daughter, Sister Roletta and son, Robert, and his wife, Janet; also, Brother Roy's father, Brother Sam Farney. We welcome them to our congregation, and feel the Lord has blessed us greatly.

Our new assembly room is opened, and we praise God for his great mercy and goodness shown to our small congregation here in the Valley of the Sun. Our opening date was November 13.

The Phoenix congregation extends an open invitation to all our churches for Dedication Services, which will be held February 5, 1961. Again, we want to thank all the many churches that contributed toward the building of our addition, which makes this dedication possible.

Those visiting us on Sunday, November 20, were, Brother Warren and Sister Zehr, Fairbury, Ill.; Bro. Harold and Sister Kraft, Wichita, Kans.; Bro. Sam and Sister Esther Kraft, Gridley, Kansas; Bro. John and Sister Mary Ellen Gudeman, Cissna Park, Ill.; Sisters Augusta and Ella Einbeck, Castorland, New York.

On Thanksgiving Day, we had visitors, Bro. Jacob Beyer and Sister Bertha Beyer, Gridley, Kansas.

On November 26, four souls were proved, and on November 27, baptismal services were held for our new converts: Sister Connie Schupbach, Bro. Bill Dotterer and Sister Marilyn Dotterer, and Bro. David Stevig. We wish them God's blessings. A church supper was prepared, with 100 attending the supper. Visiting us for the occasion were: Bro. Joe and Sis. Joe Hodel, Roanoke, Illinois; Elder Carl Kinsinger and son, Douglas, Altadena, Calif.; Bro. John and Sister Lois Klotzle, Altadena, Calif.; Bro. Arnold and Sister Nelda Ott, Burlington, Okla.; Sister Lydia Ott, Burlington, Okla.; Sister Kathryn Hecker, Sister Ruth Ludwig, Altadena, California.

**PORTLAND, OREGON****Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller**

Brother John and Sister Mary Ellen Gudeman have been discharged from the Army at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and they left for Cissna Park, Illinois, on November 16.

A baby girl, Karen Sue, was born to Brother Robert and Sister Nilah Fischer, Nov. 18. She joins a brother, Mark, and a sister, Janet.

Sister Elizabeth Feldman from Altadena, California, is visiting the Silverton and Portland Churches. Her sister, Anna, is ill in Portland.

The funeral for Lizzie Brazier was held Nov. 19 at Silverton. We have always enjoyed visiting with her. She died suddenly from a heart attack.

**PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Ruth Ricketts**

We all enjoyed a blessed day Sunday, November 6, when Brother Albert Aberle and his wife spent the day with us. We were thankful for Brother Albert's messages, and welcome him back.

On the morning of November 8, our Brother, Albert Herrmann, suffered a severe coronary thrombosis, and was taken to the hospital, where he passed out of this life on November 11, and was laid to rest November 14. Brother Harry Bucher of La Crosse, Indiana, was here to conduct the service, and remarked how only a few short weeks ago, so many had gathered here for a soldier's reunion of World War I soldiers, and now, how suddenly one was called out of this world, and on a day set aside to pay tribute to war veterans. Our sympathy is extended to the family. Just shortly over a year ago, their mother, too, was called from this earth. Surviving are a daughter, Sister Margaret; Brothers Eugene, Noah, Harry and Walter; a number of grandchildren; a brother, Brother John; and other relatives. Our church suffers a great loss, also, as Brother Albert was one of the pillars whom we all looked to

for advice, as all felt he gave sound advice for the good of all. However, we feel he had earned his reward, and is sleeping with the just.

Our young folks of the Bible Class joined the other groups in Roanoke, Sunday, November 20, and enjoyed the evening singing.

We are now having group singing in church the third Sunday in each month.

The assembly room was filled to capacity Thanksgiving morning when all gathered to give thanks for all the blessings we have all enjoyed again in the past year.

Brother Edwin and Sister Carol Baurer and their small daughter have safely arrived home, following Brother Edwin's discharge from Army duty. He had been stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sister Elsa Christ and Hilda Streitmatter are both recovering nicely, following surgery.

**REMINGTON, INDIANA****Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

Bro. Earl Kilgus has been confined to his home with the mumps.

Sister Marie Schieler has been visiting her daughters in Croghan and Castorland.

Bro. Will Feichter of Bluffton was our visiting minister on Nov. 27.

Bro. and Sis. Herman Beckley are spending two weeks visiting relatives in Rockville, Connecticut.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, our congregation was invited to Wolcott for the afternoon and evening to hear the recording of the Cissna conference.

Our friend, Linda Pitman, is home, after several weeks at Riley Hospital, where she had extensive surgery. We are praying for her recovery, and hope she will soon be able to worship with us.

**RITTMAN, OHIO****Reporter: Lucille Hartzler**

We rejoice that another soul has found grace to repent and give his

heart to the Lord. He is Alvin Laukhuf.

On Nov. 5, a girl, Diane Elizabeth, was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Betty Steiner. On Nov. 24, a son, Kevin Dale, was born to Bro. Chester and Sis. Roma Rufener.

Announcement was made on Sunday, Nov. 27, that our two friends, Ed and Anita Riggensbach, have found peace, and they are now awaiting baptism.

Fred Winkler, who is now stationed in the Service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, plans to leave there on Dec. 10 for Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sunday, Nov. 27, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Mary Fritz of Morton, Ill., and Bro. Walter Gasser of here.

Sis. Emma Maibach, who has been in the hospital, is now home, and at this writing is improving slowly. Sis. Dorothy Zollinger, who has undergone surgery, is also home and much improved.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield visited our congregation Sunday, Nov. 6.

Bro. and Sis. Merlyn Getz are the parents of their third daughter, Joni Leigh, born Nov. 22.

Sunday evening, Nov. 20, Christian Endeavor was held here at Roanoke, with ten different church groups attending.

Sunday, Nov. 6, around 75 college students, both members and friends, were invited to spend the day with us. An enjoyable day of fellowship was had by all.

The week end of the 12th and 13th of November the Prairie Choristers went by train to Mansfield, Ohio.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

**Reporters: Richard and Velta Laukhuf**

Church Services held at Women's

Club Building, Corner of Park and Palm Avenue.

Time: Worship 1:00 P.M. (during Jan., Feb., and March)

### TOLEDO, OHIO

**Reporter: Emily Frautschi**

Brother and Sister Andrew Dotterer of Paulding visited us recently. Their daughter, Sister Marilyn Dotterer, and Sister Roberta Stoller of Latty were with them.

Bob and Joan Conrad of South Bend, Indiana, visited their mother, Sister Clara Klopfenstein, and other relatives in Toledo, on November 13.

Our Sunday School held their annual Harvest-Time Hymn-Singing on Sunday evening, Nov. 13.

A number of our Toledo folks visited the Detroit church for services on November 17, as Elder Brother Silas Leuthold of the Princeville, Ill., congregation, and Elder Bro. Joe Wai-bel of the Bay City congregation were both there. Brother and Sister Leuthold, Brother and Sister Sam Kieser and Sister Bertha Mauer stopped in Toledo the following day on their way home.

On November 27, Brother and Sister William Honegger and daughter Elaine, Brother and Sister Perry Honegger and Sister Elizabeth Honegger of Forrest, Ill., visited relatives in Toledo.

Our Elder Brother Rudolph Graf of Akron, Ohio, visited our congregation on Dec. 4. Other visitors were Brother and Sister Tom Grant of Paulding, Ohio, and their children. We are glad to have Julia Grant back in Toledo, after a stay with her two daughters in Chicago.

Brother Godfrey Schlatter and Sister Clara Klopfenstein plan to leave for Florida this week. We wish them God's blessings and protection during their stay in the South.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Esther Schmid**

A son, Joseph Alan, was born Nov.

3 to Bro. Chris and Sister Ida Schweigert. He has two brothers and a sister to welcome him.

A group of young brethren from Elgin, Ill., visited here on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Announcement was made on Nov. 6 of the approaching marriage of Sis. Miriam Koch and Bro. Marvin Frank, both of Tremont.

On Dec. 4, the engagement of Sis. Donna Baurer, Tremont, and Bro. Max Yergler, Cissna Park, Ill., was announced.

Bro. Joe A. Getz held afternoon service here on Nov. 13. On Nov. 20, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest had services here. We enjoyed the inspired messages.

Several brethren from Elgin, Ill., spent Sunday, Nov. 20, here.

Sister Clara Sauder, wife of Bro. Levi Sauder, is confined at her home, with an illness of the shingles. Sis. Sophia Steiner, wife of Bro. Daniel Steiner, had the misfortune of receiving painful burns at her home, but is now recovering nicely. We wish both of our sisters a very speedy recovery.

Our Sunday School Bible Class, their teachers and their teachers' wives were guests at Roanoke on Sunday evening, Nov. 20.

Bro. Charles Sauder, Manhattan, Kans., and Bro. Elmer Getz, Elgin, Ill., were home over the Thanksgiving week end.

Bro. Philemon and Sister Eliza Getz and several others from Remington, spent Sunday, Nov. 27, here, visiting relatives.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Dale Eisenmann**

On the evening of Nov. 16, Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke held services. Several other visitors from Roanoke were present, besides a nice number of students.

Bro. Joe Schrock spoke to us about the "Creation," on the evening of Nov. 30.

These visits of our ministers are greatly appreciated by all.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

**Reporter: Arles Kropf**

On November 6, our Sunday School children, teachers, and parents enjoyed fellowship and a wiener roast in Bro. Verne Lehman's woods, following afternoon services.

Visiting ministers during the past month have been Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont, Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington, Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest, and Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse.

Bro. and Sis. Irvin Lehman visited the Francesville church on Nov. 27.

We also enjoyed the visits of many other members from various places during this month.

Bro. and Sis. Leon Waibel and family spent the week end of Nov. 27 in Sabetha, Kansas. Bro. and Sis. Dave Strahm, who have been visiting the Waibels for the past several weeks, returned home with them.

Sis. Arles Kropf attended the wedding of Bro. Melvin Walder and Sis. Irma Bowald, at Eureka on Nov. 30.

Bro. and Sis. Alfred Bahler are the parents of a son, Jacob J., born Nov. 25.

Bro. and Sis. Ervin Walder of Cissna Park visited us on Dec. 4, and brought us the recording of the conference. The Remington congregation gathered with us.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Donald Schrock**

The Sunday School is planning its annual Christmas program for Wednesday night, December 21. Bros. Nathan Steffen and Melvin Schrock from Elgin were guest Sunday School teachers October 6.

Joyce Miller has been in Eureka Hospital. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Marion Miller.

Elder Bros. Frank Woertz, Dave

Mangold, and Joe Getz visited us recently, to comment on the Annual Conference, which this year was held at Cissna Park.

### **FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

If, like the shepherds, we have heard and seen, then like the shepherds, let us go and tell.

All of our Sunday School classes will take part in our Christmas program, to be held Sunday evening, Dec. 18. As we hear the children praising God in verse and song that **unto you a Saviour is given**, we thank God for **His unspeakable Gift**; and although we have many gift exchanges at Christmas, we can give to the Lord Jesus Christ any time.

Bro. and Sis. Will Cottrell and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer of Quincy, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen of Elgin visited here Sunday, Nov. 6, and we enjoyed the messages of Bros. Cottrell and Witzig.

The young people had an enjoyable Sunday visiting in Elgin, Nov. 13.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus and Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber and Sis. Joyce spent the week end of Dec. 3-4 in Chicago. Other out-of-town guests there were from Bremen, Eureka, and several other places. Sis. Joyce showed slides of their Holy Land trip.

Our Sunday School Bible Class sang praises to God at the Roanoke Christian Endeavor, Sunday, Nov. 20.

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold are the happy parents of a baby girl, Joy Rae.

Sis. Amanda Bingham passed away, after suffering another stroke, and funeral services were held Nov. 28 by Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington.

Sis. Anna Tyler was hospitalized for only a few days when she passed away, and Bro. Josh Broquard conducted funeral services Dec. 2.

### **GIRARD, OHIO**

**Reporter: Jesse Emch**

Bro. Harold and Sister Kathryn Emch and family spent the week end of Nov. 20 in Milford, Indiana.

Bro. Robt. Stoll, Sister Arlene Stoll, and family were guests in the Mansfield, O., Church, Sunday, Dec. 4.

Bro. Joseph and Sister Alma Emch visited their son, Lloyd, and family in Rittman on Thanksgiving Day.

We were all very happy to have four daughters of Sister Emma Barth as our guests on Sunday, Nov. 20. We welcome them to come often.

The Donald Emch family of Rittman were our guests on Thanksgiving Day.

The William Saylor family of Rittman were our guests, Sunday, Dec. 4.

It is very nice to have our dear sister, Lydia Klotzle, back home with us, after her pleasant trip to California.

Bro. Joseph Emch is back at his regular work, after spending a few days in the hospital, where he underwent plastic surgery.

Friend Frank Emch has had quite a severe attack of sciatica. He has not been able to be in church for three weeks. He is somewhat better at this writing.

Sister Marie Emch was in the hospital, where she had tests taken. She has been able to attend church again.

Sister Ethel Hafely is in the hospital at this writing; we wish her a speedy recovery.

### **SABETHA, KANSAS**

**Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner**

Nov. 6, Bro. Joe Fiechter and Sisters Leah and Dena from Emporia, Kans., spent Sunday with Sabetha members and their cousins, the Dornes family.

November 6, Bro. and Sister Dan Wiegand and son, Elton, of Eureka, Ill., attended church at Sabetha, Sunday afternoon.

Nov. 13, John and Esther Koch of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. and Sister Joe

Traub of Altadena, Calif., came to visit their mother, Sister Emma Giesel.

November 20, Bro. and Sister Joe Traub left for their home, and took Sister Emma Giesel with them, to spend the winter in California.

Nov. 13, Bro. and Sister Henry Dill Jr. and Bro. and Sister Adam Maurer of Tremont spent Veteran's Day week end with relatives and members at Sabetha, Sunday.

Nov. 14, Bro. John Strahm was in the Sabetha hospital a few days last week, with infection in his leg. He is at home again, and improving nicely.

Nov. 16, a young son of Bro. and Sister Harlan Stoller was returned to the hospital with some complications, after he had an appendectomy last week and had returned home. We are glad to hear that he is now getting better.

Nov. 16, Sister Lena (Fred) Lehman is improving, after three weeks in the hospital with pleurisy and other painful injuries. We wish her a complete recovery to good health. She hopes to go home soon.

Nov. 20, Wayne Locher of El Cento, Calif., came to visit his parents, Bro. and Sister Ted Locher, and other relatives and friends.

Nov. 20, Bro. and Sister Carl Engle and Aaron Ramseyer of Lamar spent Sunday with their aunts, Sister Kate Ott and Lydia Kaufman, and the members of Sabetha. They went home on Monday.

Nov. 20, Bro. and Sister Michael Weyeneth of Peoria visited the members at Sabetha and Bern. Bro. Weyeneth brought very inspiring messages to the Sabetha congregation in the forenoon and in the Country congregation in the afternoon. We thank God for the services brought us, and hope the Lord will open the way for him to visit us soon again.

Nov. 20, Bro. and Sister Silas Banwart, Bro. and Sister George Bruellman and Bro. and Sister John Gerber

of Algona and West Bend spent the week end at Sabetha.

Nov. 20, Bro. and Sister Phil Metzger spent Sunday at West Bend.

Nov. 27, a large number of relatives and friends from Eureka, Peoria, Morton and Goodfield came to the wedding of our friends, Loretta, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Emil Strahm of Bern, and Elton, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Wiegand of Eureka, Illinois. They were married by Bro. Lester Hartter, at the home of the bride's parents, Sunday afternoon.

Dec. 4, Friends Roger Aberle and Elton Plattner were announced for proving and baptism, to be held next Sunday.

Dec. 4, the engagement of Bro. John Greiner and Sis. Emma Michel of Kiowa was announced.

Nov. 27, Bro. and Sis. John Teubel of Morton spent Sunday at Sabetha.

Nov. 27, Bros. Loren Strahm and Robert Young of Gridley, Kans., came to look over the Apostolic Old Folk's Home, and took dinner with Sister Mary Aberle.

Nov. 27, Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner and children, Richard, Harold, Velma and Carol of Tremont spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Dan's parents, Bro. Ed. and Sis. Edna Steiner and brothers, Ezra and Reuben Steiner, and Sister Marie Kellenberger and their families, and the Lewis Bahr families and members at Sabetha and Bern.

### **TAYLOR, MISSOURI**

**Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter**

Visitors from Elgin, Ia., on Nov. 6 were Bro. Werner and Sis. Elizabeth Moor and sons, his mother—Sis. Esther Moor, and Sis. Eleanor Butikofer.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock were with us for our Wednesday evening service on Nov. 9.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich of Pulaski and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Anliker of West Bend,

Ia., spent Sunday evening, Nov. 20, at the home of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, where we enjoyed singing, followed by a short service from God's Word by Bro. Albert.

Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and children of Tremont, Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach and daughters, Sis. Bertha Lee and Sis. Edith of Oakville, Ia., spent Sunday, Nov. 27, with us.

Donald Hoerr, son of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr, enlisted in the Army for six months. He left on Nov. 13, and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Sis. Clara, wife of Bro. Perry Yackley, has returned home from the hospital, after a week's stay, following surgery. She is getting along nicely.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

Sister Louisa Metzger, widow of Bro. Ed Metzger, passed away Dec. 2, at the age of 82 years. Those from a distance attending her funeral were, Bro. Earl Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Walter Banwart, Bro. Will Metzger and Arnold Metzger of West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Nathan Kellenberger, Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart and Sis. Sadie Metzger of Elgin, Ill.; Bro. Will Butikofer of Quincy; and Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer of La-Grange, Missouri.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Moser and son, Brian, of Spring Valley, Minn., who have been attending our church services, are moving back to Morris.

J. V. Schneider passed away Nov. 1. He had attained the age of 92 years. He spent many weeks in the Postville Hospital, after suffering a stroke, and died there.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pulfer and family recently visited his mother, Sis. Ida Pulfer. They live in Pekin, Illinois.

Our sisters, Mrs. Geo. Fink, of Gridley, Ill., and Mrs. Harold Roth of Roanoke recently visited in the

Ira Farney home and attended our church services.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Reporter: Robert Walder**

Ministering Brother and Sister Leo Moser and Sister Betty Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, visited here the week of November 12.

Sister Persida Metz and Brother David Metz of Forrest, spent Thanksgiving week with us.

Brother Eugene and Sister Ella Mae Schmidt left Fort Sam, for their home in Winthrop, Minnesota, on December 2, after being stationed here for two years.

Dean Leuthold, a friend from Peoria, arrived here for training on the 2nd of December.

The week end of December 4, our visitors were Brother Melvin and Sister Irma Walder of Cissna Park and Brother Kenneth Schneider of Forrest, who accompanied his sister-in-law, Juanita Schneider, here to join her husband, Duane, who is stationed here for training.

#### LESTER, IOWA

**Reporter: Miss Emelie Knobloch**

On Nov. 4, Sister Emelie Moser went to be with her Lord, after a lingering illness; her funeral was Nov. 7. She reached the age of 80 years. She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters, five sons, and many relatives and friends. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones, and may the Lord be with them. Many folks from Sabetha, West Bend, Winthrop, Morris, Peoria, and Princeville, were here.

Sister Louise Stavenik of Sabetha spent several weeks here with her niece, Bro. and Sister Robert Gerber, and family.

Mrs. Anna Leuthold and Bro. Alvia Meyer visited at Sabetha, and Sister Emma Leuthold of Onieda, Kansas, came home with them, to make her home here. We wish her the Lord's blessing in her new home.



Bro. and Sis. Jacob Knobloch took her sister, Sister Mary Traub, to her home at West Bend, before the holidays, after spending a few weeks here.

Della Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ernest Metzger, announces her engagement to Donald Luthi, son of Bro. and Sis. Will Luthi of Morris.

Clyde Knobloch, who is in service in Chicago and Charlene Hohulin of Goodfield spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch.

Bro. and Sis. Leo Moser and Wesley and Sister Betty Knobloch spent Nov. 9 at Fort Sam Houston.

Kenneth and Linda Knobloch, Della and Eleanor Metzger, and George Meyer spent Nov. 20 at Morris.

Sister Mildred Schlatter of Leo spent Thanksgiving with her niece, Sister Nancy Gerber and family.

James, Keith, Helen Metzger and Roger Knobloch spent Nov. 13 at West Bend.

### LEO, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Pleasant and many were the rich blessings received from recent visitors in our church in the past month.

Bro. and Sis. Jos. Klopfenstein and Bro. and Sis. Ed. Ringger visited our church, Nov. 20.

Bro. and Sis. Jos. Schrock from Congerville visited our congregation on Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday evening, Nov. 24, Louis Getz was baptized, with Brothers Samuel Aeschliman, Theo, Henry and Ezra Beer present. It is remarkable that a brother chose to sing Hymn 17 in the Zion's Harp, which was one of Louis' mother favorites. Raymond Gerber from Bluffton accompanied Bro. Sam that evening.

Monthly services were again held at the Butler Nursing home, Dec. 4. at the church, Nov. 27.

A Thanksgiving program was given Nov. 13, the Leo congregation at-

tended the afternoon service at Ft. Wayne church. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer read and spoke on the Memorandum.

Dec. 4, the Edward Souder family entertained Sunday School pupils with a dinner at their home.

### Ye Must Be Born Again

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of a conversion that has gone before. By immersion into water, the burial of the Adam nature is symbolized; by arising out of the water, the resurrection to a new life of godliness and holiness is symbolized. The bath in water symbolizes the cleansing of the heart, which cleansing, baptism, but by the atonement in the blood of Christ.

### The Greater House

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ly. Jesus said that in His Father's house are many dwelling-places. He went to prepare a place. "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."

Together . . . now . . . and soon, His own arrive Home for the Holidays eternal!

The world wishfully thinks of impossible things that transport the thoughts into fantasy. But we have an actual home, where loved ones are warmly received, are gathered without regret. We have a home where the air carols with joyful songs in the sky, lovely praises tingled with delight. The whole house is fragrant and familiar, warm with peace and joy and love.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: . . ."

Let's go home for Christmas . . . home by the fire and with loved ones for Always . . .

Home, "in the chambers of the house of the LORD."