

Let not then your good  
be evil spoken of:

For the kingdom of God  
is not meat and drink; but  
righteousness, and peace,

and joy in the Holy Ghost.

For he that in these  
things serveth Christ is  
acceptable to God, and ap-  
proved of men.

"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS



# MANSION IN THE SKIES

Bro. Elias Souder

One of the first thoughts we have when we view one of our dear ones who have gone to be with the Lord is, **Where are they now?** Have they joined loved ones who have gone before them? Have they had a happy reunion, and are they in eternal bliss?

How our mind wonders . . . Whatever the Lord does is well done. We now see through a glass darkly, but someday face to face we will know. Then we shall ever know as we are known. Someday, when we reach the Golden City, we will know **all** about it. What a day that will be, when He takes us by the hand and leads us through that beautiful city. Then we will know where our loved ones have gone, and there will be no more dark valley to cross.

There is only one place we can search to find out where, and that is the Bible. The Bible has been searched by many to find out. There was a father who lost a little boy. The father had not thought about the future; he had been entirely taken up with the world and its affairs . . . But when that little boy, his only son died, the father was heart-broken. Every night after he had returned from work, he was found with his candle and his Bible, hunting for all he could find about Heaven. Someone asked him what he was doing, and he said he was trying to find out where his child had gone. Shall we close the Bible, or shall we look into it to find out?

The writer also has searched the Bible. Thinking is a matter of each individual, but the writer believes that the Bible is quite explicit about this. The main thing is to get **There**. A few outlines as to what the Bible says about the question:

Are they sleeping, or are they conscious?—Surely the body is asleep in the grave, but this is not spoken about the soul. When Stephen was stoned to death, he committed his spirit to the Lord, and the Lord was ready to receive him. Moses and Elias were **present** when the Lord appeared to them on the mount. This was beautiful enough for the 3 disciples and they were ready to stay. The thief on the cross was told by Jesus: "To day

shalt thou be with me in paradise." The story of the rich man and Lazarus, each of whom died and went to his appropriate place, teaches that there is spirit recognition beyond death.

Paul said, "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord", which was "far better". He meant what he said. When the Lord prayed for the disciples he said: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me . . ." In Revelation it is written, "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held . . ."

"I'm Coming, Mama." These were among the last words of a young girl seventeen years of age, whose mother died when she was a babe. Her name was Susie Craig. Her home was in West Virginia. For three years she had been an earnest, devoted Christian. After three weeks of typhoid fever, she was very near death. Her father was weeping, in a room adjoining the one in which she was lying. She heard him and said, "Tell him not to cry—tell them all not to shed a tear for me."

Then after speaking of the band of angels all around her, she added: "Yes, there's ma—I'm coming, ma," and then, "O Maggie," and thus greeting the friends from the other shore she went to be with them and with her Saviour. Her words, "O Maggie" were the more remarkable from the fact that Maggie was a cousin, also an earnest Christian, who had died only two days before, and of whose death the dying girl had not been informed.

A message to our Sunday School Class and all others. Bro. Adam Schlatter was one of my helpers in Sunday School; he lived a real Christian life.

"I was over there but I am back. I saw the Lord. He tried to open the gates for me, but they were closed too tight. He told me to come back. There was work for me, and when I see all my brothers and friends, I knew why He would not let me in; my course was not finished. I cross-

ed the pond. I was just ready to get off the boat, but he would not let me. He told me to come back, and here I am. I saw everything so plain, and I thought I was going home to rest, but no, I came back to you. I know there has been many friends on their knees these past two nights. I have felt it.

You might think I am preaching, but I am not. When one goes through and sees what I saw, it would almost make a preacher out of him. Oh how I am suffering, but nothing compared to what Christ suffered for us. But, oh those gates.

How beautiful it was. Words cannot describe it . . . But I couldn't go; it wasn't time, but I'll get rest later." Very soon, he went to be with the Lord and passed through those beautiful gates that were now opened for him.

Dear Friends, now is the time to search the Bible and find out where you are going to go. This is very important. When you leave this world, there will be someone there to meet you. You must open the door and let the Saviour take over your life. Tomorrow may be too late. We all know that we are going to stay here only a short time. Our life is but a vapor; it is only a shadow. It is just an inch of time, and then eternal ages roll on. We should search the Bible to find out where we are going, and where our dear ones have gone on before. After all, the brightest home on earth is but an empty barn, compared with the mansion in the skies.

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## It Happened In A Secret Police Interrogation Room

The following true story recently reached the Free World:

An active Christian worker in a certain communist land had been arrested and imprisoned. Shortly after his arrest, he was taken from the cell and led into a Secret Police Interrogation Room. There, he found a Secret Police officer and a doctor sitting at the interrogation table. Lying open on the table was a Bible. The Christian prisoner was ordered to take a seat, and the interrogation began. He was asked: "Do you believe that this book is God's word?" He answered, "Yes."

The Secret Police official then asked him to read a certain verse. It was Mark 16:18. The Christian read, "... and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them ..."

"Do you believe this part of the Bible, too?" the officer demanded. The Christian replied, "Yes."

The officer then placed a filled glass on the table, explaining, "In this glass there is a strong poison. If the book is true, as you insist, it won't hurt you. To show you we don't play with you, watch this."

The officer brought in a large dog and had the dog drink of the liquid. In a very few moments, the

dog was lying dead on the floor.

The officer looked at the Christian and asked, "Do you still claim this book you call 'God's word' is true?" The Christian again answered, "Yes, it is God's word. It is true."

"Then drink the entire glass!" shouted the Communist officer, with the doctor looking on.

The Christian then knew this was the supreme test. He asked for permission to pray before drinking. They granted permission. He knelt down before the table, took the glass in his hand and prayed for his family—that they might remain steadfast in their faith.

He prayed for the Communist officer and the doctor, that they might find God and become Christians also. Then closing his prayer, he prayed, "OH, LORD, THOU SEEST HOW THEY HAVE CHALLENGED THEE. I AM READY TO DIE. BUT I BELIEVE IN THY WORD THAT NOTHING SHALL HAPPEN TO ME. SHOULD YOUR PLAN BE DIFFERENT, I AM READY TO MEET THEE. MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS AS YOU WILL. MAY THY WILL BE DONE."

With that he lifted the glass and

drank it down. The communist officer and the doctor were surprised. They didn't expect him to do this, feeling he would break first.

They waited for him to collapse, as had the dog. Moments passed into minutes. Minutes seemed to be hours.

Complete silence filled the room. Everyone was waiting for the inevitable death. Then after several long minutes, the doctor made the first move. He took the arm of the Christian and felt his pulse. It was normal. He looked for other symptoms. There were none.

Expressing amazement and astonishment, he continued his examination, but could find no trace of harm whatsoever. As the examination continued, the doctor became more amazed. Finally he slumped into his seat, paused a moment, reached into his pocket and removed his Party card, tore it in half and threw it on the floor.

Then he reached out for the Bible, held it and said, "from today, I will also believe this book. It must be true. I, too, am ready to believe this Christ who did this thing before my eyes ..."

God's word was once again vindicated in its moment of testing.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

#### Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Aug. 10, Bro. Erwin Bahler announced his engagement to Sis. Charlotte Steiner of Morton; quite a number of us have known her for years and welcome her into our midst. We wish them the Lord's richest blessing and every happiness together.

Aug. 17, Bro. Edwin Bahler's family and close relatives went to Indianapolis, where Bro. Edwin married his son, Barry, to Jacqueline Lea McCool. They will make their home in West Lafayette. She is a registered nurse, and he is going to Purdue. Our best wishes are extended to them, too.

Bro. Marvin Braker's small son was a surgical patient.

A number from here attended the funeral of Sis. Mary Kercher in Elgin, Ill. They lived on our uncle's farm, southeast of town, for a number of years.

On Aug. 20, a group went to Cissna Park for visitation and the

funeral of Ella Eisenman. She lived among us for many years, as she made her home at Bro. Erwin Bahlers, and Sis. Sophie Siebenthal, but the past few years was at the Apostolic Christian Home at Eureka. We all were thankful her illness was of short duration.

... Enjoyed attending Camp Mack, trust all were richly blessed for being there, as well as those who took part. All the services are always very inspiring.

Reuben Scharlach has again been taken to the hospital. His condition is not encouraging.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, gave us a most interesting and inspiring message on a Wednesday evening. Moses, as many Bible characters are an inspiration to us. His life should be outstanding, as He is a type of Christ, even tho' his failings emphasizes the human side of him. It is encouraging to note that men of God, no matter where they are, need to have Christ intercede for them, as we all do. May

His love, grace, and mercy be ever near.

### ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY

#### Harlan Metzger

Today, tomorrow and for ever the Lord will stand by our side and never let us stand alone, and will lead us upon green pastures, no matter where we may be. As I spend this Sunday in the fields, unable to fellowship or commune with those of like mind and faith, I certainly had to confess this, as I could feel His blessed nearness and gentle guidance.

Visitors from the States were Herb Steffen's folks and Duane Bach's folks from Fairbury. Herb and Duane both were able to take leave and tour part of the old country with them. Also Bros. Dale Heinger, Gene Braun, August Dietrich and Friends Ronald Schlatter and Jim Dietrich from Elgin, Ill., came over to tour Europe. We deeply appreciate the effort they put forth to look up the servicemen



while traveling over here. We certainly enjoy the few hours of fellowship we are able to spend with them.

We count it a blessing each week end, when a few of the servicemen can get together at Neuhausen and are able to go to church. Words can't express the thanks in our hearts for the warmth and love we receive from the German families.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich**  
**Mrs. Otto Wuethrich**

Reunions on this earth, we believe, are just like a foretaste of Heaven. We had such a heavenly Sunday here, when many came for the Huber reunion, and these ministers, Bro. LeRoy Huber and Marvin Schmidgall from Eureka and Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty so lovingly spoke to us. They said that death will not be able to change us; the way a tree falls, that is the way it will lie.

A sister that was left a widow said this: "The Lord will not forsake anyone that puts their trust in Him." We do not like to read this in our hometown paper: "Mrs. Si Traub entered the hospital and underwent surgery." . . . But we do want to pray that she will completely recover again to be with her family.

Every part of our life has many blessings in it. Remember the Autograph-Book years? Reading back forty years ago, these writings were and still are precious. "In your chain of friendship, count me as a link." "Not like the flowers, Let our friendship wither, But like the evergreens, Live on forever." "I only want a little spot, To write a sweet Forget-me-not." "May angels twine your cross with roses." "A smile is worth its face value and will win you many friends." . . . And "Should we be severed far apart, We know the Lord leads every heart: He as the Shepherd full of love, Will gather us in Heaven above."

Closing with a good man's saying—We had a flat tire along the road, and a man stopped and helped us so good to fix it, then thanking him, asked what his name was, and he answered. "I did it in the name of the Lord."

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer**  
School has started again, and

many will be learning the necessary fundamentals to get along in everyday life, the innocent little ones learning more simple things, with each year more advanced and complicated things . . . Finally, in the higher learning in colleges and universities many hours of preparation with much concentration required. How thankful we are that there is a simple way of learning and the most rewarding. The Holy Bible is the simplest, most complete book, most suitable for people of all ages and so very needful. We can live a simple, humble life, asking the Lord for daily help, and He is always pleased with His children who are sincere and faithful.

We have not had rain the past few weeks, and our grass and gardens are beginning to show the need of refreshing showers. The corn and beans are beginning to ripen, and soon will be ready to harvest. We have enjoyed many spiritual, refreshing showers, with many teachings and instructions to the simple way to the heart of God. We were privileged to have a number of visitors, with several ministering to us.

We were pleasantly surprised one Sunday afternoon when Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria came to visit us. As he stood before us, he said how good it was to be back home, but so very humbling. He relayed many good thoughts from the story of the Prodigal Son and his brother. Haven't we all been in the category of each of the brothers? The one left home and lived a riotous life, but was filled up with it, returned home and begged forgiveness, which his father so gladly did. The other brother, thinking he was so good, couldn't feel happy at his wayward brother's return and felt angry at the welcome his father gave him. Bro. Charles also said how many times he found comfort and strength in two verses found penned in a testament given to him by his Grandmother Martin, as he left for service in the Army. In Psalm 145: 18, 19: "The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them." Truly we were blessed, and trust the Lord will be with our young brother and his family and give them the grace and courage to carry on the duty laid upon them.

We received manifold blessings the following Sunday, when Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern, Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester, and Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka ministered to us. Again an urgent appeal was sent out to the sinner to repent, and all were encouraged to read the Bible more. Many exhortations were given to all from the precious teachings found in Colossians 3 and I Thessalonians 5. It is good if we review these words often and truly try to obey them.

We were thankful to have services on a recent Thursday evening, when Bros. Ed Unsicker of Portland and Nathan Steffen of Elgin were willing to bring us God's precious word in a sincere, loving way. Chapter 1 of II Peter was read and meditated upon, with lasting impressions received by the hearers. We can all feel that the rapture is nearing, as the days of our times are filled with so much unrest and wickedness, as in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah. Can we remain faithful until the Lord's return. Let us all place ourselves in the Lord's hands and let Him fit and fashion us with His tools of humility, love and patience. We are so thankful to the Lord that these brothers were willing to be spent, and were spent for our benefit. May we all feel the blessings from the precious word. The Bradford ministers and a number of brethren were with us also; we are always glad to have them with us. Bro. James Ringger was with us a Sunday, and all enjoyed his sincere teachings. May the Lord richly bless him.

Bro. James Ringger chose to read Psalm 90, when he conducted services for an aged friend, Fritz Hunsicker, August 16. Jim was assisted by our local ministers, Dave Kieser, Arthur Baurer and Joe Stoller. Although Fritz, who reached the age of 89, did not openly confess his desire for baptism, he said he was at peace and was not afraid to die, for which we can feel comforted. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery, beside a son who died some years ago. His wife, Sophia and a son Fritz Jr. survive. May the Lord comfort his aging wife and his son's family.

Sis. Twylla Stoller Streitmatter met with an accident August 20, when she lost control of her car on wet pavement and was struck by another car. She was thrown out,



but fortunately did not receive any broken bones, only cuts and bruises. She spent several days in the hospital, but is recovering nicely at home and so thankful that the Lord spared her life. On August 23 she gave birth to a stillborn daughter, a precious little bud, who was laid to rest near the grandfather, Bro. Lowell Stoller. Bro. LeRoy Huber conducted graveside services with a few family members, as they gathered around the tiny grave the evening of August 23. Survivors are her parents, Bro. Floran and Sis. Twylla Streitmatter; a brother, Wayne; two sisters, Annette and Crystal; her grandparents, Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber; great-grandparents, William and Sis. Frieda Streitmatter and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller.

Many times recently we have been reminded how the old must die and the young can. This was so clearly revealed to us when the life of a youthful blossom was taken. Bro. Charles Hemmer went into the intensive care ward to the bedside of our young friend, Orville Eberle the evening of August 22 and found him breathing laboriously. He asked if he should pray with him and Orville said, Yes. God was with them and listened to the pleading; Orville was so grateful and thanked him, although it was hard for him to speak. Then Bro. Charles left him, and a short time later Orville's breathing ceased. His weary body had come to rest after a hard battle of several month's illness. Bro. Joe Stoller read Psalm 46, and from there delivered words of comfort to the bereaved family, as funeral services were held August 25. We feel comforted to feel Orville had spent time talking to his God while laying there so very sick, for even the nurses said they had found him on his knees beside his bed. Thankful are we to have a merciful God who rules wisely and well. Orville was 21 years of age and had returned from service in Germany about a year ago. He was engaged in farming with his father, and will be greatly missed not only by his family and neighbors, but the entire Princeville congregation. Burial was in the church cemetery. Those who mourn his passing are his believing parents, Bro. William and Sis. Marie Eggli Eberle; a sister, Carol and three brothers, Ronald, Larry and Marvin. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family,

and may they take courage and bravely face each new day with God as their Comforter.

Bro. Joe Stoller recited this at the close of the sermon:

#### The Miracle of Prayer

God gave us sunshine, birds and trees,

The star-filled sky above.

He gave us beauty, flowers and friends,

And special folks to love . . .

And then because each life would bring

It's share of stress and care,

He gave to us a wondrous gift,

THE MIRACLE OF PRAYER.

He knew the sun would sometimes hide

Behind a cloud of gray,

And we'd have need of faith and hope

And strength for each new day—

How comforting it is to know

His love is always here,

To comfort, help, and guide us

THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF PRAYER.

We are thankful to have Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach worship with us again, after several weeks' absence due to illness. Bro. Sam Grimm is convalescing in his home. Phillip Elsasser, who was hospitalized for a short time, is at home again and learning to not work so hard. We are so happy that Sis. Hulda Martin was able to leave the hospital after three months, and is doing nicely. She has been an inspiration to all who visited her; she always retained her cheerful disposition and reminds us of her dear faithful departed mother, who left many imprints on our minds.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Metzger will be absent from our congregation for about a year, while Bro. Jim will be taking advanced schooling in pharmacy; they will be making Detroit their church. We wish them the Lord's nearness and help.

#### ALTO, MICHIGAN

##### Loretta Steffen

Hospitalized and released was Sis. Anna Weigele. She submitted to surgery and is feeling better again. Also hospitalized was Darrell Schutte.

We are thankful to the Lord that he is still working in the lives of His children, directing their lives as He sees best. The engagement of Sis. Linda Schrenk, daughter of

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Delilah, and Bro. Dennis Koehl of Forrest was announced.

Elder Bro. Joseph Waibel spent Sunday with us, giving us wise instructions, reproof and correction as the Lord directed. We are thankful for his visits. Bro. Henry Beer spent a Wednesday evening with us. We enjoy hearing the words of advice and warning from brothers who have weathered the storms for many years.

A thought came to me, that in our busy lives we come in contact with many people. Some we visit and have close spiritual contact, others are neighbors, friends, casual acquaintants and business associates. Many we merely pass on the street. As a Christian, we should let our light shine that each one we meet can see Christ reflected in our lives.

That is why it is so important that Christ be living in us in abundance. Not only our actions, speech and conduct should show His love, but especially our appearance. For we are closely associated with only a few, but the masses judge us by our appearance. Possibly we are the only contact they have with Christian living.

Wouldn't it be sad if the Lord would refuse us on that great day, because we put our candle under a cover when we went out in public thus selfishly, hiding Christ from hundreds of people who might have observed our conduct and been waiting for a glowing light of Christian love and fellowship, to show them the way.

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

##### Ella Wagler — Rosella Obermann

We were happy to have with us Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24, Bro. Joe Schrock. We would like to welcome all ministers to visit.

We elected new Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Bro. Dick Taeger was elected to fill the vacancy of Bro. Ken Scheitlin. Bro. Ken and Sis. Charity and their family have moved to Pulaski. We were sorry to have them leave, but know the Pulaski church will be happy to have them. We wish them God's grace in their new home.

Bro. Jerry Banwart is the new



teacher for the 2nd grades to the 5th grades. Paul Eisenman moves up to teach the 6th, 7th and 8th. Sis. Pam Stickling is the new teacher for the small children. She will help Sis. Ann Massner, who has one more year left.

Sis. Arlene Banwart is on the food committee.

We have had much sickness, accident and flu among our congregation and friends. Our dear Sis. Sara Gerst has met with some misfortune—she fell and broke her hip. Sis. Sara is having much pain, but we pray the Lord will strengthen her faith, knowing that He will not give us more than we can bear, if we will stay true and faithful to Him.

In the hospital is the infant son of Bro. Allen and Sis. Ann Massner. They are still running tests on little Kip Allen, hoping to find out his problems.

Tonya Taeger, 7-year-old daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy met with some misfortune. Tonya fell off a building, breaking her right arm and cutting a large gash in her head, requiring several stitches.

We hope by next month we will be able to report a more cheery note from our loved ones.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sis. Judy Gehring of the loss of her step-father, Bro. Ezra Gerst.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

Our whole congregation was saddened to learn that Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin and their three children would move from our area to Detroit. They were a part of our congregation for just a year, and their love and presence will be missed. We pray God's blessings will continue to rest on them in their new home.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

"... Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

These words were heeded in past years by our Sis. Lill Luthi, and now she has gone to see that glory! Sis. Lill passed away August 11, after an illness of 15 years. As has been stated in past issues of the Silver Lining, she was wonderfully cared for during these many years by her faithful husband, Pete, until 5 months ago, when she was

taken to Lake Manor Home, where she passed away. At the time of her death, Pete was a patient at the hospital, having had surgery, but thanks be to God, was able to be dismissed to attend the funeral. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Warren of Wolcott and Irvin of Chicago; 2 sisters, Esther Seigle of Cissna Park and Naomi Streitmatter of Peoria; 2 brothers, Eli Keidel of Allentown, Ill., and Levi Keidel of Phoenix. Services were conducted by Bros. Alfred Bahler and George Yergler.

We have had a number of sick folks—Bro. John Anker has been admitted to Veteran's Hospital at Indianapolis; his wife, Sis. Priscilla, suffered a fall and also had to be hospitalized for a few days, but is home again. Bro. Joe Stoller spent a few days in the hospital, but is able to be out again; and Donna, daughter of Levi and Frances Klopfenstein had eye surgery. May these dear ones all feel the nearness of the Lord in their afflictions.

Bros. Andy Virkler of Bay City and John Yergler of Bluffton were visiting ministers.

Our World Relief Sewing Meetings were resumed in September, with a group of 30 working on the various projects. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday evening of each month at the church, with a number from the Remington church gathering with us. Our projects include making comforters, bandages, school tablets, stuffed animals, health and sewing kits and are enjoyed by young and old, women, men and children. What a blessing it is when we can all busy ourselves in doing for the unfortunate, and at the same time enjoy the fellowship.

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Bro. Chris Sinn is our oldest member, and is able to walk to church—which he does when weather permits. He is 93 years old and enjoying good health. We wish him God's blessings.

We were glad for the spiritual food given us by our visiting ministers: Bros. George Lambert, Noah Herman, Henry Beer, Albert Wuthrich, Elmer Witzig, Edwin Ringger, Edwin Hohulin and Sam Aeschliman.

The newly-elected Sunday School teachers are: Bros. Robert Pfleder-

er, Dennis Feucht, Dennis Stoller, Eugene Strunk and Roger Mussman; Sisters Wilma (Mrs. Glen) Stieglitz, Pamela Baer and Ann (Mrs. Ken) Getz.

Sis. Janice Herman and Bro. Joe Beer were married August 9, and will make their home in Milford. Sis. Matilda Rassi and Bro. Arthur Legel were united in marriage on August 27, and will live in Roanoke. May God be with them as they establish their new homes.

A third child and first daughter, Tricia Kay, was born to Bro. Dean and Sis. Judy (Sauder) Martin. Keith William Teubel was born to Bro. Edward and Sis. Louise (Huette) Teubel. A sister and brother welcomed him home.

Sisters Verna (Mrs. Warner) Bauman and Verna (Mrs. Chris) Getz are pleased to be home after a stay in the hospital. Those who have been in the hospital are: Bro. Henry Binkele and Tom Dallinger.

Bro. Jacob Stevig, 96, died at Rest-Mor Nursing Home on August 15. He was formerly of Pulaski, and was a Morton resident for 14 years. He is survived by three sons: Paul, Kenneth and Bro. Keith Stevig.

Sis. Sophia (Jaus) Hermann, passed away at Rest-Mor on August 16. She is survived by a daughter, Sis. Lena Schafer, and four sons: Joseph, Ben, Albert and Robert Hermann.

Sis. Elizabeth (Altorfer) Getz, 86, wife of our late elder, Bro. Joe A Getz, was called to her eternal home August 23. She is survived by two sons, Henry and Bro. John J Getz; three sisters, Sisters Rose Getz, Emma Leman, Anna Zimmerman; and two brothers, Bros. Henry and Alpheus Altorfer.

Bro. Henry W Rapp wishes to express his deepest appreciation to all those who have remembered him during his stay in the hospital and lengthy convalescence at home.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

It is never God who forsakes us; it is you and I who draw away from Him.

Births: A son, Matthew, to Bro. and Sis. Wallace Leman; a son, Timothy Joe, to Friends Steve and Kathy Moser.

Shut-ins: Sis. Josephine (F) Schwartz, Bro. Obed Gerber, Bro. Laurin Bertsch.

Engagement: Sis. Jenny Fiechter has announced her engagement to Bro. Ed Schwartz. Parents of



the couple are Bro. and Sis. Dale Diechter and Bro. and Sis. Ed Schartz.

Wedding: On Aug. 24, Sis. Judy Ringger and Bro. Hubert Isch were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Visiting Minister was Bro. Jack Bollier from the Leo church. We always appreciate visiting guests here at Bluffton.

Proving and Baptism: Another dear soul has been added to the precious fold during the past month, Friend James Felger, husband of Sis. Barbara Felger. Mr. Felger is the son-in-law of Bro. Jack and Sis. Gerber.

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.

#### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

##### Robert and Janice Sutter

In this day when man has found the key to the door in the heavens that allows him to travel among God's creations, one would imagine that his world would also enlarge spiritually. When man journeys to God's other creations and beholds the stark desolation and harshly foreign environment that confronts him, it would seem that he would rejoice in his heart and realize that there is a greater plan. When man can observe the planet on which he has had the good fortune to dwell, which has a balance acceptable to man that has not been found anywhere else within man's scope of observation, it would seem that man would give credit to a greater Being than he, who is able to create not only beauty, but also outer darkness and desolation. Surely man would be grateful to the One who has filled his world with love, beauty, and untold blessings, and who holds the very key to man's own future in eternity to come. Now it would seem that man would turn himself from his puny books of knowledge unto a Book that is written by the Lord Himself, that contains all the mysteries of life, wherein lies the key to man's spiritual heaven . . . And if man would do this, he would partake of a journey far greater in scope and magni-

tude than any accomplished in his crafts—a journey that could even take him to the feet of our great Creator.

We enjoyed the visits of ministering Bros. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Ben Maibach of Detroit.

#### TOKYO

##### Yoshio Yamazaki

Tokyo was damaged by the earthquake 46 years ago, and second was 25 years ago by the bombing of the second world war. According to the religious paper, there were so many citizens were repented and turned to the Lord right after the damage of the earthquake and the bombing, and also many people were seeking the spiritual salvation. However today, the most of the people who are living in Tokyo forgot everything of such miserable things and such a poor situations. The people are terrible busy for trying to build the material things and also so much hungry, but the spiritual. Surely it is very poor and sad situations, isn't it?

Bro. Akira, who is a ministering brother in our Tokyo church, had an automobile accident on the middle of July, when he way back from church morning service on Sunday. It was not too serious, but he is still having a little trouble the right side of eye and neck, since return from his three weeks' hospital life. We really thank God that He takes care of him from the such miserable accident.

Sis. Nancy Schrock returned to the States on Aug. 2, after she finished her job in Shioda, and all churches and friends are going to miss her very much, because she did so many wonderful deeds while living here. May the Lord bless her and her wonderful act . . . We surely appreciated it very much for her, and many thank to God, did such wonderful work with her. I also believe that our brethren and friends, especially the young folks, were very much encouraged by her.

Sis. Carol Schrenk arrived at the Tokyo International Air Port on Aug. 12. Her future way is not so easy, I believe, because the language and custom problems. However, the Lord our Father will give her courage and strength. She is really humble and quiet sister in faith.

Bro. Roy Reinhard and his wife,

Sis. Vergine, and Sisters Mildred and Violet Steffen from Decatur, Indiana, visited here in Japan the middle of August. They are all wonderful people. I hope they had good impression of us.

I don't know anything about in the States but here in Japan, the attendance of the churches in summer are not so developing, because the people who are going to the beach and climbing the mountains, and so on, by the summer vacations. We Christians surely need praying, and encouraging more and more each other. I also wish to ask you American brethren's spiritual support and really prayer. Thank you!

#### TAMAHATA, JAPAN

##### Willis Ehnle

Cheerful greetings to all from the Tamahata Church in the name of the Risen Son of God and peace be with you.

The Holy Spirit continues to make His presence felt in our assemblies, as reverence and humility permeate the atmosphere. Faith also is growing, but most of our small assembly is composed of young people who do not yet believe unto salvation. Please pray that they might repent and believe the Gospel unto salvation, which results in humble obedience to the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles.

Sis. Marie Neihouser and Sis. Carol Schrenk, our teaching sisters started an English conversation class the third Friday of August at our Tamahata Church. For at least half of the class period, material based on the Bible will be used. The class will probably be held only once a month, as the girls are very busy at Shioda. The bus trip to Tamahata requires about one hour each way, although the distance is only about twelve miles. They must travel through the city of Kofu, and transfer buses there.

Let us be faithful to Jesus Christ at all cost and serve Him vigorously. Everything depends upon it.

#### BERN, KANSAS

##### Esther and Stella Moser

This month we start our report on a note of rejoicing; two of our friends have safely returned home from overseas army duty. Earl Meyer from Korea has served his full time. Gordon Grimm from Vietnam is released from active



duty and will attend college. Gordon will still be in the National Guard until his full enlistment is up.

After a short recess, Sunday School classes resumed Sept. 7. Teachers are, Bros. Harlan Stoller (superintendent), Louis Meyer, Wilfred Strahm, Stephen Hartter; Sisters Marilyn Rokey and Janette Strahm will teach the little folks.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Chris (Fehr) Harter have moved to Roanoke. This is Chris' home church. We wish them well.

Louis J. Meyer, son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis was married Aug. 22 to Miss Cathy Allison. They are both seniors at K. State, Manhattan.

Sis. Roberta Farney was a hospital patient (Medical).

Miss Jean Metzger from the Elgin, Iowa congregation has employment as an L.P.N. in the Humboldt, Nebr., hospital. Jean spends her free time with her sister, Sis. Mary Plattner and family. We are happy to have her worship with us.

We had an unexpected treat one Sunday morning when Bro. Ronald Nelson, Burlington, Okla., surprised us with a visit. One evening we assembled with Sabetha, when Bro. Ed Unsicker, Portland, was the guest minister. We extend our thanks, and invite them to come again.

### Our Lord Is There

If the day is dark and dreary and  
no light in anywhere,  
Behind the clouds the sun is  
shining

As it always shines somewhere.

Just because you cannot see it,  
Doesn't mean it isn't there.

If your life is full of heartaches  
And your days are filled with  
care,

Take your troubles all to Jesus;  
He's near as a whispered prayer.  
Just because you cannot see Him  
Doesn't mean He isn't there.

### URBANA, ILLINOIS

Nada Baumgartner  
Susan Zimmerman

The plans for Open House and Dedication are being discussed for the 13th & 14th of September. We are thankful to be in our new edifice, and do wish to extend a hearty invitation for all to come visit us. Parents of the students are especially encouraged to meet with us.

The time is soon arriving when the students will once again be returning to the university. We welcome all new and previous students and residents to worship with us. Wednesday evening services at the Illini Union are held every other week at 7:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 17. Church services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. in our new building, located on 702 E. Mumford, Urbana, Ill.

Any new students or residents are asked to submit their names and addresses to either Susan Zimmerman, 610 W. Oregon, Urbana, or Nada Baumgartner, 213 W. Oregon, Urbana, Ill.

Visiting ministers for the month of August were Bro. Ed Alt, Cissna Park; Bro. Walter Koehl, Fairbury; Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke; and Bro. Ernie Gerst, Chicago. May God richly bless them for the messages they brought to us.

### Overheard In An Orchard

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:  
"I should really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and hurry so?"

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:  
"Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no Heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me."

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

The Fall season is approaching fast. The days are sunny and warm, and the nights cool. We notice that the days are getting shorter. People who enjoy nature like to be outdoors on days like these. We had a welcome rain the other night, to make things look fresh and clean. The corn and bean fields are starting to dry, bringing to our minds that it will soon be time to harvest the grain. God is so good to his people here on earth. We should all be more thankful and appreciative.

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Bro. Charles Hemmer, Peoria; and Bro. Art Bauer of Princeville. We enjoy company, and thank the ministers for the teachings they brought to us.

Bro. Conrad Schurter is at his home, after a stay at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. We hope he will continue to improve each day.

Friend Roger Miller has turned to his Maker in repentance. We are so happy for him and his parents,

Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller. We are thankful for everyone that can see the light yet.

Jerry Schieber, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lorene Schieber was married Aug. 17 to Joan Hoffman of Palo Alto, California. Jerry Craig, son of James and Elda Mae Craig was married Aug. 10 to Sharon Farmer of Bloomington. Larry Knapp, son of Wilbur and Virginia Knapp, was married to Janice Birkey of Goodfield, Aug. 30. We wish these couples much happiness together.

Nancy Schrock has returned home from two years spent in Japan, teaching Kindergarten. We are happy to have her in our midst again, and thankful she had a safe trip home.

Vernon and Judy Wettstein are the parents of their third little girl, born Aug. 21. She has been named Peggy Lynn; Rhonda and Michelle welcomed her home. Bro. John Wettstein of our congregation and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont are the grandparents.

Quite a few of our young folks will be leaving soon to attend college. We wish them all God's guidance and protection as they go to schools of higher learning.

Larry Knapp, Roger Miller and Dennis Blunier are returning to the "Missouri School of Mines" at Rolla, Mo. Barbara Zimmerman, Tim Zimmerman, and Dennis Miller will go to Western College at MaComb, Ill. Barbara is in her Senior year. Lonnie Steffen will go to Northern at DeKalb for his jr. year. Jack Miller, Ken Schrock, Connie Knapp, Rick Knapp, and Beverly Schieber will attend Illinois State University at Normal. Jack and Ken are Juniors. Cheryl Schrock will enter Nurses' training at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Sandra Zimmerman will graduate from L.P.N. school in Sept. She has accepted a position at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss

Loved ones gone to be with Jesus,  
In their robes of white arrayed,  
Now are waiting for our coming  
Where the roses never fade.

This has now become the portion of Sis. Marie Kercher, who had been living at the Church Home in Peoria for some time. The body



was brought back to be laid to rest beside her husband, Bro. Edward, who passed away here fifteen years ago. Sis. Rose, wife of Charles Haumiller, was taken from this life after a lingering illness. May God comfort the bereft ones in their sorrow. Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago attended.

We hosted a Ft Sam Houston Reunion on Saturday, August 9, at the Larkin High. Quite a number stayed over and attended services on Sunday. Our guest ministers at that time were Bros. Edwin Bahler of Remington, Roy Grimm of Taylor, and Marvin Stieglitz of Leo. It was good to meet again those whom we hadn't seen for quite a while, and also to meet those whom we hadn't known before, from the various churches.

Bro. Edward Unsicker of Portland was with us for an evening gathering. We thank God that He still provides teachers that show us the heavenly way, and who bring the glorious gospel to us in accents clear and plain.

We selected Bro. Jerry Cargill to take the place of a retiring Sunday School teacher.

A number of our young people are leaving to attend college. We pray that God will watch over them, and may they also remember to pray that God will help them to overcome the evil which surrounds them.

We welcome into our midst those who have come to teach in our schools.

### **EUREKA, ILLINOIS**

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

"God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1

All my fears I give to Jesus!

Rests my weary soul on Him;  
Though our way be hid in darkness,  
Never can His light grow dim.

Our visitors have been—Bro. Noah Hermann—Tuscon, Bro. Eli Somerhalder—Burlington, Okla.

Hospital patients—Lloyd Wettstein was in Peoria's Methodist Hospital for tests and observation. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Robert and Verna Wettstein. Bro. Paul Tanner is a medical patient in Methodist Hospital.

The engagement of Roger Blunier, Bro. and Sis. Sam and Elizabeth Blunier's son, and Wendy

Ehnle from Princeville was made known. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. David Ehnlies. Bro. Edwin Kupferschmid has returned safely from his tour of duty in Viet Nam. After a furlough, he will finish his time in Colorado. Teddy Schumacher has been discharged from the Army. He had served his time in Viet Nam.

Ella Eisenman passed away Aug. 17, at the age of 64 years. She was a resident of the A.C. Home. Her funeral services were held in Cissna Park. A brother and a sister are also residents of the "Home"; they are Bro. Joe Eisenman and Sis. Sophia Siebenthal.

Card of Thanks: I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with gifts, cards, prayers, flowers and visits during the time of my hospitalization. Everything is greatly appreciated, and may God bless you all. Mrs. Andrew Fehr.

### **FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**Stan Wuthrich Wendell Anliker**

After a very hot and dry summer, we welcome the cooling rains that have showered upon us the past two weeks.

Beginning their tour of duty in the Army are the following: Bros. Dave Knobloch of Bradford, Keith and Walt Steffen of Fairbury, and Friends John Aberle of Sabetha and Mark Moser from Bluffton.

Our visiting minister during August was Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton. He brought us many words of strength and encouragement. We sincerely appreciate the effort our ministers put forth to travel these many miles to bring us God's precious word.

On Labor Day week end we enjoyed the company of Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer, Milford and Sis. Kaleine and Verena Heiniger of Morton. Kaline's husband, Bro. Ron and Bro. Mike Aberle, Tremont arrived today to start basic training. We are always happy when new brothers arrive here, but the time for parting has come for some of us.

Lynn Doorneword, Lester, and Convert Jim Wagonbach, Tremont have received orders for Viet Nam. Eldon Banwart, West Bend, has completed his tour of duty in the Army and will be returning home the 8th. We really appreciate all Eldon has done for us while he was stationed here (especially his faithful taxi service for those without

transportation). We trust the Lord will watch over those leaving and grant them a safe return home. Don Scott and Sis. Janelle from Burlington left for Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where Don will be in a Medical Research Lab.

Anyone who will be coming in the service soon to take training at Ft. Sam should write and let us know when you will be getting here, so we can look you up. Our address is: 504 Elmhurst Apt 4, San Antonio, Tex 78209. Phone 824-9803.

### **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Christy Koch**

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."  
Jeremiah 8:20

The summer is almost ended. Is there something you have left undone? Many have passed into eternity crying, "I am not saved! oh, I am not saved!" Will that be you? Don't let any foolish fear of man keep you back.

"God is calling yet? shall I not hear?  
Earth's pleasures shall I still hold dear?  
Shall life's swift passing years all fly,  
And still my soul in slumber lie?"

ISU student Maizie Frank, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Bernice Frank of Tremont was married to Bill Hopkins, son of the Robert Hopkins' of Hopedale, on August 10. We certainly wish them the blessings of God.

We are so thankful to our brothers who ministered to our small summer group of students. On August 21, Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma, spoke to us on how great the love of God is towards His children. On August 28, Bro. Ed Alt from Cissna Park reminded us to beware of Satan's deception during these latter times. By using sincere prayer, a Christian will be able to discern right from wrong.

### **LAMAR, MO.**

**Marie Marti**

It is September again, and we have returned to school. A room full of eager, enthusiastic youngsters is always so encouraging. With anticipation we wonder what the year has in store for us. We hope to become involved in many happy, worthwhile experiences. As



we contemplate the necessities of life, thoughts return to a September in Germany when our dear friends, the Trillers, took us to view the home of a famed German. He expressed the necessities of life in a very meaningful way: "There are nine requisites for contented living: **health** enough to make work a pleasure; **wealth** enough to support your needs; **strength** enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them; **grace** enough to confess your sins and forsake them; **patience** enough to toil until some good is accomplished; **charity** enough to see some good in your neighbors; **love** enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others; **faith** enough to make real the things of God; **hope** enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future."

We have again experienced a wonderful week-end, with a young and tender soul being gathered into the fold. We were refreshed and encouraged as we listened to the testimony of Gail Banwart, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth. Baptismal services were witnessed by many loved ones. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Raymond Banwart were with us for the day. We could truly feel that the Lord was in our midst, tenderly calling loved ones, as the following week our dear friends, Leonard and Bonnie Braker and Elaine Braker turned to the Lord in repentance. May God grant them an abundance of grace. How we pray that many more of our loved ones could realize how very important, yet how very simple is the way of salvation.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Luetta Braker and her family in the passing of her father, Lou Marti, of Bern.

**RITTMAN, OHIO**  
**Florence Hartzler**  
**Mrs. Ben Blough**

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation; heed the word of God today! Haste to feel His condemnation; seek the straight and narrow way. Evil are the worldly pleasures, leading to eternal fire; seek the everlasting treasure, ere the day of grace expire." These words were sung, they were spoken, and our dear friends took heed. They repented, they found peace, they were baptized, and are now dear lambs of the flock, our Saviour, Jesus, the Shepherd. "Dearest child we bid thee welcome, in our blessed brotherhood", Sis. Carolyn and Bro. Maynard Gasser, Sis. Joan Miller, Sis. Barbara Gasser, Sis. Carol Bauman, and Bro. Steve Bauman.

As we arrived for mid-week service a few nights ago, how glad we were to hear of two more souls who are seeking the Lord in repentance, Keith and Linda Dotterer. How fortunate they are; the door of grace is still open, and another soul is also turning her back on the world, Joyce Beery. How many more of you dear friends are going to heed the word of God before your chance is taken from you?

Stan Hartzler and Gloria Hanzie were united in marriage Aug. 23 by Bro. Noah Bauman, at the home of the bride. Bro. Andy Winkler and Sis. Mary Jane Beery were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 7. "Thus united and in concord, let us walk the path of life; hand in hand O may love bind us; for each other's welfare strive." Galen Marty and Nancy Dessenberg were married recently, and are living on a farm in the Wooster area. We wish for these dear young people many blessings from God above!

We are saddened when our dear ones must suffer, as we have some that are house-bound and in hospitals: Sis. Naomi Imhoff, Sis. Mildred Hartzler, Ben Hartzler, Don Riggenbach need hospital care. Sis. Ella Widmer has not been able to attend church for some time, and Sis. Ella Fankhauser hasn't been there either, and now we hear she is hospitalized.

We want to thank two recent visiting ministers for their words of life and the blessings we received from their inspiring message: Bro. Dale Eisenman and Bro. Corbin Bahler.

Some of you readers who may visit our Rittman church may want to know the route number past the church has been changed for some time. It is now state route 57, instead of 94. We welcome anyone to stop in to visit us.

**ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**Carlton J. Lanz**

God does not force repentance upon anyone, neither can anyone be compelled to do so, but living without God means to die without hope. The author writes, **Faith and hope and love adorn, Heart and life of all true Christians, With these must each child of God, Be endowed in**

**full submission. All who wish to serve God truly, Must show forth these virtues fully.**

There was rejoicing again in the church over a dear friend, Craig Hartmann, now a brother in faith, who related and revealed how the love of God had led him to repentance and had removed from him all guilt. He was then accepted into the church body and baptized.

Funeral services for Sis. Anna Lanz were held at the church. Burial was at Ellington. Elder Bro. John Bahler officiated. Anna died in Fairbury at 75, where, for the past five years, at the Rest Home, she had spent her declining years. Her body was accompanied by several from Iowa, mostly relatives, which included Bro. Noah Schrock and his wife—Sis. Hattie (Lanz), Bro. Ed Lanz and his wife—Sis. Anna (Bahler), and son, Bro. Ed. Lanz Jr. Survivors other than the above mentioned are John and Henry Lanz of Ellington and Bro. Albert Lanz of Rockville.

The Zahner families and their descendants, numbering some fifty, met on Sunday August 31, in the observance of a family reunion. Bro. John Zahner and his wife, Sis. Ruth opened their home, where a dinner was served fitting to the occasion. Three generations, a near 100 per cent attendance, were present—so reported.

A little boy, Timothy Dale, was born to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn Lanz, Sept. 2. Grandparents of the infant are Sis. Elizabeth Schmidgall, Minnesota, and Bro. Charles and Sis. Lydia Lanz, Vernon, Conn.

Patients at the hospital here are Sis. Emma Moser for surgery, Bro. Daryl Luginbuhl for an appendectomy. Sis. Arline Schneider is under treatment. Prayers are always offered for persons afflicted in their various ailments. We are confident that God hears all pleadings. May His will be done. Sis. Leah Gerber has been confined to a convalescent home here for sometime.

**TUCSON, ARIZONA**

**Jay and Dorothy Bertsch**

We are having nice weather. Our hot rainy season we usually have during July and August, called the "monsoon" season, seems to be over. We haven't had as much rain as usual, and the ranches have been less productive than usual.

We have a nice church building, with a very small group to occupy



the pews. We would welcome anyone that would feel that a change of climate would be beneficial to their physical condition, and would like to make Tucson their home.

The four ministering Brothers from the Phoenix congregation have been taking turns, coming each Sunday to serve us. We appreciate it very much, and pray that the Lord will bless them now, and even more in eternity, for their lovingkindness and their love for us.

Our ministering Brother, Noah Herman and his wife, Sis. Lorraine, are spending the summer months in the Peoria area, visiting with their children, and Noah is attending to his business affairs. They do intend to return to Tucson, after they attend the conference.

Dorothy, the wife of Bro. Jay Bertsch, was taken to the St. Josephs Hospital for the emergency of a severe attack of asthma, but was later released. A week later she was again hospitalized for tests and treatment. She is now at home and somewhat improving.

Paul E. Gandell is a patient at Tucson Medical Center. He will undergo surgery Sept. 5. We pray his operation shall be a successful one and that he has a speedy recovery. We hope he and his wife will soon be able to assemble and worship with us again.

David Gandell, son of Paul E. and Dorothy, has won a scholarship, and is now attending Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois. We wish him everything well.

Sis. Martha Blessman of our congregation has returned from her daughter's home, after vacationing there for three months.

We extend a very hearty welcome to everyone to come, assemble, and worship with our congregation.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Jan Elsasser — Marcelle Dapper

Visiting minister was Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix. We feel very fortunate when we have visiting ministers, for it certainly does uplift us in the spirit. Let us as Christians not become slothful in attending church, as this would only give Satan another loophole in emptying us.

"... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7. THE BEST WAY to "Resist the devil" is to draw near to God. We must meet the adversary of our souls

with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. We as Christians truly feel the need and importance of resisting Satan in our daily walk of life, as we sing in our beautiful hymn: Be true; be true! If guard we are not keeping, Then we are lost, for Satan is not sleeping; And if we are not watchful at the post, That which we once had won will all be lost.

Bro. Ben Ammann of our congregation has been home recuperating for two months. A number of us gathered one evening to sing a few songs. We sure felt it was worth our while, for the time does get lonely for those who are unable to attend church. We have missed Sis. Hulda Imthurn, who has not been able to come to church since Bro. Ben has been ill. This is usually her means of transportation.

THO'T: Satan laughs at our powers, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles at God's word!

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We were happy to have Ministering Bro. Edwin Bahler with us. Many words of truth were passed on to us through him from our blessed Lord.

A baby boy, Nathan, was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandra Wieland. The grandparents are Bro. Emery and Sis. Margaret Molner and Bro. Henry and Sis. Marie Wieland.

A baby girl, Janell Corine, was born to Bro. Joe and Sis. Dorthy Ramseyer. The grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer and Frank and Sis. Irma Bragiell.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Marian Knochel have been together in their married life now for 25 years, and may they have many more years together.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

Oh youth of today, — hope for tomorrow,  
The world holds a challenge for you,  
For there are wars, distresses, and problems to solve,  
But there are many opportunities too.

Seek first the Lord in the days of your youth,

Then prepared for the future you'll be,  
As our Heavenly Father has faithfully promised,  
I will never leave nor forsake thee.

So go forth with good courage your talents to use  
In service to God and man,  
And weary not in tasks, whether great or small,  
For they're all needed in the Almighty's plan.

Even though the road be rough and steep  
As you travel along life's way,  
The dear Lord will strengthen and guide you,  
'Til you meet Him on that glorious Day.

We enjoyed a blessed evening listening to the various youth choirs sing hymns so beautifully at Camp Mack. It was a real thrill to see and hear so many precious young people blend their voices, as the mass choir sang at the close of the evening. We sincerely hope and pray they may all sing in the Heavenly Choir, when time shall be no more.

Again it is the time of year when some of our children are returning to or entering college, as they seek to fit themselves for their future occupations. We pray they will stay near to the heart of God.

Bro. John Conrad has resumed his studies at Bethel College in Mishawaka. Sis. Diane Zimmer will return to I.U., and Sis. Linda Laidig to Purdue. Mark Unsicker is attending an Automation School in South Bend, and Bro. Eric Meister plans to enter Palmer's Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, in October. We shall miss those who are gone, but will look forward to the week ends and holidays when they can be with us.

We appreciated having Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and David Bertsch assemble with us on a Wednesday evening, to read and explain the Memorandum. It was a pleasure to have Bro. Aeschliman in our midst again. We thank them both for their willingness to serve us. May we respond by yielding ourselves more fully to the teachings of the Lord.

It was a privilege to have Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville minister to us in such an inspiring way on Sunday, Aug. 31. We were especial-



ly made aware of the value of spending our time in showing Christian love, rather than being given to fault-finding or doing things which would hinder our spiritual walk, and perhaps that of others. This brings to mind these words of a hymn:

If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go  
astray,  
If I have walked in my own willful  
way,  
Dear Lord, forgive!

The condition of Bro. Will Leman is a little improved, but his wife, Sis. Anne, had the misfortune of falling in her home, injuring a vertebra. She has suffered much pain, but it is hoped that she may soon find a measure of relief. We are sorry to report that Sis. Pauline Clauss has not improved in health. Sis. Pauline Nicholas is still unable to assemble with us. We pray the Lord will be very near each of them, and bring healing again, if it is His will.

### HONOLULU, HAWAII

#### Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

When our daughter had her first birthday last month, we couldn't help noticing what progress she had made in one year. She has changed and grown in many ways—her weight, height and awareness of her environment. Gradually she progressed from just rolling over, to sitting up, standing, and now to walking. It makes us wonder how much progress we have made since we were born again as God's children. Are we growing as we should be? Are we learning?

In August we enjoyed having my sister, Marilyn Blunier and her friend, Edie Hodel, both of Roanoke, stay with us. We also had a pleasant afternoon and evening with Robert and Janet Meyer of Bern. We are glad they got in touch with us. Shortly thereafter, Converts Al and Wanda Kupferschmid of Fairbury met here on Al's R & R from Viet Nam. Sis. Marilyn Kupferschmid (Al's sister, Forrest) and Sis. Mary Mae Traub (Fairbury) were also here. We had one of our largest Sunday gatherings with the three Kupferschmids, Mary Mae, Edie and Marilyn, Dave Grosshans, and ourselves. Now Marilyn and Edie are home in Illinois again, attending college at Illinois State University.

Last night Sis. Sharon (Metzger) Fehr of West Bend called us on her way home from Japan. Bro. Jim, her husband, received an early out from the service for farming. So Jim and Sharon will soon be home in Iowa.

Aloha!

### SHIODA, JAPAN

#### Toshio Uchida

I am thankful that again this month, by the grace of God, I can send a message to all of the many brothers and sisters in America. At the Shioda church, Bro. Willis, by the guidance of God, is always serving the Lord faithfully. Everyone should please join in praying for him.

Recently a young man has made preparation for baptism, and so if it is God's will we plan for him to be baptized the third Sunday of September.

Joshua said, **Choose ye this day.** Why does the Bible emphasize today? The Lord said, **Today when you hear my word, harden not your hearts.** Few people enter heaven, and many people enter hell because many do not choose Christ early enough. Woe unto them. I repeat, **choose Jesus today.**

Our Shioda Elementary School and Kindergarten both begin this month. Please join with us in encouraging the teachers, who work so the children might grow and mature properly, especially in encouraging Sis. Carol Schrenk, who has just come as teacher of the Kindergarten. Sis. Nancy Schrock taught well for two years, and we again express our appreciation to her. Also, when you brothers and sisters in America meet her, please give her a word of appreciation.

We also hear that our elder brethren may come to Japan in the near future. I believe that when we visit with them, we shall again receive good guidance. May we work together in God's vineyard for the glory of Christ.

May God's blessings and grace be with you all abundantly.

Finally I say, **Choose Jesus today.**

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

#### Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Time flies on! Another summer has swiftly flown by, and now the school doors are wide open for another year of learning for our children. At times my thoughts drift back to bygone days, when I was

in school, and especially this past Sunday (we were visiting in Gridley, Illinois,) when the brother read and meditated in St. Luke (6:31) of the Scripture reference for the "Golden Rule"—A verse found on the wall when he was a child in grade school, **Do unto others as you would have others do unto you . . .** for this was a remembrance of my school days also.

Bro. Marvin Steiglitz from Leo was our visiting minister. We thank him for his willingness to serve and the message we received.

We are happy to report Neil Stoller is home again from the hospital, altho' he is still walking with the aid of crutches. He was in church this past Sunday for the first time since his operation, but he has not been permitted to attend school as yet. Neil and his parents wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who have remembered him in any way.

Bro. Bill Steffen and Sis. Pamela Pfister, of Mansfield, were united in holy matrimony on August 31 at Mansfield. They are at home at 5211 East State, Ft. Wayne Ind 46805. May the Heavenly Father ever walk beside them as they journey together as man and wife.

Dan Pulver arrived home safely August 21, having spent the past year in Viet Nam. Following several weeks with his parents, Bro. Les and Sis. Florence, and family, Dan departed from Norfolk, Virginia on Sept. 8 aboard the "Newport News", for a cruise to France and Denmark.

Floren and Sis. Edith Lieberenz traveled to the West Coast to be present when the "USS Gurke" docked at San Diego on Sept. 4, bringing their son, John, from the waters of Viet Nam. He will spend a 30-day leave with them.

New Address for Sis. Mary Pulver is 221 W. Creighton, Ft Wayne 46807.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Our visiting ministers for July and August were Bros. Harold Messner, Winthrop; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; George Yergler, La Crosse; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; and Jim Ringger, Bradford. We thank God for their timely messages.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Marge Young gave their testimonies and entered into a covenant with their Lord. We wish them the manifold grace and strength to be overcomers until



their life's end. Bros. Ezra Feller and Geo. Yergler assisted Bro. Al Fisher in the undertaking.

We miss the assembling of our Sisters Carol Schrenk and Doris Knapp. Carol will be teaching in Japan, and Doris will be a laboratory technician instructor with Project Hope, in Central America. We pray that they will be blessed by Him for their worthwhile sacrifices.

We rejoice with Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Kay DesCarpentrie at the birth of their first child, a girl, Leigh Catherine. Lloyd is an instructor at Proviso West High School in Hillside, Ill.

Sis Bertha Scharlach has gone to Cissna Park to recover from surgery. Bro. Maurice Frank is making a steady recovery from his heart attack. He is now working a few hours every day. Ricky Meyer is now home from the hospital, having been suffering from a gland infection. Ricky is the youngest son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Charlotte Meyer. We are thankful that God can cause the body to be healed of its infirmities.

Sunday School started again on Sept. 7, after the summer vacation. The teachers this year are Bros. Boyd Metzger and Leonard Meyer, and Sis. Millie Leman and Jeanie Hoerr.

We are glad to have Bro. Paul, Sis. Millie, Jeff, and Jill Leman back in our midst. They have been gone over a year, while Paul was taking graduate studies at Champaign. Paul is now an administrative assistant at the south campus of Lyons Township High school, La Grange, Ill.

The college students from our congregation are: Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein, now practice teaching near DesPlaines, Ill., and finishing his last semester at Normal; Marti Klopfenstein, at Northern Ill. University, DeKalb, Ill.; and Beth Fisher, at Western Ill. University, Macomb, Ill. Bro. Cleve and Marti are the sons of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein. Beth is the daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Fisher.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Mary Young — Margaret Rudin**

The Death Angel came to claim Wayne Bauer, 15-yr.-old son of Andy and Rosella Bauer. He had been an invalid since birth. Funeral services were held Aug. 19 at the Knapp Funeral Home. Survivors in-

clude his parents; two brothers, Max and Roy; one sister, Christine; and the maternal grandmother, Sis. Mary Schupbach. Funeral services were conducted by our home ministers.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 for Ella Eisenman, age 64, who passed away at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. She is survived by one sister, Sis. Sophie Siebenthal; and two brothers, Bros. Joe and George Eisenman. Bros. Sam and Earl Kilgus of Remington conducted the services.

The marriage of Sis. Kathy Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Marjorie, to Bro. Richard Sutter, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence, was solemnized Aug. 31 by Bro. Ezra Feller. Our best wishes are extended to this new couple. They will make their home in Forest Park. We thank our visiting ministers for coming, Bros. Harry Sutter, Noah Herman, Orville Ringger, Elmer Witzig, Dale Eisenman, and their company. In conclusion, the sermon of Bro. Sutter was, **God says, Today repent. Satan says tomorrow. What do you say?** Bro. Dale Eisenman told us of love and obedience. May God bless the words that were spoken to our youth by Bros. Elmer Witzig, Dale Eisenman, Bob Hohulin and Wayne Drayer, as they took time and found it worthwhile to visit our Sunday School.

#### Thank-You Note

We wish to thank our many friends, relatives, the ministers, and all for the many cards, gifts and visits our dear mother received the many times she was in the hospital and at home. We believe all will be rewarded; it was appreciated so much. Thanks again. May God Bless you all. Her family, Sis's. Priscilla Knapp, Lillian Kaufman, Lydia Moser and Bro. Carl.

Our Sick: Sis. Katie Steiner had eye surgery, and is getting along nicely. Bro. Albert Steiner is in the Residents Home. Sis. Ida Eisenman is able to be in her home again. Sis. Bertha Scharlach had surgery and is recuperating at the home of her sister. Her address is Hoopeston Ill. 60942, c/o Loren Anderson. She will be happy to hear from you.

Travelling is a wonderful experience; it's also an education. We had three months in Europe. Much love was shown to us, but we also had disappointments. God is everywhere; when one can see and be-

hold the many beautiful spots on earth, **Gods handiwork**, we wonder why so many people don't believe in a Creator.

Among many countries and places we visited, Berlin was one. We came to No-man's land . . . Barbed wire, the Russian guards watching. One day, a busload of Americans could go to the Russian sector. What a difference, the streets deserted, the stores sparsely stocked, the buildings dilapidated, the people longing to go over to the other side. The gate is closed for them.—Would it not be sad if one day we would come to Heaven's Gate and the Guard would have to tell us, you cannot enter; your passport is not in order.

We are thankful for God's wonderful protection over the many miles we travelled, and thankful to be a U.S. citizen. Bro. Fred and Sis. E. Knapp.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Ida E. Sinn**

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. George Sinn from Latty and Lester Hartter from Bern, Bro. Charles Marti from Lamar, and Bro. Sam Huber from Gridley, Kansas.

Bible School was held during the week of Aug. 18 through the 22nd. May God bless the sisters, who so willingly gave their time, and the children for their attendance and attention. A picnic was held the closing evening at the park, with the children singing some of the songs they had learned.

Mrs. Sophia Sinn had a reception for her daughter, Joyce, & husband on Aug. 31. Joyce and Randall Smith were united in marriage at Emporia, Kansas on Aug. 16. They will live in Topeka, Kansas until the bridegroom enters the service sometime this month.

Bro. Joe Banwart has entered Mercy Hospital at Ft. Scott and is undergoing a series of tests.

There are nine students from our small congregation attending college this fall. May God be with them and bless them.

The following poem was submitted by a brother in our congregation.

#### With God's Help

When we so weakly do our part  
Not taking things sincerely to  
the heart,  
We cannot in any way prevail,  
For we are surely bound to fail.



So when we've work that's to be done,

And victories that must be won,  
The only way, on the path we'll stay

Is with God thru prayer day by day.

Although He'll grant us grace to do  
The things we should or shouldn't do,

He still tells us in our heart,  
That each of us must do our part.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Elna Grimm**

A baby boy was born to Friends Kenneth and Phyllis Rokey of R. R. Congerville on Sept. 1. They have named the little lad Daniel Joseph. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey, and Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner, both of our Goodfield congregation.

Our friend, Gary Bauman, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, has received an "early out" of the Armed Service, and is to return to his parents on Sept. 11, which is his mother's birthday. Sis. Mildred feels especially blessed, since Gary was allowed to return safely from the battlefields in Viet Nam . . . for well she realizes that only God can answer such a prayer.

Lynn, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona Tanner of Goodfield, and Milton Hinnen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinnen of Eureka were married on Aug. 20. Sam, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner of Goodfield, and Patricia, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Audrey Ehle of Bradford were married on Aug. 31. Gale, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry and Perceida Weigand of Carlock, and Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser of Morton were married on Sept. 7.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

**Mrs. Lucille Heiniger**

Bro. Roger Hitz was to leave tomorrow morning for the Armed Forces. We wished for him God's grace and protection while serving his country.

Bro. Joe Schrock was our visiting minister. We always enjoy the messages that are proclaimed from His good and holy word.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Heinhold, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie to Bro. Walter Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Steffen of Fairbury was announced.

Sis. Joyce Gudeman has accepted

employment in Lafayette. We wish her God's protection and blessings and much success in her new work.

This is the time of the year when the college students are returning to their schools. We wish them God's grace and protection to withstand the trials that confront them at all times.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

**Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader**

The time of returning to school is at hand. It is a joy to see the eagerness with which our precious children look forward to learning. We are thankful that they are also learning in their Sunday Schools, and that the teachings of Christ can be reinforced. The following helps to illustrate what a privilege is ours.

I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it, still  
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past;  
The bit of clay was hard at last.  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
And I could fashion it no more!

I took a piece of living clay,  
And gently pressed it day by day,  
And moulded with my power and art

A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years had gone;  
It was a man I looked upon.  
He still that early impress bore,  
And I could fashion it no more!

Bro. Raymond Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma, ministered unto us. The message was both inspiring and edifying.

Bro. Chris Sauder is still a shut-in. May he experience the Lord's nearness at all times.

### LANDERSVILLE, ALA.

**Billie Jo Harville**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13. It is indeed a blessing when we see our loved ones come to the Lord.

Two inspiring testimonies of faith and conversion were given by Maudie Harville and Irene Dotson, on August 31. Bro. Junior Hale administered baptism. We were glad to have our two elder brothers, David Bertsch and Noah Bauman with us, who led the prayer of con-

secration. We are always grateful to our elder brothers, who drove so far to be in our baptismal service.

Sis. Barbara Simmons spent several days in the Birmingham Hospital, but has shown some improvement and is back at home.

Sis. Annie Hill, who was in a car accident, was hospitalized but is at home now. It will be some time before she can be up and about.

Mrs. Louise Coan was in the hospital for a few days. May the Divine Healer grant them health and strength to meet their every need.

### LATTY, OHIO

**Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller**

Summer vacation is over for our children, and many are back in school. It's a new and exciting experience for many of our little kindergarten students. Then there are those who are beginning their college career; we pray that God will lead them.

The Latty Sunday School class had the pleasure of entertaining the Rittman Sunday School class. They were supper guests at the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller on Saturday and Bro. Albert and Sis. Rose Zeltwanger on Sunday.

We have one hospital patient to report, Sis. Neoma Metzger; she is home again and attending church.

We were privileged to have with us Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville, minister. We thank him for his inspiring messages.

Recent weddings were: Dean Laukhuf, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Velta, was united in Holy matrimony to Miss Eva Stronowicz on August 9. The bride is a junior at the Indiana University Medical School, Indianapolis. The bridegroom is at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis and is also a junior. They will reside at Apartment D, 6309 Monarch Drive, Speedway, Indiana.

Sis. Janice Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Merrill and Sis. Martha, was united in Holy Matrimony on Sept. 7 to Bro. Herbert Bachtold, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Dorothy from Forrest. Guest minister for that day was Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest. We wish the new couples God's blessings in this important step in life.

Sadness came to our congregation at the sudden death of Ronald Eisenman, 29-year-old son of Bro. Bill Eisenman, on August 27. Ronald drowned in a gravel pit near St.



Joe, Indiana, after rescuing a 16-year-old girl from 20 feet of water. He pulled the teenager to safety, then disappeared. Ronald was owner of a trailer court near the gravel pit.

Survivors include his father and stepmother; and a brother, Roger of Monroe, Indiana.

Ronald could not swim, yet he made a courageous attempt to save the life of another.

This was the fourth tragic death in the Eisenman Family. His mother, Sis. Cora (Martin) and a sister-in-law, Sis. Diane (Ringger) Eisenman were killed in 1961 in a traffic accident near Fairbury. In 1965, Bro. Gary Eisenman was killed in a fall from a silo.

### **MANSFIELD, OHIO**

#### **Aaron A. Sauder**

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf heard the exchange of wedding vows of Sis. Pamela Pfister and Bro. William Steffen on Sunday, August 31. May the Lord bless this young couple in their life together. As they are establishing a home in Ft. Wayne, we will miss Pam, but extend them a warm welcome to visit as often.

Married recently were the new Mr. and Mrs. Barry Beer; the groom is the son of Bro. Edwin and Thelma Beer.

Ministering brothers have been Bro. Wayne Gerber on August 6, Bros. Henry Beer, Walter Steffen and Aaron Steffen on August 31, and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle on Sept. 7. We appreciate the visit of each one and ask you to please return soon.

Although the rain dampened the earth, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who attended the Sunday School picnic on Sunday August 17, when Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue Sauder were our hosts for the outing. The wet weather forced us to go inside after eating, but the evening was enjoyed by joining in singing songs of praise . . . "will I sing praise unto thee." Psalm 138:1

"Laud ye Him with tears of gladness;  
Praise Him now with harp and song!

Let us crown Him highest ruler;  
Sound the chorus loud and long!"

One of our teenagers, Sally Oesch, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Katherine, suffered severe leg injuries in an auto accident. After

several weeks in the hospital, she is now at home with her leg in a cast, but is unable to return to school at this writing. Other hospital patients have been Sis. Esther Sabo (Joseph), Sis. Marjorie Beer Hollinger (Paul), and Bro. Ted Witschi. Kent and Kimberly Kemper, small son and daughter of Keith and Sis. Mary Kemper, have entered the hospital for tonsillectomies.

Another of our youth has answered his country's call to service. Mike Oesch, son of Bro. John and Sis. Katherine, left for duty on Aug. 26. We would commit him to the Lord's protection, wherever he may be stationed.

Since the death of her husband, Sis. Katie Fuhrer did not feel she could stay alone in her home, so she is now residing in our church home. Her new address is Mrs. John Fuhrer, c/o Apostolic Christian Home, 2 North Illinois Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio.

### **MILFORD, INDIANA**

#### **Marguerite Hoerr**

Bro. Joe Beer and Sis. Nancy Herman were united in marriage on August 10 in Morton. Joe is the son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine of our congregation. The young couple is making their home east of Milford. We congratulate them and ask God to make their new home full of happiness and contentment.

Sis. Emma Graff spent time in the hospital recently. She has been able to return to her home, and we hope to see her in church soon.

Hospitalized because of a heart attack is Bro. Andy Beer. He is making very satisfactory progress, and we pray his recovery will be complete and speedy.

Sis. Anne Rassi submitted to surgery and is still in the hospital. We miss her as we congregate in church and look forward to her being well enough to be back with us soon.

Our concern is also for the father of Bro. Pete Doll, who suffered a stroke and is in a Fort Wayne Hospital. Prayers for those who are ill are important instruments which aid the doctors, as they apply their medical knowledge toward healing.

Todd and Brad Beer, sons of Bernie and Carol, had tonsillectomies. We were glad to see them in Sunday School again last Sunday.

We rejoice with Don and Martha Haab, who have found grace to repentance. We are especially thank-

ful for the love of God that made this possible.

Youth Fellowship Day was held August 24 at Camp Mack. Again this year we were blessed with lovely weather, beautiful singing by our young people, inspiring messages and valuable fellowship.

Sis. Inez Brooks had been hospitalized for observation, but is at home again. Sis. Hulda Graff has been confined to her home with health complications. Needless to say, our prayers also include both of these sisters.

We welcome Sis. Susie Price as a new teacher in our first grade Sunday School Class. She fills the vacancy left by Sis. Clara Kaiser's resignation.

Bro. Ezra Beer is especially thankful for all the kindnesses shown him during his recent surgery and recovery. He said the prayers, cards and gifts were appreciated from the bottom of his heart. We appreciate from the bottom of our hearts that he is better and able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Homer Reinick, ministering brother from Toledo, favored us with a visit.

### **MORRIS, MINNESOTA**

#### **Mrs. Herman Schaefer**

#### **Mrs. Carl Joos**

How wonderful it is when we hear of souls that are turning to the Lord. Our friend, Marilyn Feuchtenberger, has repented and found peace with God. We wish her the blessings of the Lord.

A baby boy, James Dean, was born Aug. 15 to Bro. Gary and Sis. Velma (Fehr) Domnick. The grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr, and Bro. Glen and Sis. Frances Domnick.

Aug. 24, Sis. Glenagene Domnick, daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Frances Domnick of this congregation, was united in marriage to Bro. Melvin Fehr, son of the late Bro. Eli and Sis. Nima Fehr of West Bend. Bro. Paul Fehr officated. We wish them God's blessings in the future.

Bro. Lloyd Nohl has been elected our new Sunday School teacher.

Our visiting ministers were: Bros. Al Fisher, Chicago; Joe Zimmerman, Morton; Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Walter Steffen, Milford; Silas Leuthold, Princeville, and Robert Grimm, Goodfield. As the summer draws to a close, we realize that our visiting ministers as well as other visitors will be few.



We want to thank each that came to fellowship with us.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Mrs. Gus Weltz**  
**Miss Della Witschey**

J. Howard Riggenschach, who has been a patient in the University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va., for several weeks remains very ill, having undergone surgery three times with many complications. His family and many friends are praying for his recovery.

Roy Riggenschach was a patient in the local hospital for two months, and was removed to a hospital in Wheeling on Sept. 7 for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent the Labor Day weekend here with the Barth families and attended the Homecoming at Limestone School.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Limestone Homecoming here on August 31 and visited the Durig families.

Miss Charlotte Emch of Girard visited with relatives here the first week of September.

Miss Margaret Witschey was confined to her home by illness for several days in early September.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frum of Fairfax, Va., attended the Witschey reunion here on August 24 and spent an overnight with relatives.

Mrs. Raymond Barth and daughter, Christy, visited for two weeks in August with her son, Mike and his wife in California, where he is soon to finish up his four years in the service of his country.

The Witschey reunion was well attended this year, and the date for next year has been changed to the fourth Sunday in July.

Many friends, pupils and teachers attended the annual Homecoming at the Limestone School on August 31. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riggenschach were recognized as the oldest married couple, having the largest family, and Mr. Riggenschach as being the oldest pupil that attended school there.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Emily Tanner**  
**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers, for which we are so grateful for the messages they shared with us. Bros. Edward Unsicker, Gerald Sutter, Albert Aberle, Nathan Steffen and Robert Pohl and their families were among us in our assembly, and we could enjoy blessed fellowship one with another.

Bro. John Woerner has returned home safely from his tour of duty in Viet Nam. It's so good to see him home on a month's leave. He is to go to Fort Leonardwood for 10 more months of duty.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Verna Baurer announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to William R. Blank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Blank of Bay Village, Ohio.

Joyce Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr, became the bride of John (Mac) Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley of Peoria on August 23.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Phyllis Berchtold. Her mother, Sis. Bena Fehr died Sept. 6.

Adult Bible Classes have previously been held during the morning church services. Sept. 14, the time will be changed to 8:45 a.m. and will be held in the church balcony. This change was made in the hopes for better attendance. Teachers are Bros. Junior Roecker and Ed Meister.

Note of thanks: Sis. Johanna Rapp wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of love through prayers, gifts and cards during the time she was in the hospital and since she has returned home. She and her husband, Bro. Alfred have not been able to assemble with us in church for several months.

Let us not forget to pray for those who cannot go to the house of worship, but must with patience endure and entreat the Lord for mercy and grace.

Sis. Phoebe Eberhardt and Marie Heller are hospital patients.

At our first hymn sing of this season, we assembled at the Fellowship Hall and enjoyed having the Bible Class from the Burlington, Iowa Sunday School with us.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Carolyn Dotterer**

Sis. Ann Mangold has left Phoenix for her home in Roanoke, having spent a year here. We wish her God's blessings.

Our friends, Ron Hoerr, who moved here with his family from

the Princeville area, and Jon Kokanovich, son of Bro. and Sis. David Kokanovich, have turned to the Lord in repentance. May they, by God's grace, build a solid foundation, that they may ever be faithful to the Lord.

We look forward to hearing the testimony of Tom Freed, son of Bro. Allen and Sis Edith Freed, who has found peace with God.

We welcome back to Phoenix those who spent the summer in the Midwest. We are also glad to have Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Pulfer and family move to Phoenix from the Altadena congregation.

Christine (Dubach) Schuster was hospitalized for surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A farewell fellowship hour was held for Bro. Bill and Sis. Sharon Dotterer, following our Wednesday evening services. Bro. Bill was called into the service and will leave Sept. 10. Also leaving for the Army then is Bill Roth, son of Bro. Harry and Rachel Roth. We pray that God will guide and direct them and grant many blessings in the coming months.

### PULASKI, IOWA

**Mrs. Dave Wiegand**

Bro. Carl Kinsinger paid his annual visit to us on Sunday Sept. 7. This was his home when he was younger, so every year on the Sunday before the Brother meeting he comes. We always look forward to his being here and thank him for his inspiring messages. Bro. Roy Grimm, of Taylor was also with us on Sept. 7. We thank him, too, for coming, and hope he will come again soon.

Bro. Bernard Schaer met with an accident, getting his hand in the baler. He didn't lose any fingers, but they are pretty swollen yet and will take a long time healing. About a week or so after his accident, he and his wife, Sis. Leah were involved in an automobile accident. Their car was completely wrecked, and Leah was in the hospital for several days. She suffered some broken ribs, so has to be pretty careful. May the Healer Divine restore them both to a full measure of health.

Our small congregation has been blessed with another family. Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity Scheitlin moved here from Burlington, about the middle of August. They have 6 children. We know Burlington



misses them, but they are a very welcome addition here.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

Funeral services were held Aug. 23 for Lloyd Strahm of Fanning, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Minnie; three sons and one daughter. Services were held at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel, with Bro. Eugene Marti and Bro. Carl Hartman officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Louie Marti passed away Aug. 27 at the Sabetha Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Martha, who resides at the A.C. Home; two sons, Merle and Harry of Bern; and one daughter, Sis. LeEtta Braker of Jasper Mo. (Lamar). Services were held Aug. 30 at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel, with Bro. Eugene Marti and Bro. Carl Hartman officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Aug. 30 for Will J. Sauder of this community. He was an uncle of Sis. Verna Strahm of Sabetha.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski was our visiting minister. We thank him for bringing us the word.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

#### Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Ia. ministered to us on Aug. 10. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mildred. We are always happy to have them visit us, as they lived here many years before moving to Elgin, Ia.

We had the misfortune of having our church burglarized. We lost fans, fire extinguishers, sweeper, buffer, coffeemaker, and many other items. The loss was estimated at about \$1,700, after replacing the coffeemaker that was again taken. So far, the robbery has not been solved.

The children seem glad to be back in Sunday School, after a month's vacation. This was also the time for promotion and the new teachers taking up their duties, to replace the ones whose terms have expired. Bros. James Sutter and William Cottrell have been elected, and Sis. Loida Hodel was elected for another term, after finishing an unexpired term.

Judy Huber has received word from her husband that he arrived safely in Vietnam and is presently stationed south of DaNang. His

address is listed in the Silver Lin- ing.

Eleven-month-old Shannon, son of Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr had surgery to correct a congenital condition. He is doing well, but is still in the hospital.

Our college students this fall are: Becky, daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, to I.S.U. Normal, Ill.; Randy, son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, to E.C.P. Institute, Peoria; Karen, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, a Junior at S.T.C. Kirksville, Mo.; and Roger Steffen, Remington, back at Gem City College, Quincy, Ill., after spending his vacation with his parents. Sis. Eleanor Yackley is teaching at Senior High in Quincy, Ill.

God is your Bank.

Your prayers are your deposits;  
Your good deeds are your checks;  
Your blessings are your dividends.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

#### Jeanne Morris

#### Alma Morris

#### Autumn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(From *My Garden of Verse* by  
Henry Beer)

We were blessed with visitors from Arizona, Alabama, and Illinois. It is always a pleasure to have our friends visit us.

A number of the Sunday School attended Camp Mack and enjoyed an inspiring day.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday of August at the home of Bro. Roy Frieden. This event marks the end of the summer vacation season. We are thankful to have a full congregation once again. Donna Moser is back from her trip to Europe and plans to show slides of Berlin, London and other points of interest.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

#### Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

The visit of the Fairbury Bible Class was enjoyed by our Bible Class and congregation. Special thanks to the teachers who brought the children, and to Bro. Wm. (Nick) Knobloch from Bradford, for showing us slides of the Heifer Project in Haiti and the Rittman flood. Ministering Bros. Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Merle Kaisner of Fairbury favored us with a visit the same Sunday. We wish to thank them for their efforts, as well as Bro. Raymond Banwart and family of Ft. Scott, our other guest minister this past month.

Sis. Anna Anliker is improving, but still in the hospital. Harriet Mogler had several stitches in a hand injury; Mary Mogler was hospitalized for an appendectomy; and Sis. Beverly Mogler is hospitalized with a back injury sustained in a fall. They are all three the daughters of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler. All are getting along quite well, for which we are thankful. May we never forget the sick in our prayers.

Quite a group attended a reunion which Leah Traub held for her former employees. She has now sold her bakery, which she had operated for many years.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr are expecting their son, Bro. Jim home from Japan Sept. 8, where he fulfilled his military service. Eldon, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Edna Banwart, is expected to have his military service fulfilled by Sept. 8, so he can return home. We have enjoyed the visits of Cloyce, son of Bro. and Sis. Fahye and Marie Gress, who is home on leave after serving his year in Viet Nam; and Bill, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Helen Zaugg,



who has just finished his basic at Ft. Sam. Word has been received that Bill has been sent to Colorado instead of Viet Nam. We hope he can stay there. May the Lord lighten the load of all our servicemen.

A reception was held for Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Glenagene (Domnick) Fehr. We welcome Sis. Glenagene into our midst. May the Lord bless them in their new walk of life together.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Delores Messerli—Carol Messner**

Now FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1. Our Christian lives are based upon faith in the word of God. Do we read and study God's word every day?

**Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.** Psalm 119:11. I was reading in Bro. Beer's **Garden of Verse**. These words of the last verse in the poem, **"The Bible,"** stayed with me.

The Bible is the Book of books,  
A message from on high.  
Embrace it now while yet you live;  
You'll need it when you die.  
The Author of this Book divine,  
Each passage with truth has blest.  
'Tis He who simply calls to us:  
**Come unto me and rest.**

Aug. 22, a daughter, Rachael Lynn, was born to Bro. Dick and Sis. Mary Lou Schmidt. One brother, Darrgn, welcomes her. Grandparents are ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt.

The Sisters sewing group made aprons, hot-pad holders and paint jackets to take to the Arlington Day Care Center in our county. We feel very fortunate in having this place of training for our 'special' people. Children start at three years of age. Adults are taught here also. Winthrop Public School offers Special Education classes for both grade and high school students.

Once again the doors of the schools are open for another year. Here our children are educated to prepare them for life after school, so they might earn a better living. Do we as parents prepare our children to the best of our ability? Stop, think which is the most important to your child's soul—the best job and most money here on this earth or eternal life.

But why not, some ask: "We will not influence our children in mak-

ing choices and decisions in matters of religion." The Ads will. The Press will. The Movies will. The neighbors will. The forces of sin will. The politicians will. The Communists will. We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle, etc. Shall we ignore our children?

The West Bend Bible Class worshipped with us Sunday, Sept. 7. Bro. Vernard and Sis. Beverly Wirtz, Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger, and Bro. Gene and Sis. Evelyn Bruellman came with them. Sunday supper was served by the Sunday School teachers in the park shelter. We have many pleasant memories of this Sabbath day, and wish to thank the West Bend teachers for their efforts in bringing the youth here.

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler**

God is certainly gracious to protect loved ones from serious injury. On Thursday, August 14, Sis. Lorene Maibach was returning from Florida with three of her children and three of their friends, when a blowout of a back tire on the automobile caused Beverly, who was driving, to lose control of the car. The car turned over and was demolished, but all were able to crawl out with only slight injuries. The accident occurred in the mountains of Kentucky, where it so easily could have been much worse. May we ever thank God for his mercy.

On Sunday, August 17, the engagement of Sis. Mary Guthrie and Bro. Ernie Weigele was announced. Mary's home was originally Kiowa, Kansas, and Ernie is from Alto, but both are working and living in Detroit. They hope to be married sometime in January. May they look to God to lead them in their life together.

On Sunday, August 17, Friend Evelyn Polk was announced as having repented and found peace with God, and desires to be baptized. God will surely bless all who put their trust in Him.

Visiting ministers who brought us inspiring messages through the word of God were Bro. Roy Ehnle of Bradford and Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard. Thank you, brothers, for so faithfully serving us.

Mario and Maria Kobal are the parents of a baby boy, born Saturday, Sept. 6. They have named him Edward, and he has a brother, Robert, to welcome him home.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Martha K. Steiner**

"See that none render evil for evil unto any **man**; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all **men**." I Thessalonians 5:15. So lived our dear departed Bro. Ezra Gerst who went to his reward on Sunday morning, August 24, having learned to know his Saviour some years earlier. He was known and loved by all the children, whom he always greeted with a smile and a piece of candy. His presence in church, on one of the foremost benches, will be sadly missed by all of us.

Bro. Ezra's departure is mourned by his dear wife, Sis. Mamye (Heiniger Strassheim); three stepchildren: Sis. Judy (Bro. Uriel) Gehring, Burlington; Dwight Strassheim; Bro. Dale Strassheim, currently serving in the armed forces in Thailand; also four brothers: Henry, Bros. Leslie, Chris, and Richard; and two sisters, Sis. Emma Gerst and Sis. Bertha (Bro. John) Wagenbach, all of this congregation.

Several ministering brothers visited our congregation, for which we are grateful! Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago; Bros. Jess and Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bros. Paul and Bert Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; and Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson.

**NOTICE TO OAKVILLE READERS:** Your reporter is now receiving payments for the Silver Lining.

### AKRON, OHIO

**Kathy Graf**

Friends Robert and Barbara Ritzman were blessed with a baby girl, Karen Lee, on June 27. She was welcomed home by two sisters, Laura and Susan. Her grandmother is Sis. Marie Ritzman.

We really enjoyed the visit of Elder Bro. Theo. Beer from Milford, who visited us on Sunday, August 17. We thank him for his service and hope he will return soon.

Note of thanks: Sis. Eva Emery, who was hospitalized for a thyroid operation, has recovered and is able to be back in church. She wishes to thank all those who remembered her with prayers, cards, gifts and visits. May God bless each one.

Bro. Dan Emery and Bro. Philip Webber are residing at the Menonite Home in Rittman. Philip is able to attend afternoon services at the Rittman church, but we miss



both of them in our congregation. In case anyone would care to send a card, the address is The Mennonite Home, Rittman Ohio 44270.

**Births:** A second son, Michael Andrew, was born to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Lynell Palitto. The grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Martha Palitto of Akron and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler of Rittman. A first son, Scott James, was born to Friends Steve and Rebecca Del Propost. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf.

We welcome a new family, Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Myrna Weerts and their two small children, David and Julie, from the Champaign-Urbana church. They will reside at 3361 Brenner Road in Barberton, Ohio 44203.

It seems that the builders are making very good progress on our new church. The cement for the floors is partly poured, the roof is finished as far as the tar paper, and they hope to put the shingles on very soon. We hope to have our old church building until the end of the year and to be in the new church at that time. We want to be sure to thank all the Rittman brothers and friends, who have so willingly volunteered their help in building the new church. Many of them have put in much time and effort and have really speeded up the progress on the building. May God richly bless each of them for their services.

### **BRADFORD, ILLINOIS**

**Martha Kieser  
Delores Duckworth**

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Al Aberle, Tremont, one Sunday. We enjoyed being in Princeville, too, one Thursday evening and hearing Bro. Ed Unsicker of Portland.

Fritz Hunzicker passed away. His wife, Sophia, 88, survives, as well as one son. Sophie attends church here whenever her health permits. We extend her our sympathy. His funeral services were held in Princeville.

Our hearts were deeply saddened when Orville Eberle, 21, was called into that long and endless eternity. His parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Marie were faithful workers on our building committee, when we built our church here. Orville's brother, Ronnie and his wife Sue, and their two little boys attend church here, and we extend to all the family our heartfelt sympathy.

Sis. Julia Ehnle has returned to

the Eureka Home, after four weeks hospitalization. Bro. Ed Ehnle is down with a back ailment. Bill Ringger, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola, has had surgery and is back in school. Bro. Herman Dietz was at Mayo's for some therapy and is home again, but is still required to use crutches. We trust all these can regain their health and strength.

Richard Dietz, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda has entered the armed services. May our Heavenly Father be his protector.

Randy Stisser, son of Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie, was married to Linda Krey of Princeville. Randy has since returned to Ft. Sam Houston for Army duty.

Pat Ehnle, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Andrey, and Sam Plattner, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Geraldine of Goodfield were married at the Peoria Fellowship Hall. We extend our best wishes and God's blessings to these couples.

We were happy to have Clyde and Charlene Knobloch gather with us again, and to make the acquaintance of their new baby daughter, Leigh Anne. She has 2 brothers, Brett and Barry.

### **BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA** **Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth**

Our recent visiting minister was Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix. Bro. John brought us timely messages of truth and wisdom, which were an inspiration to all who heard. Sis. Charlene and their two children accompanied Bro. John.

Bro. John Diel is a resident of the Kiowa Manor Rest Home. Our church was responsible for services held at the Home Aug. 24 for the benefit of the residents.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Guthrie, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, and Bro. Ernest Weigele, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Weigele of Alto has been announced. Mary works at Henry Ford Hospital as a medical technologist, and Ernest at Ford Motor; both attend the Detroit church.

Sis. Bea and Bro. George Diel have been dismissed from the hospital; Sis. Diel was a patient for two months, after falling and breaking her leg, and Bro. Diel two weeks following surgery. Our friend, Pete Farney has been a hospital patient, as well as Bro. Elmer Tanner, who was hospitalized in Oklahoma City for surgery.

Several singings have been held, in which many gathered to sing

praises to God and join in Christian fellowship. Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder opened their home to a singing, and also Bro. and Sis. Joe Frieden. One was also held in the church.

### **CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, NEW YORK**

**Carol Virkler**

**Mrs. David Sharnback**

Faithful was she until death's day; Now God will wipe her tears away. What are the sorrows of this time. Against God's glory, so sublime?

Funeral services for Sis. Anna Hirschey, 87, were held at Naumburg, Sunday, Sept. 7, with Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago holding the service. What a wonderful testimony of faith when a dear one is assured that she has finished her course and there are mansions above prepared for her. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George (Naomi) Clare; sons, Vincent and Malcom; four sisters, Sis. Clara Merz, Sis. Augusta and Ella Einbeck, Sis. Emma, (Mrs. Andrew) Virkler; and a brother, John Einbeck.

We are deeply thankful for the visit of Bro. Al and Sis. Margaret Fisher. We were left with many vivid teachings on charity; how that when a dear one or a friend should suffer a misfortune, perhaps it would be much better to go to them and see what we can do for them, rather than just to send a check; how that we are to be satisfied with our lot and should never envy another for what he has; how that when we would share of the little we have, how much greater the blessing can be.

Sis. Julia Hirschey has been hospitalized, and was able to return home. Sis. Barbara Virkler is hospitalized and in traction for her back, but is feeling much better.

Birth: A daughter to Robert and Janice Widrick. Paternal grandfather is Bro. John Widrick.

### **FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**

**Joyce Huber**

We rejoice that Doris Rasmus, a sister of Sis. Juanita Walter, has realized her lost condition and has come to the Lord Jesus for her Saviour.

Bro. Walt Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Steffen, is engaged to Sis. Mary Heinold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold of La Crosse. Bro. Walt and Bro. Keith Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Mannie Steffen,



left for Army service. We wish them God's best.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Darrel Lober. The new baby was named David, and he has one brother, Randy.

Sis. Edith Huette has been hospitalized at Peoria. Sis. Nancy Steffen, Sis. Lorene Broquard, and Sis. Gloria Wettstein have returned to their homes.

Sis. Anna Lanz passed away at the age of 75, at the hospital. She had lived at Fairview Haven for several years. Services were held at the funeral home, before she was taken to Rockville for final services.

Wanda Kupferschmid, Sis. Mary Mae Traub, and Sis. Marilyn Kupferschmid flew to Hawaii, where Wanda was able to meet her husband, Al, as he came there on R&R.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Carolyn Zimmerman

Juanita Schneider

Two dear souls have given God their hearts! We rejoice with Friends Elmer and Lavonne Lanz, who have seen their need of the Saviour.

Misfortune has set foot in our congregation this past month. Sis. Mary Metz has fallen on some steps and received many bruises and minor cuts on her face, and is recovering nicely. Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall has broken a bone in her foot, after a fall; she is in a walking cast. Bro. Oscar Schneider received a severe cut on his finger, when an auger fell and pinched it. He required many stitches, but he reports it's healing nicely. Little Lisa Masters, small daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary, lost the tip of her finger when it was caught in a window.

Bro. Elmer Ifft was a surgical patient at Fairbury Hospital; other hospital patients were Sisters Emma Ifft, Marie Hohulin, Leona Ricketts, Velda Hish, Percida Metz and Bro. Perry Honegger. May the One who knoweth all things restore health and make each pain bearable.

Bro. Ronnie Koehl has returned to General Hospital, Phoenixville, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to undergo further surgery on his leg, which was lost in battle in Viet Nam. We certainly pray for God's healing power, and hope time passes quickly. Bro. Ronnie will be staying several months, and we are certain he would appreciate any mail and

to be remembered in prayer.

Our friend, Andy Rieger, 22, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard, is in Mayo Clinic, Minnesota. Andy has a severe kidney disorder and will be put on a kidney machine. Many prayers have been said for Andy and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marion, that God will heal physically and spiritually.

With the conference in neighboring Roanoke this year, we have been richly blessed with many visiting ministers. Our heartfelt thanks to Bros. Frederick Knapp, Goodfield; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Dave Wiegand, Champaign; Noah Bauman, Rittman; Rudolph Graf, Akron; Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Josh Broquard, Walter Koehl, Edmund Kloter, Merle Kaisner, Fairbury.

Since the passing of our ministering Bro. Andy Koehl, our congregation has felt the need of another servant. Bro. Earl Gerber has been chosen through God to fill this vacancy. God grant him strength, and grant each one of us always to give him our full support.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Bro. Dennis Koehl to Sis. Linda Schrenk of the Alto congregation. May God's blessings be with them.

We sincerely wish to express our welcome of the Forrest congregation to Sis. Janice (Laukhuf) Bachold, who was married recently to Bro. Herb. May they receive many blessings and joys as they walk the pathway of God together.

Written in loving memory of Sis. Carrie Leman, who passed away one year ago.

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
All's so happy, all's so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

### GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

When we see the great effort that some make to be in the assembly, even when they have had great affliction of body, we should then be moved to attend church service

when at all possible. I am moved to mention our dear sister, Ethel Hafely, who has been confined to either the hospital or as now in the Glen View Manor Home, Mineral Ridge Ohio, for quite a lengthy time. We were so happy to have her with us to worship several times in the last two months. Thanks be to God. She is so courageous.

Friend Carl L. Emch Sr. is at home convalescing, after being in the St. Elizabeth Hospital for surgery on his foot. He has had surgery for this several times before. We hope this will prove to be successful. His address is 32 E. Dela-son Avenue, Youngstown Ohio 44507. Sis. Irlene Stoll had an emergency trip to the New Mansville Hospital, Sat. Aug. 30, when she by accident wrenched her knee. Bro. Robert and Sis. Irlene were visiting at Sardis for the week end. We are thankful that she made a quick recovery. Sis. Marie P. Emch is now home, after being in the Youngstown Hospital, South Side, for several weeks due to a knee injury. She gets around in the house with a walker. She wishes to thank all for the many cards of good wishes prayers, and those who visited her. Address is 57 Charles Avenue, Youngstown Ohio 44512.

The Stoll family held their annual reunion at the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Monell Stoll, Rogers Ohio. On Sunday, Aug. 24, the one of the George Abraham Emch family was held at Harding Park, Hubbard Ohio. The weather was very nice. It is nice for large families to meet and learn to know each other better.

Elder Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Rudolph Graf of Akron were our guests. The God-inspired messages were very edifying. We welcome them to visit us often. Sunday, Sept. 7, Bro. Robert Beer, with Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna Gaber were very welcome guests. Bro. Robert, moved by the Lord, gave us many very good teachings.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Beautiful and impressive was the ceremony performed by Bro. Edwin Ringger, which united in Holy Matrimony Bro. Robert Meiss and Sis. Doris Stoller. Bro. Robert will teach high school in Washburn, Ill., where they will make their home.

We have had several visiting ministers in our congregation. Bro.



Ed Unsicker of Portland brought us many good teachings. Bro. Ed and Sis. Alva (Miller) Unsicker and their family were visiting in various churches.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Illa Gramm and family from Morris visited and also attended the Grusy Reunion, which was held in Gridley, Aug. 31. Bro. Harold ministered and left many good teachings.

Elders Edwin Hohulin and LeRoy Huber were visiting ministers in our congregation.

We have several brethren in hospitals, and also shut-ins: Sis. Dorothy (Stoller) Ringger had the misfortune of falling in the yard, spraining both ankles. She has sufficiently recovered to be able to assemble with us again. Bro. Silas Witzig underwent kidney surgery and Bro. Henry Gramm underwent hernia surgery. Both are in Menonite Hospital.

Sis. Wilma (Nussbaum) Zehr had major surgery in St. James Hospital, Pontiac, Ill., was able to return home, and is getting along nicely.

Bro. Eugene Funk was hospitalized; he escaped serious injury after a horse pinned him against the barn. Eugene had a double fracture of the collarbone, and is in a body cast.

Debbie Stoller fell off a slide at school and received a double fracture of her arm. She is the daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Vyra Stoller. Sis. Elizabeth Funk is able to be about with a cane. She had a pelvic fracture sometime ago. Sis. Lena Funk is in, with a back ailment. We wish them all a speedy recovery, and that God be at their side.

Announcement of the coming marriage for Bro. Roger Witzig and Sis. Elaine Schlipf was made Sept. 7. Roger is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie (Gramm) Witzig, and Elaine is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred (Rocke) Schlipf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grusy are the parents of a baby daughter, Jodi Ann, born Aug. 31. She has a sister, Kay Marie, and a brother, Johnny Albert. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Annie Grusy, and maternal grandmother is Sis. Ella Cargill.

We wish to welcome Bro. Pete and Sis. Janice Meiss and family into our congregation. Bro. Pete has accepted a teaching position in the Gridley high school. Bro. Dale and Sis. Fredora Wiegand have moved

to Peoria, where Dale will teach in the school system.

### LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Feucht, a son, June 24, Randall Jay; Bro. and Sis. Ezra Knobloch, a son, Aug. 23, Neil Armstrong; Bro. and Sis. Donald Metzger, a son, Aug. 25, Lloyd Ernest; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Feucht, a daughter, Aug. 7, Jacquyn Lee; and Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler, a son, Sept. 5, Perry Paul.

Among the ill, Bro. Theodore Gerber was hospitalized for several days. Dick Metzger had a tonsillectomy. Madonna Wulf has been able to get about with crutches. Carol Wulf is out of her brace.

Sis. Viola Kellenberger spent several weeks in Germany with her nephew, who is in the service there.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Hattie Shrock (who was called home because of the illness and death of her sister). We were sorry we had to call off the services planned for Bro. Noah on his return from Canada.

We enjoy having Sis. Cheryl Gerber, Barbara Banwart, Ruth Fehr and Cheryl Bruellman with us while they take their schooling at Sioux Falls. We have many others who are going to school of further learning.

We wish them all God's blessings.

Many loved ones spent Labor Day week end with us after attending the Metzger reunion held here.

Lynn Doorneweerd received word that he will soon leave for Vietnam. David Moser is at Can Tho, Vietnam.

Douglas Feucht and Connie Olson of Fairview, S. Dakota were married Aug. 2. Arthur Metzger and Kristy Morgan of Merango, Ill. were married July 18. We wish them God's blessings in their step in life together.

"Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." One of the recent Sunday services, Job was meditated upon; it surely proves to us his greatness of patience . . . How Job lost his wealth, sons, daughters, and was stricken with a terrible illness, abused by those who came as his friends. Due to all these trials and tribulations, he still believed in God's goodness and was never angry with God. May we strive to try and use him as our example, as we sojourn

here. Keep this verse 7 Hymn 51 in mind.

Cheer up then and strive, ye ransomed,  
In this toilsome, trying time;  
God will comfort and reward us  
With eternal rest sublime!  
Only he who is victorious  
Shall the crown of life receive—  
Then prevail in prayerful watching,  
Love, endure, hope and believe!

A Note: My sincere thanks to all, relatives and friends, for so thoughtfully remembering me with your many cards, letters, gifts, visits, prayers and other deeds of kindness during my recent hospitalization and since my return home. Thank you, and may God richly bless you. Sis. Lydia Nester.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Bro. and Sis. Eldon Metzger are the parents of a daughter, born Aug. 8; Wendy Kay's three brothers were most happy to welcome her.

Friend Ralph Rodgers is now home, his company being one of those recalled from Viet Nam.

Leland Kraft, son of Glen and Faye Kraft and grandson of Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft, fell on a mountain-side and fractured his skull, while on vacation in Colorado. He is coming along fine and started his sophomore year in high school.

Ilene Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert Grimm is attending Clark's Business College in Topeka.

Sunday, the Lamont and Gridley congregations had a basket dinner and singing at Kelley Hall in Burlington in honor of the Sam Huber Family. They moved in August to Holton, which is about 30 miles south of Sabetha, on U.S. 75. Sam is an F.H.A. supervisor and was assigned another county. Bro. Sam ministered to us and Sis. Mary was a Sunday School teacher. Sis. Eileen Bahr was elected to take Mary's class, but Bro. Loren is left alone in the ministry.

Since the younger Sunday School classes don't usually go up for a visiting minister, I can only report that Bro. Wayne Miller was with us Sunday morning. He and Sis. Pearl were on their way to Manhattan to take Connie to K-State.

Friend Lydia Kraft has been ill and in the Coffey County Hospital, and has now been moved to the



Golden Age Lodge, Burlington, Kansas.

Shawn, son of Bro. and Sis. Eldon Metzger, had corrective surgery in July at the K. U. Medical Center. The packing and bandage are to be removed Sept. 30 from his ear, where scar tissue from the accident was closing the passage way.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Connie Gutwein

Cindy Neuenschwander and Tom Cox were joined together as man and wife. Cindy is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander of Indianapolis. They were originally from Bluffton. Cindy and Tom are now residing in Indianapolis. We wish them God's many blessings as they walk the road of life together.

Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen brought his family to worship with us on August 10. It was a nice size group which gathered.

We were well blessed Sunday, August 17. Three ministers were present. Verlin Stoller, from Ft. Wayne, led us in worship; the other ministers present were Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus. There was a large number present this Sunday. Many came for the wedding of Bro. Edwin Bahler's son.

Eva Stronowicz and Dean Laukhuf were married on August 9 at Fort Wayne. They attended church here frequently. We would like to wish you God's blessings.

On Aug. 24 a tape was played. There were only a few that were able to come and worship, so church was only held in the morning. Many blessings were received though few gathered.

A nice size group was able to gather, Sunday, Aug. 31. Bro. Bob Myer was down from Bluffton and shared many blessings with us. We all received much spiritual food.

Wednesday Sept. 3, a meeting was held at Bro. Charles Neuenschwander's home. The purpose of this meeting was to come to a more definite decision concerning land for a church. Only a few were able to attend this meeting, so they called a meeting after church on the 7th of Sept. It was decided to present at the Brother Meeting the two sites that were found. The sites are located, one on the east and the other on the west side of town.

Marvin Stieglitz was down from Leo on Sept. 7. They helped us wel-

come some of the college students back. We wish the students God's grace, as they go through another school year. We would like to thank those who took time to drive and worship with us.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

#### Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bros. George Sinn and Loren Stoller, Latty and Noah Miller, Minneapolis, were present for the Saturday evening proving of Roland Manz (Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth). Bro. Sinn and Bro. Miller were again with us on Sunday for the baptism. The Lord was surely present when Bro. Miller opened to the 11th Chap. in Ecclesiastes. It impressed me so when he read the second verse, Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. Roland was the eighth dear one to be proved and baptized since we have moved into our new church.

Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, spent a Sunday with us. He explained to us how the world tells us, "You don't have to do this, and you don't have to do that." Let us always be careful that the world can still recognize us as a separate and peculiar people. Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis, spent a short time with us on his way to the conference. May God bless all the dear brothers who labor in the ministry. We know it is not as easy for them to go visiting as for those of us who can sit back and listen. Let's always support them in our prayers.

Sis. Minnie Dotterer has returned home from Mansfield. We are happy to have her in our midst again.

Sis. Martha Laukhuf is not well, and has not been able to assemble with us for several Sundays. We wish her God's help and grace in her lonely hours.

Bros. Adam and Emmanuel Manz have recovered. Becky Manz (Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn) fractured her arm, but is coming along nicely. She jumped from a farm wagon. When asked what she was doing up on the wagon, her answer was, "Singing."

Bro. Sam Schlatter (Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther) and Sis. Janet Schlatter (Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet) have returned to their studies at the Defiance College; Sis. Betty Schlatter (Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther) expects to complete her pediatric training in Cincinnati this

month and return to The Toledo Hospital for the completion of her nurse's training; Bro. Bill Schlatter (Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet) is at the General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan; and Bro. Kenneth Manz (Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn) has returned to his studies at Purdue University, Fort Wayne. May the Lord give a special measure of grace to these young folks, for we know they are confronted with a very crafty foe.

Sis. Lois Schlatter (Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther) had the misfortune of being involved in a one-car accident. She has some stitches in her face and knee, but we are so thankful she was not hurt seriously. This has given some of us quite a jolt, and makes us realize how quickly things can happen.

Sis. Verginia Manz (Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth) has moved to Normal, and is employed in Bloomington.

Our friend, Mary Suttor, had planned to move to Paulding from Detroit on August 30; just two weeks before then, in getting ready to move, she fell and fractured her elbow and collar bone, and is in the hospital in Detroit. She plans to make her home with Bro. Henry Manz and daughters until she is able to live in an apartment. She is a sister of the late Sis. Lena Manz. We wish her a speedy recovery, and will be happy when she can be a regular attendant at our church.

A group from our congregation went to visit and sing for the Rehklau sisters at Toledo. Sis. Lydia has reached her 92nd birthday. May God be especially near to them in their declining years.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

#### Mary Jane Leuthold

#### Josephine Schaefer

August 10 was the day set aside for the marriage of our friends, Maizie Frank and William Hopkins. She is the daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Bernice. We wish them many blessings in their life together.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner were blessed with the arrival of little Glen Edward, August 19. He has a sister, Joan, to welcome him home.

Friends Leroy and Jackie Saud and daughters have moved to Indiana, as Leroy has taken a job there. We will miss their presence in our circle.

Bro. Mike Aberle has been called



to service and is stationed at Ft. m. We know the love among those of our faith there is great, but we believe there are still many lonely hours. Be consoled in that many are praying for you. He is the son of Walter and Sis. Vera.

Jim Wagenbach is home for a thirty-day leave, before fulfilling his assigned duty in Viet Nam. We pray for Jim, but know he is taking the Lord and Saviour with him, as he has turned his heart to the Lord and hopes to be proved and baptized in the near future.

Friend Joe Brandt has been confined to the hospital, after having suffered a stroke. He is mending nicely, and we hope he continues the same.

It seems this month one joy has piled upon another, and we truly can say our cup was overflowing. We welcomed these ministering brothers into our midst: Bro. Ed Unsicker, Portland; Bro. Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson; Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington; and Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka. From the north, south, east and west God's word was brought to us. We sincerely thank all who faithfully labored in love to us.

Bro. Joe Steiner had the misfortune of falling off a ladder, and suffered a concussion, bumps, and bruises. Although no hospital attention was needed, he is not to work for a couple weeks.

We were privileged to have the soldiers' reunion in our community this past Labor Day week end. This group was made up of those whose service terminated between Jan. 1 1956 and July 7, 1963. How great were the blessings we received in the Christian fellowship with the 131 brothers, sisters and friends who put forth the effort to come. We extend a hearty welcome to all to visit us anytime, and thank you for helping make the week end a blessing which lingers now as a precious memory.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

The year is so swiftly passing. Leaves are falling, pumpkins turning gold, and sometimes we can look around and feel like Jeremiah, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Now that school has started, our hearts especially go out to the young people who are returning to classes.

May the Lord help and guide them in their ways.

Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forest) was our visiting minister. We thank the Lord for the messages that were given. One thing Bro. Perry spoke of that really stands out in my memory: **Remember Achan**. He then reminded us how terrible it would be, **by law**, to have to take part in stoning, perhaps a loved one, who had sinned. How thankful we should be that God has, in His mercy, freed us from this law, that **BY GRACE** we have a far better way, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leaman are parents of a precious little baby boy. Jason Eric was born Aug. 27. We are so glad that Florence and Jason are both just fine, and pray the Lord's blessings for them. Bro. Leroy's Aunt Esther Kachelmuss (Elgin, Ill.) is here to help for awhile.

The Silverton and Portland congregations went to Bro. Martin Reuters home for a picnic this summer. We really had a blessed time. The evening air was cool, but we kept warm by singing hymns. We all look forward to going to "Martin's Hideaway"; the countryside is so lovely and peaceful.

Our friend, Lowell Ditch, has had a bone graft on his right ankle. After the accident, he was in at the mill where he worked; last winter the bone in his ankle didn't knit. Soon the doctors will know if this graft "takes"; then perhaps he will soon be up and walking. It has been very painful for him . . . certainly hope the worst is over.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Elva Unsicker have returned safely from their trip to the Midwest. We are very glad to have them home, and appreciate all the greetings they brought back with them.

### LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

We have seasons for rejoicing and praising the Lord. Two of our dear friends are seeking their soul's salvation, Janet Klopfenstein and Bill Hartman.

Sun. Sept. 7, the announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Carolyn Miller and Bro. Steve Bollier.

Cynthia Bertsch is working at one of our local rest homes in the Ft Wayne area.

Sis. Sarah Schwartz is in the hospital. She has injured her back.

Sat Sept. 6, funeral services were held at the Leo church for Enos Steiner, with burial in the Leo Cemetery. He is survived by five sisters, Mary Getz of Tremont, Rhoda Schlatter of this community, Anna, Elda, Esther and Sylvia at home; two brothers, John at home and Menno of R R Auburn. Bro. Norman Stoller was here for the funeral services.

September: At Leo, time for collection of the annual \$2.00 for the Silver Lining.

Bro. Verlin Stoller of the Ft. Wayne congregation helped us in visiting the three rest homes at Butler.

O Thou by whom we come to God,  
The life, the truth, the Way,  
The path of prayer Thyself hath trod;

Lord, teach us how to pray.

Prayer is the Gate to Heaven.

Prayer is the voice of faith. Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

Time is edging ever closer to conclusion. A friend is dear to our hearts. Here we have a nice day. The sun comes up. Breath is given. If it was too late, if the gate, the beautiful gate was beyond ever reaching, how sad. Ah soon, how soon approaching night.

Because it shines with God's love, **The Silver Lining** is good to send your loved one . . . Once this way we pass. The Silver Lining, Box 167, Grabill Ind 46741

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## SKIES A'FIRE

Henry Souder Jr.

The rains came. They were fearful rains. Gloomy, dark, pouring. The second day. . . rain . . . and the next day. The waters rose. They would flee. The dark waters of death were closing in. Higher and higher. The last human outside the ark slipped into the deathly depth. In II Peter we read, "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:"

Do you know how a fire looks, in the night? The sky is red. It may be a towering fire. The billowing, blazing flames bring a feeling. Fire! What a night. Ahead of us is a **DAY**. Fearful flames will roar skyward. There will be blaze, roar and heat. This world and the heavens are going to be on fire . . . it is a time of fear for the lost sinner: "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Time must go on. Time must stop! There is coming that time when everyone who reads this will be there, at that day. When we peer into God's mind and wonder, we see lovely things. It's going to be wonderful to sit, to look and to listen to this Almighty God. He sees things like we do, but then He

sees so much deeper, greater . . . far far beyond us. Such a mind: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Won't that be wonderful to be with Him?

God is not tardy. He is not slow as men reckon, concerning His promise. We get a lovely glimpse of this marvelous One. He don't want even **one**, the worst, the meanest, the filthiest, to be lost. He wants all to repent. He sees the anguish, the heart cry, the sob that would be then. He sees how every bit of happiness will be drained out for the rejecting sinner. He knows the bars of night, harder than steel, that shut out the sinner forever. No chance, no chance in second death, final forever.

Every moment, we are borne along toward end. No one can grab a place and stop. The truth says, we cannot boast of tomorrow. Then, **THEN** we are there. To the lost, the fearful tragedy is dreadfully present. To those who have won, there is no fear. The streets, buildings, the familiar place we once roamed . . . the sea and dry land . . . all on fire. Things we once knew,

melting . . . This is history yet come: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

The beautiful song goes, **Where is the home of the soul to be found?** The ground we walk on, the air we breathe, the four walls we live in, all are due to pass away. He who loves the world in his heart holds a burnt crisp. The heart rests now when its home is with God. We've got something to hold on to. We've got a place to settle down, a lovely home past the pain and weeping. Let's stir to action: "**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**"

Just how much, do you suppose, is in the following words for you? "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" There's a lot. A lot for you. Would it surprise you, if you knew all? God can bring it. Looking and hasting, there's a lot there.