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THANKSGIVING

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20.

Everyday should be a Day of Thanksgiving for the Christian. How grateful we are for a Loving Father who has bestowed all manner of benefits and mercies upon us. In reading the scriptures we find many examples of the blessings for which Christians should express their gratitude.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9.

How full of thanks our hearts become when we consider God's marvelous Gift to us—His own Beloved Son.

"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." St. Matthew 12:25.

How thankful we are that God is no respecter of persons. He reached down and touched each of us while we were yet in darkness, granting us a revelation of His Holy Plan of Salvation.

"... Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me." St. John 11:41.

As our hearts were touched, we cried out to the Lord, and how grateful we must be that He turned a hearing ear to our plea.

CHILDREN'S HOME

There are many parents who would appreciate a country home on which to bring up their children and we feel very fortunate to have such a setting for ours. Our 10 acres are located back off of the main highway and in a quiet rural area. Our 6 acres of woods provide a nice wild-life habitat, a beautiful display of cool green shades in the

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Romans 6:17-18.

We should be eternally thankful for the wonder of our rebirth unto this new life of righteousness. When we were headed for death, a compassionate Lord gave us new life.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." Phillipians 1:3-5.

What a gift to be thankful for! So we enter into a new fellowship with God, we share in the joyful fellowship of other Christians. What a marvelous gift to brighten our path!

"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints." Philimon 4 & 5.

As we partake in this fellowship, how often have our hearts swelled in Thanksgiving for the wonderful love we experience?

"For this thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God, endure

grief, suffering wrongly." I Peter 2:19.

If our Christian life should lead us into suffering, ridicule, or grief, we should still be willing to thank God for granting such a close walk with Him that the world would view and respond to our walk of life as they did His.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57.

If we remain faithful through all trials we have the assurance of victory in the end. This promise should bring praises of thanks to our lips.

"Saying, We give Thee thanks O Lord God Almighty which art, and wast, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power and hast reigned." Revelation 11:17.

We are thankful for what God has done in the past, what He is presently doing, and also in the Hope of things yet to come—for we have a God who has conquered this world, and is setting up a kingdom which those who have walked faithfully upon this earth will be able to inherit. How thankful and grateful we, His children, should be!

—Submitted from Fort Lauderdale, Florida

summer and vivid colors in the fall and a reservoir of wood for our home's fireplaces in the winter. We are now in the process of stocking up our garages with a good supply of wood for the coming cold days. We had plenty of leaves again this fall to pile up and jump into and we also burned a few to experience that favorite old fall smell.

Christmas is coming and so has

the anticipation already begun, but we hope to emphasize the things of Christ at this season as well as having tried to live them all through the year. One important teaching about Christmas that we should promote in our children as we bring them up in this materialistic world is that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We have had two boys leave the

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home but have also gained another. Kevin Husted is his name. He is 10 years old and has a lot of incentive. He loves the out of doors and is a big help. Last night as we greased the vehicles, I held the gun on tight to the fittings and he pumped the handle.

A number of months ago, we mentioned our rabbit and chicken projects and since then have butchered some of each. The children didn't see us dress the rabbits nor realize what they were eating at the time, but all agreed that the meat tasted delicious.

We thank everyone who contributes their time, money, talents and prayers to help make this project a success. It is true that God in His own power will somehow make it possible for needy people to be helped and the Gospel preached to the poor but it has always been in the past, that He has used willing and obedient men to be his instruments. If we aren't willing to do His work and will, God will find someone else to do it.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

It is the evening season of the year, after time has again been obedient to the edict in Scripture that the seasons will follow one another in perfect order as long as the world stands. The trees (man has said that "only God can make a tree") are letting go of their leaves and will soon stand bare. Then for the cold months of winter while they are at quiet rest from their labors of giving fruit and beauty, their inner beauty of shape, form and strength will be evident. How like men! During times of stress when all superficialities are taken from us, what do we have left? It has been said thus: "What does man have left, when he has lost everything?" What remains is his true worth, his eternal possessions, given to him from the only One who has the power to give them. Will we stand beautiful and strong at times of stress as do the trees after they have been stripped of their beautiful summer dress?

Dean Stoller, son of Earnest J. and Dorothy Allshouse Stoller of Spencerville, Indiana, became part of our family here at the Home in May of 1973. Because Dean attends workshop five days per week, his activities in the Home are limited because of time. However, reading

farm magazines, history books, etc. fills much of his free time. His specialty in crafts is making belts. If anyone has a few free minutes, they can be well spent in an interesting visit with Dean. Birthday time for him is February 6.

Activity continues in our new addition. Paper is being hung; doors are being finished and mounted; a few floor coverings are being installed; some landscaping is taking place; and sidewalks are being poured. We are thankful for all that has been accomplished thus far.

Tremont, Princeville, Bradford, Peoria are on October's schedule for Friday evening services. We thank all who came for saving one evening from their busy schedules for our family of residents who appreciate it so much.

The longer on this earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men,

The more we feel the high, stern-
featured beauty

Of plain devotedness to duty.

Steadfast and still, nor paid with
mortal praise,

But finding amplest recompense
For life's ungarlanded expense

In work done squarely and
unwasted days.

Athens, Alabama . . . Hazel Vibbert: It looks like winter is here again. The leaves are falling, and the trees are bare. Most of the crops have been gathered.

Dewey Perry is real thankful to be able to be back at work after being sick so long. He would like to thank everyone who has prayed for him.

Our congregation extends sympathy to the Souder family. We always looked forward to what Henry wrote in the Silver Lining.

Phoenix, Arizona . . . Julie Hoerr:

On Oct. 31, the death angel took our beloved Sis. Kate Blumenschein, while she was asleep. Services were held at church Nov. 1, with interment in Lang Cemetery in Mansfield, OH, where Bro. Carl was laid to rest 3 years ago. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to daughter Ruth Reinhardt, husband Ray and their sons James, Jack, Jerry, Joseph of Lake Tahoe and Reno and 2 sisters and a brother in Mansfield.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis.

Ruth Baer and all relatives of her brother, Oscar Baer, who passed away in Monticello, Ind.

Our hospital patients have been Paul Dolittle for studies, Sis. Marge Fehr for studies, 2-yr.-old Roger Banks (Roger & Marcia) with a fractured leg, and 3-yr.-old Toby Greenbank (John & Sis. Bonnie) for a respiratory ailment.

We have truly enjoyed a Blessed Weekend Nov. 5 & 6. Many visitors and friends gathered to witness the baptisms of Bro. Keith Kaufman, twins Sis. Sherry and Sis. Shirley Roth and Sis. Charlene Roth. Certainly all those gathered felt it a special privilege to witness this, especially that Sis. Shirley and Sis. Sherry could become God's children together, as they were given by God at birth. Keith's parents are Bro. John Kaufman (Phx.) and Mrs. Betty Kaufman (Peoria). The Roth sisters' parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene.

On Oct. 16, the engagement of Bro. Curtis Kaufman, Phx., and Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger of Tucson was announced. Bro. John Kaufman (Phx.) and Mrs. Betty Kaufman (Peoria) are Curtis' folks. Caroline's father is Bro. Albert Zeltwanger (Latty). They will take their vows Dec. 18 in a ceremony at Tucson.

Holy Communion was served Oct. 2, the last Sunday in our 18th Place Church. Elder Bro. Roy Farney and Deacon Bro. Richard Schupbach served the Lord's Supper to a very full house, as it was the church where many of us were baptized and partook of our first communion service.

The first services were held in our new building, Oct. 9. After Bro. Clarence Yackley extended a welcome, Elder Bro. Roy Farney delivered a timely sermon on the CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LOVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER, NOT A BUILDING.

Thank you: May the Lord Bless each of you for the many deeds of kindness and love shown during the time of my husband, Bro. Art Messner's sudden death . . . Sis. Leona Messner.

Ray and Ruth Reinhardt and sons wish their sincere thanks extended to all for the love and kindness given them and their dear Mother, Sis. Kate Blumenschein.

Tuscon, Arizona: We, the Tuscon congregation wish to express our

deepest sympathy for the loss of our dear comrade in faith, Bro. Henry Souder. Bro. Henry was special to us in Tucson, because of his support of our church, but most of all we respected his complete dedication to the Lord. We all will miss him, but, as all of us who have experienced loss of a loved one know, precious memories of his works will linger as incentives for the rest of us.

With the help of Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Noah Herman, the Lord blessed our small congregation with the testimonies of four converts. Mary, Fred and Tim Funk (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lou Ann) and Lisa Bauer (Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria) were baptized and have begun their services to our Lord. These young members moved to Tucson with their parents when they were very young. With the prayers of their parents, grandparents, relatives and friends plus their own desire to serve the Lord, they were able to take the most important step of their life. It is truly wonderful when a soul becomes dedicated to the Lord. We at Tucson were extremely glad to greet these four souls for the first time. Tucson is so small, they'll truly be an asset to our church.

Once again it was a blessed week-end when Tucson and Altadena young groups met in Phoenix to share a week-end of Christian fellowship. We want to thank all those involved in making this week-end so blessed and fulfilling.

We wish to welcome back our ministering Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman. They were fortunate to travel to Switzerland. We thank the Lord that they had a nice trip but most of all that He returned them to us safely.

We wish the best for Bro. Bill Cooper now that he is living with his parents in Silverton, Oregon. May he be an asset to his church.

We will also miss our dear Sis. Mardel Knapp. We hope that she will be happy in Illinois.

We await the visits from our Elder Bros. Ben Maibach, Jr. and John Bahlor. May the Lord grant them a safe trip to Arizona.

Soon our winter visitors will be arriving. It is a joy to share our beautiful weather and most of all our church with them.

There is beauty all around; when there's love at home! Planning to begin a Christian home are Sis.

Caroline Zeltwanger (Tucson) and Bro. Curt Kaufman (Phoenix). Sis. Caroline is the daughter of Bro. Al Zeltwanger (Latty) and Bro. Curt is the son of Bro. John Kaufman (Phoenix). We wish them God's nearness in this important step.

Altadena, California . . . Laurie Hackenjos: It was a beautiful day as we stood outside and witnessed the baptisms of Shirley Witzig and Janet MacDonald, Oct. 16. We praise the Lord for these two sisters in faith and pray that they will continue to grow in the love and knowledge of our precious Lord.

The week-end of Oct. 23, the bible classes and young people from Altadena met with those from Tucson and Phoenix. Sunday morning we gathered in the new Phoenix church and the Lord blest each one there. We thank the Lord for giving us brothers and sisters and good friends such as these.

Sis. Mary Serovi passed away on Oct. 26. She was 97 years of age and had led a shining example of a Christian life. She had spent her last years with a daughter in California, but was buried in Michigan near other members of her family. It gladdens our hearts to know she is at complete rest and peace with the Lord, not to suffer in this life anymore.

We welcome Sis. Cindy Scheitlin who recently moved to the L.A. area from Illinois. We are thankful to have her with us on Sundays and hope she will be very happy in her new home.

On Sept. 7, our dear friends Doug and Sandy Aberle were blest with their first child. Little Shayna Jean will surely bring a ray of sunshine into their home.

We will truly miss Bro. Ray and Sis. Ginny Cooper and their sons Bill, David and Gary who were led by the Lord to move to the Silverton, Oregon area. They were a beautiful part of our church and we feel the loss, but we know the Silverton church is thankful to have them fellowship with them.

Nov. 3 was the birthdate of Matthew Yaussi. Our friends Christy and Lewis have truly been blest with one of God's greatest miracles.

**STAND EVERY MORNING TO
THANK AND PRAISE THE
LORD AND LIKEWISE AT
EVEN. I Chronicles 23:30.**

Rockville, Connecticut . . . Carlton Lanz: According to history, the custom of setting aside a day to offer thanks to a diety goes back to antiquity—and it has been traced to many parts of the world. Apparently, man has always realized that he is especially dependent for his food supply upon nature and the whims of its great forces.

Early men, particularly, knew famine and starvation. Thus, it isn't surprising they were grateful, very grateful, when things went well. The Scriptures, especially the Old Testament, give us many references to these men and women. A few that many of us are familiar with are: Joseph—a time of famine; Eliza, the widow and her son; Elijah—for three years no rain fell. These are biblical truths showing how the hand of God worked wonders amongst those pious people whose genuine trust was in Him.

This had to be in the minds of our early pilgrims, when in 1621 governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony issued a proclamation declaring a day of prayerful thanksgiving for their bountiful harvest. Today we celebrate our Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. Credit should be given to Mrs. Sarah J. B. Hale, editor of Ladies Magazine, who aggressively promoted the idea which convinced President Lincoln to issue a national (first) proclamation "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Death came suddenly to Bro. Ernest Limberger at his home. He

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was 80. Survivors are his wife, Alice Limberger, one sister Olga Bolton, and three brothers, George, Fritz and Harold Limberger. Burial was in Somers, Conn.

We very much enjoyed the visit and inspirational messages Bro. Leroy Huber, elder at Eureka, Ill., left with us. From here he traveled to the north country to view the Autumn coloring, being as it was just at its peak in the color season.

A son, Robert Hany, was born to Bro. Pete and Sis. Vergene Hany. They have 3 other sons. The grandparents are Bro. Leon and Sis. Martha Schneider and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Hilda Hany, both deceased.

Perhaps we have not counted
All our blessings one by one,
Perhaps we have not bothered
To remember whence they come;
And maybe we have taken
Just for granted all the things
That the good Lord has created,
And the hand of Nature brings.

The Autumn hills are robed in
glory,
A golden field of grain,
And the sunset's dazzling splendor
Or the great Milky Way's plain;
The starry sky's sublimity,
The ocean's mighty power,
The wonder of creation
In the petal of a flower.

And so if we have failed to show
By deed or act or word,
That we are thankful unto Him
Who fills our daily needs,
May this day show we're grateful.
When we add up all the sum
Of Blessings, we remember,
As we count them one by one.

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . Caroline Akel: The Ft. Lauderdale congregation is thankful that God has sent ministering Bro. Al Schneider into our midst. We enjoyed blessed fellowship and the privilege of looking further into God's Holy Word together.

Sarasota, Florida . . . Kathryn Schroeder: Our forebearers came to these shores from Europe, looking for freedom to worship God in their own way. They found and cherished this concept, and it was incorporated into our constitution. This inheritance has been guarded zealously, and we give thanks to the Giver of all that is good:

Our Father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

From the Psalms:

Offer unto God thanksgiving;
and pay thy vows unto the most High.

I will praise the name of God
with a song, and will magnify Him
with thanksgiving.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give
thanks; for that Thy name is near
Thy wondrous works declare.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for
He is good; because His mercy endureth forever.

A little child's prayer:

"For rest and for the roof above us,
For food and for those who love us,
We give thanks."

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Darrel Klopfenstein, Ft. Lauderdale; Ed Aeschleman, Union City; and Edwin Bahler, Remington (who stayed with us eight days). During this period we were given inspired guidance. He gave us this beautiful thought, "For each one who has lived as a true child of God, death is the golden key which opens the door into heaven."

Recently Bro. Ed and Sis. Esther Getz took turns as patients in the hospital. They are both home and feel fully recuperated.

We know that winter winds are beginning to blow in the North when one by one, our winter residents return to Sarasota. Each Sunday there is the anticipation of seeing the new arrivals, and always the added pleasure of visitors who will be with us for several weeks. Welcome back! We missed you. For our dear ones, O Lord, we give thanks.

Bradford, Illinois . . . Jane Leman:

On Sept. 25 Sis. Marcia Kieser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha) became the bride of Bro. Jerry Kaiser (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene). They are residing in Tremont.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Lyola (Bro. Jim) Ringger and Sis. Eunice (Bro. Ray) Klumpp—their mother, Sis. Lydia Feucht (Princeville) passed away.

It is always uplifting to witness a proving and baptism—we are happy to welcome Bro. Danny

Guingrich (Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris) into the fold as our new brother-in-faith.

Our ministering Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell (Grimm) Dietz are happy parents of Lanae Louise. Also welcoming the new baby home are Jeff, Barry, Freddie and Valerie. Paternal grandmother is Sis. Hilda Dietz.

Bro. Jim Knobloch was fortunate to escape with only a cracked heel when he slipped and fell from a grain bin.

Sis. Viv Elsasser (Bro. Wm.) spent a short time in the hospital.

My mother, Sis. Lucille Kieser (Bro. Sam) had hip surgery at Mayo Clinic. She is now home recuperating and wishes to send a sincere thank you to all who remembered her.

We thank our many visiting ministers: Elder Bros. Dan Koch (Tremont, Joe Braker (Morton), Dave Kieser (Princeville), and our retired Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold—here for his granddaughter's wedding.

Also we enjoyed the messages of Bros. Phil Sauder (Cissna Park), Charles Sauder (Tremont), Ben Fehr (Roanoke), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), Ben Hartzler (Rittman) and Walt Herrmann (Princeville).

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois . . . Charlen Banwart: The theme of College Week-end, held Oct. 15 & 16 at the University of Illinois, was "Spiritual Growth." Participants spent Saturday afternoon in small group Bible discussions with ministers from our various churches. On Saturday evening groups from Purdue, Illinois State University, and the University of Illinois sang several selections. This was followed by group singing. A panel of ministers then lent themselves in answering questions submitted by the members and friends. Sunday after church, the young people sang at several area nursing homes. We enjoyed the Christian fellowship of all who shared the week-end with us.

We were encouraged along life's pathway by the following ministers, who brought us "Words of Life": Elder Bros. Ezra Feller, Ed Hohulin and Don Sauder; Bros. Jim Hoerr, Art Bauer, Russell Rapp, Ed Alt, Vernon Schwab, Jim Leman, Joe Schrock, Vernon Leman, Bob Grimm and Elmer Witzig.

Sis. Verna Roth spent several days in the hospital. We are thankful she is recuperating.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Nada Leman are the parents of a new daughter, Nichole Renee, born Aug. 29. She has an older sister, Tanya. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Vi Leman of Sarasota and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner of Cissna Park.

My husband, Bro. Wayne, and I are the parents of a new son, Neil Layne, born Oct. 26. He has 2 older sisters, Krista and Kara. Grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart of West Bend, and Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Schrock of Oakville.

Chicago, Illinois . . . Kathy Schlatter:

"Laughter is God's hand on the shoulder of a troubled world."

Solemnity and awe, joy and renewed love for the Lord have marked our September and October here in Chicago. Where sorrow or trouble has touched our lives, we still have felt the Lord's protecting arms.

The Lord has blessed our congregation with visitors: Bros. Josh Broquard (Fairbury), Harold Emch (Girard), Everett Hari (Normal), Art Bahler (Fairbury), and Dennis Woerner (Lester). We also want to especially thank Elder Bros. Josh Broquard (Fairbury) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) for their week-ends with us. Bro. Josh assisted Bro. Dale in the Holy Communion service in September and Bro. Ben read and meditated on the church memorandum with Bro. Dale in October. We were also privileged to hear the tapes of the memorandum, which was just like being there. (And having been there, we were glad to hear again, for Satan delights in stealing away the good part which we had remembered we NEED repetition.)

We welcome our newcomers, new infants, new convert. The Lord still performs miracles and directs His people. John and Sis. Darlene Cluff, and their children John, Brian, and Stacy are with us for a while from Bay City, Michigan. Sharon Littlejohn, soon to be our sister (to be taken up in Eureka. Nov. 20), is here pursuing an art career, and Cleon and Linda Streitmatter and their two children have

moved back to Aurora (they're originally from Princeville and the Peoria area). Bro. Rick and Sis. Karen Kellenberger are the joyful new parents of Sobin Jill, born Aug. 30. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geier, Peoria, and Sis. Marie Kellenberger, Sabetha. And Nov. 1 was the birthday of Amanda Jo Klaus, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Peg Klaus. Her brother Casey and grandparents, Bro. Rich and Sis. Mardell Bowald and Bro. William and Sis. Mary Ann Klaus (Roanoke -- Eureka) think she's very special. Jeanne Plattner, a precious friend, has turned around and is on the Lord's road. We rejoice in her repentance and wish her and her family the Lord's grace.

We are also happy to have Sis. Charlotte Meyer as a new Sunday School teacher. We appreciate her help, her suggestions, and her cheerful attitude.

Our beloved Sis. Margaret Fisher has been hospitalized but is now home. Sis. Doris Kuerth also had surgery. This past summer, Laura Eckel, a pert little 7-year-old, had corrective heart surgery, which went very well. She has made excellent progress. We praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy.

Bro. Dale Eisenmann mentioned once that the song "Ready To Go, Ready To Stay" means that we should have a patient hope for heaven, rather than bemoan our lot, that we should pray instead for grace to remain on earth and increase in His love. In a similar vein a friend of mine wrote a poem this summer and shared it with me. She said I could also share it with you:

I HAD A TALK WITH GOD

I had a talk with GOD today,
I had an awful lot to say;
I ranted on about the CRIME,
There's more and more with passing time;
There's WAR and HUNGER everywhere,
And not enough who seem to care,
There's too much hate, and too much pain,
It seems HIS world has gone insane;
I told HIM how the world should be,
Especially, those things for me;
When my tirade was finally through,
I asked HIM what HE meant to do.

I had a talk with GOD today,
HE had an awful lot to say;
HE spoke of how it all began,
And of the early "FALL OF MAN,"
When all the evil and the sin,
Came to this earth and entered in;
Of how HIS love had found a way,
To save us from that evil sway;
Of Christ, the living sacrifice
Who took our place and paid the price,
A gift far greater than we dreamed,
Through HIM our lives were all redeemed,
When HIS reply was finally through,
HE asked ME what I meant to do.

—Luan Borquist, June 1977

Cissna Park, Illinois . . . Marilyn Knapp - Judy Bauer: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord". We are thankful for one more soul, namely Alvin Hari who has confessed peace with God and has given his testimony in the presence of a cloud of many witnesses and then baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Bro. Alvin Hari is the son of Bro. and Sis. Albert Hari, who are residents of the Peoria nursing home.

We feel a great loss in Cissna Park after the moving of Bro. and Sis. Fred Knapp, who are making their home in Sarasota, Florida. We wish them well and may God be with them always.

A time to be born and a time to die . . . A son was born to Dean and Rita Eisenmann. Dean is the son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond of Cissna Park. Rita is the daughter of Wally and Evelyn Yergler of Watseka. A son was also born to Philip and Jo Ellen Alt. We welcome the little ones. The same month we had two of our families experience death. We extend our sympathy to Curtis and Elaine Sauder on the death of her father. Also to Bro. and Sis. Gerry Farney on the death of her brother.

Our hospital notes are: Sis. Jan (Bro. Daryl) Hari, who is very ill and is a patient at the Burnham hospital in Champaign. Bro. Ray Hari was a patient in the hospital and is now in Mexico taking treatment. Bro. Joe Hari had eye surgery and is home recuperating. William Reutter is a patient in the

Hoopeston Hospital after a fall that broke his leg. Sis. Kathryn Martin spent time in the hospital and at the home of her daughter, Bro. and Sis. Lester Stock. She fell and broke several bones in her wrist and was unable to attend church for a couple of months, but is now attending again. Sis. Priscilla Knapp spent several days in the hospital for observation. Bro. Clarence Vogel had surgery on his elbow.

Our visiting ministers for the month were Bros. Bob Beebe from Bremen, Ind., Vernon Leman from Eureka, Everett Hari from Bloomington and Elmer Buckner from Francesville, Ind. We want to thank the Francesville choir for the beautiful singing on Sunday.

In September our Sunday School was invited to Forrest for Youth-fellowship and this month to Eureka.

New grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaufmann and Bro. and Sis. Harry Hoffman. A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Dennis Kaufmann.

We are happy to announce the engagement of Sis. Gail Hari, daughter of Bro. Alvin and the late Sis. Til and Betty to Bro. Ron Romesberger son of Bro. and Sis. William Romesberger from Gridley.

Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

Congerville, Illinois . . . Sharon McClure - Judy Wettstein:

I meet God in the morning and go with Him through the day.
Then in the stillness of the night,
before sleep comes, I pray
That God will just take over all the
problems I couldn't solve,
And in the peacefulness of sleep
my cares will all dissolve.

May this be a comfort to Sis. Mary Sides in the passing of her husband Bro. Edgar Sides who passed away in August. Surviving are two sons, Elvin and Jerry, and nine daughters, Sis. Inez Mogler, Mrs. Glennie Bates, Mrs. Cornelle Gerber, Mrs. Will Ann Melaik, Evelyn Norwood, Mrs. Bella Prince, Mrs. Ginger Springer, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Ronda Dieckow. A thank you note: We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who sent prayers, good wishes, cards

and gifts and all who prepared meals and food during the illness of our dear husband and father.

Mary A. Sides & Children

We were blessed in the months of September and October with the visits of Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, Kansas. Bro. Harold Schmidgall & Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, Ill. on Sept. 11. Then on Sept. 25 Bro. Ken Knapp of Taylor and Wm. Kupferschmid, Bloomington. On Oct. 23 Bro. Willis Wiegand, Goodfield and Bro. Russel Rapp, Morton. They each reminded us in their own way of our duty as God's children to let others see Christ living and working in our lives.

Two families were richly blessed when God sent into their lives precious bundles from heaven. Bro. Mike and Sis. Pat Rinkenberger are the parents of a son, Chet. Grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke of Eureka.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. LuAnn Zobrist are parents of a daughter, Beth Ann. Welcoming his new sister home is Jeremy. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Phyllis Zobrist and Bro. Fredrich and Sis. Marge Knapp.

Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

We are happy to report five more dear friends who have repented and are awaiting baptism. They are Mary Ann Steffen (Bro. Duane & Sis. Lois), Kathy Miller (Bro. Kenneth & Sis. Betty), Alice Schlipf (Lorraine and Clarence), Kay Roth (Bro. Keith & Sis. Pauline), Gail Williamson (Bob & Sis. Doris). The engagement was announced of Sis. Ann Roth (Bro. Keith & Sis. Pauline) and Bro. Steve Schick (Bro. John & Sis. Dolly). They are planning a Dec. 4 wedding. Also the engagement of Sis. Mardelle Grusy (Bro. Elmer & Sis. Minnie) to Bro. Glen Ott (Clayton & Sis. Margaret) was made known. They are planning a Dec. 11 wedding.

Oct. 26 was the evening set aside for Communion. In this very important, impressive service, Bro. Josh Broquard officiated and Bro. Leroy Huber assisted him. It was indeed a solemn hour as we broke the bread and drank the wine, thinking of how He suffered and died that we might live; if we stay

true and faithful unto death. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me until I come again."

God needed a little bud for one of His flowers in His garden, so He chose baby boy Mark Edward. "Sometime We'll Understand" was sung at the funeral of Mark Knapp, infant son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gay Fanning Knapp on Nov. 3. Mark was three weeks old when God called this little angel home.

It's nice to see Dorothy Baer and Bob Williamson meeting with us again. Each of them had been recently hospitalized.

Sis. Esther Schrock is now in Mennonite Hospital. Sis. Carol Klopfenstein is also hospitalized for tests. Sis. Carolyn Ott submitted to surgery. She is at Brookaw Hospital. May the Lord watch over them and comfort them in their time of illness.

Eureka, Illinois . . . Kathryn Weststein - Salome Schumacher:

Our visiting ministers recently were as follows: Bros. Joe Schrock (Congerville), Merle Bucher (Francisville), Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield) and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury).

Births—Baby girl to Bro. and Sis. Stanley and Lola (Blunier) Stoller. She is their second daughter, born Sept. 23 and her name is Cheryl Dawn. Baby boy, Timothy Ryan to Bro. and Sis. Tim and Donna (Martin) Carr. He was born Oct. 20 and has a little brother. Baby girl to Bro. and Sis. Duane and Eileen (Hohulin) Blunier, born Oct. 22. Her name is Elizabeth Marie and she has a little brother.

These folks were all recently in the hospital but are all back again. From the "Home" were Sis. Margaret Schumacher for tests, Bro. Andy Schumacher for tests, Sis. Rose Wiegand for surgery, Sis. Tillie Sauder for tests and a check-up. Others were Sis. Edna Fehr for surgery, Sis. Mary Fehr (Bro. Ernest) for surgery, and Sis. Clara Zimmerman (Bro. Laurence) for surgery.

Bro. and Sis. August and Inez Mogler announce the engagement of their son Loren to Mary Arrowood.

Our church and our community was deeply saddened over the tragic deaths of Bro. and Sis. Alf and Lena Leman who were found dead in their home on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23. They were both 84 years

old. Surviving are six sons and two daughters, Bro. Walter (Metamora), Bro. Milton, Bro. Gerald, Bro. Roy and Loren (all of Eureka) and Ivan (Peoria); Sis. Marcarole Unsicker (Dunlap, Ill.); 30 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Bro. Leroy Huber conducted funeral services on Wednesday morning and burial was in Roanoke Church Cemetery. May God comfort the dear family in their great loss, but yet knowing and believing that they have only gone "Home to die no more." Their death was caused by carbon monoxide fumes from their car which hadn't been turned off. Bro. Alf could not hear and no doubt just forgot to turn off the motor.

Amongst all sadness there is also a time of joy because we have 9 dear souls who are repenting. They are Carol Anliker (Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina); Ginny Knecht (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Judy), Dale and Elaine Zimmerman (Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie), Craig Martin (Bro. Nelson and Sis. Maryellen), Denise and Brenda Zimmerman (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Laureen), Cheryl Saathoff (Bro. George and Sis. Thelma), and Diane Rocke (Bro. Eldon and Sis. Ida Mae). We rejoice with them and their parents.

Fairbury, Illinois . . . Joyce Huber: Sis. Ione Broquard was elected to be a Sunday School teacher. The Lord will give grace for extra responsibilities.

Jane Broquard gave her testimony of her saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and receiving peace with God and was baptized. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard, and her grandfather, Elder Sam Anliker was here for the special occasion.

Julie Bahler, daughter of the Marvin Bahlers, also gave her testimony of living for Jesus and having peace with God and was baptized, with Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Ezra Feller present for services.

Communion services were held for us with Bro. Alfred Bahler and Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisting our Elder Bro. Broquard.

Our Fairbury and Forrest groups gathered together to attend to the annual reading of the Memorandum by Bro. Joe Braker Bro. Perry Zimmerman and Bro. Josh Broquard.

Other visiting ministers have

been Bros. Ed Ringger and Earl Banwart.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Kaeb, along with Bro. and Sis. Alph Kaeb, spent 15 days in Germany and Switzerland. They visited Daniel Kaeb and his family at Schweinfurt and they visited their father's birthplace, the late Bro. Chris Kaeb, and became acquainted with many relatives. They also called on Col. and Mrs. Everett Martin at Kaiserslautern.

Sis. Fannie Maurer reached the four score years, as Oct. 30 she attained the age of 80. Sis. Lena Hohlun will reach her 80th birthday Dec. 20. May God continue to give them good years.

Sis. Della Meiss was in the hospital at Mayo Clinic, Sis. Louise Moulton and Sis. Dorothy Steffen in Chicago, Sis. Lavina Moser at Hopedale, and Sis. Anna Hertlein in Pontiac.

Bro. Roger Bachtold and his family have moved back to Fairbury and we welcome them to be with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huber became a new mother and dad with the birth of their first child, Jason Richard. Grandparents are Bro. & Sis. Jesse Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Steidinger have a new baby boy, Bradley James. Other children are Brian, Vicki, Dawn and Kimberly. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Urban Steidinger.

Bro. Ernest Aupperle, who came to the United States in 1900, passed away at age 86. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lena; a daughter, Mrs. Ann Hagel; 4 sons, Elias, Willis, Elmer, and Eldon; 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

Forrest, Illinois . . . Kathryn Steidinger - Beverly Eisenmann:

We enjoyed listening to our young folks sing songs of praise to the Lord when they gathered with us for A.C.Y.F. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Bro. Dave Wiegand shared many teachings for all of us as they brought the inspirational message. Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Roy Wernli (Lamont), Ken Schneider and Edwin Bahler (Remington), and Byron Stoller (Gridley).

Two of our aged members have been laid to rest after serving the Lord faithfully for many years. Bro. Edward Wenger was longing for the time when he could lay his

armor down and rest in peace at home. His children, Sis. Laura, Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Sis. Edna Wiegand, Bro. Ray, Bro. Albert (all of Forrest), Sis. Wilma Fisher (Roanoke) and Bro. Clarence (Eureka) were privileged to have a father for many years. Bro. Ed had reached the age of 90 in July.

Two weeks later another dear old sister was taken home. Sis. Olga Schmidt was unable to assemble with us since she had a fall almost a year ago. Since then she has been in the hospital and a nursing home. It was always a pleasure to meet Sis. Olga as she was always cheerful and accepted whatever befell her in patience. She left a good example for all of us. Sis. Olga had long passed the age of four score as she had her 93rd birthday in January. We all miss her but she is especially missed by her children, Ed, Carl, Frank, Bill, and Sis. Emma Ifft, who were very devoted to their mother.

We enjoyed a blessed week-end when Terry Adams became our new brother in faith. We rejoice with him and his helpmate, Sis. Sharon (Zimmerman) as he now walks in newness of life. Ministering Bros. Art Gudeman (LaCross), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Merle Kaiser (Fairbury), and Elder Bro. Josh Broquard shared the day with us.

Elder Bro. Joe Braker of Morton, along with Bro. Perry and Bro. Josh, shared the reading of the memorandum. We are thankful for the concern and efforts of our elder brothers for their flocks.

Bro. Ron and Sis. Carol Koehl's family has been blessed with a baby girl, Rachel Marie. Mark and Mathew are her brothers. Bro. Leroy and Sis. Janita Koehl and Bro. and Sis. Ken Laukhuf of Latty are the grandparents. Ryan William is the new arrival for Bro. Lloyd and Joyce Honegger, Devon, Loren, and Bethany. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger. Barry and Rosemary Koehl have their second boy. Darin joins Ryan who are grandsons of Sis. Alice Lehman and Ralph and Velma Koehl. First time parents are Jon Bachs (grandparents Bro. Ed and Sis. Clara Bachs) and Tom Schlatters with a boy (grandparents Bro. Dan and Sis. Jo Schlatter).

There was a need in our Sunday School for more teachers. With the

support of the congregation and help from God, Bros. Greg Stoller and Ken Steffen are filling this need.

Loved ones needing the care of hospitals recently were Sis. Leona Ann Metz, Karla Kupferschmid, Devon Honegger, and Sara Stoller. Bro. Roy Metz has been transferred from the hospital to The Roanoke Nursing Home.

We are thankful we can report a new convert—Kirby Knapp, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Laura. Also, their daughter, Sis. Kanda's engagement was announced to Bro. Mark Steffen (Bro. Dave and Sis. Emma Lou) of Gridley. They are planning a Dec. 18 wedding.

Three of our friends are planning November weddings. Nov. 19 is the date set for the marriage of Ed Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia) and Renee Taylor. Nov. 26 was chosen by the other two couples—Ken Roth (Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth) and Debra Byrd (Bro. Jim and Sis. Leota—Roanoke) and Stanley Stoller (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta) and Luann Headley. All three couples will be making their homes in the Forrest-Fairbury area.

We regretted having Jerry and Bev Bachtold move from our area, but trust they will enjoy and be blessed in their new home in Arizona.

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

Thanksgiving is more
than a day in November
That students of history
are taught to remember,
More than a date
that we still celebrate
With turkey and dressing
piled high on our plate.
For while we still offer
the traditional prayer,
We pray out of habit
without being aware
That the pilgrims thanked God
just for being alive,
For the strength that He gave them
to endure and survive
Hunger and hardship
that's unknown in the present
Where progress and plenty
have made our lives pleasant.
And living today
in this great and rich nation
That depends not on God
but on mechanization,

We tend to forget
that our forefathers came
To establish a country
under God's name.
But we feel we're so strong
we no longer need FAITH,
And it now has become
nothing more than a wraith
Of the faith that once founded
this powerful nation
In the name of the Maker
and the Lord of Creation.
Oh, teach us, dear God,
we are all PILGRIMS still,
Subject alone
to Your guidance and will,
And show us the way
to purposeful living
So we may have reason
for daily thanksgiving—
And make us once more
a GOD-FEARING NATION
And not just a puppet
of controlled automation.

Gridley, Illinois . . . Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein: The wonderful miracle of changed lives through faith in God and His Son was evident as Richard Schlipf, Brad Gramm and Bob and Kay Hock testified of their repentance and conversion and were baptized Sunday, Sept. 24. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann from Chicago was present to assist in this joyous occasion.

God sends us many precious gifts
But none that can compare
With the wonder of a Baby
Who's so tiny and so fair.

Two families have been blessed with the births of precious little ones: Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Klopfenstein are the parents of their first son, Perry Arthur, II, who was born Sept. 23. Elizabeth Anna and Charity Catherine are glad to welcome their little brother. Perry's grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller of Portland, Oregon, and Sis. Anna Klopfenstein of Gridley.

Bro. Orlan and Sis. Carol Miller are the parents of Catherine Dora, who was born Oct. 12. Her sister and brothers are Carla, Alan and Arlan. Cathy's grandparents are Bro. Rudy and Sis. Esther Miller and Adam and Lulu Schlipf, all of Gridley.

Sis. Rose Schlipf, Sis. Ella Cargill, Sis. Betty Schmidgal and Sis. Mary Martin were in the hospital in the past few months.

We were blessed with the visits

of Elder Bro. Don Sauder and Ministering Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke.

The marriage engagements of Bro. Mark Steffer of Gridley to Sis. Kanda Knapp of Forrest, and Bro. Ron Remersberger of Gridley to Sis. Gail Hari of Cissna Park were announced.

We will miss Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah Funk who have moved from their rural Gridley home to live in Morton.

Goodfield, Illinois . . . Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter:

As You well know, Lord, I forget
sometimes
The thanks I owe; sometimes gray
trifling worries
Pile up and up, and seem so hugely
tall
That I cannot see over them at all.

And yet, though I complain instead
of praising,
You don't withdraw your constant
blessings Lord.
You let me fret a little—while and
then
You make me tall with gratitude
again.

And for this, Lord, I thank You
most of all,
For living moments when I stand
erect
And see, beyond the drab molehills
of care,
Mountains of blessings that are
always there

Yes, we do have mountains of blessings for which to give thanks. We've had a long list of folks with sickness, those who suffered injuries of various kinds, enduring much pain, and those who have had major surgery; and yet, at this time we can report that all of them are back home, and doing reasonably well . . . **Our Father We Thank Thee.**

Sis. Rosa Wiegand (wife of the late Bro. Simon, Sr.), Susie Schwenk, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Doug and Myrna, Sis. Corrine Roth (wife of Roy), Arlene Wyss (Bro. Roy), Evelyn Hofmann (Floyd), and Sis. Elsie Landes (wife of late Bro. Sam) were all hospitalized for various illnesses, tests, and surgery.

Bill Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene, was injured in a motorcycle accident. Benjie Tanner, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben

and Leona, suffered a broken leg at Caterpillar, where he is employed, when a faulty cart being operated by a fellow employee ran into the vehicle which he was driving. Mar-lisa Grimm (Bob and Elna) spent most of October in the hospital after she was severely burned, when a pot of hot coffee tipped over on her. Bro. Edmund Kloter had surgery on his back, and is once again taking his normal position on the pulpit . . . after a good six months of misery. It is real good to have him back where he belongs.

New babies—a girl, Ali Jo to Trish and Roger Gerber, Eureka on Sept. 28. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber, Eureka, and Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm, Goodfield. Great grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, and Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm, Sr., Morton. A boy, Kevin Dean, to Bro. and Sis. Larry and Lori Wiegand, R. R., Danvers on Oct. 11. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla Wiegand, R.R., Deer Creek, and Bro. and Sis. Frederick and Marge Knapp, Congerville. A girl, Michelle Rae to Bro. and Sis. Stan and Judy Knapp, Goodfield on Oct. 14. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis Zobrist, and Bro. and Sis. Willis and Bernice Knapp, Congerville. A girl, Sarah Ellen, to Mark and Virginia Wiegand, R.R., Deer Creek on Oct. 24. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Wiegand, R.R., Deer Creek, and Mr. Vance Moore, Deer Creek.

Baptism—Barb Ricketts has given herself to the Lord. We were privileged to hear her testimony on Saturday evening, Sept. 10. She was baptized on the following day.

Engagement—Bro. and Sis. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Jacki to Brian Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Carol from Francisville on Oct. 2. They are planning a December wedding.

Wedding—Sis. Cindy Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla, R.R., Deer Creek was married to Bro. Randy Schmidgall, son of Bro. and Sis. Harry and Helen, Morton on Sunday, Nov. 6 at our Goodfield church.

Illinois State University . . . Ann Stoller:

Did I forget to thank Thee, Lord,
For things that may seem small:

A flower by the wayside,
A wild bird's lonely call;
For all the daily happenings
That we call commonplace;
For autumn and for sunsets,
And a neighbor's smiling face?

For life is made of little things,
So let me not forget
To count my smallest blessing,
And before the sun is set,
To thank Thee, Lord, for every one
That adds a note of cheer,
And our blessings will be multiplied
Before another year.

I.S.U. students enjoyed another college week-end held at U. of I on Oct. 15 and 16. Through the Bible studies and inspirational messages we were again reminded of the importance of spiritual growth in our lives, which was the theme for the week-end.

We have received many blessings from the word of God spoken through Bros. Harold Schmidgall, Chuck Hemmer, Bob Pohl and Steve Rinkenberger.

Morton, Illinois . . . Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer: Our young members entertained about 150 young folks from ten churches the week-end of Oct. 5 and 6. It was a joy to have these young, glowing Christians in our midst. Also with us for the week-end were guest ministers Bros. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, and Chuck Hemmer, Peoria.

Other visiting ministers during the past month were Bros. Walt Steffen, Milford, Ind.; Nate Steffen, Elgin, Ill.; and Noah Herman, Tucson, Ariz. We thank them for the many blessings received from their labors of love.

At our October Monthly Hymn Sing we were privileged to hear a number of favorite hymns from the "Old Long Books" sung to us in German by a number of members here. A men's quartet, consisting of brothers from surrounding churches and led by Bro. Dana Taufer, also presented a blessed program in song.

Lee Ann Orth and Rex Pratt were united in marriage at our Fellowship Hall on Oct. 8. Their parents are Edward and Jean Lehman Orth, Mrs. Ruby Keith of Morton and the late Rex Pratt of Carrier Mills, Ill. They are residing at 212 N. Nebraska, Morton.

Hospitalized during the past

month were John Frank, Jack Hirstein, Bros. Walter Gerber, Willis Geiger, Keith Stevig, and Anton Rother. Also hospitalized are Josephine Barth and Sisters Dorothy Belsley (Ed), Verna Rapp (Russell), Alvina Zimmerman (Russell), and Aldene Witzig (Joe). Three-year-old Tonya Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Chelly underwent eye surgery. Gary Roecker, son of Sis. Mary Roecker, has had surgery on one leg. Hospitalized since an accident July 1, he will still require further surgery.

Several new babies have arrived on the scene. Bro. Bob and Sis. Peggy Joos are the proud parents of twin sons Daniel LaVerne and David Laverne, born on Sept. 28. Older sisters and a brother are Missy, Robby, and Tricia. Paul and Sis. Margaret Joos and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Phillips of Smithville are the grandparents.

Brent Robert Bigger was born on Oct. 6 to Don and Milly Bigger. Cinda is thrilled to have a baby brother. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Sarah Dietrich of Congerville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bigger of Glasford.

The second son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lynn Egli, Kenneth Harold, was born on Oct. 12. Big brother is Brian, and grandparents are Ken and Lee Warren and Mrs. Gail Egli of Gridley.

Our Sunday School Bible Class entertained the Bible classes of Roanoke and Goodfield on Sunday, Oct. 23. We trust that fruits from such an endeavor will follow.

John Aberle, 85, was killed in a two car accident a few miles outside Morton. Funeral services were held on Oct. 17 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Washington. He was a son of William and Louise Yeitter Aberle. In 1913 he married Rachel Oppen who died in 1971. John had been worshipping with us during the past several years.

Sis. Lydia Pfleiderer, 96, died at her home on Oct. 26. She was a daughter of Andrew and Katherine Welk Rapp and had married Benjamin Pfleiderer in 1902. He died in 1969. She was a faithful soldier of the cross for more than 80 years.

Six dear souls recently gave their testimonies, were baptized and are now members of our beloved fellowship. With joy and thankful hearts we welcome Sis. Lisa Kaiser (daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Irene), Sis. Susie

Schrock (daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Lorna), Sis. Carolyn Roecker (daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Barbara), Sis. Brenda Getz (daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise), Bro. Dan Farney (son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Irene) and Sis. Beverly Wiegand (wife of Ben Wiegand). Assisting our elder were Bros. Dave Keiser, Princeville and Nate Steffen, Elgin. Many visiting ministers were here for this blessed occasion. Bros. Earl Banwart, West Bend and Dave Weigand, Champaign, were in charge of the Sunday worship services.

The engagement of Sis. Barb Getz and Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Jr., both of our congregation, has been announced. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Lillian Getz and Bro. Joe and Sis. Milly Zimmerman.

Peoria, Illinois . . . Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;" . . . As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of so many things to be thankful for. We are thankful God has called five friends unto repentance and conversion. On Oct. 23, Norman Hoerr (son of August and Marie), Jim and Nanette David (daughter of Wade and Marge Fehr), Louise Unzicker (daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Lucille), and Susan Hunzicker (daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Barb) were baptized. Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa and Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester, Iowa were our visiting ministers that week-end.

Bro. Vern and Sis. Marie Hohulin became grandparents of a precious little boy on Oct. 28. Bryce Kevin was born to Beth and Kevin Van Dusen.

We were blessed with the presence of several visiting ministers this month: Bro. Ken Knapp of Taylor, Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville, Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville, and Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson.

Hospitalized: Sis. Fay Meyers, Alma Swadley, Alice Langjahr, Bro. Oscar Hoerr, Bro. Leslie Unzicker, Bro. Rudy Hoerr, Bro. John Dapper. We wish them God's richest blessings and a quick recovery.

Our congregation was saddened

with the deaths of Sis. Sally Howse, Bro. Chris Schafer, and Sis. Anna Miller. Sis. Sally Howse died on Oct. 16. Our sympathy goes out to her niece, Sis. Mazie Thomas. Bro. Chris Schafer died suddenly on Oct. 21. He leaves his beloved wife, Sis. Lena, and their three children, Bro. Maurice, Marlene and Marilyn and their families. We wish them the grace of God to sustain them during their time of grief. Sis. Anna Miller died on Oct. 25. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sister, Sis. Rose Barth.

The Peoria congregation extends sympathy to Sis. Carolee Unzicker and her family upon the sudden death of her parents, Bro. Alpheus and Sis. Anna Leman.

On Oct. 29, the young members held their annual "Old Folks Dinner." We, as young members, surely received a blessing by talking with our older brothers, sisters and friends and learning of their many experiences through their life of faith. We hope they received a blessing, too.

Princeville, Illinois . . . Ruth Ricketts:

Oh the Earth is full of Autumn,
As an Artist in the sky
Cleans His brush upon the tree-tops,
Hangs His canvas out to dry.

And the fast approaching Winter
Pauses briefly, as in fear,
Knowing Autumn must be challenged—
So reluctant to appear.

Oh the beauty of the Seasons—
Magic scenes beyond compare;
Who now can doubt God's Presence
When we see it everywhere!

We have indeed had a most beautiful fall and wherever we look it is beautiful; the clear blue sky, the trees in their beautiful fall colors, and the rich green grass from the abundance of rain. Quickly the leaves are falling, and soon the trees will be bare. Farmers are busily gathering in the harvest, being hampered by the abundance of rain which makes the fields very soft. Here and there we hear that a dear soul has also ripened for harvest and the dear Lord is garnering them in. Among them is Bro. Henry Souder who has finished his earthly duties and is now rest-

ing beneath the sod. It was quite a shock for us to hear of his passing, and although some of us had never had the opportunity to meet him, we felt we knew him through his work with the Silver Lining and the timely messages he wrote. We extend sympathy to his family and congregation and trust they will find comfort from the Almighty One on whom Bro. Henry placed his trust and found help and comfort.

One of the pillars of our church was also called and we miss her in our presence; yet we are thankful that she will be with the Lord forever. Shortly after midnight, Aug. 25 the death angel came for Sis. Lydia Feucht. She had suffered from some strokes and had not been able to attend church for a few weeks, nor was she able to speak the last few weeks. Yet, when someone came to see her, her face would brighten up and she would smile and seem so happy to see us. She had been able to be up with the help of those faithful ones who so tenderly cared for their mother. She even wanted to help with the dishes just a few days before her death.

Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury had services Aug. 27 and read I Peter Chapter 3, the same chapter read when Sis. Lydia's husband, Bro. Will, was laid to rest. Surely God had a hand in selecting this chapter. One of Sis. Lydia's favorite hymns, No. 90 was sung. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside her husband.

Sis. Lydia was born in Cissna Park on May 26, 1885, a daughter of Christian and Caroline Waldbeser Grimm. She married William Feucht on Feb. 2, 1913 at Milford, Ind. He was our minister for a number of years and died on May 13, 1957. Surviving are four sons and four daughters. The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind deeds, prayers, cards, and all other acts of love during the illness and death of their dear other and grandmother.

Several of our loved ones have traveled abroad this summer, and we are thankful for their safe return again. Bro. Eugen and Sis. Elsa Christ returned to their homeland, Germany, and visited with relatives. They were present for the 80th birthday of Eugen's mother, Sis. Luise Christ. Bro. Ray

and Sis. Betty Waggenbach were also in Germany. It was 25 years since Bro. Ray served in the Armed Forces there. Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst and Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle enjoyed a visit with Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family in Japan. They were impressed with the fine culture of the people, especially the women, who were ladies and acted like it.

A blessed week-end was enjoyed Sept. 10-11 when the Francesville choir was present. Bro. Elmer Bucher came with them and ministered to us. We heard many precious teachings and were warned about judging people, for we don't always know their circumstances and should never judge them. God loved us so much that He sent His Son, whom He loved most, for our redemption. If we really want to repent, we can. We need only to ask for grace, and He will grant it. We who are redeemed should be examples and walk as children of Light. Trees are known by the fruit that they bear, not by their leaves; so it is with us; we are known by the fruit we bring forth. Following the afternoon services, the Francesville Choir rendered several numbers and was graciously received by all present. If the singing is so beautiful here on earth, what will it be like in Heaven? We appreciate the efforts of all those who made this weekend an enjoyable one, and trust that God will add the blessing.

It has been a long time since Bro. George Waggenbach ministered to us, and it was a thrill to have him close our services one Sunday with prayer.

Sis. Mary Leuthold was recently in Mayo's for several weeks and had hip surgery. She is making satisfactory recovery and is doing some walking with the aid of a walker. It has been several years since she has been able to walk, but hopefully she will soon be able to get around more comfortably. She is recuperating at the Eureka Church Home, and has very little pain. A Thank You: We wish to thank everyone who remembered us in their prayers and with cards and gifts while my wife was in Rochester. We truly want to express our appreciation to everyone: Silas and Mary Leuthold.

Sis. Esther Herrmann fell down stairs, slipping at the top and falling to the bottom. She fell on her

shoulder receiving numerous bruises and a broken bone in her neck. She is presently in the hospital in traction, and must be flat for six weeks. She is slowly improving and is most thankful her injuries were not more serious. She mentioned how she can feel the power of prayer.

Dorothy Streitmatter, wife of Paul, spent several days in the hospital being fitted with a back brace. She has been most uncomfortable. She is again at home, but recovery is rather slow.

We were all very concerned for our dear young friend Wayne Scholl, as he underwent surgery and had a four-heart by-pass. Having a clean, healthy body, his progress has been exceptional. Doctors marvelled how well he recovered. We feel, too, that God had a hand in it and heard the pleas and earnest prayers of his family and friends. We can only thank Him for bringing him through surgery safely and we trust that Wayne and his wife, Linda, will put their trust in Him. He was able to return to his home only ten days after surgery. Although he is weak, he is recovering nicely.

We are sorry for all those who suffer afflictions and must be shut-in, but trust that the Lord will be near to them during these times. We look forward to the time when they can all worship with us again, for we miss them all.

Nathan Martin also had a harrowing experience recently that could have been fatal. Thanks be to God, his life was spared, and he is now recovering satisfactorily. He was spreading hay in the barn lot when their bull attacked him, tossed him in the air, and then held him against the barn. Nate called for help, and his son, Alan, heard him and came to his aid by kicking him in the nose, diverting his attention from his father. He freed Nate so that he could get into the barn. Nate spent several days in the hospital, as he was quite sore. Fortunately, no bones were broken, nor any vital organs injured. Bro. Nate is truly thankful to his God for protecting him from more serious injury.

Oct. 8 we enjoyed visitors, among them Bro. Marvin Schmidgal of Eureka. Christ, our crucified Lord, was the center theme, and we heard much to ponder over. I was impressed with a story Bro.

Marvin related to us. A little boy lived with his grandmother, and after going to school, had a habit of bringing things home that did not belong to him. His grandmother was very concerned, for she had taught him about Jesus and His love for us. She admonished him and told him it was not right to take other peoples belongings. One time she called him to her and took a needle and held it over the fire, getting it very hot, and told him if he did it again she would have to punish him by sticking his hand with the hot needle. He seemed to heed her warning. For some time he was a good boy. But then, again, he brought something home. Grandmother called to him and heated the needle very hot. She said to herself that she would have to carry out her threat. The boy watched her, probably trembling, and when the needle was very hot, she thrust it into her **own** hand instead of the boys. This made such an impression on him that he never stole anything again. She had done in a small way what Christ did for us. He bore the sins for the whole world. Friends were warned and kindly invited to accept His tender love and grace. We thank Bro. Marvin for his efforts and ask the Lord to bless him further.

Two young brothers from Congerville, Bros. Vernon Wettstein and Bob Walder were our guest ministers Oct. 23. How fortunate we are to have young brothers who proclaim God's precious truths, the same as it has been proclaimed for so many year. May He ever provide for them and give them grace to continue to proclaim His precious Word. In the evening Brother Joe Braker of Morton assisted Brother Dave Kieser in bringing forth the conference report held recently in Rittman, Ohio. Even though we have heard their concerns many times, we are so very thankful we have our Elders who care for their flocks and give the warnings. An attentive group listened to the concerns. May we all strive harder to do our part to preserve our faith and hold to the traditions that have been so beneficial to the believers for so many years. We thank our brothers for their concern and kindly admonitions. May the Lord richly bless them for their untiring efforts.

We are thankful when young

souls can still turn their backs to this sinful world and give their lives unto the Lord. Dana Regier, son of Richard and Helen Regier; Cindy Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Alf and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter; Nancy Martin, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin; and Jeanne Leuthold, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Leuthold have been announced for proving. We look forward to that time, for it seems to help each one of us who have also given our testimony before the church. Our faith is renewed, and we feel close to God.

A son, Andy, was born Oct. 29 to Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Martin. Luann is looking forward to meeting her new brother, as are grandparents Sis. Louise Martin of here and Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradde of Eureka.

Roanoke, Illinois . . . Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel: We have many reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving season. We are thankful that the Silver Lining is going to be printed as many have expressed how much it means to them, especially the ones who are living alone and like to read of other loved ones across our land and in Japan.

We are thankful that God has provided us with an elder. Bro. Don Sauder was ordained as elder and shepherd of our flock here at Roanoke. May God grant him and Sis. Wilma much grace for the added responsibilities and duties that are given them.

We thank Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy for their many hours and labors of love shown to our congregation. May God richly bless them.

We are thankful that Elder Bros. Roy Sauder, Edwin Hohulin, and Edwin Ringger were here for the ordaining of Bro. Don. Also for the other visiting ministers: Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford), Tom Leman (Elgin), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Uriel Gehring (Burlington), Ed Aeschleman (Union City), Francis Rother and Joe Zimmerman (Morton), and Vernon Leman (Eureka) who ministered to us in the last two months.

We are thankful that we had the privilege to here the testimonies and witness the baptism of our two new brothers in Christ. Bros. Joe Aeschleman (Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell) and Harold Sauder (Bro.

Howard and Sis. Edith) have surrendered their lives to the Lord. May God grant them much grace that their lights may shine for Him. Thank you, Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) for helping in this important work.

We are thankful that God has given love into the hearts of Bro. Stan Descarpentre (Sis. Lois) and Sis. Jane Plattner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge) as they exchanged their wedding vows. May Christ be the unseen guest in their home!

We are thankful that God has given love to our dear friends Richard Knepp (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth) and Janet Hinthorne as they exchanged their wedding vows. May God bless them in their life together.

We are thankful for our four new little sunbeams—Christopher Scott was born to Bro. Scott and Sis. Mindy (Krantz) Leman. Joseph Andrew was born to Bro. Herb and Sis. Joyce Blunier. He has a little sister Beth to welcome him.

Michael Steven, was born to Steve and Diane (Sauder) Bates. He is their first child.

Katherine Ann was born to Bob and Sis. Debbie Rippon. She has a little brother Bobbie to play with.

The engagement of our dear friends Susan Mangold (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Helen) and Bernard Milligan of Bloomington was announced.

We are thankful that Bro. Andy Unsicker could be relieved of his pain. He was 84 years old. He never married. He is survived by five sisters; Sis. Emma Rocke (Morton), Sis. Minnie Unsicker, Sis. Alvena McDermott (Peoria), Sis. Elizabeth (A. C. Home) and Sis. Velda Schlipf of Roanoke.

KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

On April 12, 1918 Bro. Eugene Bertschi was born in Roanoke, Illinois. When four years old, he and his family moved to the country close to our church where he would later assume the responsibilities of the eldership. In the meantime, God would ready the lad for his mission in life.

His Swiss heritage was prevalent at that time, both in church and at home. Sermons were preached and songs were sung in German. His father taught him and his brother Rudy to sing, some-

times "with a stick" if necessary. In 1926 he lost his earthly father; however, his heavenly father provided him with a mother (Sis. Mary Ann) who taught him among other things to pray, "Lieber Heiland macht mir von! Das so Dir in Himmel Komms" which translates into an almost demanding plea, "Dear Holy One, make me come to Heaven". to this prayer he added when a little older, "Make me a good boy". His mother had him and his brother read a chapter in the Bible almost every day.

Duties as a friend of the truth, began as a boy—cleaning the church weekly. At four o'clock in the morning, his mother started the fire in the coal furnace in the old, old church. In recalling the memory of this volunteer service, Bro. Gene reflected on things money can buy. His father had often remarked, "You boys think you have to have a nickel every time you come to town." Bro. Gene continued with a contrast. "The Word is Free." Indeed the Bible was read daily at the Bertschi household. God's blueprint was materializing!

After high school. Bro. Gene entered the Caterpillar program at 23c an hour. Away in Peoria he experienced loneliness the first day because of the change in routine.

In late 1937, the sudden death of two friends brought the first step necessary to the answer of his childhood prayer—to repent. Christ spoke "Except a man be born again of water and of spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." He heeded the call and was the first of a hundred who at that time repented, were baptized and began life anew in the Lord. He was baptized Dec. 5, 1937.

While in the young group, Bro. Gene led the singing of praises to the Lord in Eureka mid-week church services before the building of the present Eureka church and before he was married.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy Bertsch were married on June 4, 1944. God blessed them with three daughters; Judy, Joan and Janice and three sons; Bros. Robert, Richard and Roger. Soon God would direct the church into selecting Bro. Gene as Sunday School teacher. "That's the best job there is. You learn what is in the good book," Bro. Gene remarked in a recent interview. "Today, people need to know what is in the Good Book,

particularly because we are closer to the end times than ever before. To live according to the Bible, You have to know what is in it."

Daily vocational life for Bro. Gene continued at Caterpillar for 11½ years followed by beginning a smaller company in Roanoke consisting of Illinois Builders and Roanoke Concrete.

Bro. Gene visited Bro. Arnold Pfau, who was very knowledgeable in the scriptures. In 1957, God directed Bro. Gene's becoming a minister. Bro. Gene was following a perfect pattern as St. Luke records "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." In 1960 Bro. Gene was executive vice president and general manager of Ulrich's, a Roanoke manufacturing firm. He recognized the advantages of seeking his soul's salvation in a small town in a small company. At work his desire was to manufacture a product—"to make something out of nothing."

In 1964, the Roanoke church building was struck by lightning, as Elder Bro. David Mangold stated, "By the hand of God!" This emphasized that a church is more "than brick and stone".

Nov. 20, 1966, Bro. Gene was ordained elder of the Roanoke church. Recently the mantle of that responsibility was lifted. Bro. Gene commented in the interview that God put him in charge of the eldership, "Felt humble—took it one day at a time—rewarding experience."

From that rewarding experience, Bro. Gene gained a wealth of knowledge. He shares it by moderating and directing Friday night Bible study for the young group at Roanoke. "To live according to the Bible, YOU have to know what is in it," he stresses.

In the past year, from the experience of undergoing three operations, Bro. Gene remarked that he does not remember anything of the operations. (Gift of God) He spiritually felt empty in many cases and full in many cases. He knows that it is like he was dead and brought back to life—with renewed health for the purpose of stressing—"That everyone of the household of faith should know what is in the good Book for if you do what is in the good Book, you will get to go to Heaven."

In one of his latest sermons, Bro.

Gene was inspired, "There is something to live for today—to love. It shouldn't be hard to respond to love for God taught us to love. The responsibility is ours, old or young, it doesn't make any difference. None of us are going to be here very long—but long enough to love God!"

God's blueprint still continues.

Tremont, Illinois . . . Lydia Rasi - Mary Jane Leuthold: The marriage of friends Ken Sauder (Bro. Bob and Sis. Elizabeth), and Linda Harding (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harding) was solemnized Oct. 7. They are making their home in Tremont and we welcome Linda to our community.

Joel Andrew came Oct. 13 to live with Bro. Ken and Sis. Amy Koch and Jamie Sue. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Francis Koch. Amy's parents are the Holdens of Peoria.

Sis. Melba (Jerry) Hangartner was hospitalized for tests. Our Sister Janice (Elmon) Koch had extensive surgery but is again able to attend church and is improving each day. Bro. Jay Bollinger is again assembling with us. He has undergone severe pain in the past weeks, but with our Lord's grace, patience and healing power he has endured thus far. Bro. Mark and Sis. Becky Meister had a fire in their home. Cis. Becky's sister, Janet Bossart, was burned on her hands and face. She is making her home with them while attending college here. At this writing she has been taken out of isolation at St. Francis in Peoria. Hopefully she will recover quickly. Bro. John Sauder had surgery and is gaining new strength each day. Hopefully all of our injured and sick can have a quick recovery in the near future.

We added three dear new sisters to our fold Oct. 23. Sis. Jane Lang (Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis), Sis. Diane Rocke (Bro. Orval and Sis. Doris), and Sis. Cindy Ritchie (foster daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Wilma Aberle). Sis. Cindy now is living in an apartment. We wish for our dear sisters that grace may abundantly be shared unto them. Bros. Leroy Huber, Joe Schrock and Noah Herman were with us for this joyous occasion. One of the brothers spoke to us concerning the word of God, referring to it as angel's food. How each one of us needs this angel

food to nourish our souls so that one day they will be molded well enough to enter Heaven's gates.

Bro. Phil Sauder spent a Sunday in our midst recently. He expressed that many memories of years gone by linger in his mind when he returns to Tremont, where he was born and raised. He can see his brethren, whom he grew up with slowing down and he can see time taking its toll. How quickly a lifetime does pass away.

Friends Jay Hangartner (Jerry and Sis. Melba) and Julie Petri of Pekin were united in marriage Nov. 12. We wish them God's blessings in their new found home.

As we again approach the thanksgiving season the words of Zion's Harp, hymn No. 13 came to mind. "Lord God, we honor Thee and praise Thy mild compassion, that Thou so gracefully dost hear our supplication. Thy love is truly great, Thy mercies are untold. Thou givest food and drink for spirit, flesh and soul. We sing our heartfelt thanks, Thy truth and love adoring. For guidance and for light, Thy spirit we're imploring. Our hearts we offer Thee for life and ev'ry day, with Thy grace we tread the straight and narrow way."

A son, Jason Alan, was born Sept. 28 to friends Alan and Wilma Moser. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara Moser of Arkansas.

Washington, Illinois . . . Carole Kellenberger: Our small congregation has been gathering for more than a year already and the blessings we have received are innumerable. Soon will be Thanksgiving Day—let us not neglect to give God the glory for all of His gifts. Work on our church building is progressing rapidly and we are thankful for all those from our neighboring congregations, as well as ours, who have volunteered their time and labor.

Since we missed an issue of the Silver Lining, we have a very long list of visiting ministers. We are so grateful for each one: Bros. Everett Hari, Nathan Stoller, Bob Walder, Vernon Wettstein, Ken Hoerr, Earl Zeltwanger, Roy Sauder. Willis Wiegand, Marvin Schmidgall, Bob Grimm, Russell Rapp, Francis Rother, Chuck Hemmer, Joe Braker, Ken Dietz, Walter Herrmann, Joe Stoller, Don Sauder, Bruce Leman,

Charles Sauder, Al Aberle, Bill Kupferschmid, Elmer Witzig, Walter Anliker, Clarence Kachelmuss and Russell Wuthrich.

Our special blessing at this time, is that we have chosen a minister from our own congregation. With much prayer, this duty has fallen on Bro. Carl Wyss. Our prayers are that God will ever strengthen and sustain Bro. Carl, Sis. Lydiann and their dear family.

Planning a December wedding are Bro. Steve Schick (Bro. John and Sis. Dolly) and Sis. Ann Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline) of Congerville. May God richly bless their life together!

Ron and Sis. June Slagel are the happy parents of a darling daughter, Christine Michele, born Sept. 6.

Truly we can all find so many reasons to give thanks!

Bluffton, Indiana . . . Connie Troxel - Teresa Fiechter:

Thank Thee, God for everything—
the big things and the small
For "every good gift comes from
God"—

the giver of them all.
Help us to remember
that the key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of
thanks
and every day

THANKSGIVING

We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler with us Wednesday evening, Oct. 26, to share in the reading of the memorandum. It was a humbling experience for all who attended. May we carry the message which was brought to us in our hearts to guide us through the coming year. A THREEFOLD CORD NOT LIGHTLY RENT APART . . .

Many couples were united in holy matrimony in the past few months. Sept. 18, Sis. Suzanne Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Pat) and Bro. Don Fiechter (Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary) were joined in marriage; on Oct. 2, Sis. Holly Ringger (Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn) and Bro. Dean Frauhiger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty); on Oct. 9, Sis. Kristie Kipfer (Bro. Art and Sis. Goldie) and Bro. Mark Meyer (Bro. John and Sis. Carol); on Oct. 16, Sis. Susan Steffen (Bro. Sherman and Sis. Lucille) and Bro. Mark Harris; and on Nov. 6, Sis. Mar-

lise Yergler (Bro. Robert and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Tim Steffen (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elizabeth). We wish God's richest blessings on all their marriages.

OUR LOVE SHALL NOT DIMINISH . . .

We have had several engagements this fall. They are as follows: Sis. Marcia Neuenschwander (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred) to Bro. Chuck Geisel (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen); Sis. Becky Gilliom (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marie) to Bro. Lonnie Bertsch (Bro. Walter and Sis. Lillian); Sis. Kari Leman (Wallace and Sis. Marilyn) to Bro. Gary Maller (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Deloris); Sis. Beth Beer of Milford (Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley) to Bro. Rick Fiechter (Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary); Sis. Carmon Pfister (Bro. Tom and Sis. Barb) to Bro. Mike Bertsch (Bro. Oscar and Sis. Sylvia); and Bro. Carl Kipfer to Sis. Nova Steffen.

Ministering Bro. Ken Hoerr of Peoria brought us an inspiring message Oct. 30. Bluffton Sunday School hosted a Christian Endeavor with the Gridley, Peoria, and Tremont Sunday Schools as their guests. We pray that these young people will cherish their friendships and one day come to know the light and love of the Savior.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the many hospital patients we have had the past three months. We pray that, Lord-willing, they make a speedy return on the road to recovery.

Some souls have passed from this life into the next. They are Sis. Emma Bertsch, Greta Lloyd of Ft. Lauderdale (Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie), Abraham Bertsch (Bro. Alan and Sis. Terri), Bro. Carl Liechty, Sis. Mary Ann Reinhart, Bro. Homer Kern, and Bro. Joel Schaeffer. We believe these souls have found a blessed rest.

Bremen, Indiana . . . Marian Germann: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." Ps. 100:4,5.

God has blessed all those around us greatly through the past few months. Bruce Zimmer took Janice Verbeke for his bride in September. In August, Terry Zimmer and Linda Murry were united in the

bonds of matrimony. Bruce and Terry are the sons of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer.

Love of all gifts is the greatest. This is such a true saying. Sis. Alberta Schini's and Bro. Chris Kaehr's engagement was announced. Alberta's parents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia of Remington. Chris' parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Arlene.

Our congregation would like to extend a sincere welcome to Bro. Marty and Sis. Lavilla Langhofer and their two sons who came from Witchita, Kansas.

In September, three dear souls were baptized and welcomed into the fellowship. They are Bro. Don and Sis. Linda Meister and Sis. Sue Lowe. May God bless them as they begin their new walk in life.

We pray for God's richest blessings on Brian Meister as he has found peace.

God has been with many of our hospital patients as they found God's spirit of healing. They are Bro. Dan Schini, Bro. El Schumacher, Michael Beebe, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue, and Sis. Leah Zimmer. May God continue his care of each of them.

On Oct. 18, God blessed the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer with their new son, Jonathan. Welcoming him home are his six brothers and two sisters.

Our adult choir was privileged to go to Bloomington, Ill. to sing songs of praise to God. Everyone had a truly blessed time. The choir is thankful for the love and care shown to them.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

LaCrosse, Indiana . . . Carolyn Levy - Grace Heinold: Ps. 100:4. Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and Bless His name. Mary Ann Troxel (Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary) was united in marriage to Dale Fischer in September. May God bless them as they start their new life together.

Oh, God of wisdom, life and love, Thine is the blessed plan—We have two betrothals to announce: Sis. Denise Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen) to Greg Gramm (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila of Morris); also Sis. Mary Lynn Feller (Bro.

Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann) to Randy Massner (Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma of Oakville).

Our hospital patients were; De-lores (Willard) Yergler, Willis Alt (son of Louise) and Bro. John Heiniger (Sis. Lucille). All had major surgery and have returned to their homes.

Our hearts were saddened and yet there was joy that another soul was relieved of his earthly bondage and will now have a better home in Heaven. Bro. Henry Heiniger, 89, passed away Oct. 19 at the Knox Nursing Home. He was long a pillar in our church as was his wife Sis. Bertha, who passed away in February, 1977. Surviving are three daughters. Mrs. Ida Bruder (LaCrosse), Sis. Louise (Bro. Merle) Yagge (Francesville), and Sis. Mary (Bro. Phil) Troxel (LaCrosse); one brother, Edwin Heiniger (Carney, Mich.); 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. May the family seek God's comfort and refuge during their bereavement.

We welcome Bro. Jim and Sis. Jill Hitz to our congregation. Bro. Jim was transferred here from Kalamazoo. Sis. Jill is the daughter of Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera Nuest and Bro. Jim is a grandson of Sis. Esther Hitz.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Edwin Bahler (Remington), Arnold Gerst (Chicago), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), and Art Ringger (Indianapolis).

Milford, Indiana . . . Coleen Beer-Linda Beer:

THANKSGIVING IS THANKS-LIVING — IT IS GRATITUDE PUT INTO ACTION.

Thanksgiving is an American Holiday but for those who have Jesus in their hearts over the face of the earth—we have Thanksgiving each day of our lives! For God brought us to the point in our lives when we knew we could not carry the burden of sin another day. How we praise Him for His patience in calling and calling until we yielded to Him. A better friend will never be found than Jesus—who is ever beside us and when we praise Him and think of His love He carries our burdens and fills us with peace.

Bro. Albert Krauter was laid to rest Aug. 26. He was one of our older brothers and had spent the past year in a nursing home in Go-

shen. He was a quiet and humble brother survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nancy Hunsberger (Mrs. Norman) 33, daughter-in-law passed away Oct. 1 after 9 years on the kidney machine. She is missed but we have faith to believe she is enjoying her new body in Heaven.

Our oldest brother Louis Rassi was called home Oct. 28. He was lovingly cared for in his home during his illness by his wife Sis. Anne, and daughters Mrs. Linda Baumgartner (Milford), Mrs. Lou Ann Yeater (New Paris) and Mrs. Mary Helen Roser (Kendallville).

Bro. Steve Beer, son of Bro. Carlton and Sis. Maryann, will take Sis. Connie Wuthrich of Francesville, daughter of Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola, as his wife Nov. 27. Sis. Beth Beer, daughter of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley, will be married Dec. 11 to Bro. Rick Feichter, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary of Bluffton. We wish them the nearness of God in their lives together.

We welcome Bro. Keith and Sis. Kathy Funk and Family to our congregation from Roanoke as Keith has taken employment in this area.

Sis. Aline Hoerr remains in the nursing home and also Sis. Louise Rapp. Bro. Charles Weisser has been unable to attend church for many months because of his illness. His wife, Sis. Wanda, has been to Mayo's and we are thankful she can come to church. Sis. Ann Stieglitz is being cared for by her family in the home. We miss Sis. Mary Good who stays with her son in Lakeville.

HE ENJOYS MUCH WHO IS THANKFUL FOR LITTLE.

Purdue University . . . Luann

Bahler: Another semester has started at Purdue and we welcome all the students back to Lafayette. It is a real joy to have everyone back and to start assembling together again for church services.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) and Earl Kilgus (Remington). It is so strengthening to gather during the week to sing praises to Him and hear it told of heavenly treasures laid up for us if we remain true and faithful to Him after giving our lives for His use.

We have again started singing at a local nursing home. It is there where we can look forward to His

promise of going to a land where we'll never grow old.

Those that are new in the Purdue group are: Sis. Beth Bahler (Remington); Sis. Suzanne Lehman (Wolcott); Sis. Becky Bucher (Francesville); Diane Stoller (Wolcott); Bro. Darryl Gerber (Bluffton); Bro. Doug Sutter (Bremen); and Mark Zeltwanger (Bremen).

Purdue services are held every other Thursday evening in the Purdue Christian Campus House on the corner of State St. and Waldron St. at 7:30 (prevailing time on campus). We would like to invite everyone to come worship and fellowship with us anytime!

Remington, Indiana . . . Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss:

The engagement of Sis. Alberta Schini and Bro. Chris Kaehr of Bremen was announced to our congregation in September. They plan to exchange their marriage vows on Nov. 27 and we pray that God will richly bless them as they become one in the Lord. Parents of the couple are Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia Schini of Remington and Bro. Bob and Sis. Arlene Kaehr of Bremen.

Bro. David Bertsch, of Leo, was here to assist Bro. Alfred Bahler in bringing to our congregation the report from the Brotherhood Conference. Let us be grateful for the efforts of our elders and ministers and continue to "press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Ph. 3:14)

Recently we also enjoyed visits from the following ministers: Bro. Lloyd Stoller (Gridley); Bro. Virgil Metzger (Champaign); Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford).

We thank God that our friend, Mary Lou Dexter, has found grace to repent and is now at peace with God. She and her husband, Tom, now live in Indianapolis and worship with the congregation there. Mary Lou is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Mil Clauss.

As we join with our families and loved ones to celebrate the Thanksgiving season, let us keep in mind "Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

Valparaiso, Indiana . . . Marie Heinold:

Let us each think of and

list some of the things we are thankful for this Thanksgiving time:

God's Word—the Bible.

Learning to know my Savior in youth.

The price He paid for our sins.
His love when dark hours come.

Our parents, family, friends,
health.

Hope.

A sister once said to me, "The way to be happy is to think of your blessings each morning."

The Wayne Moser family circle has been blessed with two bundles of joy. Andrew Wayne, born Sept. 22 to Stanley and Virginia Moser; Bryan Mathew, born Oct. 11 to Donna and Roger Long.

Sept. 27 our dear daughter, Sis. Janet Hari (Daryle), became very ill with a cerebral hemorrhage. At this time she still remains in a coma. She is being cared for in paign, Ill. We are thankful for the prayers that have been made in her behalf.

Wolcott, Indiana . . . Laurel Widmer: During the week-end of Aug. 14, we shared the testimony and baptism of our friend Jon Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene). There was a blessing for all who attended. Visiting ministers for the day were Bro. Wendell Gudeman and Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont).

As summer draws to a close, it is time for school again. Beginning at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Gene and Sis. Verna). Diane Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola) is at IUTC this year. She will be an operating room technician. Returning for his Junior year at Purdue is Neal Widmer (Ed and Sis. Gladys).

After living in Nebraska for over a year, Gary and Debbie (Stoller) Royer are home to stay. We are all happy to have them back with us again. Each young family is surely needed by all of us.

We wish to express our appreciation to those brothers and sisters who are working so hard to keep the Silver Lining alive. It has been a "light to believers" for many years. We hope it will be able to continue.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

SEND BOTH OLD AND NEW ADDRESSES.

Burlington, Iowa . . . Mayme Gerst - Edna Pohl:

GIVING THANKS

I saw a child with an earnest face,
Sit with his head bowed, saying
grace;

Voicing his childlike gratitude
For his simple and wholesome food.

I saw a woman, bent and old,
Thinly clad, and shaken with cold;
But she smiled as the sun set red—
"Thank Thee for beauty, God,"
she said.

ALL THROUGH THE YEAR I
HAVE HEARD MEN PRAY,
THANKING THEE, LORD, EACH
WORSHIP DAY;
LIFTING THE OLD HYMNS,
SWEET AND CLEAR,
IN TOWN AND CITY, FAR AND
NEAR.

But on this one day set apart
For the thoughtful and glad of
heart,
LORD, 'tis a beautiful thing to see
A GRATEFUL nation thanking
THEE!

There is something beautiful about Thanksgiving Day. We think of families being together and of course, there is something special about eating together. Many of our people invite those in who have no one to be with, who would otherwise be lonely. May they be richly blessed.

We have been blessed in the month of October by having visiting ministers. Bro. Dale Moore (Elgin, Iowa) said, "We should take time to be Holy; the scriptures are being fulfilled, so Satan works harder." He read in Job and mentioned that our eternal destiny is in our own hands.

The next Sunday Bro. Bruce Le-man (Roanoke) was with us. He also opened the Bible to the book of Job. He mentioned how the Lord blessed Job more in the latter years than in the beginning, and stressed the importance of being faithful in little things.

Bro. Ben Fehr (Roanoke) mentioned the importance of humility and faith. He said we cannot serve two masters. We will serve either God or the devil. We have the KEY to serve whom we wish. May God bless each of the dear brothers for their efforts.

We sympathize with the family

of Bill Massner, who was killed in a farm accident. He was a brother-in-law of Bro. Uriel Gehring. It shows us how uncertain life is.

While on vacation this summer, we were walking around our motel, looking at the beautiful mountains. Suddenly an electrical storm came up. It was at twilight, and the black clouds with the bright lightning made me think that it would make an unusual picture. I tried as hard as I could, with camera aimed at the sky and my finger ready to snap the picture, but it was just impossible to take it. It happened too quickly. It made me think that just that quickly, God could call us as he did Bro. Bill Massner. We surely wouldn't have any time to change our lives.

We are so happy for Tom Brogue, who has found peace with God and wishes to give his testimony in the near future.

We have been enjoying the beautiful array of fall colors. The trees this year—all God's work!

Elgin, Iowa . . . Eleanor Buttkofer:

THANKSGIVING TIME

I'm thankful for so many things,
It's hard to pick out just a few.

First there is sunlight, rich and warm,
Shining upon the house and fields;
The good laws of our native land,
For which our fathers lived and fought;

The crops of grain, the fruit and meat;

The fragrance of the earth, the trees,

The gardens, birds and flowers;
The churches, schools and country lanes,

And children in many hundred schools;

The timid older folks, bent and worn—

I am so thankful for all them

My heart is full of memories,
Tenderly stored away;
But in secret I can take them out
And enjoy them day by day

My life is full of friendships,
Each treasured one unique;
And when I need some comforting
From one who understands,
There's always strength and courage

By reading in the book of life—
No matter what our age.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Phyllis Massner and her family of children in the loss of their husband and father. May God comfort them and keep them in His love.

Our best wishes go to the Roger Halverson's on the arrival of their baby girl, Candace Lee. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halverson.

We were richly blessed in having two ministers visit us. They were Elder Dale Eisenmann from Chicago and Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton. Bro. Dale assisted our Elder Paul Butikofer in reading and explaining the memorandum. We always feel inspired and strengthened when we hear about the continued interest and efforts of our elders and ministers.

Kathy Pulfer, daughter of Paul and Sis. Evelyn, has commenced her course as a medical assistant at Kirkwood Area No. 10 School. Bro. Lonnie Butikofer, son of Bro. Bert and Beulah Butikofer, will be graduating next June as an R.N. from the Calmar Area No. 1 School. Sis. Karla Moore, a nurse at the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union, will be employed at the medical clinic. Sis. Gloria Frieden, a nurse at the Palmer Memorial, as is Sis. Sue Schneider, wife of Bro. Chas. Schneider. Sis. Sandy Butikofer, wife of Bro. Lonnie is also employed there.

David Metzger and Caroline Davidizer are planning a December wedding. May God's richest blessings be real to them.

Sis. Janet Mogler is starting at Calmar Area No. 1 School on her R.N. course. She will be graduating next May. We are enjoying having her with us at the church services.

The days are growing shorter and the nights fall quickly. The trees have been dressed, oh, so gorgeously in various shades of brown and gold. Some leaves were tangerine, some orange, some scarlet and some lime. Such beauty never grows old, and it's such that no artist can do justice to. Our farmers are very busy harvesting their crops of corn which are proving to be very bountiful. Every day there is something beautiful and something to be thankful for.

Only yesterday some wild geese were hoking and winging their way

to new places far beyond what our eyes now see. We are also hearing the song of the horned larks. They spend their winters with us. They are only found in the U.S. in the winter time. In summer they are found in Labrador and the Hudson Bay areas. This bird is about eight inches long. They never come very close to our house, but stay in our fields and meadows. Their color is white, lavender, black and yellow.

Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

Bro. Ed Pulfer, who was hospitalized for a number of days, has been released and is able to once more assemble with us for church services. This is good news. His smile is of the infectious type and is appreciated.

Garden Grove, Iowa . . . Verle Funk: We trust our dear brother, who gave so freely of himself to publish the Silver Lining, is now resting in the Lord. We rejoice in his Victory, but extend our sympathy to his loved ones who will miss him so much. We are grateful they will take up his work and carry on, to the honor of God and our Savior Jesus.

Bro. Louis Peasley, and his wife Kathy are the happy parents of a baby boy. He has been named Seth Aaron. Little Seth is a first grandson to Clarence and Ada Peasley of Humeston and Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Kobs of Minnetonka, Minn. He also has great-grandparents, Mrs. John Sprague and Mrs. Henry Kobs of Minneapolis; Mrs. William Oesch of Bloomington, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peasley of Humeston, Ia.

Our friend, Kathy Peasley feels the need of repentance and is seeking God's direction in this important step. We pray He will reveal His will and His plan of salvation to her.

Our prayers and hopes for a house of worship at Garden Grove seem to be materializing. Our little church house is completely enclosed—and work on the interior is progressing nicely.

We are always grateful to those brothers who take time from their busy schedules to minister to our small church. So a special thanks at this time to Bro. John Leman (Bern, Ks.) and Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, Ia.).

Iowa City, Iowa . . . Connie Gerst Twila Whipple: We want to thank our ministering brothers for their service in God's vineyard. They are Bros. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) and Dale Moore (Elgin). We also want each one who has visited us to know how much we appreciate the support.

Our new Sunday School teachers are Sis. Ellen Zangg and Bro. Joe Gerst. Sis. Connie Gerst will be our new reporter. May God bless each one for their labors.

Lester, Iowa . . . Alice Metzger Joyce Knobloch: Our sympathy goes out to the Sauder family as we all feel the loss of Bro. Henry but we rejoice for him that he has been called to his reward. Many have missed the Silver Lining and we pray for God's blessings for those who are undertaking the task of getting it out again.

We are experiencing our first blizzard of the season which causes a lot of work and inconvenience. Until now we had a nice Fall with a bountiful harvest. Timely and ample rainfall through the Summer was most welcome.

Elder Bro. Dan Koch was with us to share in the reading of the memorandum with Elder Bro. Leo Moser. How thankful we are for this precious privilege. Another week-end we enjoyed the ministering of Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville) and Bro. Kenny Knapp (Taylor). Our thanks to those who came to share the Word of God.

Two of our young farmers were victims of serious farm accidents. Bro. Chuck Leuthold received a badly mangled hand in a combine accident. He has suffered intense pain and setbacks but is slowly on the mend. Friend Calvin Knobloch received painful injuries to his back when he slipped and fell down a silo chute. He is making progress slowly in his recovery. Other hospital patients have been Sis. Margene Metzger, Sis. Florence Knobloch, Sis. Vera Knobloch, Sis. June Mogler and Ernie Feucht.

Several new babies since we last reported the news: To Bro. Art and Sis. Chris Metzger, a boy, Justin Morgan on Sept 6. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella Metzger. To Bro. Dave and Sis. Carol Knapp, a boy, Danny Lee on Sept. 13. Grandparents are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Helen Knapp (Roanoke) and Bro. Bill and Sis.

Leona Wulf. To Bro. Bill and Sis. Eleanor Knobloch, a girl on Oct. 7. Her name is Jane Katherine and grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Frieda Knobloch and Sis. Hattie Schrock (Oakville). A first child to Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose Knobloch. Shana Rose was born Oct. 20 and her grandparents are Bro. August and Sis. Florence Knobloch and Bro. and Sis. Lou Wenger (Sabetha).

A boy, Jesse Jay, was born October 27 to Gary and Rhonda TeSlaa. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Al and Sis. Lucy Knobloch.

Our beloved old sister, Lena Kellenberger, observed her 90th birthday with family and friends. She is grateful to all who helped her remember the day in many ways.

We are thankful for the dear young couple who have turned to the Lord in repentance. Rod and Twyla Bajema have heeded Jesus tender calling. How we pray that our many friends will also heed the calling while time and Grace are still here.

We are happy that the Lord has drawn together the hearts of Sis. Margene Metzger, daughter of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna, and Bro. Dave Peasley (Garden Grove). A December wedding is planned.

Oakville, Iowa . . . Phyllis Siegle:

"Be strong, my soul!
Thy loved ones go
Within the veil. God's thine, e'en so;
Be strong.

"Be strong, my soul!
Death looms in view.
Lo, here thy God! He'll bear thee
through;
Be strong."

Our sympathy certainly goes to the family of Bro. Henry Souder, Jr. We were saddened to learn of his sudden death. Only God can reward him for his vast amount of time and effort he spent as a dedicated editor of our "Silver Lining." The entire staff also has our condolence.

We certainly wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Leona Messner upon the passing away of her husband, Bro. Art. As Bro. Art's departing was so sudden and unexpected, it was again proven to us only God has the time table set for each of us. May God's grace

and blessing be near Sis. Leona and her family in these trying days.

Our best wishes we extend to friends Douglas Heiniger and Tari Lea Hardin who are engaged. Doug is the son of Bro. Harvie and Sis. Leola, and Tari is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hardin (Oakville).

Little Kelli Brooke came to brighten the home of Bro. Kent and Sis. Denise Grimm. Kelli has a sister Kori, age 20 months. Her grandparents are Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heitmeyer of Mediapolis.

Welcomed into the family of friend Joseph and Sis. Carol Bonneson was a son, Joseph Earl. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada Massner and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonneson of Wapello.

Kara Lynn was the name chosen for the daughter of friends Brenda and Randy Allen. Brenda is the daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Mar-much happiness into their home.

HARVEST TIME

There's a glad and thankful feeling
When the harvest crops are in,
With the fruit stored in the cellar
And the grain stored in the bin.

Autumn days are growing shorter
For the sun is now quite low,
There is every indication
That we'll soon be having snow.

But there comes another harvest,
And how thankful we shall be
When our fruits are stored in
Heaven,
Waiting there for you and me.

We thank our visiting ministers, Bros. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo); Uriel Gehring (Burlington); Robert Meyer (Bluffton); Jim Hoerr (Peoria); Walter Anliker (Eureka) and Duane Metzger (West Bend).

We welcome Sis. Connie (Gress) Gerst as she became the bride of Bro. Joe. May she feel God's love among us. Engaged are friends Jill and Gerry Marshall. We wish them many blessings. Jill is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Edith, and Gerry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marshall of Burlington.

We wish God's blessings also to Bro. Randy Massner and Sis. Mary Lynn Feller, who are engaged. Bro. Randy is the son of Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma. Sis. Mary Lynn is

the daughter of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann from LaCrosse, Ind.

Our community was deeply saddened when we learned of the tragic farm accident of our dear Bro. Bill Massner on Oct. 5. We had to stop and ask ourself, "Can it be, and is it really true?" We do not understand the acts of God TODAY, but on some TOMORROW we will. He is greatly missed by all, but he fought a good fight and has won that prize we still are struggling for. May God comfort our dear Sis. Phyllis. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her and her five dear children. She has known sorrow, pain, and heartache many times in her life and has always been inspiring to us by her patience, endurance, and trust in her God. We know our Great God will also see her through this great loss.

Bro. William H. Massner, 45, was born Jan. 15, 1932, at Morris, Minn., the son of Bro. Adolph and Sis. Rose Reber Massner, who preceded him in death. He married Sis. Phyllis Gehring Nov. 17, 1957, at Elgin. Those surviving are; Sis. Phyllis, wife; 5 children, Charles, Cindy, Jeri, Diane and Angela, all at home; two sisters, Sis. Dorothy Taege and Sis. Rosella Obermann, both of Burlington; ten brothers, Kenneth and Bro. Allen, both of Burlington, Bro. Dale, Oakville, and Bros. Earl, Eric, Virgil, Adolphus, Harold, Lloyd and friend Clarence, all of Mediapolis. Funeral services were Saturday, Oct. 8.

Note of thanks—To my beloved brothers, sisters and friends: The Lord has given you all as a source of comfort and strength to me again and again. May He continue to bless you, and may we always feel God's presence. The Lord has richly blessed me by allowing my beloved husband to be with me twenty years. Now he is resting in the Lord—what more could I ask? Thanking you all, I remain your least Sister in Faith, Phyllis Massner (and family).

West Bend, Iowa . . . Mrs. Raymond Anliker - Becky Banwart:

The Bible Class welcomes Kim Madsen, a youth school exchange student from Aalborg, Denmark. Kim is making his home with Bro. Ray Anlikers.

"Just where do you place your priorities?" This question was laid to our hearts by Bro. Bob Pohl of

Burlington, Ia. May God bless him for his labors.

Harry Thomann, age 72, passed away Sept. 25, after several years of ill health. He is survived by four brothers and four sisters: Frank Thomann, Bro. Melbert Thomann, Josephine Thomann, and Robert Thomann of West Bend; Edna Coleman of Kansas City, Mo.; Lydia Gordon of Redding, California; Sis. Lilly (Nathan) Mogler of Ottosen, Ia.; and Earl Thomann of Rochester, Minn. Local ministers officiated. May the Lord be with the bereft.

Our prayers go out to our many hospital patients. Bro. Levi Banwart recently experienced the amputation of one leg. May God be at his bedside, helping him through each day. Other patients were: Leslie Schneider (son of Louis and Joni), Leona McCue, Sam Mogler, and Marco Dias. Marco is the farm exchange worker from Brazil, staying with Bro. Dan Fehrs.

I would like to thank friends, neighbors, and relatives for the many prayers, cards, gifts, and flowers during my recent illness. Elmer Anliker.

Call and cry, ye watchman, boldly; call aloud and spare them not! Jesus wants a faithful witness; teachers not confessing Jesus have stern judgement as their lot. Call and cry, ye watchman, boldly; call aloud and spare them not. We certainly have much green pasture to graze on, after being led by our shepherding Bros. Leo Moser and Eugene Marti. They clearly brought forth the conclusions of the Brotherhood Conference, on Saturday night, and again brought forth the inspired Word of God on Sunday. May we show our appreciation for their labors in the Lord, by being an obedient flock. May God bless them and always give them the courage to Call and Cry, not restraining the Spirit's course.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven . . ." Byron George Bruellman, 21-year-old son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Bruellman, passed away Sept. 3 due to injuries received in an automobile accident near West Bend. Byron graduated from West Bend High School in 1975, then attended Area 111 School at Des Moines where he graduated in May 1977 from Diesel School. Many prayers have been laid to the heart of God for all

who were near to Byron. Surviving are his parents, 3 brothers (Steven, John, and Brent), 2 sisters (Marla and Kandice), and his grandparents, Bro. George and Sis. Clara Bruellman.

"While Jesus whispers to you; Come sinner, Come." The waters are troubled and friend Lori (Bruellman) Skogland has turned to the Lord in repentance. We rejoice with the angels in Heaven, and wish Lori God's grace and nearness. Lori is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman.

On Sept. 11, Bro. Joe Gerst and Sis. Connie Gress were united in Holy Matrimony. May God's blessing rest in their hearts and home. They will be living near Iowa City. Parents of the newly weds are Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva Gerst of Oakville, and Bro. Faye and Sis. Marie Gress of West Bend.

We are always thankful for the Living Bread to sustain us from day to day. Visiting ministers this last month have been Bros. Carl Fuecht (Lester), Dale Moore (Elgin), and Bill Gerst (Alto).

Our hospital patients this month were Leona McCue, Randy Ludwig. Sis. Ida (Chris) Schmidt, Sis. Verda (Don) Bruellman, and little Douglas, son of Louis and Joni Schneider. May God restore our loved ones to better health.

Then there are always those parents who joyfully receive little ones into their home. A son, Matthew Wayne, born Aug. 22 to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy Fehr, and Sis. Eunice Koehl, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr. A daughter, Kendra Kay, born Sept. 4 to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marlene Banwart. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, and Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger.

Shioda, Japan . . . Willis R. Ehnle: Lois and I had the privilege of spending a day and a night in Japan's North Alps National Park, 5 or 6 hours by train from our home. The fragrance of hemlock was heavy in the air as we walked through the woods and along the crystal clear mountain stream, gazing upwards toward the gigantic, autumn colored mountains which towered 1,000 meters above.

In the evening, several short, fat logs burned in the giant fireplace in the center of the hotel lobby where we stayed. The road into

this area is along the nearly perpendicular mountain slope which means that the snow slides down the mountain onto the road making this national park inaccessible 6 months of the year. It is a place where one indeed has the opportunity to get back to nature and to the Creator, back to fundamentals. "He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills." Psalm 104:10

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon, Sis. Sally Gramm opened her apartment to all of us for our monthly hymn sing. Sis. Sally enjoys her work teaching spoken English to junior high students at a private school in Kofu.

We need to do all we can to prevent our people from being tempted to spend money beyond their means. This would prevent many heartaches. "And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." II Timothy 6:8.

Speaking now of the confession of sins, it is important to understand that for many it is a vital means of obtaining grace to overcome certain sins or problems. No one wants to continue in sin after he is converted, and confession to both God and man, privately, is a means of obtaining grace, but it must be accompanied by faith. "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds." Acts 19:18.

Something to think about: In the Lord, should one be respected for what he is, or what he has?

Following is a note from Sis. Sally Beutel: I want to thank everyone for the birthday cards I received. Thank you for remembering me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. May God richly bless each one of you. In Christian love, Sally Beutel.

There is a danger that little by little we change for the worse. Brethren, any such trend must be reversed. If we are going to slide, let's slide in the direction of holiness. If some brethren who have TV get rid of it in order to live a more holy life of prayer, meditation on the Scriptures, hymn singing and service to others; if some sisters who have too many jeans are more careful about wearing what is proper for the time and place in order to maintain the femininity a sister deserves; if brothers and sisters alike are anxious and willing to stay completely

clear of every possibility of being overcome by sensual temptation in order to avoid entirely the tragedy of fornication or adultery; if all sisters are willing to go the second mile in regard to having long hair in accordance with the Scriptures, as well as in the use of head coverings, while brothers keep their hair properly shorn; if such an attitude prevails, the trend will be reversed, the danger diminished. Not that any of these outward things takes the place of but it helps. We will have more devotion for building up the church and starting new churches in new areas. If the life of faith in Christ is worth living at all, it is worth living well. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart."

Marriage is the second most important step in life, after conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ, and should be entered into with much prayer and the realization that each person involved has very heavy responsibilities in the matter. This is not just to ensure that the marriage endures, or that it can be endured, but that it endures in a manner which is a joy and testimony to all around and an honor to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. A willingness to try to do better and a forgiving heart are prerequisites for marriage. The reason I'm off talking about marriage is that Bro. Hisato Inoue and Sis. Kathy Huber, on Aug. 28, were announced to be married. May their marriage plans and their marriage be blessed of our Heavenly Father, is our humble prayer. "Charity seeketh not its own," a good thought to remember in a wife. Sis. Buelah, Bro. Dick Gerst and his wife, Cleo, spent two weeks with us for which we are most grateful. Bro. Dick has many helpful and pleasant memories of Bro. Noah Schrock which augment well with my own memories of Bro. Noah. "And they that feared the Lord spake often with one another."

Tim Huber, whose dear parents are from Francesville, but who presently live in Brazil, came to visit us for a couple of days. Likewise, Dr. Allen Beer whose parents are Uncle Theo and Aunt Naomi of Milford, spent a day with us at the same time Tim was here. We enjoyed speaking together of God's Word. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Tokyo Church . . . Yoshio Yamazaki: It was too bad that we heard about our Silver Lining editor Bro. Henry Souder had passed away. We certainly understand that he did great business for his testimony and believe that the Lord will give him good rest up in the heaven. We really thank Him that He always gave us real wonderful encouragement through the Scriptures. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:18-21

We came together to clean our church here in Tokyo on Sept. 23, Friday, Japanese national holiday. After that we had real blessed lunch time. Lord, always blessed us and prepared everything which we need.

Bern, Kansas . . . Esther & Stella Moser: It seems like a long time since we received our last Silver Lining, and I can truly say, I've missed it. It is also missed by others in our congregation, as I've had quite a few inquiries as to why they are not getting theirs. So keep it coming! It is read—even some friends asked.

Some of these items are a little out-dated, but I think the births and weddings will still be of interest to many.

Sept. 4—Bro. Richard Strahm and Sis. Kathy Dietrich (Silverton) were united in marriage. They are making their home rural Sabetha.

Oct. 2—Bro. Dean Strahm and Sis. Janet Plattner (Sabetha) were united in marriage by Bro. Gene Marti. They are living in Sabetha. We wish both couples much happiness, along with the Lord's blessing as we welcome Kathy and Jan into our fold and fellowship.

On Oct. 8, at the Fellowship Center, Sabetha, Bro. Gene Marti united in marriage Gerry Hertz and Ellen Plattner. Parents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plattner. They are making their home in Sabetha.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer Tabitha Nan, born Aug. 19 to Da-

vid and Marcia Reist (Highland). A little brother, Thad, welcomes her. On Oct. 14, Miranda Sue was born to Randy and Sally Reist (Bartlesville, Okla.). These little ladies are double cousins.

Bro. Edw. Lehman was in the hospital for tests. Bro. Lou Baumgartner is again able to be at the A.C. Home after several weeks of hospitalization. Bro. Galen Rokey had the misfortune of running a piece of steel in his eye at work. Recent surgery was performed, and results will not be known for some time.

Our friend Bertha Leichti is still a hospital patient due to a stroke. Improvement is slow. We place them all into the hands of the Great Physician, for only He can heal.

Many willing hands made short work of the annual church house cleaning. Due to the excess moisture in the harvest fields, many brothers had time to lend a hand.

Kansas State University . . . Brenda Tucker: With the opening of a new semester we welcome new students: Alan Ott, son of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott (Kiowa). Jeri Luthi, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and JoAnn Luthi (Lamont), and Shari Wenger, daughter of LaVon and Erma Wenger (Sabetha).

Our annual picnic was held at Tuttle Lake where we welcomed several visitors from the Sabetha area. The evening of fellowship was blessed even greater as we concluded with songs of praise to our dear Lord.

Services on campus have begun and will meet every other Wednesday night. Visiting ministers were Bro. Lester Hartter (Bern) and Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha).

Campus life has a much warmer feeling when there are other brothers, sisters and friends to fellowship with. It is a reminder of the fellowship we have to look forward to when the Lord comes to call His own.

Gridley, Kansas . . . Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr: It's so nice to be back in touch. An emptiness is surely felt when one must experience a time of isolation from loved ones. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the beloved family of Henry Souder. May sufficient grace be given to those who have lendled of themselves to carry on this work.

We express our appreciation to ministering Bro. Ronald Allenbach (Kiowa) for taking time to share God's most precious Word with us.

Even though this is a "designated time of year for Thanksgiving," surely we, as Christians, are reminded to continue in prayer and thanksgiving every day. So many precious gifts of Life which are shared with us are taken lightly and for granted.

EVERY DAY THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord that I can Hear
For there are those who are deaf.

Thank you, Lord that I can See
There are many who are blind.

Thank you, Lord that I have the
strength to Rise.

There are many who are bedfast.

Thank you, Lord for my Family.
There are many who are lonely.

Thank you, Lord for this food we
have.

There are those who go hungry.

Thank you, Lord for this opportunity to work.

There are many who are jobless.

Thank you, Lord for this Gift of
Life and Salvation.

Amen

Kiowa, Kansas . . . Janice Frieden: We are also very glad that Bro. Henry and Sis. Esther Hodell, who have been at the Mayo Clinic, are home with us again.

During the month past, we were extremely blessed through several gatherings. First, our Sunday Bible Classes were invited, along with the other Kansas youth groups, to spend a week-end in Ft. Scott. That provides such a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our churches to meet one another, and to hear precious teachings from the Word of God. Ministering Bro. Ronald Allenbach (Kiowa) was the speaker, and related many of the dangers our youth face today. We are truly thankful to Ft. Scott for the time and effort they went to in showing us such a wonderful time. A second and third gathering we enjoyed were our monthly singing and Bible Study, and our singing at the Kiowa Manor. The

words of our hymns are prayers, sermons and songs all rolled into one, and they uplift our hearts when we sing them together. The fourth week-end we shared was the week-end of the 23rd of October. Elder Bros. Sam Anliker (Lamont), Eugene Marti (Lamar), with us and brought us many wonderful words of warning, love and grace from God's Word. It humbles us so much to realize all that God gives us. Our fervent prayers are with our elder and ministering bretheren that they will continue to proclaim God's Word in all of its truth.

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. John and Sis. Rachel at the passing of their cousin, Iman Huber (Gridley). May God's love be a comfort to the family.

It deeply touches our hearts with gratitude to know that the Lord, in His infinite mercy, is still calling souls to repentance. Therefore, when a dear friend finds the way through a true repentance and conversion and has peace with God, as our dear friend, Amy Allenbach has, we all rejoice.

We had the privilege to witness the testimony and baptism of Gayle Robb. We welcomed her, our new sister in faith, with thanksgiving for God's grace. We offered fervent prayers that He would bless her new life in Him.

The Lord sent a precious little girl by the name of Kristen Jill to the home of Bro. Tom and Sis. Gay Farney. Little Kristen will have a brother, Brandon, to welcome her home.

Lamont, Kansas . . . Susan Emch:

Emma Ernz, a hospital patient, is now at the Burlington Rest Home. Sis. Dena Sauder had the misfortune of breaking her hip. After spending time in the hospital, she is making her home at the Madison Manor. Sis. Dena's family recently celebrated her 92nd birthday with her. May the Lord continue to provide for her every need. Jill Isch (daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane), Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, and Sis. Lorean Anliker spent a short time in the hospital. Sis. Betty Wernli and Sis. Carrie Gleichman were surgery patients.

Surprise singings were held for Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch's 40th Wedding Anniversary and Bro. Lloyd and Joann Luthi's 25th

Anniversary. Friends and relatives gathered for Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty Wernli's 25th Anniversary. We wish them all many more years together. May God continue to bless each union.

Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha) ministered unto us. We were reminded of the need to pray for one another, especially our children.

We enjoyed the visit of young members from Fairbury, Forrest and Congerville, Illinois, and Ft. Scott, Ks., recently.

As the Thanksgiving Season is nearing we want to be all the more mindful of the bountiful blessings our Heavenly Father bestows on us.

The Lamont and Gridley congregations will begin alternating Wednesday evening mid-week services, beginning at Thanksgiving, for the winter months.

Sabetha, Kansas . . . Mrs. Joe Steiner

We give Thee thanks. Oh Lamb of God.

That on the cross beam Thou hast bought

For us salvation, peace and grace
With Thee in heaven's resting place!

We give Thee thanks!

All praise and thanks to God

The Father now be given.

The Son and Holy Ghost.

Who dwell in highest heaven.

The one eternal God.

Whom earth and heaven adore.

Who is and shall survive.

Now and forever more.

Sis. Frieda Strahm, 84, passed away Sept. 16, 1977 at the A.C. Home where she had lived several years. Her husband, Noah, passed away in 1968. Survivors include 2 sons, Bro. Walter Strahm and Bro. Elmer Strahm; one daughter, Margaret Geiger, all of Sabetha; 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Also 4 sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Genevieve, Harvey, Ill.; Mrs. Martha Bachmi and Mrs. Lena Cochren, both of Holton and Mrs. Elsie Mika, Junction City; 2 brothers, Bro. John Luegman, Burlington, Iowa and Henry Luegman, Tucson, Ariz. Services were held Sept. 19 with Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Carl Hartman officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Sis. Janet Plattner, Sabetha and

Bro. Dean Strahm, Bern were united in marriage by Bro. Gene Marti on October 2. They are now at home in Sabetha. Friends Ellen Plattner and Gerry Hertzell were united in marriage by Bro. Gene Marti at the Fellowship Hall on Sat., Oct. 8. We wish both couples the blessings of God.

Brenda Kay is the new daughter of Sis. Ruby & Bro. Gerald Grimm. She was born Oct. 7.

Christy Lynn was born Oct. 11 to Sis. Jeryl and Bro. Doug Grimm. She is their first child. Grandparents of both babies are Sis. Lois and Bro. Nathan Grimm of Sabetha.

Alto, Michigan . . . Mrs. Ronald Erismann: Gear your goals to heavenly gains! This is the course set by our new sisters in faith. Brenda Paton, Carol Farney, and Sandy Schulte as we witnessed their testimonies and baptisms.

Hospitalized this month was Bro. Chris Weigle, who is now home and seems to be doing well. Also, Sis. Lena Roth was home from the hospital, but she had to return again, as did our friend Fred Grawbeg. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The engagement of Bro. Wesley Daniels (Bay City) and Sis. Susan Root has been announced.

Bay City, Michigan . . . Carolyn Schamback: Our congregation was drawn together and experienced the love and presence of God when our brother Andrew Virkler was recently ordained as elder. What an awesome responsibility for him and for his family; we can only pray for our dear Lord's direction, and give Bro. Andy all our support. We thank elder brothers Rudy Graf (Akron), Loren Stoller (Latty), and Ben Maibach (Detroit) for their support in this undertaking.

We also were privileged to take part in Holy Communion, and thank Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) for his presence in this undertaking.

Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) visited and brought us many welcome teachings of the Good Book. We also enjoyed the singing of the Francesville choir and the many wonderful hours of fellow-

ship with them.

We have two couples who have become engaged: Bro. Bob Williams and Sis. Darla Wieland (Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edith), and Bro. Wes Daniels to Sis. Sue Root of Alto. We pray for the Lord's blessings on all of you!

Bro. Curt and Sis. Luanne Kalb and children have moved to the Alto area where he is teaching; we miss them very much but hope the Lord will bless them in their new home. Jon and Sis. Darleen Cluff and family are in the Chicago area for nine months where Jon is in school. Hopefully we'll see them back next June!

Hospitalized were Sis. Loretta Mosher and grandson Lane Mosher (Neil and Ginger) for unrelated illnesses.

Bro. George Eisanman passed away at the age of 78. He leaves his widow, Sis. Alice, three daughters, and a son. We pray God will bless his family in their loss; what a comfort to have the hope of Life Eternal!

I guess I left this news 'til last because it's so hard for me to write it: our family received quite a blow in early October when our sister-in-law, Donna (Glen) Knochel, was fatally injured in a farm accident. This anguish is something that cannot be described, and is never far from one. We pray constantly for our dear bother; for their two little ones, Heather, 5, and Kimberly, 3; for Donna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Graver and her six brothers and sisters; and my parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Marian Knochel. The whole family wishes to thank all who showed us their love with so many acts of kindness. We could feel your prayers, and just cannot tell you how much it means to know so many are thinking of you and praying for you.

"Not now, but in the coming years; It may be in a better land; We'll know the meaning of our tears; And then, sometime, we'll understand."

Detroit, Michigan . . . Bonnie Popp: As our new church is so near completion, we cherish our last few months in our present church building which holds many memories of joyous times in wor-

shipping our Lord. If the Lord continues to guide our plans, as He has done thus far, we look forward to holding our first service in our new church in mid-December.

Our thanks to the Heavenly Father for allowing us to gather 'round His word and be blessed by the visit of these elders and ministering brothers: Ed Aeschliman, Francesville; Steve Gutwein, Francesville; Leroy Huber, Eureka; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; Andy Virkler, Bay City.

A warm welcome to Bro. Steve and Sis. Lana Elsasser, Dawn and Chystal, who moved here from the Chicago area. We also welcome Chuck and Marsha Albritton and Jason from Bay City.

We are glad to have Sis. Karen Martin back in our midst following recent surgery, and we are thankful her recovery is coming along so well.

Bonnie and Bill Stewart welcome their first child into their hearts and home — a girl, Tara Elizabeth. This is the first grandchild for Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda Wieland.

Also welcoming their first baby are Darlene and Bill Kujava — a girl, Rebecca Lynn. Harvey and Sis. Kay Novak are the happy grandparents of Rebecca.

On October 8, Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in the reading of the memorandum.

This same weekend held many blessings as we welcomed Dana Knochel as a brother in Christ. May the joy and peace Dana experienced at this time remain, by God's grace, his lifetime through. I am sure Dana will find that "His love has no limit; His grace has no measure; His power has no boundary known unto men; for out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

This same weekend the engagement of Sis. Cindy Maibach and Bro. Tom Hitz was announced. As the Lord brought them together in love, may His blessings continue as they continue to remain in His will.

Joseph Wieland passed from this life on September 22 at the age of 81. Funeral services were held here in Detroit. Joseph was an uncle to Bro. Floyd and Bro. Guy

Wieland of Detroit. May God comfort Mildred, his wife, and all the family.

Sis. Mary Sirovey was called from this life on October 26 at the age of 97. Sis. Mary resided in Calif., near the Altadena church for some years. She leaves two daughters: Sis. Heler Shaw and Mrs. Ann Bernocco; and three sons: John, Tom, and Dan. Her life was a testimony of her deep and abiding faith. Sis. Mary experienced many burdens, but her shining faith and love made her mother in faith to many.

"She took death's hand without a fear,
For He who safely brought her here
Had told her He would lead the way
Into eternity's bright day . . .
For mothers never really die—
They just "Keep house up in the sky;"
And in the heavenly home above
They wait to welcome those they love."

My deepest appreciation to so many for their many expressions of love during my time of surgery and hospitalization. May He bless you, each one, for your kindness.—your reporter.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Josephine Esterling: Our Minneapolis Congregation was prayerfully concerned that the Silver Lining be continued and "Praise the Lord" He again has provided. We were relieved when we were informed that a working team led by Brother Dave Bertsch will carry on the efforts that Brother Henry so ably took care of so many years.

Brother Henry laboured long & lovingly at the job and now he has gone home to his reward. God has promised: Matt. 16:27: He shall reward every man according to his works. —And Henry has been a diligent worker for his Lord. God bless his soul.

October 22nd brought Brother Paul Fehr of Morris and Brother Harold Messner of Winthrop to Minneapolis to read and comment on the 1977 Memorandum. Our spiritual understanding was replenished. We appreciate the concerns of our Elder body to keep the church holy.

Brother Noah Miller submits the following about his Sept. 16th trip to the Church in Regina, Canada.

Our trip to Regina, Sask., in September was very rewarding.

We felt the Christian love and hospitality from the members and friends. We thank God for the Christian fellowship we experienced.

May we and they hold fast to our precious faith.

Bro. George and Sis. Esther Messner from the Winthrop congregation went with my wife and me. —Noah Miller

Morris, Minnesota . . . Corrine Schmidgall - Lois Schmidgall:

I thank Thee, Lord,
For all the blessings of each day;
Thy love and care,
For loved ones, friends,
And all I hold most dear;
For answered prayer,
For sunshine and for shadow—
All from Thee.
Together working out Thy good for me.

We are again in the Thanksgiving season and truly we have so many things to be thankful for. If we would just sit down, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day, and count the blessings that are ours, we will find them innumerable.

It made us very thankful to hear that God has made it possible that our Silver Lining can be continued. May God's grace be with each one of us who have a duty in writing and publishing of this paper.

Those who were hospitalized for surgery over the past few months were: Sis. Pearl (Bro. Alpha) Moser; Sis. Helen (Bro. Carl) Joos; Doug Feuchtenberger (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen); Guy Koehl (Bro. Edward and Sis. Lois). Sis. Esther (Bro. John) Schaefer was absent from us for awhile after she broke her leg, but she is now back among us. Julie Messner (Bro. Bernie and Sis. Joyce) was in for medical reasons.

God has blessed many homes with precious little ones. A son, Cory Jon, was born Aug. 29 to Doug and Pat Schmidgall. Bro. Gene and Dorothy Schmidgall are his grandparents. Curtis John arrived Aug. 31 to make his home with brother Gary and Sis. Velma Domnick. Grandparents are Bro.

Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr and Bro. Glen and Sis. Francis Domnick. A girl, Heidi Lyn, was born Oct. 12 to Bro. Bernie and Sis. Joyce Messner. Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler (Lester) and Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner are Heidi's grandparents. Kevin John was welcomed to the home of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Debbie Joos, on Oct. 15. Bro. and Sis. Harvey Rocke (Eureka) and Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Edith Joos are his grandparents. On Nov. 6, Michael Jon was born to Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen Feuchtenberger. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger are his grandparents. Kelli Marie was born Nov. 7 to LuAnn and Mike Brandt of Morris. Bro. Gene and Dorothy Schmidgall are her grandparents. May God grant us the wisdom to bring our dear children up in the fear of Him.

We were blessed with many good teachings and want to thank those visiting brothers for sharing with us the word of Life: Bro. Robert Beer (Mansfield), Bro. Noah Gerber (West Bend), Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke), Bro. Todd Feller (LaCrosse), Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington).

Even the angels in heaven rejoice over one soul that repents. . . We are so happy for our dear friend Bev Minke, who was announced for peace and now awaits baptism.

Sept. 3 was the date chosen for the wedding of our friends, Dan Luthi (Harold and Bernice) to Chris Hacker of Hancock. On Sept. 24 Allene Gall was the bride of Neil Handorff. We pray that God will direct these two couples.

We were also happy to hear the engagement of Sis. Denise Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen) of LaCrosse, to Bro. Greg Gramm (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila). May God direct and guide their efforts as they make their plans for their wedding, on Dec. 4, and also as they walk the path of life together.

After a month's vacation, our Sunday School resumed in September. We pray that God can give the teachers the wisdom to plant the seed and also that the seed may sprout forth in the children's hearts.

Many of our congregation's women have again been getting together and sewing for World Relief.

Thank You

I want to thank all who remembered me with cards, prayers and

gifts while I was hospitalized and at home . . . Bro. Charles Koehl

My heartfelt thanks to all you dear ones for all the prayers offered in my behalf, the cards, gifts, flowers and food brought to me while I was hospitalized and since I've been home. Also to those who visited or helped at our home and with the field work. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God richly bless you for the deeds of kindness shown to me and my family.

Sis. Pearl (Alphai) Moser

Winthrop, Minnesota . . . Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper: BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING, LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD. Phil. 4:6.

The average American thinks of Thanksgiving Day as a custom which began with the Pilgrims, in 1621. Christians are glad that the Pilgrims saw the importance of assembling to give thanks to God for His bountiful blessings. To them the day did not mean a day of feasting. Thanksgiving Day centered in the Lord, in singing hymns, reading the Scriptures and giving thanks to God.

The Feast of Tabernacles was a seven-day thanksgiving festival established by the Lord. In the autumn when all the chief fruits of the ground were gathered in, God planned that His people should stop and give thanks to Him for these material blessings (Deut. 16: 13-15).

Someone has said, "To be thankful means to be thankful." As one thinks upon the blessings of God, his heart will overflow with thanksgiving and love to Him. While the Thanksgiving season at harvest time is set aside for giving thanks to God, every day should be thanksgiving day as far as spiritual blessings are concerned.

The greatest of all blessings is salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus came to earth to die in man's place in order that he might have forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. Let us daily thank the Lord for the greatest blessing of all—our salvation. Let us express our thanks from a sincere heart, sharing with God and with others our blessings—both spiritual and material. **THIS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR THANKSGIVING.**

Our congregation wishes to express Christian sympathy in the loss of our beloved brother in faith and past editor, Henry Souder.

Sis. Jeanine Messner (Stan) returned from another stay in the hospital. Bro. Ray Messner is recovering at home from neck surgery. We are trusting God's nearness during the long hours of recovery.

New bundles from heaven: Mandi Jane to Darrell and Jane Redmann. Maternal grandparents, Archie and Sis. Pearl Lienemann. Justin Gary to Bro. and Sis. Gary Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine.

Lance and Sis. Renee Nelson have moved to Zimmerman, Minn., and will now be attending the Minneapolis church. We will miss their presence in our Winthrop congregation.

Our beloved sister, Emma, observed her 85th birthday in September with many loved ones present. She wishes to thank her family for hosting her 85th birthday, and also the many relatives and friends who shared her birthday. It was enjoyed and appreciated very much. "Thank you all from far and near. Love, Sis. Emma Schmidt."

AUNT EMMA'S BIRTHDAY

Today is the big birthday dilemma,
For our wonderful Aunt Emma.
She is now eighty-five,
And shows she's glad to be alive!

With loving, caring and sharing;
Her life was sometimes daring.
God watched over her always;
Then and now in all of her days!

She's a great-grandmother quite often;
A Grandma with heart that softens.
She's the mother of fifteen;
Who often on her did lean.

We celebrate her 85th birthday today,
Stop to say, "hello with love", as
We go along life's way.

by her niece, Ruth Andersen
Thought: Those who praise the
Lord in spite of their trials change
burdens into blessings! ! !

Lamar, Missouri . . . Janice Braker - Becky Hohulin.

"In sorrow and pain, Thy trust do retain,

In Jesus the merciful Savior."

Our hearts are united in sympathy to our dear loved ones who have experienced a death in their family circle.

Bill Schlupp was laid to rest on Sept. 26. Ministering Bro. Charles Marti offered words of comfort and consolation to us who will feel the void of his being with us no more. Surviving are his wife, Maxine, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Comp-ton (Lamar).

Oscar Banwart expired on Oct. 7 and was laid to rest on Oct. 10. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Bro. Gene Marti. Oscar had been suffering from a long illness, and prior to his death, had been in the Lamar and Kansas City hospitals. Survivors are his wife, Sis. Caroline, a son, Bro. Alfred Banwart, a daughter, Eileen Braker. Oscar had four grandchildren and a multitude of friends who will miss him very much!

The family wishes to extend a warm and sincere thanks to everyone who so lovingly showed their kindness, encouragement and love.

Words of truth and sincerity were brought to us from loving hearts. Visiting ministers were Bro. Al Langhofer (Wichita) and Bro. Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott). We wish to thank them both for their works of love and labor so bountifully bestowed on us in such an abundant measure.

In the hospital for surgery recently was our dear Sis. Lydia Rentsch. She is doing well and has been able to assemble with us the last few Sundays. I had the privilege of seeing her quite often while she was in the hospital, and there was never a time that I went into her room that she didn't meet me with a great big smile. Surely it is a wonderful virtue to smile even in the midst of pain.

Also in the hospital were Sis. Marie Marti, Ella Drum (mother of our Sis. Cecil Braker) and Greg Lanz (son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lanz).

Currently our thoughts and prayers are with our dear Sis. Emma Lanz, who is now in the hospital in Springfield, Mo. Sis. Emma underwent major surgery, but seems to be recovering satisfactorily.

Many willing hands and hearts were present at our annual church cleaning. We wish to thank every-

one for their part in this necessary duty. May God reward each and every one as only He can do.

"Keep Him for your gain, Earth's pleasures are vain. Sweet rest is found only in Heaven."

Taylor, Missouri . . . Lena M. Hairr: The Spiritual Fruit of Love-- But the fruit of the spirit is love. Galatians 5. **Joy** is love exalted; **peace** is love in repose; **longsuffering** is love enduring; **gentleness** is love in society; **goodness** is love in action; **faith** is love on the battlefield; **meekness** is love in school and **temperance** is love in training. **God** is love and the more His people have the more they are like their Father in Heaven.

My heart was heavy with sympathy for Bro. Ed when we received his letter Sept. 9. Then Oct. 6 the report came that The Silver Lining will go on. Our hearts were happy, and people everywhere are glad for The Silver Lining.

Aug. 30 was S.S. teachers election. Bros. Mike Knapp, Don Hoerr and Sis. Janelles Scott's term expired. Bros. Louis Hoerr, Leroy Yackley and Sis. Jan Heimer took their places. Oct. 29 the Bible classes and several parents went to Fairbury, Ill., for the week-end. This was very enjoyable.

We enjoyed many visiting ministers. Bros. Roger Aberle (Sabetha), Rod Huber (Francesville), Harvey Grimm (Bern), Nate Steffen (Elgin), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), and Lenny Meyer (Chicago). I'm hoping I didn't miss any!

We enjoyed listening to the conference tapes in four sessions on Wednesday evenings during September. How uplifting and wonderful our faith!

Sis. Lena Haerr is recovering nicely from major surgery Oct. 18. Realizing—"ready to go—ready to stay—whatever His will." We are a fortunate people to be children of God. The love of God is so wonderful!

Union City, New Jersey - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania . . . Ed Aeschleman: Ministering Bros. Ron Steiner of Rittman and Roy Wieland of Bay City visited the Philadelphia church on Aug. 14 along with a number of other visiting brethren. After a day of blessing at the table of the Lord, a dinner was served at the church for

the departing visitors and provided an additional hour of fellowship.

Ministers Vernon Leman of Eureka and Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Illinois, went out of their way to visit our small flock in Philadelphia on Monday, Aug. 22. We held services that evening and were rewarded by the encouragement and promises of the word and through the precious moments of good fellowship that followed.

On Sept. 11 we were blessed with the presence of our Elder Bro. John Bahler who was inspired to provide the word in its truth and power. Bro. John also lent himself to serve communion, our first such service in Philadelphia. He left our small congregation with many words of encouragement. It was a day we'll remember with thanks to God.

A dear old sister, Ida Knecht, of our Union City congregation, passed on to her reward on Sept. 24, at the age of 83, after a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Arnold, almost 10 years ago. Two sons and two daughters survive. The funeral was in Union City on Sept. 27.

Sunday, Sept. 25, was a day of blessing when ministering Bros. Bob Beyer of Naumberg and Henry Dotterer of Rittman, plus other brethren and friends representing seven states, visited the Philadelphia church. It was a day filled with the inspired word of life and close fellowship. A dinner was served after services at the church.

Two dear sisters in Union City, Emily Schoenleber and Bertha Weisert, have been confined to their homes for several weeks. Their presence is sorely missed in church, and God is often petitioned to provide them with His healing power, comfort and patience.

Sunday, Oct. 9, marked the date of the first Sunday School picnic held for our children at the Philadelphia church. We have eleven children, of which seven are of Sunday school age or older.

Croghan, New York . . . Alice Virkler:

How good it is to thank the Lord,
And praise to Thee, Most High,
accord,
To show Thy live with morning
light,
And tell Thy faithfulness each
night!

As we enter the Thanksgiving

season, this prayer reminds us of the many, many reasons we have to give thanks and praise to our Lord not only at this season of the year, but throughout each day of our lives.

Many blessings were shared unto us through the lips of Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber and Bro. Ernest Graf when they visited us during the fall season. Words of love, admonishment and encouragement were spoken. We thank them and many others who have visited us.

Sis. Kate O'Brien has been able to assemble with us after many weeks of absence following her illness and surgery. Sis. Pearl Lehman has been able to return home after several weeks of hospitalization following skin grafting on her leg. Gwen Herzig, daughter of Bradley and Sis. Regina was a medical patient several days. At this writing, Sis. Barbara Virkler remains a medical patient in Syracuse, where she has been several weeks. We are thankful for the restoration of moderate health to our loved ones. Surely we can see the results of the many prayers offered in their behalf and thank our Heavenly Father for His healing power to each one of them.

Many of us were privileged to travel to Rockville the week-end of Nov. 5 and 6 to witness the testimonies and baptism of two young souls—Noreen Farney, daughter of Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice of our community, and Robert Clark. We rejoice that these young people have chosen the right road and encourage them in their new walk of life. It is truly uplifting to witness the love and hospitality of those of like mind and faith.

Naumberg, New York . . . Connie Virkler: We were richly blessed this month by messages brought to us by ministering Bros. LeRoy Huber from Eureka and Bro. Ernest Graff from Akron.

Sis. Esther Wallace is back in the Extended Care Unit after a stay in the hospital. Little Mark Herzig spent a few days in the Lewis Co. Hospital for treatment.

A farewell singing was held for Sis. Isabel Herzig with the Croghan congregation attending. Lunch was served afterward. Sis. Isabel has left to make her home in Conn.

Sis. Rachel Rohr is in the House of the Good Samaritan for eye surgery.

Akron, Ohio . . . Gail Spangler:

At this time of year when our nation proclaims a special day of Thanksgiving, may we all reflect upon our many, many blessings and resolve to thank God more fervently for them.

We of the Akron congregation feel especially thankful as our prayers have been answered for our dear Sis. Janet Graf. Sis. Janet was involved in a very serious accident in September and was confined to the hospital for seven weeks. She is now home and continues to improve. We look forward to the time when she will be able to assemble with us again.

Friend Eric Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) has found peace with God and man, and, Lord willing, we hope to hear his testimony and witness his baptism on Nov. 20.

Our sister, Olga Trostle, has moved from this area and is now attending the Rittman church. We miss having her assemble with us, and are glad when she can visit.

Bro. Ned Baumgartner underwent surgery, and is at home now recuperating. We will be glad when he is able to worship with us once again. We are so glad the Lord has touched him with His healing power.

Our congregation was saddened by the deaths of two dear souls. Our Sis. Grace Schuckert passed away Sept. 9, and funeral services were held on Sept. 12. Sis. Grace was always such a good example to all of us. One of our ministering brothers mentioned that he often saw her praying while he or another brother was preaching. Our Bro. Howard Dockus, Sr. died on Sept. 30, and his funeral services were held Oct. 3. Bro. Howard's thankfulness for his salvation and his delight in fellowship with the brethren was very evident. We miss these dear ones, but know that they are in a far better land. Our sympathy is extended to their families, especially Bro. Howard's wife Alice.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Henry Dotterer and Gary Maibach from Rittman. We truly appreciate our visitors and our own dear ministering brothers who labor so faithfully for the Lord.

Our friends Jeff Graf (Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther) and Charlotte Sheffield were united in marriage by Bro. Rudy on Sept. 24. They are both seeking the Lord in repentance. May they ever feel

God's nearness as they walk as one with Him.

Friend Mark Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) was a hospital patient, but is home now and much improved. We are truly thankful for God's healing power.

Girard, Ohio . . . Kathryn Emch:

Thanksgiving time is fast approaching, and we have much to be thankful for. We have been blessed with visits from Bro. Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield); Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty); John Klotzle (California); Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka); Bro. Elmer Witzig (Gridley); Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman); Bro. Norbert Steiner (Croghan); and Bro. Ron Steiner (Rittman). These all shared God's word with us. We thank the Lord for all and ask His blessings on each one.

Junction, Ohio . . . Gwen Manz:

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

The time is here in which our nation remembers and is thankful for our many blessings. However, we should not wait for an annual "thanksgiving" but thank our Heavenly Father often.

We have been blessed with many visitors in recent months. On Oct. 30, Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Joseph Ramsier (Rittman) read and expounded on the Conference report. Bros. Ben Stavenik (Mansfield), Eugene Fetter (Toledo) and Elder Bro. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) also have visited us.

We enjoyed the visit one Sunday of Bros. Doug Kellenberger and Terry Farney and their families from the Children's Home.

Latty, Ohio . . . Karen Klopfen-

First-time parents are Terry and Pat Offerle. Lucas Jared was the name chosen for their little son. Grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther Stoller. Wayne and Eugene Westgate are happy to have Adam Wayne, a new son, in their home. Also, Bro. Stan and Sis. Janahn Sinn share their love with a son, Joshua Carl. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie and

John and Sis. Lillian Schlatter.

Benjamin Scott was welcomed home by Bro. Bill and Sis. Barb Stoller and Sara. Grandparents are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Florence and Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah Frank from LaCrosse.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Richard Laukhuf, Sally Jo Stoller (Ken and Sis. Esther), Kimberly Schlatter (John and Sis. Lillian). All are improved.

On Oct. 16 the engagement of Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger, (Bro. Albert) now living in Tucson, was announced to Kurt Kaufman (Phoenix). May God bless their married life together.

A tiny bundle of joy was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Alice Wenninger on Oct. 11. Ashley Jacob is the grandson of Bro. Donald and Sis. Josephine. Bro. Rod and Sis. Lee Ann Stoller were blessed with a son. Timothy James, on Oct. 27. Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite, and Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera Laukhuf are pleased with their new grandson. A baby girl, Kylee Ann, was born to Don and Gail Stoller. Matthew will be glad to have a playmate. Bro. Justus and Sis. Ruby are glad to have a granddaughter.

Our congregation witnessed the provings and baptism of our two friends, Bruce and Vickie Laukhuf (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge) on Nov. 5-6. May the Lord's presence ever be in their home.

The last week-end of October, Bros. Joe Ramsier and Ben Stavenick were in our midst. We were privileged to sit under the sound of the true word when the conclusions of the conference were read and elaborated on. May we all realize that each of us can choose whether we want to be obedient or suffer the consequences in eternity. We trust the Lord will continually bless us with faithful brothers who are willing to speak the truth as it is given to us in the Holy Bible. May we all be as the five wise virgins.

Mansfield, Ohio . . . Lucille Groh:
IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.

Of all the seasons of the year, to me there is none so beautiful as the bright nippy Fall. After the heat of summer, the trees are

dressed up in their amber and crimson and then God weaves around the weather-beaten brow of the year the golden crown of Indian Summer. So, too, the Lord has designed old age to be the "Indian Summer" of life. When we observe our aged loved ones, they seem to give forth the special beauty of life which God ripens with age.

Our heavenly Father has chosen to gather in His choice fruits from our congregation this past month. Two dear sisters have gone to glory. Our aged sister, Anna Wittmer, weathered many storms during her 89 years of life and then was called to her rest by the Master gardener on Oct. 29. Sis. Anna loved her church and Lord and was a bright shining example to all who knew her. We will miss her in our assembly.

Another dear sister, Katie Hock Blumenshein, who formerly lived in our community, was invited to "come home" by the loving Father on Oct. 31. In later years, she and Bro. Carl moved to the Phoenix, Arizona community.

It is with joy we can report a spiritual harvest in our church. On Oct. 7 and 8, two souls could testify what Jesus has done for them and could be numbered with God's family. They are Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary Sauder Domka. Mary Ann said she had made a promise when but a little girl to God and because He had answered her prayer, she wanted to also keep her promise to Him. Bros. Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were here on that joyous week-end.

Hospitalized since our last writing have been: Sisters Esther Sabo, Dorothy Durkin, Louise Sabo, Francelia Beer (two broken arms) and our ministering Bro. Kenneth Sauder. We would also like to mention our dear friends who were hospitalized. They are: Donald Pierce, Bobby Morrison and Hilda Enderle. Sis. Katherine Bocka has been confined to her home for many weeks due to a back injury and little Jenny Banks sustained injuries in an accident. We trust returning health will be given to each one and wish them all God's nearness and comfort.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Alvin Rigggenbach in the great loss of his mother.

Our church would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. Ed Souder and family in the great loss

of his brother Henry, who was the former editor of the Silver Lining. We will never know how many hours and labors of love were given by Bro. Henry and through his untiring efforts, many have enjoyed reading the Silver Lining through the years.

If Christ comes back in winter,
when earth lies cold and pale,
Will He find pilgrims watching
or will our hearts' love fail?
If Christ comes back in springtime,
when burst the buds, leaf green
Will He gather up His garlands,
God's saints from earth's dark scene.
If Christ comes back in summer,
when shines the orange sun,
Will He find Christians toiling
in love with hearts as one?
If Christ comes back in autumn,
when glow the fields with gold,
He will reap with joy His wheat
sheaves
which He did plant of old.

Rittman, Ohio . . . Marlene Dotterer: As Thanksgiving approaches may we ever be reminded of our many blessings. Let us be thankful for:

The preservation of the Holy Bible.

The freedom to worship.

The preservation of our faith

The Zion's Harp.

The shepherds of our flocks.

The ministering brothers.

The brothers and sisters-in-faith.

The family.

The week-end of Oct. 22 and 23 was joyously spent listening to the testimonies and witnessing the baptisms of nine dear friends. One by one they professed how the Lord had worked in their hearts. "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." Our new brothers and sisters-in-faith are Earl Beery (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris), Karen Hartzler (Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce), Alpha Maibach (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen), Jim Rupp, Ken and Martha Steele (Martha's parents are Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty), Dawn Widmer (Bro. Robert and Sis. Joann), and Ken Zollinger (Bro. John and Sis. Marjorie). Assisting Bro. Joe Ramsier in this important work were Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf (Akron), Wendell Gudeman (Fran-

cesville), Don Souder (Roanoke), and ordained deacon Walter Anliker (Eureka). Other ministering brothers sharing with us were Paul Gasser (Akron), Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis), Eugene Pamer (Akron) and David Roberts (Philadelphia).

"... having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." Our eldest sister-in-faith, Emma Rigggenbach, was granted this wish as she went to be with the Lord at the age of 92. She assembled faithfully until one week before her death. Surviving are two sons, Bro. Alvin and Roy; and five daughters, Dora Smith, Sis. Alma Curie, Sis. Laura Opplinger, Sis. Mathilda Saurer, and Sis. Louise Spangler.

The family of Sis. Emma Rigggenbach wishes to thank all for the food, cards, flowers, gifts of money, and prayers offered during the illness and death of their beloved mother.

Sis. Ida Winkler, 69, died unexpectedly at home. Three weeks later her husband, Bro. John, 74, also died unexpectedly. The church will certainly miss their support, as their family will. Left to mourn are three sons, Charles, Delbert and Ronald; and two daughters, Sis. Evelyn Baumgartner and Kathleen Shane.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. William Patterson in the death of his mother, Maude.

Robert and Martha (Reusser) Maag happily announce the birth of daughter Diane Louise. Three brothers and one sister welcome her. Jason Edward is the welcome addition to Marvin and Nancy (Ifft) Dotterer's family. He has one sister.

Again there have been those who've spent time in the hospital. Surgical patients were Sisters Margaret Bauman, Norma Saylor, Mary Stoller, and Arliss Walder; and brothers George Rigggenbach, Jr., and Richard Steiner. Those in for medical treatment were Sisters Elizabeth Barna and Pearl Marty; Friend Phillip Mathys was involved in a motorcycle accident and sustained a head injury. He is now out of intensive care and recovering slowly.

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

The engagement of Bro. Stanley

Winkler (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estel-la) to Sis. Margaret Beery (Bro. Kary and Sis. Ruth) was made known to the congregation. We wish them God's nearness as they begin planning their life together.

We welcome Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Saurer to the Rittman congregation. Their address is: 645 Dennis Circle, Smithville, Ohio 44677. Rittman will miss the presence of Sis. Paulette Calame as she found work in Florida and will be assembling there. Her address is: 2338 Lynnwood Drive, Sarasota, Florida 33580.

Toledo, Ohio . . . Josephine Rehklau:

For each day of life we thank Thee,
Lord, the Giver of all days;
And with hearts filled with thanksgiving
We would serve Thee, Lord, always.
H. G. Lanier

We rejoice, as do the angels in heaven, that Glen Whittaker is now a dear brother in faith and has taken his rightful place as an heir to His eternal kingdom. Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach was here for this blessed occasion.

The Detroit congregation was with us for a Sunday evening of fellowship and singing of songs of praise and honor to our almighty God.

We enjoyed a week-end of hearing songs of praise to God by the Bay City choir. It brought to remembrance the words of the song—"How shall it be when tremblingly we listen to angel bands who greet us with their song . . . they praise the Lamb which saved the blood-washed throng?"

Sis. Sue and Bro. Roger Saurer and family are now living in Smithville, Ohio and attending the church at Rittman. We miss their association with us in our congregation and wish them God's rich blessings.

Beth Harman, daughter of Sis. Collette and Bro. Howard, was united in marriage to Kenneth Mil-liron. We are happy to have them worship with us.

Sis. Josephine Keineck is in the hospital. It is our prayer that she will again enjoy good health.

Silverton, Oregon . . . Mildred Dietrick: We wish to thank the many visitors from various congregations during the past months. We were richly blessed by the ministering brothers who shared the precious words of life with us.

On Sept. 4, relatives and friends from far and near gathered to witness the impressive wedding ceremony performed by Elder Bro. Eugene Marti. Sis. Kathy Dietrich, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred, was united to Bro. Richard Strahm, son of Bro. Ephriam Strahm of the Bern, Kansas congregation. Sis. Kathy will be missed in our small congregation.

We welcome Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper and sons, David and Gary, from Altadena, Calif. Ariz., is also a welcome increase to our small flock.

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. We are indeed grateful for our new house of worship. Each day may we observe thanksgiving for the very gift of life.

New Martinsville, West Virginia . . . Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey:

It seems like a very long time since we wrote the last letter for the Silver Lining. It is good to know that there are many people who care enough to devote some time for the preparation of the publishing of the paper, and we trust this will continue for many years. Honestly, we have missed the paper so very, very much and will do what we can help it along.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood has been quite ill and remains a patient in the local hospital.

Mrs. Edna Hart of Brownsville, Pa., was the guest of Minnie Weltz and Mary Ann Brothers Oct. 14 through 23.

Tim Murdock and his wife Marilyn, of Sumter, S.C., visited his parents & other relatives in October. He will be finishing up his five years of service with the Air Force the first of the year.

James L. Wade of Cleveland, O., spent a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Wade, the first part of October and enjoyed a lot of hunting. Mary Ann Brothers was very unfortunate in breaking a bone in her left leg on Sept. 3, which required several trips to the hospital by ambulance and much discomfort. However, she seems to be doing very well at this time and can move about more, but she still has to lie on her back most of the time.

Mrs. Mabel Fleming of Canada

visited the Barth sisters here on Nov. 1 on her way to Florida to spend the winter.

Frank Barth left the first of November for Zephyrhills, Florida where he will spend the winter months.

Miss Della Witschey is very busy quilting and has had much company during the past several weeks: Mrs. Frank Schupbach and daughter Erma, visited on Nov. 6; Robert Indermuhle and family, Linda Indermuhle, Jennie Mullett and daughter Ruth, & Mary Ann Fonner were all her guests recently. Margaret Witschey and Elizabeth Hawkins visited with their brother Ralph and his wife in Parkersburg recently.

By the time this letter is read, it will be time to think of the Christmas season so we just say, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Elizabeth Bland Isinghood, 94, passed away on Nov. 9 at the local hospital after an extended illness. She was born on Dec. 24, 1882, on Limestone Ridge, a daughter of the late Sebastian and Elizabeth Widmer Riegenbach. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Bland, in 1934 and her second husband, Joseph Isinghood, in 1959; one son, four sisters and five brothers. Surviving are two sons and two daughters, one brother, William E. Riegenbach of Paden City, 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Services were held from the Iams Funeral Home on Nov. 12 and interment made in North View Cemetery.

Zapata, Texas . . . Mary Plattner:

Our winter residents are returning and we are able to assemble in our new building.

Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) and Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, Ill.) are now here to spend part of their winter with us. We are having mid-week services on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. Our new church is located south of Zapata on Hwy. 83.

Our last service held in our rented Siesta Shores Community Building was on Sept. 11, with Bro. Karl Westfall from Francesville being our minister for that week-end.

Our first service in our new church was held Sept. 18 with Bro. Harry Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale holding the service.

We certainly wish to thank all of the ministers and their families who came to spend a week-end with us this summer. We certainly do appreciate their efforts, realizing the great distance they all had to come. May they all be richly blessed for their kindness.

Anyone coming south for the winter is certainly welcome to come and assemble with us.

Leo, Indiana . . . David Bertsch:

We wish much happiness to Beth Souder, daughter of Sis. Betty and Dwight Souder and to Larry Hullinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hullinger, as they were united in marriage Nov. 6 at the Fellowship Center.

We welcome two new youth, Kevin Husted and Mark Flaugh who are now living at the Children's Home. They are so friendly and we want to bring much happiness to them.

We want to thank everyone for their expression of Christian love, support and offers of help as we are trying to get the Silver Lining publishing going again.

We had much to learn and have been delayed in getting the issues out. Bro. Henry Souder certainly put a lot of time and effort into the work.

We welcome suggestions and articles written for the Silver Lining.

The new correspondents for Leo will be Sis. Thelma Schlatter and Sis. Marge Frautschi.

GEMS OF VERSE

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:20

What Would He Say

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find I had not told

One soul about my Heavenly friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for all
And none, thru me, had heard His call,
What would I say?

He Knoweth All

The twilight falls, the night is near,
I fold my work away
And kneel to One who bends to hear
The story of the day.

The old, old story, yet I kneel
To tell it at Thy call;
And cares grow lighter as I feel
That Jesus knows them all.

Yes, all! The morning and the night,
The joy, the grief, the loss,
The roughened path, the sunbeam bright,
The hourly thorn and cross —

Thou knowest all; I lean my head,
My weary eyelids close,
Content and glad awhile to tread
This path since Jesus knows!

And He has loved me! All my heart
With answering love is stirred,
And every anguished pain and smart
Finds healing in the Word.

So here I lay me down to rest,
As nightly shadows fall,
And lean confiding, on His breast,
Who knows and pities all.
... Author unknown

THE SOWER

A sower one day went forth to sow
His seed was the word of life,
The field that he sowed was the world of men,
Where the briars of sin grow rife.

What seed by the wayside chanced to fall,
The birds of the air devoured,

And that which fell in the barren soil,
In the heat of the day expired.

'Mid thorns and tares some grew for a time,
'Tho' weakened and warped and lean,
But harvest-time found them withered and dead,
For fruitless their growing had been.

But the seed that fell in the fertile soil
Bore fruit, some an hundredfold,
And the heart of the master sang for joy
As he garnered his sheaves of gold.

In your heart, my friend, the seed is sown.

Oh, what will the harvest be,
A blackened field at the harvest time,
Or the joys of eternity?
O think, dear friend, of the harvest time!

It may be tonight for you—
Will you yield your heart to the Master's call?
The Saviour is speaking to you!

BE NOT AFRAID

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life,
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but through?

Then wait on the Lord, with a trust serene,
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the winds, He will heap the floods,
When He says to your soul, "Go on!"

And His hand shall lead you through, clear through,
Ere the watery walls roll down;
No wave can touch you, no foe can smite,
No mightiest sea can drown.

The tossing billows may rear their crests,
Their foam at your feet may break,
But over their bed you shall walk dry-shod
In the path that your Lord shall make.

Bro. Schrock . . . (Cont. from page 32)

ception he got. I saw in the papers, the photographs that were published and made available to the public, the honor that they had given him—the recognition. And as he visited the holy places here and there and stood upon sacred ground, upon the ground where our Lord and Saviour stood, what a contrast there was in the way that they accepted and received him in contrast to their rejecting Jesus Christ, the Son of God, demanding that He be crucified and a robber be turned loose. Now the world is about to reap the harvest of that terrible deal that was made with Pilot upon demand of the Jews when the Prince of Peace was to be slain and a robber turned loose. The world is about to reap the consequences of that deal. We are beginning to feel it. We sense it in every phase of our human life, the moral situation in our country, the economy in some phase or another, and in the whole world: the world is a sick land. What else could we expect when they released the robber and his posterity took over and killed the Prince of Peace? But there will come a time when that will be reversed, when judgment will come upon the ungodly of this world, and the Prince of Peace will come, as Paul related here to the Thessalonians, "With a shout and with the voice of the archangel, and the dead in Christ shall be raised up, and also those who are on earth in Christ shall be translated, and we shall meet the saints with Him in the air." Thus God will take out of this world His own before the terrible judgement that will come upon this whole world.

Now I'm sorry we have to read this: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." Now I've read this Scripture many times brethren, but I always tried to make myself believe that that might pertain to the nominal world Christians. But I have reached the conclusion that it can't be that, because they can't fall away from something they never had. So we must interpret they never had. So we must interpret the Scripture to mean that the pertains to those who once experienced the adoption, who once were

truly converted and have repudiated the simplicity of their faith in Christ, and have loved the world and have been taken in by the false teachings and false doctrines that emanate from this son of perdition, who already is having his work in the hearts of men; And finally, he will manifest himself in person, indicating to us here that when the time will come that such a person has the antichrist, a man will appear on the scene and he will be able to impress the people here upon earth that he is a man of God. Many of these things have come along in our time that we haven't thought anything about. We somewhat marvel at the ingenuity and inventive genius of wise men in our time. But little do we realize what this is culminating in, for what the stage is set. We have read and heard with interest that there has been set aloft in the heavens the satellite, I believe Telstar, that is capable of transmitting to the world, and also an additional one has recently been sent up, that has now made it possible to televise the great events of this world into the living room of every person living on earth that is able to possess such a device. It is not for the reason that we want to at this time endeavor to evaluate whether or not this is a good thing for the believer or whether it isn't. I think those things have been pretty well concluded. But what happens out of this whole thing? What sort of an impression is it going to make when once this son of perdition, this man who exalts himself above everything that is God whoever he's going to be, who is received and has been received already in part of the Israeli nation, who will be acclaimed one of the great religious leaders, who will perhaps at that time become the head of a United Christendom, when his appearance will be televised in every home in the world? We read in Revelations, the 13th chapter, that this man will be endowed with power to make fire fall from heaven, to perform great signs and wonders. Now then, who is going to be able to stand against that sort of situation? Those who are clinging to a faith and a hope in those things that we have not seen, as the apostle mentions, "Faith is the substance of those things hoped for, and the evidence

of those things we have not seen," that we have been content with embracing a faith we have not seen in loving the Lord in whom we have believed and not seen. What is going to become of this simple faith when it is evidently going to be supplemented by a man who will advertise and bring into the homes of the people on earth who care to look, the performing of signs and wonders? It is the purpose of satan to try to topple the faith of the very elect.

The Lord Jesus said when they asked Him concerning His coming again, "Beware that no man deceive you." Deception is the greatest hazard that the Church today has to face and be confronted with. It seems that there are enough hazards in worldly pleasure and in the other things that are of the world to entice the believers away from the love of God. But the greatest hazard and peril of the Church of God and God's people today is deception. The stage is all set. The inventions have been perfected, and they are available to do their part in bringing a man into view to every person living in this world that may so have the facilities to behold the signs and wonders and to see a man make fire fall from heaven, to see a man raise the dead, to see a man perform many miracles. They will stand; open-mouthed and spell-bound, and maybe finally reach the conclusion that maybe after all this is the one that is going to be the Christ of the world, and be brought into a deception and then, as the apostle said, "Then they shall be caught as in a snare in the moment in the twinkling of an eye." It is the devil's last effort to accomplish in full the things that he wants to accomplish. The apostle says this: "So that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God, Remember ye not, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." Will it be too late? Will he

have already accomplished his fiend & his satanic objective? Will he have already accomplished the destruction of the faith of the elect?

It was so serious in the Saviour's time that He said, "Except the days be shortened, no flesh could be saved." So perhaps to bring this thing to an end, the Lord Jesus will have to shorten the time of His coming in order to bring up a remnant of God's people. So desperate will the times be in this last deceptive day and time. "Even him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." Can we shake off this influence if we are foolish enough to want to look at it? Can we sense the danger, that we cannot lend our eyes for one moment to anything that will distract us and lead us away from the path of faith that we had one time embraced? It was the eyes of our first parents, of Eve, that led her to deception. As long as she only heard satan talk, she was impressed, but she still held her ground. But once she looked and saw the fruit and her eyes beheld it, she couldn't take it. Is that going to be our lot? Are we going to lose the things that we have embraced in faith when we begin to see things that might impress us to such an extent that we will taste of the fruit and lose our very salvation? Now this probably is language that you're not accustomed to hearing. But nevertheless, I feel, and I believe the brethren who sit with me here share my deepest convictions, that we have a solemn duty in this last day and time to try to impress God's people with the hazard with which the Church is confronted. Ordinarily it does not seem dangerous to become interested in news, or perhaps in hearing people tell of current events. But that's only a wedge that will finally prepare the unsuspecting believer of being caught in this whole thing and being carried away by something that impresses him.

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness of them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved." The love of the truth is something precious. To cling to it is something even more precious.

Our old believers, in their time, oft times have recited to

me that they could never forget the time when the love of the truth entered into their heart, when they say that they were caught in some pretentious religion, and when finally God revealed to them the true way and brought them into the understanding of God's truth, to the knowledge of the truth, to the love of the truth. They were firm, and they were staunch in their convictions. Are we going to lose and forfeit the things that they held to with such a love for the truth? That's a question that still hasn't been answered. It still remains to be determined whether or not the church can stand and endure the last onslaught of this type of thing. During the days of martyrdom when the believers were burned at the stake, when they were crucified, when they were imprisoned, when they were tortured, it seemed that all of these persecutions even strengthened them, and finally the devil couldn't accomplish anything by resorting to those measures, and so now he is permitted to resort to this last method to try to accomplish the thing that he had heretofore not been able to accomplish concerning the destruction of the church.

Now let us read further. "And for this cause God shall send them delusion." That's quite a startling thing. God will send them strong delusions. We have old testament scripture, I recall at this moment, about a king who wanted to go up against another king, and he sought the advice of false prophets and finally I believe it was Jehoshaphat who said, is there not a prophet of God here? So they said that there is a prophet of God here, but he is always against us; he is always prophesying against us; he doesn't prophesy and predict any good. Jehoshaphat said, I want to hear this man of God. So the prophet came and told this wicked king, go ahead, if that's what you want to do, go ahead. And it was to his doom. So finally, after all if people want to tinker with deception, and they are not afraid of it, and they want to venture and embolden themselves to delve in and try to discover the mysteries of iniquity and ungodliness, finally God is going to let them do it to their own destruction. "God will send them strong delusions that

they should believe a lie, and that they might all be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." This is a terrible indictment. I hope not one of us here will ever be a victim or subject of such. Here now come the comforting words. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation though sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth whereunto He called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." Evidently these are the ones who had not fallen away. These are the ones who remain true and steadfast. What a blessed promise and hope. "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the tradition which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

Now we have great respect for our fathers who brought us up and we had known in the years of faith, that they developed some traditions: they were good traditions. They were traditions that were designed and developed for the preservation of God's people. They accomplished a wonderful purpose. We have never in our youth questioned the wisdom of such traditions, it being mentioned & recommended that we should embrace and endorse them. So there were from time to time always some traditions. I realize and can see that men could carry it so far that they would want to impose their own will; that men would want to lord it over God's heritage. They would want to perhaps develop unreasonable traditions that are not grounded and founded upon God's Word. But we believe that these traditions, which these believers had been taught by word and by the epistle, were such traditions that were conducive to their spiritual growth and were helpful to them in their spiritual struggle.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work." I like the closing of this chapter. Oh it is a comforting thing, but we also had to bring the portion of it contained in the first part.

SERMON BY BRO. NOAH SCHROCK OF BURLINGTON, IA ON MAY 3, 1964

Text: II Thissalonians Chapter 2

For some reason not known to us, the Apostle Paul in his letters to the Thessalonians dwells at great length upon the coming again of Jesus Christ the Lord. It appears that the Apostle here was speaking specifically and directly to the believers. We gather from this scripture that he was not only concerned that souls would repent and find the way to salvation, but he was, it seems so very much concerned that those who once had begun the heavenly race would remain steadfast and true to the end. While we are always eager to be helpful to souls that are yet out side the covenant of grace, we cannot and must not overlook also the needs of those who belong to Christ. That they be not overtaken and carried away by the spirit of this world which has such a terrific influence in this day and time. Now in the previous letter to the Thessalonians he dwelt considerably upon the coming of the Lord. "The Lord Himself," he says, "shall descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Continuing on in the next chapter he further states, "But of the times and the seasons, ye have no need that I write unto you. For you know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." Then he devotes almost the entire fifth chapter to the coming of Christ. It must have been a great joy and comfort to them to have the apostles reveal in what manner the Lord was going to come, and the resurrection of those in Christ and the instantaneous translation of those that remain into immortal bodies. He could not

refrain, it seems in this second epistle, to sort of give them a little warning that things were not going to be so pleasant and that they were not going to escape some trials and tests and that the church was going to go through a trial and he said that they should not be soon shaken in mind nor be troubled neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us as that the day of Christ is athand. He did not want to leave them under the impression that the Lord was going to come and they would escape all of those trials and tests, that were going to come over God's own church a time of testing and a time of sifting. Our hearts are sometimes filled with fear of what is going to be the outcome of such a procedure. Therefore, he gave them something to think about; that they shouldn't occupy their mind entirely and wholly in the anticipation that this coming of Christ would come any moment, but they should devote some of this thinking to themselves; and seek, by the grace of God to become fitted and as the Saviour Himself said one time, "Pray that ye might be accounted worthy to escape these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man without spot or blemish."

Now those of us who have reached the age of threescore plus as there are quite a number of us in this community including your humble servant have observed a terrific change in conditions in this world of ours. We have seen scripture after scripture having been fulfilled. Perhaps our present generation is not so terribly alarmed over this thing. But we can make some comparisons that our present generation cannot make. Therefore I believe we owe it to our younger people and believers and also friends to inform them and to relate to them as to those things that we have observed in our time that indicate to us the approaching day of the Lord and also the evident

danger of His people. I recall when I was yet a lad speaking to my mother about the coming of the Lord, the end of the world. At that time I well remember she said that whenever you see the Jews go back to their homeland in Jerusalem, you can believe that the coming of the Lord is near. Now that thing has happened. It seems that it hasn't particularly stirred anyone too much. But there was a definite prophecy there that the old brethren in faith had told us about that we might live to see that time. And we have. That should certainly indicate to us that we are rapidly approaching the time when, as the prophet says, that the Lord will turn again the second time to His people, Israel. The Saviour spoke definitely about the time when the time of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled. Does that mean anything to us? It certainly should. It should mean that the time of the end time of the Gentiles will mean that the door of grace will be closed to this nation and other nations that constitute the Gentile people. Then God will turn again to Israel and as He said, "No man will have to teach his brother, know the Lord. for they shall know Me from the least to the greatest, for I will write My law into their hearts and into their minds." Now we, it seems, are terribly close to that event. When the Saviour was here, I believe that it is recorded in the Gospel according to St. John, when He was in such a discussion with them and trying to prove to them that He was the Son of God and upbraided their unbelief that they would not believe in Him, He said unto them, "If another will come in his own name, him ye will receive." Now that particular scripture perhaps has escaped our attention. What has happened only less than a year ago? Only this last winter, one of the leaders of the largest church in this world went to Jerusalem and what a re-

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