Bits of Home Chat: this is a whirlwind week, it seems. We are getting mailings ready for our ministry prayer letter and also sending letters to multiple people we lost track of who used to do lessons. We are having to water the garden here as well as the flowers. A friend of ours is away caring for her mother, so we are also feeding 3 kittens, one cat, one dog, 3 chickens and a lizard named Orange. Carl waters her garden and strawberry plants while I care for flowers outside the house. I love their little dog. The dog is a Beagle that is white and gold colored. I thought all beagles were black, brown and white., so I went on-line and found that there are multiple colors of Beagles, even some called golden. I copied this picture of a lemon and white. Their Beagle is similar in color to this lemon and white one, but it is almost mottled all over like his colors got splotched everywhere, even on his legs. The kittens need a home, but we cannot find a place for them. They just showed up in their garage! Our friend is a widow with three children to raise and cannot afford to keep them. Pray for a home for the kittens, will you? Pray for our friend and the kids too. The husband died of cancer a year ago. It has been devastating to her and the kids, but they are definitely moving forward together. They truly need the prayers of the brethren.....Speaking of the brethren, I looked in my Power Bible CD study aid and counted all the references where fellow Christians are called brethren. I counted at least 98 from Matthew through Hebrews. I was not careful to be exact because of our extra jobs, but I have been wondering about how many times it is mentioned. It really took me by surprise! Folks, we are not only called brethren, but we are also expected to receive one another and care for one another as brethren. If you ever feel rejected, remember that you are a vital part of the family of God!......I have supper cooking and it is almost time to eat and then go over to the church for prayer meeting. Martin is coming to help water the garden after church. We did part of it yesterday but it is a big area so we just did what we could and quit. I hate being a quitter! Well, at least we have faced the truth that we must quit work "a reasonable point or pay for it later. That just isn't worth it! that makes me think of those of you who are older now. I hope you are well. Those who are younger, use your life for Jesus from this time forth. Care for others who are Christians. Pray for one another. Take upon you the challenge to begin or to continue living for the Lord Jesus and living like Him. Stay in the Bible daily like Carl and I have for more than 50 years. Love and prayers, the Earleys, Carl and Kay

PS The day after I wrote this, Carl fell over the garden hose and broke his left arm. We are waiting to see an orthopedic Dr.

Memory Verse: Psalm 107:8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

(Let us praise Him for His wonderful works. Jesus suffered unbelievably without comforters and in humiliation, a tragic death to pay for our sin. He gives believers eternal life, a home in Heaven, and a full part in the inheritance of Jesus. Those are indeed wonderful works!)

Verses to Ponder: Psalm 128:1 & 2; Psalm 112:1; 115:13; 119:1 (Let us look to Him with reverential awe. Look to him as the one whom you will choose to obey and to honor above all others. That is what the fear of the Lord means.)