



Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.—Colossians 3:2.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy ENDURETH for ever.—Psalm 118:2.

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## Thankfulness

To be truly thankful always for all things is indeed a virtue to be desired. But as we examine ourselves, and as we look around about us, we see how far many of us are from the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who gave thanks to His Father on every occasion. In this season of the year we are reminded of giving thanks because our forefathers were so grateful for their blessings from God that a day was set aside for this purpose. What an example they have left for us. But should we be thankful for one day only? Surely all will agree that if we count our many blessings rather than magnify our few adversities, we will find untold reasons to give thanks every day.

It is strange, however, that it seems necessary to be taught to be grateful, or at least to express our thanks. How beautiful to see this virtue implanted into our children as soon as they are able to understand. How do we know that a gift or a kind deed is appreciated if no expression of thanks is forthcoming? And to merely say "thank you" without any further act of appreciation does not always show true gratefulness. But the least we can do is to teach our children to thank for any and every favor. If this is done, generally a thankful spirit is developed, which will also increase as they grow into manhood and womanhood. On the other hand, where no such training is given, it is only natural that often ungratefulness is the

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## ABIDING IN CHRIST

God created the heavens and the earth; then He said, "Let there be light: and there was light," "the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night." Heavenly bodies and the stars were created to be for signs and for seasons, for days

### TREASURED VERSES

**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

**Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice: with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.**

**Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.**

**The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52:7-10.**

and years. One thoughtful look into the starry night sky should bring to every seeker after truth the impressive conviction that God alone is the creator of the heavenly bodies and the countless stars that outshine every gem.

We marvel at the Master plan of

God, which embraces millions of miles of earth, sky, stratosphere, and sun, moon and stars, in such an orderly, interrelating universe. We readily concede that He who so ably retains the heavenly bodies in their sphere and orderly courses stands out as the unrivaled power that alone created our earth, made it fruitful, and keeps it so effortlessly revolving on the invisible axis. Could any believer doubt that this benevolent Creator would fail to provide personally for every temporal need of His own children?

How completely has God excluded man's plodding science from any vestige of claim to a part in the imagination-staggering creation, maintenance, and continuity of earth, sun, moon and stars.

By these tokens all men should believe it is well within the ability of Providence to fulfill every promise of the Scriptures relating to rest and reward of all the faithful, through all the millions of eternal years.

Adam and Eve failed to trust God's all-wise provision for their welfare in Eden and gave no heed to the gracious commands and timely warnings; how grievous are the results of their disobedience.

How contrasting devout Abel and faithful Enoch stand out in their God-pleasing obedience.

We marvel at the great and enduring faith in God displayed by Noah's families in their united unremitting efforts in building the great Ark.



The crude implements and transportation facilities of that age mark the determination with which grievous obstacles were prayerfully mastered. Great trees were felled, hewed, fitted and joined with anxious care, using pitch to avert disaster. Great and wise men of the time ridiculed the project preferring their own security rather than the promised security of the Ark. Unmoved by protests and trials, years of prayerful effort completed the ark-towering memorial to humble men's resolute faith in the sufficiency of Providence. By divine direction the ark safely carried the faithful few to the new dawn as God had promised.

Faithful Abraham's unswerving faith in God's promises is still a pattern for us in the new dispensation. Obedient to divine bidding, he forsook home and kindred.

His two sons, Ishmael and Isaac, are further evidence of sacred fundamentals and God's disapproval of freeborn consorting with bondmen. Therefore Hagar and Ishmael were sent away.

Abraham's greatest faith test came when God said, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." Only a sacred faith could wring victory from such a test.

God's definite separation requirements are evident in the life of Moses, whom He sent out from the reigning house of Pharaoh and prepared for his great mission in the solitude and quiet of Midian.

In that lowly place, God appeared to Moses and gave him a command to go to king Pharaoh, demanding the release of enslaved Israel. How emphatically did God testify the necessity of decisive separation of Israel from Egypt, slaying every first-born in Egypt to make the separation final.

Almost 4000 years have passed since God's great promises to Abraham the faithful. Today with Israel struggling for statehood, students of the Bible realize God's never-forgotten promises shall be fulfilled to Israel when they recognize His eternal Sovereignty.

In contrast, we view Lot's liberal and flexible convictions. Avidly, without conscience pangs, he accepted the choice of lands given to his kinsman, Abraham. Unfortunately these possessions cast Lot's family into Sodom, from which he and his two daughters barely escaped with their lives. His loss of wife, sons-in-law and all possessions in one day were climaxed in later years by loss of prestige through the illegitimate sons, Ammon and Moab.

I cannot refrain the mention of Ruth of Moab; how complete was her separation unto God as she testified before Naomi, "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." How great was the blessing of God visited on her—that of her lineage came Jesus, as we find Ruth, Obed, Jesse, David,—Mary, Jesus.

In the fierce fires of Calvary, Jesus perfected the new and better dispensation of grace that reiterates full separation unto God as symbolized in the Saviour's words, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." "I am the vine, ye are the branches." "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." How full and complete is the

### Hymn for the Month

#### THE GOLDEN HARVEST

Seeds of goodness we are sowing

In the hearts of men today.

Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,

And bear fruit for harvest day.

Chorus:

Hasten gladly to the labor,

Consecrate to God your heart,

Say this day unto your Savior,

"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."

Children come the grain to gather,

While the morning sun doth shine;

And ere long, beloved brethren,

It will be your harvest time.

Now the field is ripe for harvest;

Let us then all garner in;

For if we should stand here idle,

Who would bring the sheaves of grain?

He who gathers not at harvest,

Will a begger be at last.

Therefore rise today and labor,

Gath'ring golden sheaves with haste!

assurance of provision for every need of His own; constant nourishment and sustaining of body and soul are mirrored in this parable. In every need or emergency you can ask and it shall be done unto you. Under the watchful eyes of the husbandman, we know every branch will be discouraged from desiring or accepting supporting proffers of the world.

God's arm is not shortened; His hand is yet strong and grace in the Saviour's name has never been exhausted by faithful Christians.

The elect are called by grace to faith in God, to piety and charity, to prayer for government and all men. Through all ages Scriptures verify that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much if it is earnest. Never in the history of our church was the need for separation unto God and to prayer so imperative.

Almost without warning the governments of the greatest nations in the world could decree a civilization-destroying atomic war.

Abiding in Christ the true vine there is assurance of the continuity of our life and the church, for He saith, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit."

Atomic warfare can never destroy Christ the true vine. If we abide in Him and submit to pruning from the All-wise husbandman, the vine's immunity will include all purged branches. We shall continue to bear much fruit to the glory of God.

In this perilous end-time we should seriously consider part of Mal. 4:6, "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

In God's own good time amazing grace will triumph, will succeed to rouse our faith fires to warmth and brightness in such a degree that, in accord with the Master, we will reverently, prayerfully touch Him, lean on Him, and virtue will go out from Him that will halt every effort-reducing trend and once again we will stand, consecrated and gathering in precious souls who are yet in the bondage of unrighteousness.

Otto Rauhaus.



## THANKFULNESS

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result. To be unthankful to man is truly sad but how much more regrettable is unthankfulness to God.

What a responsibility we as Christian parents have. How else can our children learn to know where our thanks belong than to hear especially the father offer thanksgiving aloud for food and clothing and all other gifts that God so richly bestows on us? The humble prayer and thanksgiving of a father who is a follower of God makes a lasting impression upon the children. And how it must make the heart of our Lord rejoice to see the appreciation of those who daily receive His benefits.

The ungodly may say, "Why give thanks to God?" There was once an atheist who said, "Why thank God for that for which we have worked so hard?" Wretched man, what would our work avail us if God would not add His blessings and increase to our labors? Did Christ, the Son of God, find it proper to give thanks while He dwelt here on this earth? Let us search a moment in the Holy Scriptures. When He fed the multitude with seven loaves and a few fishes, He gave thanks. Matthew 15:36. He was not only thankful when all was well, but in time of opposition and misunderstanding, when opposed by those who were bitter and prejudiced, He could lift His eyes heavenward and thank God. In Matthew 11:25 we read, "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. In the face of suffering and death "He took the cup and gave thanks." Matthew 26:27. If the Son of God gave thanks, how much more should we unworthy ones.

The inspired apostle Paul also exhorts us in many places with such admonitions as, "In every thing give thanks." 1 Thess. 5:18. "Giving thanks always for all things." Eph. 5:20. "Continue in prayer . . . with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2. This means that we should give thanks even in the face of discouragements and disappointments.

What things ought we to be especially thankful for? As we look upon

## FROM THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

**Korea:** In the years before the Japanese occupation of Korea, 23,000,000 copies of the Korean Scriptures were distributed there. The Korean Church has emerged from the war with remarkable spiritual vigor. Her leaders are calling for a million New Testaments which they wish to place in the hands of every high school and college student. They much match zeal and wits with the Communists whose literature is being circulated widely. Yet the Korean Churchmen are unable to publish their own Scriptures.

**Germany:** In spite of Nazi influence and the earlier anti-Christian doctrines that have plagued the cause of Christ in Germany for a century, she is still the great Bible reading nation of the continent of Europe. The war left Germany 12,000,000 Bibles

the fields and see the greatest harvest in the history of our great country, let us truly be thankful. And let us not begin to say, "With our own hands we have accomplished this." But let us humbly and sincerely give thanks to Him Who has given sunshine and the early and latter rain. With countless thousands hungry every day in foreign lands, do we really appreciate these blessings? Let us not fail to give thanks.

But with this great material harvest, where is our spiritual harvest? The harvest of souls for the Lord will mean life everlasting to all that will be garnered in and remain faithful to the end. Let us, who have been redeemed, thank Him each day for His wonderful gift of salvation through repentance and faith in His shed blood. This is indeed our most prized possession and for it we should be thankful above all things. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15. And let us express and show our thankfulness in true obedience to His will, for in this way only can we prove our thankfulness.

To you who have not been redeemed, come today and avail yourselves of this most gracious gift. Then you, too, will find reasons to be thankful in this life and in eternity.

Fred E. Grimm.

and Testaments short, to meet the annual needs of those joining the churches, to supply homes lost and people displaced. The hideous fear of German Church leaders is that a whole generation will grow up with no knowledge of the Bible. The Society is now supplying materials for the publishing of the books in Germany. Millions of copies have been furnished since the war but it will take years to overcome the shortage.

**Philippines:** The whole Bible has been translated into eight of the widely used Filipino languages. The demand for those since the war is five times what it was before. One shipment which Secretary Fonger thought would last him a year was gone in two months. The opportunity in this aspiring infant nation is a stirring challenge. It is hoped that the Filipino Churches may soon take over their own Bible publishing problems, but this year and next they must depend upon America.

**Japan:** The Society has already supplied almost 2,000,000 Scripture volumes to Japan but her hunger is insatiable. The Bible is now among the ten best sellers in this non-Christian country. Every one in Japan can read. But Japan cannot yet produce her own books. General MacArthur says, "There now exists an opportunity without counterpart since the birth of Christ for the spread of Christianity among the people of the Far East."

## YOUR BROTHER

A ship was wrecked on the northwest coast of Ireland; and a mother tried in vain to persuade her son, who had volunteered to go to the rescue of the last man on board the burning ship, to give up the perilous task. She pleaded that his father and brother had never come back from the sea, and that she would be left alone if he were lost. He resisted her entreaties and put out to the sinking vessel. When the boat came back through the surf the crowds on the shore shouted, "Have you got your man?" The reply came, "Yes, and tell Mother it's brother William!" Are we sure that the imperiled souls around us are not our brothers?

—Earnest Worker.



# NEWS

## Bluffton, Indiana

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr spent the week-end of October 10 visiting in Gridley, Illinois.

The engagement of Charles Neuenchwander, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Neuenchwander, and Doris Fiechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fiechter, was announced October 10.

Mrs. Martha Heyerly is now recuperating at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aschliman.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Beer from Milford spent Sunday, October 3, with us.

Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler and Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber spent Sunday, October 3, visiting in Remington, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Fiechter are visiting friends in the East.

Baptismal services were conducted Sunday, October 3, for Alphonse Reinhard, son of Mrs. Katie Reinhard.

Misses Irene Isch, Alice Troxel, Lillian Ringger, Justine Fiechter, Phyllis Gerber, Don Gerber, Hubert Isch, Richard Yergler, Truman Baumgartner, Robert Gerber and Glen Moser spent the week-end of October 10 visiting in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller, Misses Hazel Huber and Mary Ellen Gudeman of Fort Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steffen and Marcella and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen and son visited in our community Sunday, October 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kipfer attended the wedding of Mary Ann Sauder and Carleton Beer in Goodfield, Illinois, Sunday, October 17.

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Ritzman and family from Akron, Ohio, visited our congregation Sunday, October 31.

The engagement of Miss Lula Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schwartz, and Harry Baumgartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baumgartner, was announced Sunday, October 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer from Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney from Wolcott, Indiana, were Saturday evening guests October 30 of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gerber.

We had visitors Sunday, October 31, from Detroit and Bay City, Michigan.

## Bremen, Indiana

Miss Ernestine Bauer of Morton, Illinois, spent nearly two weeks with Mrs. Mary Schini and visited other friends and relatives at Bremen and Milford the first of the month.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ardale Leman October 3 at community Hospital in Bremen.

Sunday evening, October 10, we enjoyed a very inspiring program by the children from all classes of our Sunday school. May God's blessing be upon the children and their teachers in their efforts to present such interesting programs.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meister and sons from Fort Wayne visit us on October 10.

Miss Mildred Meister from Peoria, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller from Latty, Ohio, were our visitors Sunday, October 17.

Many from our congregation enjoyed Sunday, October 26, at Remington, Indiana.

Visitors at church Sunday, October 24, were Mrs. Mary Herstein, Mrs. Val Strunk, Mrs. John Herstein, Mrs. Anna Ackerman, and Mrs. Marie Belsley from Morton, Illinois.

## Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witzig, Harold and Mae Witzig, all of Morton, Illinois, spent Sunday, October 3, in our community.

A song service was enjoyed by a large group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farney in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber of Latty, Ohio, Sunday, October 10.

Mrs. Dan Miller of Ft. Scott, Kansas, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. George Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bandwart and twin sons of Ft. Scott, Kansas, spent several days with Mrs. Bandwart's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister of Ft. Scott, Kansas, were in our midst Sunday, October 24.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder, Mr. and Mrs. John Kraft, and Mrs. Katie Schurter attended the dedication of the Sabatha, Kansas, church. Grandmother Zehr accompanied them home.

Wayne and Donald Kircher and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller spent a few days in Colorado recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otti have returned from Gridley, Kansas, where they had been with Mrs. Otti's father, who has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schrock spent several days in Roanoke, Illinois, recently.

## Chicago, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baer and family and others of Peoria, Illinois, were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederik Meyer with a pot luck supper on Saturday, October 9. Those who were there from Chicago included Mrs. Caroline Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer, Evelyn and Lucille Hartman, and Alvina Grueter. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Our guests on Sunday, October 10, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weigand and family of Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr of Peoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baer of Peoria.

Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Schurter and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht went to Roanoke, Illinois, on Sunday, October 24.

Rev. George Yergler and Carl Peters of La Crosse, Indiana, Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and family of Leo, Indiana, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haas, and Mr. and Mrs. George Haas and family of Elgin, Illinois, were with us on Sunday, October 24. We had a blessed day.

We are happy to welcome Peter Ernst of Switzerland to our midst here in Chicago. He arrived in the U. S. on October 5. He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rich Schurter at the present time.

Mrs. Gotlieb Lehmann has been ill



in the hospital, but we are glad that she is rapidly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrenk are the happy parents of a baby boy.

#### **Croghan-Naumberg, New York**

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Virkler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Virkler, and Misses Florence and La Veda Herzig spent the weekend of October 3 at Rockville, Connecticut.

Mrs. Amanda Virkler accompanied by her sons, Frank and Andrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Farney visited her daughter, Mrs. Earl Ramseyer, and friends of Bay City October 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wieland of Bay City, Michigan, and family visited here October 19 and 20.

Mrs. Minnie Fluckiger, Mrs. Paul Lanz, Mrs. Pauline Schneider, and Mrs. Emily Fluckiger of Rockville, Connecticut, accompanied by Mrs. Lydia Lambert of Bay City, were with us Sunday, October 24.

Miss Anna Mattis has been dismissed from the hospital, after being a patient for nearly four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Virkler visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Virkler, of Ithaca, New York, October 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Meier and family of Syracuse, New York, visited here Sunday, October 24.

#### **Fort Scott, Kansas**

On September 23 and 24, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berchtold, Edelstein, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Sparland, Illinois, visited at the home of Mrs. Rosa B. Beyer. Mr. Berchtold and Mrs. Brown are brother and sister of Mrs. Beyer. They motored to Wichita, Kansas, from here to visit another brother, J. E. Berchtold, and family.

On Sunday, September 26, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Marti of Lamar, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Winzeler of Gridley, Kansas, visited our church and attended the Sunday school picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Winzeler were guests of Mrs. Rosa B. Beyer.

Miss Eunice Marti of La Crosse, Indiana, visited at the Raymond Banwart home September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Germann of La Crosse, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. John Germann of Orchards, Washington, were visiting friends here October 6.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister returned to their home October 8, after spending four weeks in Morris, Minnesota, visiting their children. They also visited churches in or near Oakville and Pulaski, Iowa, and Winthrop and Morris, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Schlupp and son of Lamar, Missouri, spent Sunday, October 10, with us and were guests at the David Massner home in the evening.

On October 20, a farewell meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart for Sister Cordell. The group enjoyed hymn singing. Sister Cordell is going to Lamar, Missouri, to live with a daughter, Mrs. Lou Marti.

Mary and Dutch Reber took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reber, to Elgin, Illinois, the week end of October 22.

Mr. and Mrs. David Miller and David, Miss Anna Miller, Mrs. John Hodel and Juddie of Oakville, Iowa, Mrs. Rosa Barth of Peoria, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Art Banwart and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden and family of Lamar, Missouri, visited our congregation October 24.

#### **Francesville, Indiana**

"... And his name shall be called Wonderful..." was one of the introductory phrases of a very profitable young people's meeting planned by a committee composed of a number of the new converts. The life of Christ from His birth to resurrection was clearly unfolded by appropriate meditations, discussion, and songs. Visitors participating were Rev. Henry Beer of Milford and David Kieser of Princeville. A number of folks from Princeville and Latty were visitors here for the day and evening.

Special promotion day exercises were enjoyed in our Sunday school departments on October 3.

Teachers and members of the Elgin Sunday school, also folks from Chicago and Peoria fellowshipped with us on October 10. They were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman and family.

Thirteen members of the Junior Sunday school class and their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wuethrich, were entertained by Loren Getz. Ap-

propriate games and a supper was enjoyed by all.

October 17 marks a memorable day for our congregation. Fourteen young people gave soul touching testimonies and were baptized. Rev. George Yergler of La Crosse conducted the proving and baptismal services. Rev. Andrew Nussbaum of Remington was with us for evening services.

We were blessed with the ministry of Reverends Alex Stoller and Emil Bailer of Fairbury for day services and Reverends Ben Heiniger of Morton and George Yergler of La Crosse for evening services on September 25. Four cars of young people from Roanoke and a group from Fairbury were also with us.

Services were conducted at the Querry Funeral Home for First Lieutenant Edward Liebing who died in a plane crash on March 16, 1944, while serving his country with the Air Corps in Italy. He was the son of Albert and Johanna (Schubert) Liebing.

Births: A daughter, Charlene Karen, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anliker. A daughter, Devorah Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis May. A daughter, Sara Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauptli.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tyler enjoyed a three week motor trip out west. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kemps.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wuethrich and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerig of Ft. Wayne enjoyed a 4 day trip to Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leman and daughter and Mrs. Howard Eilers and son of Peoria visited with parents and friends here a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Metzger and Miss Ella Steiner of Wichita, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Banward of West Bend, Iowa, visited in the Eli Anliker home and other friends on October 5. Miss Ella Steiner remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. John Schambach and children of Elgin spent a week here with her parents and relatives.

Four cars of folks from Fairbury fellowshipped with us on October 24. They were evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber.



**Gridley, Illinois**

Miss Faye Ringger of Los Angeles, California, left September 20 for home after spending several months here visiting relatives.

The Misses Lena Jampen, Anna Meyer and Emilie Schlipf and Mrs. Louise Kuerth spent the week end of October 3 in Bluffton, Indiana, visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Lillian Gerber returned with them for a short visit with relatives here.

The Rev. and Mrs. Diriwachter from Portland, Oregon, visited with us Wednesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Feller and several others from Cissna and Brother Ed Eglin from Congerville, Illinois, spent Sunday, October 3, in Gridley.

**Leo (Grabill), Indiana**

George Stieglitz, who has been ill, is convalescing at his home.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry J. Souder of Bremen, Indiana, called on relatives here October 28.

A son, Edwin Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller October 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wiley of Garrett, Indiana, are the parents of a baby boy, James Franklin, born November 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hueni of Bremen, Indiana, and the Bremen Sunday school students visited here October 31. The Young People's Meeting was held in the evening. The Bremen visitors contributed to the program with song and verse. Rev. Hueni gave an interesting message.

**Lester, Iowa**

Mrs. Rose Brunner of Sabetha, Kansas, spent ten days here with her sister, Mrs. Anna Kellenberger.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernst Knoblock visited relatives in Morris, Minnesota, the week end of October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freiden and sons and Esty Banwart of West Bend visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Metzger, October 24.

On the Sunday of October 10 Phil and Howard Mogler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht and daughter, Lydia, were visitors in Sabetha, Kansas.

**Morton, Illinois**

Henry Eric was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zeller October 15. Mrs. Zeller was the former Norma Grimm. He is their first child.

Miss Lucy Rapp, daughter of Rieka Rapp, died at her home Wednesday, October 20. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon.

We had a blessed day October 24 with Communion services being held.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witzig, son Harold, and Miss Mae Witzig returned home October 26, after spending the month of October in California.

**Oakville, Iowa**

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Shieber from Morton, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shieber and his mother from Congerville, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber from Latty, Ohio, visited our congregation October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Meiss, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ehman and daughter Elsie from Cissna Park, Illinois, and six couples from Fairbury, Illinois, visited our congregation October 10.

Our Bible class went to Taylor, Missouri, for the day (on October 10). They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gerst, and Jesse Eisenmann.

Roy Grimm, son of Rev. Fred Grimm, and others from Taylor, Missouri, visited us October 17.

Robert Young and wife from Wichita, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Gorin Strohm and children from Gridley, Kansas, Simon Wiegand and wife and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John Rocke from Goodfield, Illinois, and Fred Grimm and wife and two children visited with us October 24. We had a blessed day and hope they can come again soon.

Reverend and Mrs. John Somerhalder visited relatives here Tuesday, October 26. We also had evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harter from Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Baer, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Schafer, Will Yackley, and others from Peoria, Illinois, visited with us Sunday, October 31.

**Princeville, Illinois**

Sunday, October 3, a number of the Bible Class, teachers, and others spent the day in Francesville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seidel are the happy parents of a daughter, Marita Lyda, born October 2. They have one other daughter, Jeanne.

Rev. Frank Woertz of Goodfield

conducted afternoon services here October 10. That same day Rev. Silas Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin visited the congregation at Wolcott, Indiana.

Among the sick are Miss Maxine Asal who submitted to an appendicitis operation September 26, Mrs. Chris Martin who submitted to minor surgery the first of the month, and Mrs. Harold Streitmatter who submitted to a major operation October 4. All are recovering nicely and able to be up and about again. Mrs. Martha Kieser is a bed patient due to a heart ailment. Mrs. Frederika Riekert has been ill the past few weeks and is confined to her bed. Billie Scholl, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Scholl, is a patient in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria suffering with polio. Latest reports are that he is getting along as well as possible.

Mr. Chris Musselmann passed away at his home October 14 at the age of seventy-five years, following a long illness. Rev. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and Rev. Ben Heiniger of Morton conducted funeral services here October 16. The widow, who is in failing health, survives with two daughters and four sons besides numerous other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. John Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Minger, Samuel and Rachel, Miss Anna Rassi and Mr. and Mrs. Rocke of Roanoke visited our congregation, October 17. Announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Lyola Feucht, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Feucht, and James Ringger son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ringger of Gridley, Illinois.

**Remington, Indiana**

Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler and many others of Bluffton, Indiana, were visitors here at church on October 3, as well as many from Morton and Chicago, Illinois. The Bluffton folks were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler and the rest were at the Henry Frey home.

J. N. Bach and wife of Fairbury, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and son Jackie and Raymond Bahler of here returned on October 5 from a five weeks visit in various places in the West. They were to



the coast and visited a number of the churches en route. We also are glad to welcome them back home again.

Mrs. Harold Schieler returned home on October 9 from St. Elizabeth Hospital at Lafayette, where she underwent a major operation. We are glad to say she is recovering nicely. Her mother, Mrs. Fred Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, was with her for some time.

Visitors at church on October 10 were Rev. and Mrs. Roy Sauder and many others from Peoria and Tremont, Illinois, and La Crosse and Wolcott, Indiana. Rev. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Illinois, was with us in the afternoon. Most of the visitors were supper guests of Rev. Sam Kilgus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zarner and son of Rockville, Connecticut, visited relatives here the week end of October 17. They were en route to California to stay for the winter.

A number here with the supervision of Henry Beer of Milford did some work on the church grounds and cemetery.

Visitors on Sunday, October 24, were Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hueni and many others from Bremen, Indiana, a number from Fairbury in the forenoon, and Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman in the afternoon. We thank them all for their visit here.

#### Toledo, Ohio

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schwartz and family of Bluffton, Indiana, who moved to Toledo recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kaehr of Bluffton, Indiana, visited the Ben Schlatter family for a couple of weeks.

Misses Elizabeth and Katherine Leibig of Gridley, Illinois and Bluffton, Indiana visited their sister Ida Leibig over the week end of Oct. 16.

Miss Betty Toth and Mr. Arthur C. Frautschi, both of Toledo, were married October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Frautschi and daughter of Goshen, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and sons of Bluffton, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi and son and Misses Leah, Rose, Persida and Adele Conrad of Grabill, Indiana all visited the Jacob Frautschi family the week end of Oct. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and

family and Misses Mary and Emily Frautschi attended the funeral services of Dale Aeschliman in Bluffton, Indiana on October 24.

Miss Miriam Miller visited in Bluffton, Indiana with the Ben Maibach family from Detroit over the week end of October 30.

#### West Bend, Iowa

Rev. Paul Fehr and two sons of Hancock, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht of Lester, Iowa, and Miss Lydia Feucht of Peoria, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here October 3.

The Misses Velma Kropf and Helen Young of Wolcott, Indiana, visited relatives and friends at West Bend from October 7 to 11.

Edwin, Leona, Lela, Mary Jo, Lucille, Doris, and Florence Banwart, Leah Traub, Salome Kellenberger, Darlene Metzger, and Mildred Sauder visited the Albert Wuthrich family at Pulaski, Iowa, October 16. On Sunday, Russell, Lois, and Delores Wuthrich accompanied them to Oakville, Iowa.

Miss Edna Anliker of Eureka, Illinois, spent two weeks vacation with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gerber and Verlice Mogler returned from two weeks vacation spent at Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm and Lorraine and Salome Kellenberger spent Sunday, October 24, at Lester, Iowa.

#### Wolcott, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and daughter, Verna; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoller, Norma and Frances; Mary Lucille Lehman; Mrs. Ida Nussbaum; and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and Gladys and Arles spent Sunday, Oct. 10, at Fairbury, Illinois, and were supper guests at the Eli Meiss home.

Rev. Silas Leuthold, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Princeville, Illinois, and John Sinn of Peoria, Illinois, were visitors here for morning services October 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Yergler and children and Miss Emma Wittmer of LaCrosse, Indiana, were guests of the Levi Kropf family October 17.

Mrs. Sam Landes, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Landes and children of Deer Creek, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grote and children and Katha-

rine Schott of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt October 17.

New arrivals in our community are a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kyburz, October 24, and a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman, October 25.

#### WHAT THEN?

A young man, a high-school graduate, having arrived at the college where he intended to finish his education, was greeted by the president, a godly old man and a great friend of the boy's father. Having an interest in him, he said to the boy: "Well, my boy, after you have finished your college course here—what then?"

"Oh, I may be elected to the Senate."

"Fine ambition. What then?"

"I suppose that I will get old and retire to a well-earned rest."

"Yes—and what then?"

Very quietly and subdued the boy replied: "Some day I shall die."

"Yes," said the old man seriously, "and after death, what?" But there was no answer.

"When the choir has sung its last anthem,

And the preacher has made his last prayer;

When the people have heard their last sermon

And the sound has died out on the air;

When the Bible lies closed on the altar  
And the pews are all empty of men  
And each one stands facing his record—

And the great Book is opened—

#### WHAT THEN?

When the great angel announces that time shall be no more—

#### WHAT THEN?

"TOMORROW'S sun may never rise  
To shed its beams upon the way;  
This is the TIME, O then be wise,  
Thou wouldest be saved, why not  
TODAY?"

From — "Mountain Trailways for Youth" by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman.

God is still the same and His word is the same as in the beginning, but it can only be manifested in power in those who believe and obey it.



## NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

### The Passage of the Sea Exodus 14 Chapter

The life of the Hebrew nation began with the departure out of Egypt. The first great landmark on the line of their progress as a people was the passage of the Red Sea. That one miraculous deliverance in the outset of their career established their character as a favored and providential people. It declared to the neighboring heathen nations that Divine power was ever ready to break forth in fire and flood for the protection of Israel. It carried on and completed the terrible and tenfold demonstration of the plagues in Egypt, that the mightiest elements in nature were the servants of Him who had chosen the Hebrew people for his own. It proclaimed to the Israelites themselves that their greatness in subsequent time must depend not on chariots and horses, and mighty hosts trained for war, but upon the help of the living God. This they were to learn as a first lesson. They were to start upon their new life of liberty with this as a governing principle, a distinctive national idea to be handed down from generation to generation. In the days of peace and prosperity their prayer must go up with the smoke and incense of the daily sacrifice. And when they went out to meet their enemies and set the battle in array, an army against army, still their most inspiring war-cry should be a prayer unto the God of Israel, "Arise, O Jehovah, and let thine enemies be scattered!" All this will be apparent if we consider the scene and the circumstances described with calmness and simplicity in the fourteenth chapter of Exodus. With this narrative before us, we put the case in our mind in the following way.

We see before us an open plain, ten or twelve miles across, covered with low gravelly ridges or hillocks of sand. On the eastern side is the sea; on the south and west a chain of mountains coming obliquely down to the sea, in a southeasterly direction, and giving the plain a triangular shape, with the apex at the southeast. Between the mountain and the sea

there is space enough left for a great multitude to move in a disorderly march. Beyond this pass, between the mountain and the sea, is another plain, completely walled in north and south by mountains, on the east terminated by the sea, and the opening toward the west leading directly back to Egypt and the capital of Pharaoh. The third day's march of the Hebrews after their departure out of Egypt was across this first plain and along the sandy pass between the projecting bluff and the sea. As the sun goes down we find them encamping for the night on the second plain, walled in by ranges of mountains right and left, and with the sea in front. The next movement must be either to advance into the sea or turn westward directly toward the capital of Pharaoh, or go back the way they came. Surely there is reason for the Egyptians to say "They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in."

Their situation is strange and perplexing to the Hebrews themselves. They do not know where they are going or why they have been led into these difficulties, unless it be to hold them entrapped till their enraged masters can overtake them and drive them back to their former bondage. Of one thing, at least, they are sure. They are not on the way to the wilderness of Sinai (where it was proposed to go) nor to the land promised to their fathers. They have come down a whole day's march on the wrong side of the sea. If the army of Pharaoh should follow them up from behind, they would have no way of escape but to turn westward, between the mountain ridges, directly toward the capital of the kingdom. They are weary with the day's march across the sandy plain. Friends, neighbors and families have lost each other and are striving to get together for the night. Old and young, women and children, flocks and herds, are all mingled, crowded, passing to and fro; and the dry plain is beaten into dust beneath their feet. The green pastures of Goshen, the waving palms, the

blooming gardens of their forsaken homes are far away. There are angry complaints and expressions of discouragement and fear. The first joy of escape from bondage had subsided. The terrors of the desert, the mountains and the sea—the weariness, the hunger and the thirst of the long march over yielding sand and rolling stones—now make even a home in Egypt and a life of bondage seem attractive. This is not the way to the land of their fathers. And it is impossible to go on in this direction if they would. They are lost among barren hills and desert plains. It is a sad night to follow so soon after that glorious morning when they came out of Egypt. And now, to complete their despair, they lift up their eyes, and behold! the Egyptians are marching after them! Over the ridges of drifted sand they see the flashing armor and tossing plumes of the terrible chariots of Pharaoh. The advancing host is led by the proud and impious king himself. It is composed of the pride and power of Egypt, with all the advantage of weapons, armor and discipline on their side. They can ride down upon this disorderly multitude of fugitive slaves, encumbered with their families, as the eagle swoops upon the dove. They see at once that the Hebrews are hemmed in on all sides, and that they can take their time to capture their prey. The Egyptians are themselves weary with the long and rapid march of the day. They resolve to encamp for the night and wait for the morning before they rush on the fugitives and destroy them there, or drive them back to their former bondage. And now the cries of the Hebrews are wild and frantic and all voices are lifted up in reproaches upon the head of Moses. They forget the mighty miracles wrought through him in Egypt. They have no thought or hope that the rod which changed the sacred Nile to blood can smite the sea and make a dry path for the host through the sea. With sublime faith and self-possession the great leader meets the reproaches and soothes the excitement of the multitude, even before he himself knows what will be the end. Of one thing he is sure. Jehovah who gave him the commission



to deliver his people will not desert him while he is attempting to fulfill that command. He says calmly to the excited and clamorous multitude, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show you today. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." This was wise and faithful counsel for Moses to give, but to hold their peace was just the hardest thing for the excited and terrified host of the Hebrews to do. Weary, discouraged, terrified, in a desert place, with the darkness of night closing around them, they fill the air with wailing and cries and supplications. They now fully expect to fall into the hands of their former taskmasters again, and to be held responsible for all the plagues and afflictions which their deliverance has brought upon Egypt. What had drawn them into that dark and perilous condition? Bound for the green hills and sunny plains of Palestine on the north, how came they to turn in the opposite direction and march, as if with blind infatuation, into this howling wilderness of burning sand and barren mountains? It was in this way. On the morning of the third day of their march, there appeared a strange, mysterious cloud in the van of the host, extending upward in a lofty column, like the smoke of some mighty sacrifice. It rose so high into heaven that it could be seen for miles by millions of people scattered over a vast plain, and it came so near the ground that those who walked could follow it as a guide. It was not blown away by the wind. It did not melt into air like mists from the sea in the heat of the risen sun. All day long it moved slowly, majestically, across the plain, and the Hebrews were commanded to follow where it lead the way. Thus they had been drawn silently, mysteriously out of their course into this secluded valley, hemmed in by mountains and sea. The Israelites had never seen any such appearance before. But now, as darkness is coming on and the Egyptians are encamping in sight, and the wail of distracted myriads rises louder than the roar of the sea, this awful cloud lifts majestically into the air, passes over the heads of the Hebrew

host, and settles down upon the earth between them and their pursuers, so as to hide the one from the other. There it stands, as darkness comes on, unmoved by the strong wind blowing from the sea, black as midnight to the Egyptians, and yet sending forth a cheering and glorious light over all the host of the Hebrews, calming their fears, giving them the assurance that some great deliverance is yet in store for them. And now the time is come for Jehovah Himself to ride with chariots and horses of salvation through the sea. At the Divine command, Moses lifts up the wonder-working rod, and the waters are cloven to the bare earth, the channels of the deep are seen before the brightness of the protecting cloud. A broad highway is made for millions to pass on foot and dryshod where the ancient sea had its bed. The command, "Go forward," passes through the great host of the Hebrews and all night long the tramp of the mighty multitude goes on between the walls of waters, and the protecting cloud sends its strange light to show the way through the whole length of the channel to the other shore. When the last of the fugitives have passed down the beach and entered upon the bed of the sea, the cloud moves slowly after them. The plain of the encampment is now bare. The light of the risen moon shines upon it, and the Egyptian sentinels, roused from the heavy sleep which had fallen upon them, give the alarm that the Hebrews are escaping.

The trumpet sounds to arms. The whole force rush forward bewildered, hearing the march and the voices of the Hebrews in the distance, and yet seeing nothing but the cloud in the direction of the sea, and the plain all empty and silent beneath the risen moon. They follow on in the rear of the moving cloud. On they press, driving their chariots heavily in the miry bed of the deep, yet determined to pursue and overtake and divide the spoil. They expect every moment to break through the retreating cloud and come upon their prey. And so all the remainder of the night, like men in a dream, the panting and toiling host of Pharaoh is just upon the point

of coming up with the Hebrews yet never succeeding. At length, when the morning begins to dawn over the desert hills of Arabia, and the children of Israel have all passed safely through the channel of the divided sea, "the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily." While the host of men and horses are struggling in fear, madness and agony, two mighty waves come crashing over them from opposite directions. When the shock has subsided and the sea is calm, Pharaoh and his host, the pride and power of Egypt, are no more. When the morning comes, the daughters of Israel sing the song of triumph with timbrels and dances; while the sea leaves the dead on shore with every surge.

And this mighty God who so delivered Israel in ancient time is our God for ever and ever. We have only to trust and obey him; and He will be our guide and deliverer even in the deep waters of death. All might and dominion belong to Him in heaven and in earth. We are all, every moment, girt with His power and surrounded with His presence as really as were the Israelites in the midst of the divided sea. The time is not far distant when we shall all stand upon the shore of the great sea of death. We shall not be able to pause at the brink or to return when once our feet are set in the cold flood. There is but one guide who can take our hand and lead us safely through to the bright and blessed shore. That Divine Guide has come all the way across the flood to meet us here, that we may not fail to find Him when we need Him most. Pilgrim in a desert world, traveler to the unknown regions of eternity! Will you hesitate to receive such a guide now? Would you rather wait till your feet are set in the cold waters and the cloud of death is around you, hoping to grope about in the darkness, and find even then the guiding Hand which now you will not take?

Philip Beyer—from the book **Night Scenes in the Bible** by Rev. Daniel March.



Graveside services were conducted Sunday afternoon, October 24, by Rev. Harry Bucher and Rev. Theo. Beer for S/Sgt. Dale Aeschliman, son of Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman. Dale was killed on Luzon in the Philippines in January, 1945, at the age of 26 years. Surviving besides the parents are three brothers and one sister.

The pallbearers were men who entered the service with Dale and were stationed together, almost without exception, until the time of Dale's death. These included Homer Rein-  
eck, Louis Steffen, Everett Geisel, Raymond Levy, and Sam Schladen-  
hauffen. Many attended the services from various congregations, including Rev. and Mrs. George Sinn from Lat-  
ty and others from Latty, Paulding, and Girard, Ohio, and Leo, Indiana.

#### The Soldier's Return

Home is the soldier, home from the  
strife;

Home in the realms of light.  
Home where the loving Savior dwells.  
Home where there is no night.

Hearing and heeding the Savior's call,  
Joining the fold of God,  
Faithful his service,—giving his all  
As here on earth he trod.

Called by the nation,—called to the  
ranks.  
Called by war's decree!  
Cheerful and willing, trusting in God  
Under the colors free.

Faithful devotion,—standing for truth,  
Serving for many a day,  
Willing to go where duty has called,  
Trusting in God alway.

Trained for his labors under the flag  
Helping his comrades brave,  
Moved by the needs of suffering  
men,  
Loving devotion gave.

Faithful to God and his country too,  
Loving and dear to all!  
Momently died our soldier brave,  
Answered the Master's call.

Summoned to dwell where war has  
ceased  
Called to the peaceful strand,  
Home from the jungles' torrid heat  
Home to the Fatherland.

Passed from the scenes of destruction,  
Away from the suffering and woe,  
Gone is the dread of tomorrow,  
Away from the cruel, ruthless foe.

Wearisome marches are over,  
Labors on earth are all done,  
Home from the Isle came the soldier  
Our brother beloved, and our son.

As a father oft pitieth his children,  
The Redeemer with mercy and grace  
Has summoned His child from the  
conflict

To His infinite love and embrace.

In Jesus he died and is sleeping,  
Say not that his death is a loss,  
For he has won glory eternal,  
This soldier beloved of the cross.

—Henry Beer.

#### THANKFUL

Thankful for health,  
Thankful for life,  
Thankful for guidance  
In sorrow and strife.

Thankful for food,  
For ripe golden grain,  
For all that is needful  
Our life to sustain.

Thankful for friends  
Who just stand by,  
Upon whose help  
We can rely.

Thankful for home  
With comforts blest,  
Where peace abides,  
With love, and rest.

Thankful for brethren,  
Whose help does impart  
Strength for the journey .  
Cheer for the heart.

Thankful to work  
In rich, moist soil,  
Where roses bloom  
To compensate toil.

Thankful to hear  
The still, small voice,  
Making our heart  
In life's sorrows rejoice.

—Henry Beer.

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