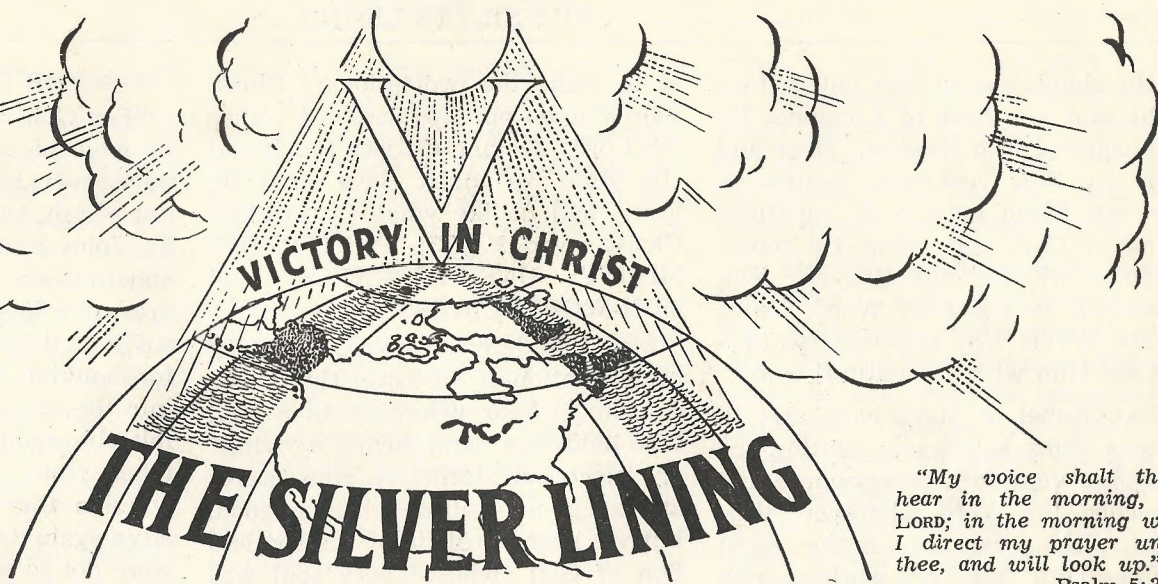


"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."  
—Genesis 28:15



"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."  
—Psalm 5:3

### Night Scenes In the Bible

"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12.

Mountains hold a sacred and sublime pre-eminence in the glorious imagery with which the inspired writers invest the word of revelation. They stand up in silent and awful testimony to the greatness of the Power which of old stretched out the heavens like a curtain and laid the foundations of the earth. Whether rising in solitary magnificence from the bosom of the wide extended plain, or piled up as a separating wall through the length of a whole continent; whether belching angry flames from their blasted summits, and groaning with the intolerable fervor of inward fires till the solid earth shakes with the throes of their great agony; whether soaring aloft snow-clad to the untrodden heights where eternal winter dwells, or displaying the wide reach of genial slopes to the life-giving sun, blue with the mantle of cloudy pines, and musical with the voices of streams that entice the delicate-footed Spring to plant her flowers on the edge of the glacier;—in every aspect and in every form, in every age and in every land, mountains are the fit representatives of everything greatest and mightiest in the material world. They may be traversed with sacred awe—they may be studied with devout emotion, as exhibiting upon their scarred sum-

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### WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?

The mighty man of God, Moses, was on the mountainside caring for the sheep when God spoke to him out of the burning bush, and said to

him, "WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?" (Exodus 4:2-5) After some explanation, he realized he had in his possession the necessary instrument to do the Will of God.

#### Treasured Verses

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.  
—Psalm 25:5.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I Corinthians 3:11.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given the Son to have life in himself;

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.—St. John 5:24-29.

Beloved, what is it we hold in our hand today? When Christ accepted us as His children, having REVEALED Himself through Word and Spirit, we found Grace through Faith to repentance, received the forgiveness of sins, received the PEACE of God in our hearts through the Blood that was shed on Calvary, and were endowed with the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Even unto His own it was perplexing for the mind that Jesus could be absent and present at the same time—and it could be accounted for only by the fact that Jesus lived among men, but was more than a man. Time and again in His public ministry He reminded His disciples that He would soon be absent from them, and their hearts were grieved at the thought. Yet, against these announcements, He continually assured them of His abiding presence and how He would NOT leave them alone.

Wonderful it is to know that while He is yonder in the Father's presence, He is also in our hearts and nearer to each one of us than any other human could possibly be. To get this truth clear in our minds, let us reflect that the disciples saw Him leave, and they watched Him with amazement as He went up and up un-

til the clouds caught Him out of their sight, and in a flash of a moment He was ushered into Heaven. Over and over the New Testament assures us that our Risen Lord is at the Right Hand of God, and when He comes again, it will be from Heaven. Yet, according to His own Word, He is **HERE WITH US**, although we cannot see Him with the natural eye.

The Gospel of Mark concludes in a most remarkable way, stating the disciples went forth everywhere and preached the Word wherever they went. Right here comes the most unique truth, "the Lord working with them."

After being accepted into the Fold it is so easy to be satisfied with our salvation and become complacent. Even Peter was not able to escape this temptation to live on past experience. When on the Mount of Transfiguration, instead of letting that experience be an incentive toward the future, he wanted to preserve the memory of this blessed experience and build tabernacles.

One of the key characteristics of a believer is his discernment of spiritual things. Now "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." (I Cor. 2:14-15)

The Apostle speaks of those who progress in the virtues of Christ by Faith as being neither "barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, but he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." (II Peter 1:8-9)

The secret of a joyous Christian life lies in having a continual experimental knowledge of Christ, to "know Him, and the power of His resurrection." The Lord Jesus gives us a safe and sure means to test the genuineness and validity of the Believer's experience when He said "by their fruits ye shall know them." And again, *the tree is known by its fruit.*

It is an indisputable fact that mere-

ly to make the profession of Christianity upon our lips does not please the Lord. Having Christ's Spirit and His Mind we must love what He loves, and dislike what He dislikes. Christ loved FAITH, PURITY, HUMILITY, UNSELFISHNESS, and NON-WORLDLINESS.

May God deliver us from the perilous deception of the latter times. We constantly hear reference to a God who holds our hand during a "wind" or "electrical storm" or who "saves and keeps us"—all of which is good, but we hear too little of the spotless Son of God whose very soul was made an offering for sin, who is alive evermore, and who sees with flaming eyes the assemblies of His own and is keeping watch as to how we are "witnessing for the Lord."

We need to remind ourselves that He who searches the reins and hearts is the one with whom we have to do and before whom all things are naked and open. We must learn to walk closely with Him, the one to whom the Father has given all things into His Hand.

The spiritual believer is the one who lives his daily life according to Christ. He will make the will of Jesus Christ his choice in life and who takes the Lord Jesus for everything in his inner life.

This searching must go on from day to day. Then can we say "Christ liveth in me"—it is the Father's answer to the last words of the Saviour's high Priestly Prayer; through the renewing of the mind and purifying of the heart, God has made ample provision in Christ to live a life of Holiness. Wonderful it is that God has not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness, and to measure up to our calling, all uncleanness and all worldliness must go. God does not require GOLDEN vessels, neither does He require SILVER ones, but He must have CLEAN ones. Unto this end we have the Promise of the Abiding Spirit of Christ, without which guidance and help we could not continue. For ours is a Promise of a Rest in that Beautiful Home—far away beyond the starlit skies, where the lovelight never, never dies."

—Elder J. A. Getz.

### FOR GOD SO LOVED

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 3:16. We who are fathers and mothers can partly realize and grasp the love of God in sending Jesus into this world to suffer and die for mankind. We had our sons drafted into the service of our country, have felt the agony of having our sons taken from us and not knowing whether they will ever come back alive again (and some did not). We were not so willing to give them and see them go, but God in His infinite love was willing and Jesus, who saw the fallen and lost condition of humanity, was also willing, that the beloved Son of God should come on earth to suffer and die the bitter death on the cross, to pay for our sins and transgressions. All who believe on Him need not perish, but have everlasting life. Oh, what a wonderful love of God.

Let us resolve to put forth all our efforts to love our God and Saviour, to live for Him and serve Him with all our hearts, that we might confess Him before all men with our deeds and conversation. Let us be bright and shining lights in this world and time. When the bridegroom comes, we may have our wedding garments pure and white and enter that glorious heavenly home and be with Christ forevermore.

—Aaron A. Sauder.

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"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."—Revelation 1:7.

## Where Is Your Treasure?

Do you have works with your faith? James 2:20 tells us that faith without works is dead, and James 2:24 tells us that by works we are justified, and not by faith alone. The Bible teaches us so much about faith. How much faith do you really have? Do you actually believe that Heaven is a beautiful place where we will rest forever, without end, and that this life is as a vapor in comparison to it?

Do you really believe this down deep in your heart?

Every person that really believes this surely wouldn't spend his time and money for his own pleasure during this brief lifetime—a life which so quickly disappears.

Wouldn't he rather be spiritually concerned about God's cause and want to give of both his time and money helping souls to be saved and bringing relief to those in want and need, instead of investing his time and money in the things he must leave behind when the Master calls?

Wouldn't this be our *works* that would prove our faith, that we really believe God at His Word, as Abraham and all the prophets of old have done.

Doesn't it seem again that one who is born of God and receives His infinite Spirit would (desire) to spend much time on spiritual things?

How many hours do we give to the Lord, our Maker? Doesn't it seem again that one born of God would labor for Him in His vineyard. This is the works which prove our faith—when we give of our time and money to the Lord because we love Him, it proves we believe His Word.

In Matthew 6:19-21 we read, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

This has a very close comparison to Matthew 19:21, 22, "Jesus said

unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

The very fact that he went away sorrowful proved his heart was on his possessions, and his treasure was not in heaven. But Jesus said he would have treasure in heaven if he would take his possessions and do good with them. Christ said in Matthew, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." To find out where our treasure is we need to find out where our heart is. We can prove this by asking our-

selves, "If God would permit all my possessions to be taken away, would I go *away* from Him sorrowful and grieved? If it would, this very fact would prove our heart was here on earth and our treasure also.

In the Old Testament God blessed His children with great riches; the New Testament warns against being rich. We find that Jesus and His disciples did not strive for the riches of this world. Let us take their example. Let us live as we would have wished to live, when our time comes to die. If we have our treasure here in this vapor, we will lose it all when we die and gain nothing. If we have our treasure in heaven, we will lose nothing, and gain it all there, forever and ever with the Lord.

Edward Unsicker

## Hymn for the Month

### THE GREAT REDEEMER

How I love the great Redeemer  
Who is doing so much for me;  
With what joy I tell the story  
Of the love that makes men free.  
Till my earthly life is ended,  
I will send songs above,  
Then beside the crystal sea  
More and more my soul shall be  
Praising Jesus and His love.

He has purchased my redemption,  
Rolled my burden of sin away,  
And is walking on beside me,  
Growing dearer day by day.  
That is why I sing His praises,  
That is why joy is mine.  
That is why forevermore  
On the everlasting shore  
I shall sing of love divine.

Glory be to Him forever!  
Endless praise to Christ the Lamb!  
He has filled my life with sunshine,  
He has made me what I am.  
O that very one would know Him,  
O that all would adore!  
O that all would trust the love  
Of the mighty Friend above  
And be His for ever more.

Chorus—

He is everything to me,  
And everything shall always be;  
I will never cease to raise  
A song of gladness in His praise;  
Here, and in the world above,  
My soul shall sing of saving love;  
Life and light and joy is He,  
The precious Friend who died for me.

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### IN MEMORY OF BENITA GETZ

We loved you, Benita, We loved you  
More than our tongue can say;  
But the Lord above loved you more,  
That's why He took you away.

There's a Place in God's Kingdom for  
you  
Since the sands of your life are run,  
You will rejoice forever in glory,  
Where there is no evening sun.

How wonderful to be in Heaven  
To sing hymns and praises all day,  
No more will you remember the sad-  
ness  
You had in your house of clay.

We are looking forward when we will  
meet you  
In the realms and mansions above,  
Where dwelleth nothing but gladness,  
Great joy, great peace, unspeakable  
love.

Friends, give your life to Jesus  
Right now this very day,  
God is waiting for you to ask Him  
To take your sins away.

You too then will rejoice forever  
When the sands of your life are run,  
You, too, will be filled with His spirit  
That is brigher than the noonday sun.

by her sister,  
Kathryn Getz Beer.

# NEWS

## Bluffton, Indiana

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Philippians 2:5-11.

Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Gutwein, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bucher, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bolliger from Francesville, Ind., visited us Sunday, June 12.

Ilean Geyer and Leonard Steffen exchanged marriage vows on Sunday, June 12. A reception for relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Geyer, following the wedding.

Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Isch, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kaehr spent the week end of June 26 visiting in Roanoke, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luginbuhl and daughter, Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville, Connecticut, visited in our community over the week end of June 26 and were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gudeman and others from La Crosse, Indiana, visited us Sunday, July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Steffen are parents of a son, born July 2. Mrs. Steffen is the former Alice Schwartz.

Joel E. Schwartz, Mrs. Edward U. Gerber and daughter, Rose Marie, Mr.

and Mrs. Samuel Maller, and Eugene E. Maller spent the Fourth of July in Toledo, Ohio, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Schwartz and daughters, Sharyl and Colleen.

## Burlington, Oklahoma

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." I Peter 2:19-25.

Miss Dorothy Miller is vacationing in Illinois and Missouri, visiting with friends and relatives.

The sudden passing of our sister, Lydia Springer, was a great shock to our community. She leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Jeff, of Lincoln, Ill., and a nephew, Claude, at home. Her life was one of willing service to her Lord and to those she loved.

Mrs. Henry Hodel is at home convalescing from major surgery in Wichita, Kansas, recently.

Mrs. George Miller, Sr., is greatly improved, after undergoing surgery at the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weyeneth and family of Roanoke, Illinois, visited our community while en route to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roth and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lehman and daughter of Fairbury, Ill., were recent visitors in our community.

Mrs. Melvin Weyeneth returned to her home in Metamora, Ill., accompanied by her nieces, Eleanor and Rita Ann Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schupbach have moved to their new home in Kiowa, Kansas.

## Bremen, Indiana

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."—I John 4:7-11.

Earl Zeltwanger has returned home after graduating from Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Link and family from Independence, Missouri, visited us July 3. Mrs. Link is a sister of Mrs. Fred Traub.

A song service was enjoyed at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeltwangers' June 12.

Mrs. Albert Gudeman, Jr., and daughter, Kathleen, of Francesville and Stanley Gudeman of Bloomington, Ind., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schumacher in Bremen.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Laidig and family of Bremen visited in Peoria and attended the Gerst reunion at Burlington, Iowa.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meister is in serious condition at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, Ind. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marohn and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family of Toledo, Ohio, spent the week end of the 4th with relatives and friends at Bremen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schini and daughters, Marlene and Lorene, and Mrs. Mike Schini visited at South Side and Fairbury June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zimmers' daughter, Arlene, was united in marriage to Richard White Sunday, June 26.

**Fairbury, Illinois**

"No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."—I John 4:12-16.

Miss Elizabeth Feldman from Bell, California, is visiting here for a couple of months with relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Sauder from Peoria visited the South Apostolic Christian Church, Sunday, June 26, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maier.

We are happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber and daughter, Rozette, John Feldman and daughters, Aline and Harriet, all from Rockville, Connecticut, visiting in our community for a week or longer.

**Fort Scott, Kansas**

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*" Isaiah 53:1-5.

Misses Karen Carruthers of Anthony, Kansas, and Marilyn Gleichman of Harper, Kansas, nieces of Mrs. Dan Miller, visited at her home the first week of June.

Mr. and Mrs. David Massner and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huber, Jr., spent the week end of June 5, visiting relatives and friends in Oakville, Iowa, and Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hodel drove from Excelsior Springs, Missouri, the Sunday of June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roth and sons, Marvin and Leonard of Forrest, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leman and Karen Marie of Strawn, Illinois, visited friends in this community, June 22.

We enjoyed having Miss Bernice Braker, Raymond Braker, and Virgil Frieden of Lamar, Missouri, visit our congregation June 26.

**Chicago, Illinois**

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:6-9.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. John Heinold, and others from LaCrosse, Indiana, spent Sunday, June 5, in Chicago.

Sunday, June 12, Mabel Hartman, Ruth Hartman, and Ida Hari from Fairbury, Illinois, and Sam Schlagel from Pontiac, Illinois, visited us.

Those from Chicago who attended the funeral services of Carolina Schipf on Tuesday, June 14, were Mrs. Al Fisher, John and Helen, Mrs. Ben Hofer, Mrs. Frederick Meyer, and Mrs. Alice Hillger.

Baptismal services were conducted on Sunday, May 22, by Elders Jacob and William Stettner and George Yergler for Esther Hay and Marie Kimball. The blessed day was also enjoyed by many visitors.

Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and family were in our midst on Sunday, June 26.

Emma Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, and Elsie Mast of McPherson, Kansas, are working in Chicago for the summer, Emma is a sister of Mrs. George Griner.

Baptismal services were conducted on Sunday, May 22, for Esther Hay and Marie Kimball. Elders present were Jacob and William Stettner and George Yergler. The blessed day was also enjoyed by many visitors.

**Francesville, Indiana**

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a *portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:10-12.

**Sunday School Activities.** The Francesville Sunday School would like to take this means to express their gratitude for the hospitable provision which the congregation and Sunday School of Leo displayed on June 19. The whole day afforded us a taste of our everlasting feast as we gathered at the Lord's house to partake of spiritual blessings.

On June 5, another young people's meeting was again enjoyed: the theme was "Our Refuge." Out-of-town participants were the Roanoke choir, George Lambert of Michigan, and Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family of Chicago. Many visitors from Chicago, Bluffton, Roanoke, Milford, etc., were with us for the day. A pot-luck supper was served at the church.

Misses Frances Leman and Margaret Gutwein taught Daily Vacation Bible School, held for two weeks. Mrs. Melvin Huber assisted with the organization. Helping with the hand

work were Misses Kathleen Gudeman, Katherine and Susan Gutwein, and Marlene Getz.

June 23, found an eager group of little children at a Sunday School party anxiously awaiting the outcome of about a year's collection of money which had been fed into about sixty Pete pigs. Pete the pig, a plastic pig bank, was motivated originally by a little boy who raised a real pig to provide funds to care for people afflicted with leprosy. There are so many phases of this work of caring for the thousands of afflicted people, both physically and spiritually, that giving money toward this great work is a very easy part of it. It might be interesting to the readers to know that the sixty boys and girls and their Sunday School teachers collected over \$240. Appropriate games were played, and the story of the original Pete the pig was presented; also the story of the healing of Naaman the leper was given in flannelgraph to the children and many of the mothers who were also there.

Won't you feed this little pig?  
To tell the world your heart is big.  
On your table, let him stand,  
"Cleanse the leper" is God's command.

Perhaps some child may catch the spark,  
Send out the light, push back the dark.

And Jesus looking down on such  
Shall say again His "Inasmuch."

Mrs. Horace G. Stephenson.

**Trips.** Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Jr., and family left June 24, for a few weeks' tour through the eastern states. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Von Tobel of Las Vegas, Nevada, spent several days here with relatives and friends. Miss Susie Getz of Peoria is visiting here in the Sam Getz home.

**The Sick.** Joseph Gray left June 13, for Hines Veteral Hospital for a period of at least 2 weeks for observation and possible surgery due to a relapse of injury received in the air service in Europe. Mrs. Joseph Gray suffered serious first and second degree burns when the handle came off a bucket of scalding water she was carrying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gutwein. Ray-

mond Hauptli, who is a patient at the Hines Hopsital in Chicago, visited a few days with relatives here. Little Miss Linda Boehning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Boehning, was taken to the hospital suffering a heart and kidney ailment. Linda has been confined to her bed with rheumatic fever.

**Happiness.** Mr. and Mrs. John Gudeman announce the engagement of their daughter, Maxine, to Harold Gutwein, son of Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein. Miss Viola Yaggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yaggie, became the bride of Stanley Struss on June 4. The young couple will live on a farm.

**Graduates.** Stanley E. Gudeman son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gudeman, Jr., graduated from Indiana University this year with a B. S. degree in business.

#### Gridley, Illinois

"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider." Isaiah 52:13-15.

Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Feller and daughters, Geraldine and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. William Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Friedinger of Cissna Park spent Sunday, June 12, in Gridley.

The Christian Endeavor program was held in Gridley June 12. Sunday Schools from Peoria, Tremont, Roanoke, Morton, Fairbury and Gridley participated.

Funeral services were held here Tuesday, June 14, for Mrs. Karoline Schlipf, age 79. She passed away suddenly at 8 p. m. on Saturday, following a heart attack. She felt quite well all day Saturday. Elder David Mangold of Roanoke and Rev. Dan Stoller of Latty, Ohio, conducted the services.

Miss Mary Miller, who has been a patient at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington for two weeks following an operation on Wednesday, June 15, has returned home and is improving.

Elder and Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and son, Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt Ringger and son, Alvin, spent Sunday, June 26, in Goodfield.

Will Gramm and sons, Arthur, Edward and Harold Gramm and Arthur Schlipf spent Sunday, June 19, in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ringger attended the wedding of Mrs. Ringger's brother, Nathan Stoller, and Martha Menold at Princeville Sunday, June 26.

A group of young folks from Roanoke attended our midweek services here on Wednesday, June 29.

#### Lamar, Missouri

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kibler and children, Louise and Benny, returned from a visit with relatives in Peoria, Ill. Walter's father, Jacob Kibler, returned with them for a few weeks' stay with his sons here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Novakow, their child, and Glenn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Novakow, arrived June 17 for a week's visit with relatives in Lamar.

June 19, Rosa Beyer and Mary Raaf of Fort Scott, Kansas, were here, and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Emil Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and sons, and Pearl Marti came also from Fort Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leman, daughter, Karen, and Mrs. Leman's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roth, sons, Marvin and Leonard, of Fairbury, Ill., spent the evening of June 21 at the Lou Marti home.

#### Latty, Ohio

Dorothy Knochel of Bay City, Mich., spent several weeks living with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laukhuf, following the recent birth of their daughter.

Miss Marie Stoller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stoller of Latty, and Jack Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Benjamin Moore, of Paulding, were married on Sunday, June 5. A reception was held in their honor at the home of the bride's parents that evening. The couple are making their home in Paulding.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Rocke and Mr. and Mrs. John Rocke of Roanoke, Ill., were with us for evening services on Tuesday, June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber and son, James, Glenn Stoller, Delmar Stoller, Roger Gerber, and Catherine Gerber attended the wedding of Lloyd Gerber and Malinda Hodel June 12 in Roanoke, Ill. The couple will make their home in New Haven, Ind.

Mrs. Julia Grant, Frank and Genevieve Grant, Willis Eisenmann, Minnie Zeltwanger, Catherine Rager, Tillie Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. George Jewell, all of Toledo, Miss Laura Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Floren Leiberenz, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Dan Knochel of Detroit, Mich., and many others visited with us June 19, attending the wedding of Mrs. Grant's son, Thomas, and Dolores Laukhuf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laukhuf of Latty. The couple will reside in Briceton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. John Stoller, Marvin Klopfenstein, and Roger Gerber visited in Rittman, O., June 19, attending the wedding of John Dotterer of Junction and Betty Bauman of Rittman.

Misses Alma and Evelyn Lanz and Aline Hoffman, all of Rockville, Connecticut, spent several days with us from June 18 to 22. On Monday evening, Catherine Gerber entertained with a pot-luck supper and singing at her home, and Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Florn Klopfenstein held a singing at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hodel, Irene and Dorothy Hodel, James and Bill Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aeschliman, Verla Mae Getz, and Verna Martin, all of Roanoke, Ill., spent Sunday, June 26, in our midst. A reception was held at the home of Noah Gerber in Fort Wayne that evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber, who were recently married in Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beer and daughter also

spent the day with us.

Verlin, Twila, Eleanor, and Carol Stoller visited in Princeville, Ill., June 26, attending the wedding of Nathan Stoller and Martha Menold.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wenninger, Mrs. Rudy Wenninger, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stoller, Glenn Stoller, Delmar Stoller, Roger, and Charles Gerber, Marguerite Gerber, and Catherine Gerber visited with the Fort Wayne Wednesday evening group June 29. Rev. Theo. Beer from Milford held the services.

Misses Hazel Huber and Twila Stoller of Fort Wayne, Catherine Gerber and Marguerite Gerber of Latty, Irene Hodel of Roanoke, Ill., and Helen Huber of Francesville left for a two-weeks' trip east on Thursday, June 30. They plan to visit Niagara Falls, Croghan, New York, Rockville, Connecticut, New York City, and Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn and daughter, Minnie, Miss Marion Zeltwanger, Mrs. Pauline Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. Florn Klopfenstein, and Miss Eleanor Stoller spent Sunday, July 3, in Toledo, Ohio, in honor of a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber spent the July 4th week end in Roanoke, Ill., visiting with Mrs. Gerber's parents.

Miss Mary Ellen Gudeman spent the week of July 4-9 at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gudeman of Wolcott, Ind.

Mr. Clyde Stoller underwent an appendicitis operation July 5 at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne. At this writing he is getting along as well as can be expected.

#### Leo (Grabill), Indiana

"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones." Zechariah 13:6-7.

The Leo Sunday School choir and the group with them wish to express their gratitude to the Toledo congregation for the wonderful welcome and hospitality shown them while visiting there on Sunday, June 12. A hearty welcome is extended to the Toledo people to return the visit. Brother Benjamin Dotterer, some of his family, and his Sunday School class from Mansfield were also in Toledo, that Sunday.

On June 19, the Francesville Sunday School spent the day with us. An inspirational program, of which the Francesville Sunday School contributed many beautiful numbers, was given in the evening. Visitors from other Sunday Schools were also present.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 13 to 24. The children's interest in the study of God's Word was gratifying reward to their teachers. A program given by the children was presented June 25.

On June 26 an impressive wedding ceremony was performed by Elder Elias Dotterer uniting Janet Eickenberry and Donald Schlatter in holy matrimony. A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramas Schlatter. The young couple plan to make their home in Alabama.

We are happy to say that Ephraim Kipfer, who has been convalescing from a fractured leg and injured back, is again able to be up and around.

Herman Bertsch underwent an appendectomy at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He is recovering nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Oscar Getz is recuperating from a major operation at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kipfer and son, Larry, have left our community to make their home in Illinois. We wish them well in their new home.

#### Lester, Iowa

"At that time Jesus answered and said, 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. Even so, Father: for so it seem-

ed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*. Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." St. Matthew 11: 25-30.

Sunday, July 3, our first services were held in our new church. We enjoyed a blessed day, having visitors from Morris, Minnesota; Sabetha, Kansas; Peoria and Princeville, Illinois; West Bend and Elgin, Iowa. Elder Henry Koehl held baptismal services for three souls. They were William Wulf, Philip Mogler, and Ezra Knobloch.

Miss Bertha Sauder of Elgin, Illinois spent 10 days visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sauder.

Miss Leah Mogler of Peoria also spent her vacation here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mogler.

Births: Twins—a girl and a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doorneward on June 28. They've been named Linda Kay and Lynn Jay. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kallenberger, July 2. He has the name of Warren Chris. A daughter, Sandra Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leuthold, June 18.

#### Peoria, Illinois

"The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Yackley and family from Wichita, Kansas, visited our congregation on June 12.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hodel of Roanoke, visited friends and

relatives in Kiowa, Kansas, recently. Mrs. John Schrock returned with them for a visit.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin on June 17.

Rev. Michael Weyeneth conducted funeral services for Jacob Wiegand on June 16. He died from injuries received from a traffic accident. He is survived by four daughters and many other relatives.

On June 23, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Huber became the parents of a son, who was named Bruce Allen.

Mrs. Theophil Schneider, Misses Martha and Emma Schneider, and Toby Schneider of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Leman of Fairbury are on a trip to the West Coast. They will visit Los Angeles, California, and Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baurer and family have returned from a week's vacation spent in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Pfaffman, Mrs. Sophia Joos, Misses Charlotte Steiner, and Elizabeth Kammerer were Elgin, Illinois, visitors over the fourth.

#### Princeville, Illinois

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus he delivered *him* to be crucified." St. Matthew 27:21-26.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grimm and Mr. Ben Hofer of Chicago were visitors in our congregation June 5.

The Elders Emil Schubert of Peoria, Ill., David Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., and Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, visited our congregation June 11. All had part in ordaining Brother Silas Leuthold as elder for our congregation.

The Misses Esther, Matilda, Lena, and Louise Steiner of Elgin, Illinois, spent June 11 with us.

Brothers Emil Schubert, Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, and Roy Sauder of Peoria, Ill., spent June 18 with our congregation. Miss Helen Baurer was added to the fold on that day.

The Sunday School picnic was held in the evening with two hundred in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stahl, Mr. Leonard Stahl, and Mrs. Daniel Stahl and Marilyn spent a few days recently in Sabetha, Kansas, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Rudolf Dallinger underwent a major operation in a Peoria hospital June 25. She is getting along as well as can be expected. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Martha Menold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Menold, became the bride of Mr. Nathan Stoller, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoller, in a ceremony performed by Elder Emil Schubert Sunday, June 25. Miss Emily Menold was bridesmaid for her sister, while Vernon Stoller attended his brother. After a short wedding trip, the young couple will be at home on a farm near Speer, Ill.

#### Pulaski, Iowa

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of *soldiers*. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING



OF THE JEWS." St. Matthew 27:27-37.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagenbach, Ada Griesta, and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wiegand, Sr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, Ruth, Betty, Lillian, Evelyn, and Alma Lou Anliker from Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, June 6, with us. Supper was served at the Albert Wuthrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moser and Marvel, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moser of Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Endress and Freddie Lee of Princeville, Ill., visited us Sunday, June 13. Evening dinner was served at the Hattie Miller home.

#### Remington, Indiana

"Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour."—St. Matthew 27:38-45.

On Sunday, June 5, we enjoyed the company of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin, Mr. and Mrs. Al Schmidgall and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clauss of Elgin. They were dinner and evening guests of Rev. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus.

One of our dear friends, Mabel Bahler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler, has given her heart to the Lord Jesus. We wish her His richest blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schambach and children of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huber and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Huber and family of Francesville spent Sunday, June 12, with us. They were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schieler.

Miss Evelyn Frey, who is in nurses' training in Chicago, arrived home June 19 to spend a three weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaufman and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaufman and children of Cissna Park and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Honegger and children and Miss Mary Kilgus of Fairbury, Ill., spent Sunday, June 19 with us. Miss Mary Kilgus accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus and daughters, Alta and Emily, on a trip through the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeltwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger attended the graduation exercises at Purdue of the latter's son, Earl, and were in our midst on June 19. As Earl has been attending our church in Remington, many gathered for a farewell song service at the Ruben Scharlach home in the evening.

On June 23 a son, Barry Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bahler. The baby's mother was the former Lois Frey.

Many Bay City folks visited in our community June 25. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knochel, Mrs. Carl Wieland, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wieland, Mr. and Mrs. George Wieland, Mrs. Will Wieland, Emma Zimmerman, and Mrs. Lydia Lambert. They were evening guests at the Harold Schieler home.

On Sunday, June 26, we had a blessed day with Rev. and Mrs. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse in our midst. We also enjoyed the company of a group of Elgin young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luginbuhl, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Luginbuhl, and Miss Shirley Luginbuhl of Rockville, Connecticut, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber of Bluffton visited our community June 27 and were evening guests of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum.

#### Roanoke, Illinois

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And

straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost."—St. Matthew 27:46-50.

On June 5 a group of young members, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertschi, and Mrs. Sam Martin were visitors in Francesville. In the evening they participated in their program.

Rev. Yackley of Wichita, Kansas, was our guest minister on the evening of June 15.

A number of families from Roanoke are traveling west this month. They are Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weyeneth and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher and two daughters, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman and daughter, and Elizabeth Leman.

On June 19, Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, in company with many others, visited in Roanoke. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sauder.

Three young members, Evelyn Lantz, Alma Lantz, and Aline Hoffman, all of Rockville, Connecticut, visited with us this month.

On June 25 James Klaus, son of Mrs. Art Klaus, and Jean Kaiser were united in holy matrimony.

On June 26 Aldine Bucher, Mary Ann Heinold, Peg Mardi, Eunice Mardi, and Lorna Erz were our guests. They returned home on Sunday evening.

New births in the month of June: A daughter, Joyce Kathryn, born to Mr. and Mrs. David Leman of Eureka; a son, David Bruce, born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hodel of Roanoke.

Announcement of the coming marriage of Myra Sauder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauder, and James Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leman, all of Roanoke, was made known on Sunday, July 2. The couple plan an early fall wedding.

Also visiting us from Rockville, Connecticut, this month are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luginbuhl and family and Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber and family.

### Wolcott, Indiana

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly saying, Truly this was the Son of God. And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children."—St. Matthew 27:51-56.

Visitors of our congregation June 19, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farney and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. August Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher and family, Miss Lena Eberle of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roth and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farney of Cissna Park, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farney of Princeville, Misses Naomi and Martha Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thomas and children of Peoria. They were evening dinner guests at the Aaron Farney home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropf, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaver of Elgin, Ill., and T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lowell Kropf and son of Rantoul, Illinois, spent the week end of June 19 here with the Levi Kropf and John Trachsel families.

Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gudeman, and a group of young people from Francesville, visited here June 26 and were supper guests at the Will Furrer home.

Funeral services were held July 1 for Leroy Blume, age 47, who passed away unexpectedly following a cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by his wife; two sons and three daughters, Mrs. Verba Schwab and Donald Blume of here, Mrs. Donna Knochel of Remington, and Glenn and Elizabeth at home; also four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Wise of Warsaw, Indiana, and Mrs. Claude

Guge of Los Angeles, California; and one brother, Lester Blume of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller and son, Stevie, Misses Mary Ellen, Maxine, and Imogene Gudeman of Fort Wayne, spent Sun., June 26, here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gudeman. Maxine left on Monday for California, where she will be employed as a nurse.

Mrs. Wayne Stoller and son, Wendell, of Latty, spent several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family.

### LET US TAKE TIME

Let us take time for the evening prayer. Our sleep will be more restful if we have claimed the guardianship of God.

Let us take time to read the Bible. Its treasures shall last when we shall have ceased to care for the war of political parties, the rise and fall of stocks, or the petty happenings of the day.

Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies, which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we covet or the fame for which we struggled.

Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth you are accumulating, burdened father, may be a doubtful blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your beautifully kept house, busy mother, can never be a home to the daughter whom you have no time to talk with.

Let us take time to get acquainted with Christ. The hour is coming swiftly for us all when one touch of His hand in the darkness will mean more than all that is written in the day-book and ledger or in the records of our little social world.

Since we must all take time to die, why should we not take time to live—to live in the large sense of a life begun here for eternity?

"For whosoever will save his life (or soul) shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life (or soul) for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:25. By holding true to mission and pouring out his soul to the bitter death, Jesus saved his life. By proving

worthy of God's reward for faithfulness, he refused to save himself, preferring to let God save him. (His unbroken integrity to him.) Therefore Jesus was an example to his followers. Having taken all the preliminary steps of repentance, conversion, consecration, and baptism, thereby denying ourselves, we must take up our stake of suffering reproach and pain for righteousness sake and must follow Him. That is, we must keep on following Him to the finish, enduring as He did and not seeking to save our lives, or present earthly souls. If we try to save our lives, we are not denying ourselves, and we shall lose our future lives (our souls) in the new world!—Henry Schlipf.

### Put It First!

The Bible Puts It First—

The first message at the birth of Christ  
Was a MISSIONARY MESSAGE,  
Luke 2:10.

The first PRAYER Christ taught  
Was a MISSIONARY PRAYER,  
Matt. 6:10.

The first DISCIPLE, Andrew,  
Was the first MISSIONARY,  
John 1:41.

The first MESSAGE of the Risen Lord  
Was a MISSIONARY MESSAGE,  
John 20:17.

The first COMMAND of the Risen Lord to His Disciples  
Was a MISSIONARY COMMAND,  
John 20:21.

The first APOSTOLIC SERMON  
Was a MISSIONARY SERMON,  
Acts 2:17-39.

Christ's GREATEST REASON for Christian love  
Was a MISSIONARY REASON,  
John 13:35.

The FIRST COMING of Christ  
Was a MISSIONARY WORK,  
Luke 6:18-21.

The SECOND COMING of Christ is to be hastened by MISSIONARY WORK, Matt. 24:14.

Our SAVIOR'S LAST WISH on earth was a MISSIONARY WISH, Matt. 28:19.

And the LAST WISH of the departing Saviour SHOULD be the FIRST WISH OF HIS WAITING PEOPLE.

## NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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mits and rocky sides the foot-steps of the "dreadful God."

The sacred language of the Hebrews does not contain the technical terms of modern science, but it often speaks of the mountains as if they had a living soul, and could sympathize with one who had retired to the sanctuary of their solitudes for prayer and worship. One who had been from early youth a devout reader of the most sublime passages in the Psalms and Prophets would have the most lofty thoughts thronging upon his mind when alone among the mountains. When "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran" "His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise," it is declared by the prophets that "the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow." Habakkuk 3:3-6. When the richest blessing is promised to the people that faithfully keep the commandments of the Lord, it is declared that theirs shall be the chief things of the ancient mountains and the precious things of the lasting hills. When the servant of God is ready to sink under the waves of affliction that sweep over his soul, he looks for help to the everlasting hills. In the last days, when righteousness shall fill the earth, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow into it. If we turn from the figurative to the historic language of the Scriptures, we shall still find more to impress the mind of the devout Hebrew with the feeling that the mountains afford a fit sanctuary for prayer and communion with God. He made them the scene of the most awful and glorious manifestations of himself on earth. He set them up as witnesses and monuments of his own mighty acts in the government of the nations and in the redemption of man. The primitive Eden was adorned and made glorious in the eyes of its blest inhabitants by mountains. From their snowy tops and secret springs, sources were supplied for the great river whose fourfold branches encompassed and watered the whole land of Paradise. When all the families of the

earth, with a single exception, were buried in one universal grave, it was the mountains that first rose above the avenging waters in token of reconciliation with the surviving representatives of a disobedient race. The trial of faith which made Abraham the father of the faithful for all time was appointed for him upon a distant mountain. When the Ancient of Days bowed the heavens and came down to proclaim his fiery law to the gathered tribes of Israel, it was upon a desolate and hoary mountain that he made his seat. For twice forty days the mighty God set up His throne upon the rocky heights of Sinai. His descent was proclaimed by the archangels; he was attended by the myriads of the heavenly hosts, and the place of his glory was veiled with clouds and thick darkness on the holy mount. And the same heights were swept by the strong wind and scorched by the devouring fire and rent by the earthquake when the mightier power of Jehovah spoke to Elijah in the still small voice. When Aaron, the first high-priest, and Moses, the great law-giver of Israel, had completed their course, and the time had come for them to be gathered unto their fathers, by command of God they went up into a mountain to die alone. When the pillar of the cloud and the fire had led the wandering tribes into the possession of the promised land, the awful symbol of the Divine presence settled down upon a mountain and made it the place of Jehovah's name and the Holy Hill for the gathering of the people. When Israel revolted and cast down the altars of the Lord, and the whole land was blasted with drought and famine in the days of Ahab, it was upon a mountain that the lost fire came down from heaven to rekindle the sacrifice at the word of Elijah. All these and many similar facts in sacred history were familiar to the devout in Israel at the time when Christ appeared. As it was His purpose to confirm and complete the whole course of Divine instruction carried on in previous ages, we are not surprised to find Him giving an additional consecration to mountains by His life and instructions. It was upon the top of an ex-

ceeding high mountain that He rejected the offered kingdoms and glory of all the earth, and in so doing triumphed forever over the tempter's power. It was upon a mountain that He appeared in the majesty of meekness and love to begin His ministry by promising infinite blessing to the poor in spirit, the pure in heart, the mourning, and the merciful. It was upon a holy mount that He was seen by the chosen three of His disciples, transfigured and clothed with Divine majesty, and declared to be the Son of God by a voice from the excellent Glory. It was upon a mountain that He completed in His own person the expiatory sacrifice which will be remembered in eternity as the greatest event of time. And when His earthly mission was accomplished, it was upon a mountain that the Conqueror of sin and death reascended triumphant to His heavenly throne.

All this is in accordance with the sacred prominence which had been given to mountains in all the previous revelations of God and man. It all agrees with the Divine greatness which belonged to Christ as the eternal Son of God. But there is one thing more which draws our hearts to Jesus with the deepest wonder and sympathy. He was accustomed to steal away alone to the silent sanctuary of the mountains and spend the whole night in prayer to God. All day long in the crowded synagogue, in the narrow and equally crowded streets and finally on the bright and burning sand of the seashore, He teaches the multitude and heals the sick. All are eager to approach Him and weary Him with questions -- some from idle curiosity, some from vanity, some in the spirit of caviling and with the desire to catch Him in His words, and some from an earnest and humble, desire to learn the truth from his lips. The multitude around him is in constant commotion, swaying to and fro with the efforts of some to get nearer and of others to escape. His voice is sometimes drowned by the cries of the suffering and the insane, whom friends are endeavoring to press through the crowd and set them down before him; and then again by the shouts of those who have been

suddenly healed of long and hopeless disease. He speaks kindly, patiently with all, and is always clear, calm, earnest, amid all the tumult and excitement of the people. They give Him no time to eat or to rest. At last He goes down to the seashore, and as the people press upon Him, still eager even to touch His garments, He enters a fishing boat, and thrusting a little from the land, finishes the long and weary day by speaking from the boat to the crowd on the shore. And now, when the sun has set and the night comes on and the people are scattered to their homes, the disciples think that the Master will rest, and that they shall see Him a little while in some quiet home by themselves. But no; weary, hungry, exhausted as He is, He refuses to go with them to the town and seek refreshment and repose. He sets His face toward the dark and solitary mountains and moves off alone, forbidding His disciples to follow. He may have told them where they will find Him in the morning, but all night He must be alone in the lofty and desolate sanctuary of the mountains with God. They perhaps watch Him as long as they can see His solitary form climbing the steep heights, and then they go to their homes to sleep, and He to some dark and shelterless spot to spend the whole night in prayer to God. He has no sins to confess, no pardon to seek, no griefs of His own to bewail, and yet there He pours out His soul, with strong crying and many tears, while the slow hours of the night wear away. The wicked world sleeps while the sinless One wakes in weariness and pain to pray all night that the world may be saved.

This retiring alone to spend the night in prayer amid the solitudes of the mountains was a common practice with the holy Jesus. Before entering upon His public ministry, He spent forty days and nights in solitary spiritual conflicts and mighty wrestlings of soul amid the most dreary mountain solitudes in all the land. The whole night before the delivery of the sermon on the Mount He spent in prayer in some solitary height above the elevated plain, whence He came down to meet

the people in the morning. When the multitude would seize Him by force to make Him their King, He stole away from them and went up in the uninhabited tableland to pray. When He called and commissioned His twelve apostles, He had prepared Himself for that most important and critical selection by spending the whole previous night in prayer alone among the mountains. In all the gospel history, there is no scene which appeals more deeply to a devout mind than this—the Son of God, alone in the solitude of the mountains, pouring out His soul all night in prayer. Jesus felt that He must pray, and that He must be alone.

The modes of living in the land of Palestine and in the time of His ministry were such as to make it impossible for Him to have a private apartment for retirement in the houses of the class of people with whom He lived. He was surrounded by an excited and eager crowd all day long, and when the work of the day was done, He must spend the night in the common sleeping-room of the house with many others. Rather than forego the opportunity to pour out His voice and His soul with the utmost freedom in long and loud supplication, He chose to retire to the solitude of the mountain alone in prayer to God. And His retirement at such times gives no countenance of the practice of ascetic and monastic seclusion from the world. He withdrew from active intercourse with men for a brief season only that He might labor more efficiently for their good. He came from the night of prayer with a heart full of sympathy for the poor, the ignorant, the afflicted, and the fallen, with a mind ready to work all day for their relief and instruction. He sought for men wherever He could find them—in the public street, in the private house, in the synagogue, or by the sea-side. He toiled all day in the work of healing and instruction, and then spent the night in solitary prayer, only to come forth again and renew His labor amid all the noise and conflict of the world. Moses and Elijah went up to mountain tops to pray, and they spent long seasons in solitary devotion. But it was only to

prepare themselves for active toil and for personal contact with the stirring interests of life. All men who are called of heaven to introduce a new order of things and to put the world forward in the course of improvement have learned to sympathize with Jesus in His retirement from the world to spend the whole night in prayer. They see what the world needs better than other men because they look down upon the conflicts of opinion and the war of opposing interests from the serene and commanding heights to which they have been lifted by prayer.

So can we all go up the mount of God and survey the obscure and complicated course of this earthly journey from the heights and watch-towers of heaven. Every prayer, offered in faith, lifts the suppliant above the clouds of ignorance and the conflicts of passion. Prayer brings new light into the mind, because it scatters the clouds that keep the light from entering; it brings new peace into the heart. Prayer is the most rational and appropriate outgoing of the spiritual nature of man in the effort to grasp something higher and better than earth and time can give. We must say, therefore, that the true greatness and exaltation of life are utterly wanting to him who does not pray. The joy unspeakable, the peace that passeth all understanding, can never come to the mind and heart of him who holds himself aloof from the Giver of all good and refuses to speak with reverend and sacred familiarity to the greatest Friend he has in the universe.

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