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For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

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### Love One Another

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." All scripture is inspired by God. Every verse and every word has a message and purpose. God is speaking to us as much as if we heard him with our ear. And when he speaks he cuts through any outward circumstances straight to our heart. Pretending to be doing something we are not does not make any impression on him. Surely we can speak with him frankly and heart to heart.

In the Hebrews we read, "Let brotherly love continue." Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Am I loving as my Lord wants me to love? Are there any particles of envy or hate that should be washed off so my love will be more perfect?

The Lord has stressed love greatly. We should certainly strive to please him. John writes: "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments." We can not have love without our Saviour's commandments. If we try to place our love on any other basis, we will find it only brings confusion. What often seems the longest way is the shortest way to complete love and unity among the brethren.

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### Earnestly Contend for the Faith

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." God is speaking through His servant Jude and in clear tones is

#### MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD!

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

asking us to strive to hold on to our precious faith. We are living in perilous times. Satan is walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Truly we need God's protection and guidance.

How may we detect a teaching that is false? Satan would offer his counterfeit doctrines in place of God's

true teachings. We will take refuge in God's Word, we will listen to the advice He gives us. When we use His perfect standard, we can readily discern the imperfections and falsities of counterfeit teachings. "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."

We have dug deep for our foundation and have anchored our house on solid rock. Our God will keep us and will fight for us. He has given us His word in plain, easy-to-understand language. God is truth; when He has spoken something, we can rest on it as unshakeable. Let us take Him at His word, believing it is true just because He has said it is. We are happy for a living assurance within us that our God is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Following are some of the teachings that have been delivered to us. When anyone would question them, give them God's answer. And love will be decisively firm, in meekness instructing those that oppose us, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

God is three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. "And

Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." ". . . the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. . . . the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost; whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Jesus arose from the dead. "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

There is an eternal punishment for sin. "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

Christ's second coming is still in the future. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all

the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We in our natural state are sinners, and are only saved through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become profitable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not." "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which* is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

God created all things. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good." "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; . . . And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . ."

There is no chance of being saved after death. "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and

you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence." ". . . 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." "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Jesus Christ alone is through whom we can approach the Father. "For verily he took not on *him* the nature of angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:" "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And *having* an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

It is essential that we teach men should repent from their sins, then rest on the power of Christ's atonement, bury their sins in the water of baptism, and receive the Holy Spirit with the laying on of hands. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

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# Where Happiness Is Found

## HOW TO LIVE A CONTENTED LIFE

Our Master has with his own life purchased for us a reconciliation with God. Do we realize the value of our companionship with our God? Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The blood of our Saviour has purchased perfect peace for us.

Sin, like a sharp knife, severed our relation with God. What horrible devastation it wrought on our soul. ". . . the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

It was not so when man was first created. It was not so in my childhood. And, thanks be to God, it is not so now for those who have accepted the invitation of Jesus, have repented of their sins, and are now living for the Master. "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary."

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Jesus spoke in terms we can easily grasp. Yet the meaning of the words can only be fully understood by those who have the mind of Christ. There is no doubt in a believer's mind that God satisfies our soul. We break forth from a drooping dead plant into a beautiful blossoming flower. "For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and

the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Jesus called us o'er the tumult of life's fitful sea, to walk with him in rejoicing evermore.

Soon it will be springtime again. Life will again come into our fields, woods, and gardens. We were once barren and dead, we had no life in us. We were a slave to our passions, and were in torment from our sins. We wandered about chasing bubbles that would vanish e'er we touched them. The dead leaves were piled high, and each day were added more. The stale, rancid air of sin stuck sullenly in us. We were gasping for breath. We were lonely, and tried to satisfy our loneliness with the enjoyments of this world. "None eye pitied thee, . . . to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born."

Then Jesus came to us. He tenderly called us. "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." God's goodness led us to repentance. We had to see how utterly lost and deprived we were. "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father." Like a player on a football team, we had to exert ourself, shake ourself from our lethargy, and push right through to the goal. We went right against our flesh, and praise be to our God, with whom all things are possible, we achieved victory. "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

God gave us his peace. "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that

knocketh it shall be opened." We had not earned it in anywise. But we had to see and admit we were a sinner before we were saved and this admission had to come from the heart. And of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. God spoke through Jeremiah, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." We should praise our God for his gift to us. Jesus "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." Yes, we did many bad things as sinners, but we admit and confess them and because our Saviour received our punishment for every one of them, we are forgiven. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Now we are new creatures. Our soul has been swept clean of all the foul air of sin and we have fresh, pure, heavenly air reviving us. We have no more burden of sins. What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus our Lord! He has brought springtime to our soul. Through the woods of contentment we journey, by the quietly flowing streams of peace. And surely his beautiful flowers of the Spirit blossom forth in exquisite beauty." ". . . the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance." Truly we sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus.

Our God fully meets any emergency in our lives. The Lord is realistic. When sorrow comes and some of our fond dreams lie broken in a casket, when our daily lives are interrupted by the departure of a loved one, we can turn to God for relief. Like a child comes to mother and confides in her, crying and telling all its troubles, we can go to our Father and unload our burden of grief on him. Do you know that, in a way we cannot reason out but we know it's true, he consoles us? And his precious promises in his word mend our broken heart again. In a very short

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# NEWS

## Bluffton

Wedding vows were exchanged Sunday, November 20, by Irene Isch and John Neuenschwander, Sam Aeschliman officiating. A reception was held in the evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Isch.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Frauhofer on November 18 and were named Bruce and Bryce. The twins have an older sister and brother.

On Sunday, December 4, Justine Fiechter and Don Gerber exchanged marriage vows, Sam Aeschliman officiating. A reception was held at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Fiechter, immediately following the wedding ceremony.

Marriage vows were exchanged Sunday, December 11, by Elizabeth Bertsch and Kenneth Schwartz. A dinner and reception was held at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. John Bertsch, following the wedding ceremony.

The engagement of Lillian Ringger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ringger, to Richard Yergler, son of John Yerglers, was announced December 18. The wedding ceremony will take place February 5.

Ezra Feller and his wife from Cissna Park, Illinois, and Harry Bucher and his wife from La Crosse, Indiana, visited our community over the weekend of January 29. We enjoyed their visit very much and welcome them all back.

Sam and Minnie Aeschliman spent Sunday, January 29, at the Leo Church.

Will Fiechter and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber, Elmer Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gerber visited the congregation in Alabama over the weekend of January 22.

Robert Yergler has been dismissed from the Irene Byron Sanatorium near Fort Wayne, where he had been most of the past two and one-half years, and is now at home with his wife and young son. A home that is consecrated to God is where true romance is found. There is a beauty in

everyday living, in living out the teachings Jesus has given us. Moses said, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

A miscellaneous shower was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber on Wednesday, January 25, in honor of Lillian Ringger, who will be married to Richard Yergler February 5.

The engagement of Irene Frauhofer, daughter of Levi Frauhofer, to Glenn Steffen, son of Mrs. Lydia Steffen, was announced Sunday, January 29.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, January 20, by Herman Hueni for Brother David Levy, who passed away on January 18. Also in our midst were Noah Schrock, David Mangold, and Elias Dotterer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moser and daughter, Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steffen, and Miss Louise Bertsch have returned from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber and Misses Lillian and Margaret Meyer are now spending several weeks vacationing in Florida.

Mrs. Joseph Aeschliman, who suffered a heart stroke recently, is recuperating slowly at her home at this writing.

The engagement of Wava Steffen, daughter of Mrs. Dulla Steffen, to Leonard Bertsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bertsch, was announced Sunday, January 29.

## Bremen

The Milford and Bremen young folks were gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger on January 1 for an evening of singing hymns. It is an excellent thing to praise the Lord and show forth his lovingkindness. For the believer, this is solid enjoyment when he can sing of the One who leads him all the way. "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever

and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."

A son, Philip J., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skeeters on Saturday, January 14. May God's richest blessings rest upon them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller and son from Latty, Ohio, visited us Sunday, January 15. The Bremen Sunday school were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Schumacher on Sunday evening for a singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Laidig are the happy parents of a baby daughter, Linda Sue, born January 20. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Church services were held here Friday evening, January 20. Those who were visiting us were David Mangold from Roanoke, Illinois, Noah Schrock from Oakville, Iowa, Elias Dotterer from Junction, Ohio, Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton, Indiana, Henry and Theo Beer from Milford, Indiana, also Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler and son, Raymond, and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach from Remington.

Mr. and Mrs. Immanuel Sinn, Violet Koch, and Gustav Laidig visited with relatives here for a few days and spent Sunday, January 29, in our congregation.

## Burlington

Brother Joseph Aberle has submitted to surgery at Sabetha, Kansas, recently.

Those attending the funeral services of Sister Hannah Somerhalder were: Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diel, Mrs. Anna Miller and Dorothy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder, and Mr. Rudy Bahr.

Brother Richard Guthrie attended the Insurance meeting held at Remington, Indiana.

Roy Farney and Mrs. Farney and family were host and hostess to John Laidig of Bremen, Indiana, Elmer Bahler of Wolcott, Indiana, Leon Waibel of Remington, Indiana, and Robert Schieler of Remington, Indiana. They are en route to Arizona and California.

Little Gary Domnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Domnick, has been ill recently and was confined to a bed at the Achenbach Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. George Miller, Sr. is receiving medical aid at the Achenbach Memorial Hospital.

Brother Clarence Yackley and family of Wichita, Kansas, are spending several weeks in Arizona.

The Adult Bible Class has met this month and an evening of singing was enjoyed by all. The discussion was on the conversion of Apostle Paul. The Junior and Intermediate Bible Class has met twice this month at the children's homes. There has been a very good attendance and much enthusiasm shown in this group. Their lessons were based on the Life of Christ. The Lord wants us to teach these precious ones of his unsurpassable love and sacrifice. The seed sown here may some day spring forth and bear eternal fruits. "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God:"

#### Chicago

On Sunday, January 8, Elias and Ida Winzeler and Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. James Winzeler of the Leo church and Lydia Feucht of Peoria visited us.

A group of young folks from Elgin, Illinois, were with us on Sunday, January 15.

Ezra Feller, Lynn Feller, and Wilmer Kaufman of Cissna Park attended our evening services on Thursday, January 19.

Our visitors on Sunday, January 22, included Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaefer and Charles of Hancock, Minnesota, Mrs. Lillian Kaufmann, Mrs. Ida Eisenman, Grace Eisenman, and Mabel Eisenman of Cissna Park, Mr. and Mrs. John Bittner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehman, and Peter Webber of Roanoke. Peter was just returning from Switzerland, where he spent the holidays.

Many visitors were with us on Sunday, January 29. Among them were Henry and Alice Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Graff of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Eisenman, Mr. and Mrs. Urb Bauer and daughter, Mrs. Herman Honegger, Carrie Schott, Eliza Honegger, Laura Bauer, and Lydia Schipfert of Cissna Park, Mr. and Mrs. El-

mer Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Honegger, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kaeb of Fairbury. We enjoyed their visit and welcome them back.

Just recently Mr. and Mrs. Will Wagler have passed the fifty-year mark in married life and in serving our Lord.

A beloved aged brother, Gustav Eckstein, has passed away. The funeral services were held in Cudahy, Wisconsin, on January 30. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for little time, and then vanisheth away." Hourly to the grave we hasten! On the bright resurrection morning, we will be united with all who are asleep in Christ Jesus and be forever with the Lord.

#### Cissna Park

We enjoyed a blessed Sunday, January 8, with many visitors: Henry Grimms of Morton; Joseph and Anna Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zimmerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman, Jr. of Roanoke, Illinois; Theo and Naomi Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beer of Milford, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gramm and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gramm of Gridley.

We enjoyed Otto Norr's visit to our congregation the evening of January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Butikofer, Elva, and Billy of Quincy, Illinois, and Misses Alice Heiniger and Josephine Marti of La Crosse, Indiana, were guests of Mrs. Ida Eisenmann and daughters, January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Plattner and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi of Morton, Illinois, were guests of Ezra Fellers, Sunday, January 22.

Sunday, January 29, a group of young folks from Goodfield were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp.

Brother Lucien Feller has been ill the past several weeks. He is slowly improving. Sister Arliss Hari is again confined to her bed. We hope that she will soon be able to be up and out again. The Lord's will can be accomplished, even while in the bonds of sickness. God permits sickness to come on us. Through our afflictions, we search ourselves, and strive to become more perfect. Also, the sick

room can be aglow with all the radiance from the Lord, spreading enthusiasm to all believers who come, and causing wonder in the hearts of friends. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blunier of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weigand of Forrest, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Koch of Peoria were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bauer, Sunday, January 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walder, the weekend of January 29.

Tragedy struck our community January 26, when Duane Farney, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Farney, was killed in a train-auto crash. Funeral services were held Monday, January 30. Joshua Broquard of Forrest, Illinois, held the services. Arthur Gudeman of La Crosse, Indiana, prayed at the cemetery. James, a brother of Duane, was also in the accident and is seriously injured.

#### Croghan and Naumburg

On January 8, Philip Farney and his wife, Minnie, gave testimony of what the Lord had done for them, were baptized and accepted into the fellowship of Christ Jesus. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"

LaVeda Farney had the misfortune to fall and fracture her left arm at the wrist.

Mrs. Anna Foote and Henry Goutremout, in company with Mr. and Mrs. David Neely of Lowville, have left for a month's vacation in Florida.

Webster and Alvena Farney were baptized January 21 at their home in the presence of members and relatives. Sister Alvena has been an invalid for several years. We wish them and all our new converts God's help and grace.

Jesse Virkler of Baldwinsville, New York, has been visiting relatives and friends here.

Brother John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, was in our midst over the week end of January 29 and delivered three very inspiring sermons. Brother Bahler also assisted Brother Philip Beyer and the congregations of Croghan and Naumburg in the selection of Brothers to serve in the ministry. Brother John Widrick was chosen for Croghan and the Brothers Ralph Beyer, Robert Beyer, and Leland Hirschev for Naumburg. May God give them much grace in his service.

Mrs. Elida Graves Farney, 82, widow of Joseph Farney, passed away January 29 at her home in Lowville, and her funeral was held in the Croghan church February 1. Burial in the church cemetery. Two sons survive, Joseph of Lyons Falls, New York, and Leon of Lowville.

The Misses Charlotte and Marie Steiner of Morton, Illinois, are here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer and other friends.

#### Detroit

After having had visiting ministers hold services here every two weeks for nearly two years, Sunday, January 1, marked the real beginning of an organized church in Detroit, when two of our brothers, Floyd Wieland and Ben Maibach, Jr., assumed the duties and responsibilities as ministers in our congregation. Henry Wackerle of Bay City aided the new ministers in their undertaking. Mrs. Wackerle, Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wieland, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Freidinger, all of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Will Maibach of Peoria, Illinois, Misses Alva, Ruth, and Helen Wuethrich of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Willis Eisenman of Toledo, Ohio, were with us for the week end.

A large group also gathered at the church New Year's Eve for song service. In addition to our week-end guests, we had visitors from Windsor, Canada, and Toledo, Ohio. "Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely."

Joseph Waibel and his wife and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Waibel and daughter of Bay City visited us on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Sr. returned January 19 from a two-week trip to Florida. On their return trip, they visited in Peoria, Morton, and Fairbury, Illinois.

We had a very enjoyable time the week-end of January 22 when Art Gudeman and his wife and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart, Merle Bucher, Roland Meiss, Misses Peg and Eunice Marti, Aldine Bucher, Mary Ann Heinold, and Josephine Marti, all of La Crosse, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel and daughters, Dorothy and June, David Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freidinger and daughter Maxine, all of Bay City, visited our community. Song service was held Saturday evening at the home of Ben Maibach, Jr. Also attending our services on Sunday were Henry Wackerle and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wieland, Robert and Herbert Stange, Misses Emma Waibel, Emily and Betty Rechsteiner, Lena Ammann, and Joan Stange, all of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wieland are the parents of a daughter, Bonnie Joan, born January 27.

Mrs. Katherine Wieland and son, Ernie, Myrna Pashak, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wackerle and daughter, all of Bay City, visited us on Jan. 29.

#### Fairbury and Forrest

Open house was held at the Forrest church on Sunday, January 8, with a large number congregating.

Mrs. John Kaisner is confined to bed following a stroke. Improvement has been very slight. Also Miss Anna Gerber left the hospital and is now at her home recuperating from a fractured bone in her leg, caused from a fall.

Miss Eleanor Walter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walter, and Wayne Honegger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honegger, have announced their engagement. We wish them God's blessings in this step.

Henry Sabo and his wife from Mansfield spent several days here. Brother Sabo conducted services in Fairbury on Sunday, January 29, and in Forrest the following Monday evening. The Lord feeds his flock through his ministers. Who is like our great God? "Who hath measured the wa-

ters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

#### Fort Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Koehl and children of Hancock, Minnesota, visited over New Year's vacation with her parents, Jacob and Anna Pfister.

On January 6, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schmidgall and family came to spend a few weeks with her folks, relatives, and friends.

On the week end of January 8, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Massner, and son Eric, of Oakville, Iowa, William Massner, Ern Franks of Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. Henry Bahr and James Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, were visitors here.

Johnny Stettner of Elgin, Illinois, visited his grandparents, William and Adina Reber and other relatives and friends for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koehl of Forrest, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidgall and Darlene from Hancock, Minnesota, and Hartzel Schmidgall of Morning Sun, Iowa, visited our congregation January 15.

Several from here attended baptismal services at Gridley, Kansas, where eight dear souls were added to the fold. To behold the baptism of souls who have accepted the invitation of Jesus and have been born again causes a feeling of gratefulness and happiness in our soul. What a friend we have in Jesus! "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry **them** in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

Coming to visit January 8 were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Massner and children of Hancock, Minnesota, her parents, William and Adina Reber, and other relatives and friends.

We were happy to have Sister Adina Reber with us Sunday afternoon, after a siege of illness. William Reber is better at this writing, after being sick last week.

#### Francesville

Through the year of 1949, the relief activities in Francesville, acting under the financial support of "AID"



and personal donations have the following report:

Parcels sent for relief .....	4902
Total expenditure .....	\$28,757.53
Total income .....	29,118.29
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1950 ..	\$430.76

The relief activities will be continued and we pray for the Lord's blessing. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

God does not ask us for that which is beyond our ability; He only asks for faithfulness.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

For the past month the primary classes in Sunday school have been studying "God, the Protector." First we read how God protected His own Son from King Herod, who wanted to take His life. The love and care of our parents towards us is great, but think how much greater is that love and care of our Heavenly Father.

In Exodus we read of Moses, whose mother placed him in a basket by a river, knowing her efforts would be to no avail unless the Lord would preserve her baby from all evil. Do you also believe "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil"? Psalm 121:7. In 1 Kings 17 we read how God protected the man Elijah and how God commanded a raven to bring him bread and meat each morning and evening. Did you know "he careth for you" too? 1 Peter 5:7. Then in 2 Kings 18 and 19 we studied about Hezekiah, how God gave Hezekiah and his people a great victory. What comfort Hezekiah and his people found in the words and promises of God which were given through the prophet Isaiah. So ought we also to believe and find comfort in God's promises. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew. 24:35. Yet, we cannot expect God to work wonders in carrying out His promises for us unless we put Him first in our lives.

Edwin, Marcella, Catherine, and Junior Gutwein left January 30 for a few weeks trip through the western states.

Verlin, Eleanor, and Carol Stoller

and Hazel Huber of Fort Wayne spent Sunday, January 29, with us. The evening was spent at Brother Conrad Gutwein's home.

After a conversation with Sister Theresa Gegner, who came from Germany, she had the following to say, "We are glad, that after being without a home for five years, we have been received with such love in America and have finally found a home again here in Francesville. From the time we had to leave our home, until we could come to America we passed through much trouble and sorrow. However even while passing through all these hard times, we could feel the nearness and help of the Lord. And even though we had to lose and leave behind all our earthly possessions, we yet can thank and praise the Almighty God."

The cross was God's proof of His love for us. We can prove our love for Him by daily bearing our cross.

#### Gridley

Announcement was made on Sunday, January 1, of the engagement of Arthur Gramm, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gramm, of here, and Ruth Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Moser of Oakville, Iowa.

On January 1 a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gramm in honor of their son, Harold, and his wife, the former Ila Zeltwanger of Hancock, Minnesota. They are making their home on a farm here.

On Sunday, January 8, the engagement of Betty Ringger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt Ringger, of here, and Eugene Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herman of Princeville, Illinois, was announced. They will make their home on a farm at Princeville. We wish all of these young couples God's richest blessings.

Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, held services here on the night of January 1. We and many visitors from nearby and distant churches were blessed by his inspiring message.

Quite a number of the Gridley people attended the dedication services held on January 2 at the new Forrest church.

Our Bible class was among those taking part at the Christian Endeavor

Singing held at Fairbury on Sunday, January 8.

We were happy to have John Gramm, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gramm, added to the fold on Sunday, January 15.

Phillip Moser, daughters, Ruth and Marvel, and son Arnold of Oakville, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. David Ehle and daughter of Princeville, Illinois, visited here on Sunday, January 15, and were supper guests at the home of William Gramm's.

Eugene Herman and Mr. and Mrs. James Ringger and daughter of Princeville visited here on January 15 and were supper guests at the home of Bernhardt Ringgers.

We were blessed by the presence of Brother August Bolliger of Tremont, who conducted services here on Sunday, January 29. He and his wife and those that accompanied them, Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Pflederer, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rocke and son, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Woerner and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas and son, were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meiss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ringger and son, Jacob, and Reuben Ringger of Bluffton, Indiana, returned January 28 from a trip to California, where they visited their son, Junior.

Miss Mary Gramm is spending several months in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. John Kaehr of Bluffton, Indiana, returned there recently, after spending several months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and family.

On Sunday, January 22, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuerth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stoller visited in Cissna Park and were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yergler and family.

#### Hancock and Morris

Chris, William, and Joseph Moser, Jr. went to Iowa and Illinois January 24, where they plan a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Nettie Nohl went to Peoria, Illinois, January 7, where she has found employment.

After visiting his parents over the holidays, Hartzell Schmidgall left for

his home in Morning Sun, Iowa, on January 9.

We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gramm of Gridley, Illinois, visit in our community. After spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger, they returned to their home January 24. We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moser and daughter, Jean, of Eureka, Illinois. They are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Moser, Sr., and friends a few weeks. The treatment we afford visitors, whether they be brethren or friends, is very important. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." And for friends, how far a friendly hand-shake and words of welcome go to attract them. Love shines through!

Once again we rejoice to be able to have Sunday school.

John Luthi, who has been ill some time, underwent an operation January 11. May good health be restored to him. Miss Martha Schaefer had a knee operation, and we are happy to say she is getting along fine.

The marriage of Miss Alice Moser, daughter of Mrs. Clara Moser, and Jacob Wulf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wulf, took place Sunday, January 8, in the presence of many relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Brother Henry Koehl. Her sister Corrine was bridesmaid and William Wulf was best man for his brother. After the wedding supper and reception which was at the home of her mother, they departed for a trip. They will make their home in Lester, Iowa, where the groom is engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schmidgall and children came home January 28, after visiting her parents, Jacob Pfisters, in Fort Scott, Kansas, for several weeks.

#### Lamar

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart, son Jerry, and Betty Marti of La Crosse, Indiana, left for home on January 2, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Pearl Marti and Ruth and Irene Banwart of Fort Scott, Kansas, were also here for Sunday, January 1.

Joseph Wittmer and his wife, Mr.

and Mrs. Aaron Strahm, and Mrs. R. Locker of Sabetha, Kansas were here Sunday, January 8. We partook of the Lord's Supper, with Brother Wittmer serving us. We had a blessed day. Adolph Messner and Will Messner of Oakville, Iowa, David Massner and Fred Sinn of Ft. Scott, Kansas, also spent the evening of January 8 here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan went to Gridley for the week-end of January 22.

#### Lamont

We held our annual church business meeting January 1. Brother Ray Wernli was elected our new Sunday school teacher. May he find an unceasing supply of grace and help from our Heavenly Father.

Sister Mary Schief of Gridley suffered a stroke January 3. She is in the St. Mary's Hospital in Emporia. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

Church services were held Thursday evening, January 5. Brother Robert Young of Wichita was here.

Brother and Sister Peter Fankhauser left for Phoenix, Arizona, January 9. After church January 8, the Sunday school and church sang some farewell songs and wished them the Lord's protection.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Young, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kraft, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Beyer, all of Gridley, were added to the fold January 15. Brothers Noah Schrock and Joseph Wittmer had the services. We wish them God's great love and tender mercy throughout their earthly pilgrimage. Visitors were here from Wichita, Sabetha, Fort-Scott, Kansas, and Lamar, Missouri.

Sister Hannah Somerhalder of Gridley passed away January 19, after a prolonged illness. Brother Sam Anliker held the funeral services January 21. Our God of all comfort invites all who are sorrowing to come to him and rest on his bosom, telling him all our heartaches and sorrows. Surely his love soothes our wounds and gives us courage to keep pressing on. Soon we will have a big reunion with our departed brothers and sis-

ters! We are going to meet each other there!

Brother Sam Anliker, assisted by Brother Henry Bahr, held funeral services January 22 for Theophil Leu, who passed away January 19 at his home in Lamont.

Sister Dena Fechter visited friends and relatives in Sabetha, Kansas, from January 1 to 12.

John Laidig, Jr. of Bremen, Indiana, Leon Waibel and Brothers Robert Schieler and Elmer Bahler of Remington, Indiana, visited with us the week-end of January 29 while on their way to California. May the Lord protect and bless them on their trip.

#### Latty

George Sinn, Sr. has been confined to his home with the flu for several weeks, but is up and around and is able to attend church again. We should be thankful for the older brethren, for we need their help and encouragement on our journey. As long as we are here on earth, the Lord has something he wants us to do. And no matter how weak we are "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Florence Stoller honored Helen Schlatter with a baby shower at her home January 6.

Misses Doris Ellen Clauss and Emma Jean Anliker visited with us January 8. A singing was held in the evening at the home of Noah and Hulda Gerber in Fort Wayne.

George Sinn, Sr. and daughters have moved to their new residence in New Haven, Indiana. Mrs. Clara Stoller and family are also making their home with them at present.

Samuel and Minnie Aeschliman, Elias and Minnie Dotterer, Noah Bau-mans and daughters, Jean and Mary Ellen, and John and Betty Dotterer visited with us January 15. Communion services were held.

Melvin Gutwein of Francesville spent the week-end of January 22 with Verlin Stoller.

Noah Schrock, David Mangold, and Elias Dotterer held evening services here January 22. We had many visi-



tors from Junction, Bluffton, and Leo, including Samuel and Minnie Aeschliman.

Quite a number of members here visited in Leo for daytime services January 22.

Verlin, Eleanor, and Carol Stoller, Hazel Huber, and Mary Ellen Gude- man visited in Francesville Jan. 29.

Delmar Stoller, Glenn Stoller, Marvin Klopfenstein, and Roger Gerber visited in Akron January 29.

#### Leo

Henry Beer held Thursday evening services January 26.

On January 22, Noah Schrock, David Mangold, Sam Aeschliman, and Elias Dotterer were here.

On January 29 baptismal services were held for Edward and Matilda Sutter, Elias Dotterer and Sam Aeschliman were here.

On January 29 the Young People's meeting was held. The major topic was the shepherd psalm. A restful joy it is for God's children to relax in the peaceful pastures he provides along life's journey. Can we elsewhere find such pleasure as Thou Lord dost to us provide?

John Conrad testifies he has peace with God. Wonderful it is to see our friends come to our dear Lord Jesus! Our hearts ring with happiness when we see these amazing miracles transpire.

#### Lester

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wulf returned home from a short honeymoon. When the Lord commands his blessing on a home, true happiness will blossom and send its fragrance to all around. His many teachings in his wonderful word enlighten all who will search therein. "Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways." Our Father in heaven has given us his counsel for a happy married life. Truly we need not search the libraries of the world, for in his word we find perfect wisdom that is timely and practical.

Mrs. Gilbert Knoblock (Joan Kellenberger) went along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Kellenberger of Morris, to attend the funeral of an uncle at Gridley, Kansas, on February 3.

Mrs. Paul Banwart from West

Bend spent a week here with her daughter, Mrs. Eli Metzger, and her new granddaughter, Cynthia Lee, who was born on January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Kellenberger and son and Salome Kellenberger spent Sunday, February 5, at West Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schick, Jr. and Tommy of Morton, Illinois, are spending ten days here visiting in the "Feucht" home and with other relatives.

#### Milford

We enjoyed a blessed Sunday January 22, when we had visitors from Peoria and Cissna Park, Illinois, and Francesville and Bremen, Indiana. We welcome them back soon.

Henry and Alice Beer and daughter, Florence, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graff spent January 29 in Chicago, Illinois.

Everyone was very glad to have our sister, Mrs. Maurice Beer, back with us again after her five months' illness of polio. Truly the Lord is good to us. He has granted health again, has stretched forth his hand and healed. "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

The engagement of Clara Graff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graff, to Richard Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Kaiser, was announced January 8. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen are the parents of a baby boy, born January 29. His name is Robert Luther.

We enjoyed a short visit with Noah Schrock, David Mangold, Elias Dotterer, and Sam Aeschliman January 19. Though many of us be far apart physically, yet if we are in Christ spiritually we are bound together in eternal love. Come, let us journey joyfully, though the desert be dark and drear. The small deeds of kindness will be repaid in eternal harvests.

#### Peoria

The engagement of Betty Ringger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ringger of Gridley, and Eugene Hermann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hermann of Princeville, was revealed Sunday, January 8. Miss Ringger has

been employed in Peoria the past several years, but after her marriage, the new home will be made on a farm near Princeville.

We are happy to report that four dear souls were added to the Fold of Christ on January 15. They were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Huber, Mrs. David Hoerr, Jr., and Mrs. Norma Rieker. Brothers David Mangold and Joshua Broquard delivered inspiring messages, and it was a day of rich blessings. The Lord should be praised for how before our eyes he gives sight to the blind and heals that which is broken, delivering sinners from the bondage of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

A son was born on January 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Fehr. This is their second child and first son.

John Hoerr, Jr. submitted to a major operation recently, and we are happy to report he is getting along satisfactorily. His son Wilbur of Chicago visited him the week end of January 29.

Mrs. Sam Kilgus, daughters Esther and Mary, and Miss Emma Beckley visited Peoria relatives and friends the week end of January 22. Miss Anna Beckley of Fairbury joined them here also.

Miss Aldine Knapp, who is employed here, entertained a group of young folks at her home near Cissna Park on January 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Orttie Rocke and family and Mrs. Carl Gerst and Luanne of Oakville, Iowa, visited relatives and friends here recently.

Peter Weber has returned to Peoria, after spending several weeks with his parents in Zurich, Switzerland. He is employed at Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hoerr, Sr., sons Carl and Henry, and Charles Mangold of Roanoke are spending a month's vacation in California. Among the Florida vacationers are Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder and Mrs. Elizabeth Altorfer. They are staying at St. Petersburg.

### Princeville

The engagement of Helen Baurer of Princeville and Harry Hoffman of Cissna Park was made known Sunday, January 1. On Sunday, January 8, Betty Ringger of Gridley and Eugene Herrmann of Princeville announced their engagement.

Several from our congregation attended dedication services at the new church at Forrest January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guingrich are the proud parents of a daughter, Judith, born to them January 8.

We were happy to have a number from the Fairbury congregation with us Sunday, January 15. They spent the evening in the David Kieser and Alvin Farney homes. The redeemed of the Lord enjoy fellowship with each other. To have as our friends those who likewise have been purchased at so great a price is "As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, **even** life for evermore."

Dan Streitmatter, who was a patient in a Peoria hospital for seven weeks, returned to his home January 15. He is slowly recovering from a serious heart ailment.

On January 22, William Stahl was taken to a hospital where an emergency operation was performed, and on January 23 William Knoblock submitted to an operation. Both are still hospital patients, but are recovering as well as can be expected. Harold Tanner, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tanner, was taken suddenly ill and rushed to the hospital, where it was found he had spinal meningitis. According to his family, he is recovering slowly, although he will remain in the hospital for some time.

### Remington

Many of the Remington congregation spent a blessed event at Wolcott January 1. Brother Otto Norr held services there.

On January 2, many attended the dedication of the new Forrest church. Also on January 8, the Remington young folks spent the day at Forrest, then attended the Sunday school singing at Fairbury in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clauss are the parents of a baby girl, born January 13. She has been named Sandra Elaine.

Wayne and William Huber and Nola Ward from Francesville and Lloyd, Marjorie, and Carolyn Frey from Remington attended the baptismal services in Peoria of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Huber on January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin and family and Mr. Paul Koehl from Fairbury visited us January 15.

Many from the church community helped erect a new chicken house for Brother Andrew Nussbaum to replace the old one which was destroyed by fire. Love expresses itself in daily actions, binding brothers and sisters in Christ into closer kinship. "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all **men**, even as we **do** toward you."

Mrs. Phil Getz underwent a major operation on January 23. Her condition is reported as satisfactory.

Brother and sister George Yergler and Brother and Sister Phil Troxel from La Crosse spent Sunday, January 29, with our congregation. Also we had the pleasure of having Brother Herb Knochel and his sister, Laura, from Bay City, Michigan, with us. They spent the following week visiting relatives and friends.

### Roanoke

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hodel of Roanoke have adopted a son. He has been named Timothy Allen.

Brother Noah Schrock visited us on January 1. He then travelled to Forrest, in company with Brother David Mangold, to help dedicate the new church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hoffman and sons returned home the first of the month, after spending the holidays with his folks at Rockville, Connecticut.

The monthly Sunday school meeting of the Sunday schools in this community met in Fairbury on January 8. Teaching brothers have a great responsibility and a wonderful opportunity in their work. The Lord alone can bless the seed sown, causing it to spring forth and bear much fruit. Using God's word, which has his own

guarantee that it will accomplish its purpose, we will plant both in fair weather and rainy, knowing our God is with us. "Fear thou not; for I **am** with thee: be not dismayed; for I **am** thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

On January 10, Mrs. Sam Leman, Sr. was taken seriously ill and removed to the hospital. She has returned home and is improving slowly. Also on the shut-in list is Mrs. Caesar Klaus, Sr., who has to remain in bed two months longer, with her broken hip. We certainly wish them a speedy recovery.

Brother Waggonbach of Princeville was a visitor in our midst on January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Blunier are the parents of a daughter, Lola Mae, born on January 17.

A number of young members visited in Elgin, Illinois, on January 22.

Brother David Mangold, in company with Brothers Noah Schrock, Sam Aeschliman, and Elias Dotterer, spent the week end of the twenty-second visiting various churches, including Bremen, Milford, and Leo, Indiana.

### Tremont

Brother Otto Norr of Leo was with us for church services Sunday evening, January 15. His daughter, Mrs. David Bertsch, and her daughter Sandra, who have been visiting here, returned to their home with him.

Brothers Eglin, Jesse Schrock, Ben Zimmerman of Congerville and Brothers Rassi and Ben Heiniger of Morton were with us that same evening. How wonderful it is, especially for children of God, to gather around the Word of God and meditate thereon.

Sister Mina Sinn, who fell and broke her arm, is now improving.

August Bolliger and wife Acquilla and Helen Pflederer, Orville and Doris Rocke, Chris and Wilmina Woerner visited with friends at Gridley, Illinois, on Sunday, January 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rassi have found Jesus as their Redeemer and are announced for baptism. Praise the Lord who suffered and died for us

so we might live with Him, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;"

Mr. and Mrs. Immanuel Sinn, Gus Laidig, and Miss Violet Koch spent Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, with relatives at Bremen, Indiana.

#### West Bend

Mary Ann Sauder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sauder of West Bend, and Herman Baer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Baer of Morton, Illinois were married January 1. The couple will make their home on a farm near Edelstein, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger and family of Lester, Iowa, were New Year's Day guests at the Eli Grimm home and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman and Harley, Donald, and Elaine Bruellman and Alvin Banwart spent Sunday, January 22, at Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Souder and Dorothy, Dick, and Jovce spent several days at Edelstein, Illinois.

#### Wolcott

John Trachsel has returned home after a two weeks' trip to Florida with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trachsel and family.

Clara Trachsel, Arles, Gladys, and Velma Kropf, and Edward Widmer visited relatives at Cissna Park and Rantoul, Illinois, on January 29.

Quite a number of relatives and friends from here attended the funeral of Dwayne Farney at Cissna Park on January 30. The Farneys were former residents of this community. Do we realize the good we are doing when we comfort the sorrowing? God's Word says: "... weep with them that weep." Lend a loving hand to those who sorely need it.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney are vacationing in Florida and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Troxel at Sarasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kyburz accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ben Joos of Tremont on a trip to California, where they will visit their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lester McMahan and family. Mrs. Lena Kyburz, who has been with her daughter the past month, will return home with them.

Mrs. Will Furrer has returned home from Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Glenn and Edwin Banwart, Eli Grimm, and Elmer Fehr of West Bend, Iowa, and Chris Kellenberger of Lester, Iowa, were visitors at the Levi Kropf home on February 2.

Lena Knochel of Fort Wayne is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter and other relatives.

#### Notice:

Miss Elizabeth Poe of 1202 Michigan Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana, who has been in the Lutheran Hospital thirteen weeks, has gone to near Mansfield, Ohio, January 22, to rest about three months. Her address is: Miss Elizabeth Poe, Apostolic Christian Home, Mounted Route East, Mansfield, Ohio. She would be glad to receive letters from anyone.

Word was received today of the home-going of Brother Jacob Frautschki of Toledo, Ohio. Our sympathy is extended to his family. Brother Jacob has been a faithful labourer in the Lord's vineyard, many years bearing the burden and heat of the day. He has entered into a rest from his labors. Soon we will be reunited in an eternal gathering, in the presence of our God and our Redeemer.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

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Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

## EARNESTLY CONTENT FOR THE FAITH

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We are saved by grace through faith. "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:*" "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years." "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Dear fellow-soldier, do guard yourself with vigilance. We believe we have been called and chosen as God's elect, but we must make our calling and election sure. We should praise our God that He has been so wonderful to us. The precious blood of Jesus has obtained our redemption. Now let us hold fast to the teachings which were delivered to us, not being tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. Surely we have abundant reason to be completely satisfied. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." Glory be to Him forever!

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

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"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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If I love my brother, I will want what is best for my brother. And there is no doubt what is best, the Lord's will. We should always place this first, no matter how narrow and rough the way seems to accomplish it. Only then can we be progressing on to victory. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Following his guide-book, the Bible, we will find through patience a solid love growing and binding the brethren together.

To love in the way the Lord set forth in His Word is to grow in unity. To love means a daily and minute by minute battle. It means a constant offensive against all the evil thoughts that come. "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" How quickly we do or say or think something about some brother or sister we ought not. And then when we harbor these thoughts they begin to smoulder and flame into open divisions. James writes: "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." To recognize these thoughts is essential to eliminate them. We all must battle them. The battle-field is first our own heart. Go to your prayer closet and pour out your supplications to the Father who wants to help you. All power has been given to Jesus both in heaven and earth. We would throw our hands up in despair if it were not for God's almighty power. By deliberate action of yourself through the help of the Lord defeat these uncharitable parts or thoughts, and parting with them, go on your way ready to accomplish the Lord's orders. When you have won the victory over yourself, you will have accomplished much on the road to victory. To know your own

self and keep your body under subjection is a constant battle.

Departing from your prayer closet, you are an instrument through which God can help bind the brotherhood together. Go to His word, and especially the New Testament, read it over and over again, until it becomes printed on your mind. Translate his words into action on your part. Your very life will become a living testimony and a living force.

Love untarnished within the heart will show itself in outward actions. Full love will bring full actions. And it will accept the shorter end, having a kindly voice in every answer. When your love has reached the standards set forth in I Corinthians 13, you will find God's will being fulfilled more. This is a yardstick by which we can measure the depth of our love.

When God has loved us so greatly that he gave his only Son to die for you and me, should we not love him in return? When we have this boundless love dwelling within us, let us yield and rest in its ocean, pouring out his matchless love to all we contact.

The Lord never asks of us what is beyond our ability to do. When he requests something to be done, we will find he has also given the power to accomplish the task. He has given us the power to love one another. His own Spirit dwells within us, and he is love. If we do not love, the entire responsibility will rest with us.

So let us bend every effort to love all men in deed and in truth. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

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He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

## WHERE HAPPINESS IS FOUND

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while our eternal vacation will come. Listen to what David said when his child died: "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

We celebrate Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and other holidays. On God's calendar we know that there is another holiday coming, our day of resurrection. And that celebration will be forever and ever. Won't that be joyful when we can clasp the hand of the dear ones who have died in Christ! Marvellous indeed is the hope we have of our Saviour coming again. Why should we be sorrowful as the world is when we so swiftly approach a glorious home-coming? Each day that passes is chopping its time from our pilgrimage. Are your grips packed, dear brother?

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart."

It does not matter what your problems or sorrows or heartaches are, fellow-labourer, God has a complete solution he wants to reveal to you. And he will start from your present perplexity, taking one step at a time. No matter how much the string is tangled, he will show you a very simple step to take to start untangling and will carry you through. Surely when we have eternal life dwelling within us, we can successfully cope with any situation! "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."