

THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

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Open Windows Receive Heavenly Breezes

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

"So Daniel was taken up out of the

den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God."

". . . he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom **that** which shall **not** be destroyed, and his dominion **shall be even** unto the end."

From Daniel 6

A Letter

(This is Elder Benedict Weyeneth, who was the first elder to come to America, and he wrote this letter in 1851—Michael Weyeneth.)

To my dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ at Willenbach.

A FAREWELL

Grand Duchy of Baden
February 25, 1851

Once more, my dearly beloved ones at Willenbach, do I want to visit with you this way before leaving this land, as I have you in my heart (as you also have me), and wish you, most of all, God's grace and His peace and love through Christ Jesus, Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I admonish you in the Lord to pray diligently for each other every day, so that peace and harmony in the spirit may reign among you, as the devil always seeks to sow discord. I was very pleased that I found it thus

in your midst, and hope and pray to God that He may keep you that way until the redemption of our bodies, with which you are burdened and in which you suffer many temptations. But the Lord is true and helps us reach a good end and lets all things work to His glory for those who love Him. So pick up courage, my loved ones, and be not afraid of the adversary, but be steadfast, manly and strong, through the power of Jesus, which is given unto us, and let the pure love of Christ freely flow, which is a good guidepost and never fails: for the inner man, the love of God, and for the outer being, the fear of God. This is a good staff, which we must have on our way to Zion and the upper Jerusalem.

Firmly grip then this staff for this

short sojourn through foreign lands, until we reach our rest. Oh my dear brothers and sisters, even though we will be separated in the body from one another, I would like to say to you: Even though we say farewell, my heart remains with you until we reach the goal. Live peacefully, said Jesus, the Lord, to His chosen ones. So also we have to observe this teaching and God, the Father, may protect you through His dear Son, the eternal King, and may we stay pure and holy until we meet again in His kingdom. And, if according to His will, we are not permitted to meet again on this earth, I wish to say farewell, stay in the Lord alone, and also remember me when I reach this land, America, so that there, too, the name of God

can be praised, as it is in your midst.

So accept again my heartfelt greeting of peace and love, with thanks towards you and God, for your benevolence and love, which you showed me for Christ's sake. Greetings to all three households. The Lord will remember it on that day. May He be praised and exalted from everlasting to everlasting.

Your humble fellow-pilgrim to Zion,
Benedict Weyeneth.

Please do not feel bad that I do not write each one individually, even though it would be my duty to do so, and forgive me where I have not conducted myself enough according to Christ's example towards all of you, and pray for me, as I do also for you.

The Kiss of Charity

Henry Souder, Jr.

It's a great treasure to have God's best, His authentic, His original.

In Williamsburg, Virginia, much labor and search, money and study, were expended. Today, we can gaze on authentic views. In Williamsburg are the reproduction of buildings of the colonial capitol. They appear as Patrick Henry, George Washington, and their friends saw in their day.

" . . . ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein . . ."

Our work is to build the eternal beauty of God's Always.

There is a glow of charming living that goes beyond our ability to tell. It is that Something we want to live in . . . with all its beauty and color and resplendent life.

We may catch its atmosphere of life. They were active and happy in the love of ageless satisfaction. They were over-joyous for each other's company. Attachments were written deep in each other's hearts.

At the end of a tired day, yet con-

tentment, company, and cheer glowed in embers that would always satisfy.

"Salute one another with an holy kiss."

The Greek letters in the original text spell the same word for "salute" and "greet". The beginning meaning is to embrace, draw to self or together.

This is the life of that authentic original of happiness.

Charity stirred in more than symbols. In superbly sacred scenes, we see that life does live deep, for God's children of contentment.

"Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity."

The best is the authentic authorization of our Author.

Five times would the scissors have to snip, to seize the explicit command from the printed Scripture. Then would not all be taken that is told. Five times does God say, that we may have His rich, hidden blessings.

Unprotected, the winds of stress will whip cinders into our eyes. There is no foot-hold in the sinking of a civilization in chaos. Theirs is a downward spiral of cool selfishness.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable . . ."

God shows His "how", to enable us to enrich ourselves.

Civilization slips, can not sight but the sharply out of proportion and balance . . . Yet He holds His

best. He is constant, unchanging.

Those happy, lovely, humming with loving mutual interest scenes, He has kept through all . . .

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Constant listening creates the scene so rapturous in life in the early church. The mellow atmosphere of always fills in a way we never dreamed.

Charity creates that original charm of a church content.

A Sermon of Our Departed Brother, Ernest Graf

Submitted by Brother Menno Steiner, Sabetha, Kansas

(Concluded)

Beloved, the happenings of our present time should lead each one to consider very seriously our future. When we see how unrighteousness is taking the upper hand, and how the evil is growing . . .

Oh, each and every one should seek refuge, should seek comfort and salvation and redemption in the Lord and in his Word of life and truth.

We know not how long we may yet be here. Today we enjoy health, and rejoice over the sunshine, over the creation of God which He has created for the good of man, but tomorrow we may not be here.

We sometime sing,

"Life's evening sun is sinking low,
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done
Where there will be no setting sun"—

And those are words of Truth. We should all consider them well, even as the men of this city came out, upon the woman's word and invitation, to see and hear for themselves, and to finally say, We believe not because of thy words, but because we have seen and heard ourselves and believe that this is truly the Christ.

So, dear friends, if you will go into

your closet, fall on your knees, and pray to Him that looketh into secret places, He that seeth in secret places will reward you openly.

We do not always see the beginning of the work of the Lord. Oft-times He begins His work without us knowing or having any idea. We may think of this or that friend that probably may be next, and it may be next, and it may be one altogether different, but when that seed has fallen into the good ground, eventually it will come forth; it will show itself; that germ of life will come to light, and then the work of the Lord is manifest, and that work, which was formerly in secret, is then brought to light, that all can see and realize the difference in such a person, where the Lord has performed His work. They have become new, because the old man has been put away, and the new is being put on day by day, so all can see—here is a child of God.

Take these words to heart. Take an example of this woman of Samaria, who in this unexpected place, and in an unexpected time, found the Saviour, because He revealed himself unto her as the Son of God, and she believed.

Ye Must Be Born Again

(Continued from last month)

THE WAY

In the following paragraphs, we shall endeavor to show in words as direct and simple as possible the way by which men can find the new birth, realizing, however, that our best efforts in this direction are vain if God does not open the hearts to receive, understand, and believe His word.

The first essential, therefore, is a humble attitude, a receptive mind, a willingness to be instructed and corrected, in short, a willingness to cooperate with the grace of God, and not to resist Him.

We must have confidence toward God that He desires our salvation, as Paul writes to Timothy, it is the will of God that all men should be saved⁸.

There is nothing lacking on His part. He has prepared the way, and calls men through the gospel to come to Him on this way.

He is faithful and true, and keeps His words of promise: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"⁹, for He promises two things, two specific works in the New covenant, namely, to enable us to choose and to do His good pleasure¹⁰.

But our seeking of God must be a sincere and wholehearted affair.

God is not impressed by words and phrases. He sees the heart, and the sincere yearnings of our hearts reach Him if they are expressed only in deep sighs or in such simple words as, "God be merciful to me a sinner." On the other hand, He is unmoved by the most eloquent and finely phrased prayers which scholars can form, if they are not the true expressions of the heart's yearnings.

If a person would attain to the new life, he should be honest and sincere with himself and with God, for He knows all things and cannot be de-

ceived. If we lack sincerity, we deceive only ourselves. If we approach and seek God in sincerity and true earnestness and in the way prescribed in the Gospel, we cannot fail, for God's way is a way upon which the simple cannot err, if they are sincere and obedient.

Not only is simplicity of mind no obstacle to our finding God's ways and to our understanding His message, but it is in fact an essential condition to understanding God's ways. Christ says: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."¹¹

Among all the obstacles we meet in turning from the natural to the godly life, one of the most difficult is false human wisdom and philosophy. Just as the human heart desires to be justified in its own virtue, so does it also desire to be guided by its own wisdom, and both of these desires are serious obstacles to God's work.

God's wisdom is infinitely higher than human wisdom, and one of the highest lessons that we must learn in coming to God is to completely subject our own wisdom and thought to His wisdom and doctrine. The child is receptive and teachable, whereas the adult mind is full of preconceived notions and conceit, which hinder the wisdom from above from finding lodgment in our hearts. That is why, as Christ said, if we are to receive the kingdom of God, we must do it in childlikeness¹², that is, by being teachable, receptive, and in simplicity.

When the soul has reached a state of humility, of teachableness and a realization of its dependence upon Christ for grace and guidance, a large forward step has been taken toward the new birth. Often, this is the most

⁸ I Timothy 2:4 ⁹ Matthew 7:7

¹⁰ Philippians 2:13-16 ¹¹ Mark 10:15

¹² Matthew 18:3

difficult part of conversion, for the natural man loves his "own life", and is slow to give it up, so that Christ might be born in him.

IN REPENTANCE

All this time, prayer is playing a great role in the work of regeneration.

Many of us were taught from childhood to pray, but as long as the soul is untouched by the divine life, our prayers are mostly an empty form, mere words and phrases, rendered largely through habit and a sense of duty. How futile are such prayers!

But a change is taking place. The divine light is dawning in the soul. The conscience is quickened, and condemns pitilessly, not only our past transgressions, but such new transgressions as are still committed as long as the soul has not laid hold in faith on Christ as its Saviour.

Now the soul is truly under conviction, and is lashed by the accusation and condemnation of the Law. Having not yet laid hold on faith, nor received the strength which comes only through faith in Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, who is the victor over the power of sin and death, the situation seems hopeless. Doubt, fear, and despair torture the soul.

Now, prayer partakes of a different nature. It becomes a yearning, a crying, a sighing to God for help. The fine phrases are forgotten. Sometimes, without words the soul sighs to God, and sometimes with such simple words as, O Lord, help me; O Lord, be merciful to me and forgive me my many sins and make me free from sin¹³.

These are days of sorrow and gloom, but, oh how healing are they, if we allow them to serve the purpose for which they are sent, namely, to lead us to truly and earnestly seek the Saviour.

These days make it possible for the soul to bring to God the one offering which he will not despise, a broken spirit and a broken and contrite

heart¹⁴. This is repentance in the sense used in the gospel. It is a deep feeling of remorse and regret for past sins, a struggle to become free from sin, and a reaching out to God for help. It is born out of realization that God is holy and righteous, and that those who would stand in his presence must be purified and sanctified in order to be acceptable.

¹³ Romans 10:13 ¹⁴ Psalm 51:17
[To Be Continued]

CROSSROADS

Remember the crossroads
Of hearts, heavy spent,
That beat with sad feeling,
Need love, of God sent.

Hearts bleeding and broken;
Hearts sore with sad sin;
Hearts dreary and tumbled
Need healing within.

The road speeds past cut grave,
Fresh surg'ry of earth;
Yet above shows rose red.
Heart-drops of sad dearth!

And at the hospital,
Crossroads are crushed hours,
Sad-leaved with stunned message,
And pain's pinn-ed pow'rs.

Hearts troubled and turmoiled
Of sins wither'd woe
Stoop now at the crossroads,
Where love may forth show.

Tho' dark shadow-ed night,
Yet light may forth shine,
For graced of heav'nly Word,
Souls kneel in gold time.

Love's garden is God's own,
Yet on the bed lays,
Do remember Christ's word;
Grasp well how He pays.

So take them you talent,
Fresh words of sunshine,
Beauty bright of joy's cheer,
Glowed gems from truth's mine.

Henry Souder, Jr.



NEWS



FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

July 10, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Hohulin, Mary and Alice, of Peoria, Ill., visited with relatives and many friends here. Bro. Ezra lived in this community, when he was a young boy.

Lewis and Sis. Anna Lou Mattix and son, Mark, visited at the home of Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahr and family.

Visiting minister here on July 17 was Bro. Samuel Huber of Burlington, Kansas. Sis. Mary and his family accompanied him.

Our Sunday School entertained the Bible and Junior Classes of the Taylor, Mo., and Lamar, Mo., Sunday Schools. We enjoyed them very much, and hope they visit us again soon.

Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Jim Fischer and son, Allen, and Sis. Lorene Fischer of Morton, Ill.; Sis. Edna Frieden, Sis. Marie Marti of Lamar, Missouri; Sis. Roletta Farney, Sis. Roberta Farney, and Bro. Dave Hangartner of Wichita, Kansas.

July 24: Bro. and Sis. Vern Hohulin and Diane and Ethel of Peoria spent a few days with his brother and family, Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin.

Bro. and Sis. Perry Yackley of Taylor, Mo., visited friends here, over the week end.

Bro. and Sis. William Cordill and family and Evelyn Siegle of Oakville, Iowa, spent July 29 and 30 with relatives here.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Brothers Henry Grimm of Morton, Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Fred Marti of Lamar, Mo., visited our congregation July 10. We are thankful for their inspiring messages.

Communion services were held July 17, with Elder Brother Joe A. Getz

assisting our Elder Brother, Frank Woertz.

A blessed Sunday was enjoyed July 24, when Brothers Lowell Stoller and Dave Kieser of Princeville and Uriel Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, brought inspiring sermons to us.

Bro. Willis Wiegand has returned home, after being a patient for a number of days at the Eureka Hospital.

Brothers Howard Zobrist and Elmer Bauman were elected as Sunday School teachers, to replace Brothers Robert Grimm and Willis Wiegand, whose terms have expired. Brother Richard Hartter was elected as superintendent.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, WEST VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Not much news to write from West Virginia, but am happy to help in some little way.

A kind and sincere "thank you" to all who were so kind to us in the death of our mother, Mrs. Emma Barth, who passed away on April 4, 1960. To all who came and paid their respect to her memory, those who sent cards and condolences, we, her children and family, wish to say, "Thanks".

Services were held at the church on Limestone Ridge on June 4, with Ernest Graf of Akron, Ohio, in charge of the service.

On Sunday, July 9, services were held again, with Amos Hartzler of Rittman, Ohio, in charge.

Services will be held again on Sunday, August 13, with a visiting minister in charge. Services are held only in the afternoon, beginning at one o'clock.

Mrs. Fanny Schupbach remains about the same, in the home of her son, Harry Burton, where she has been for some time.

Mrs. Emma Berger (Mrs. Chris Berger) is doing very well and is able to attend services.

Mrs. Emma Berger (Mrs. Will Berger) is spending some time in this vicinity with her son, C. W. Berger, and daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Pegg, and family.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Eloise Wagler

Visitors to our congregation during the month of July were as follows:

July 3 - Bro. Keith Stevig and his wife of Morton, Illinois; Sis. Nelda Kuntz, Sis. Barbara Rowell, Linda Rowell, Phyllis Siegel, and Arlene Siegel of Oakville, Iowa; and the Bro. Levi Beer family of Milford, Indiana.

July 10 - The Bro. Floyd Banwart family of Phoenix, Arizona.

July 17 - Ministering Bro. John Wagenbach and family, Sis. Anna Lantz, the Bro. John Schrock family, the Brother Robert Lantz family, and the Messner family of Oakville, Iowa; Ministering Bro. Fred Marti and wife of Lamar, Missouri; and the Bro. Willis Wuthrich family of Eureka, Illinois.

July 18 - Sis. Marie Wuthrich and her three daughters, Sisters Ruth, Elva, and Helen of Phoenix, Arizona.

Bro. Glen Martin is home, after a week in the hospital. Bro. Harold Beer has returned home from a two-week stay in Indiana, where he entered the hospital for treatment of a back injury. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Sunday, July 17, Sisters Dorothy Knochel and Linda Shaw visited us. They came to Cleveland on the "Aquarama," bringing their car with them on the boat.

Sunday, July 24, Brother Robert and Sis. Catherine Beer and daughter, Cathy, and Brother and Sis. By-

ron Rice of Mansfield visited us.

Brother Robert and Sis. Marion Knochel of Bay City and Marjorie and Ken Laukhuf of Latty visited us July 24.

Sister Maude Kaufman and her sister-in-law, Katie Kaufman, are vacationing in the West. They visited churches in Phoenix, Ariz.; Maywood, Calif.; and Silverton, Oregon.

Brother Theo and Sis. Naomi Beer and son, Bernie, Brother Pete and Sis. Becky Dall stopped enroute to Croghan, New York, to visit the Forrest Ritzmans. Bernie stayed with the Ritzmans over the week end.

Brother Rudolph and Sis. Bethie Graf visited their son, Arthur, at Ft. Meade, Maryland. They held services at the home of Brother Bill and Sis. Jean Martin at Alexandria, Virginia. July 31, they visited in Girard, Ohio.

Brother Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf, Sr., are vacationing in New York State.

Brother Forrest and Sis. Marie Ritzman and son, Eric, left August 5 for Milford, to spend the week end and bring their sons, Jerry and Paul, home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motz from Cleveland visited us Sunday, July 31.

Arthur Graf was home for the week end of August 7, from Fort Meade, Maryland.

Brother and Sis. Noah Schrock, their daughter, Sis. Eleanor and Sis. Emma Lee Wagenbach, were with us Sunday evening, August 7, when Brother Schrock held services with us. There were many visitors here.

ALABAMA

Athens, Hillsboro, Landersville

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Vacation Bible School was held every night at the Landersville church during the week of July 11, and worship service for the adults. We were very thankful for the help to handle a large crowd every night. Present were Bro. and Sis. Dick Aeschliman

of Peoria, Sis. Mary Wuethrich of Francesville, and Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle and family of Japan, who had spent two weeks helping with the work in the three churches. This surely was appreciated. May the Lord richly bless them all.

Bro. Henry Perry has been sick for the past months, due to a weak heart condition, and at this time is very much improved.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Hodel and family spent the week end of July 17 visiting the Bro. and Sis. John Wagler family, also the three Alabama churches.

Bible study worship was held at the home of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss of Prospect, Tenn., the evening of July 20.

The Athens sisters and friends met at the home of Sis. Lois Goode, July 22, enjoying the blessed fellowship around God's Word.

On July 22, Friday evening worship services, also Sunday School, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harville in the Landersville area.

During the week end of July 23, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman and daughter, Mary Ellen, and granddaughters, Carol Bauman, and Barbara Gasser, of Rittman, Ohio, and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest, Ill., visited the three churches. At the Athens church, we rejoiced in a precious soul, Vera Lott, giving her testimony, and being baptized in the precious name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

At the Hillsboro church, after the services, we all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loss Haynes, to witness the wedding of their daughter, Carolyn, to David Moss, the son of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss of Prospect, Tennessee. Bro. Noah Bauman held the services, and, following the wedding, a picnic supper was held on the church ground for all who attended.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale and daughter, Ann, of Paulding, Ohio, visited at the home of her parents, El-

mer and Sis. Martha Evans of the Hillsboro area, and many other relatives and friends.

Tuesday afternoon, August 2 the Hillsboro ladies met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Yardbrough, and the Landersville group met at the home of Mrs. Pearl Pruitt Aug. 3. All enjoyed the afternoon in singing and reading God's Word, of the importance of the mighty "Harvester" coming to earth to gather in the good grain. Mark 13:27 says: "And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." We pray that all souls be ready, watching, and waiting for His coming.

Forty Hillsboro young people met on the evening of Aug. 2, and enjoyed singing and a study around God's Word.

Friday evening, Aug. 5, Worship and Sunday school services were held in the home of Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake. Bro. Junior Hale conducted the services, and a blessed evening of fellowshiping was appreciated by all in the Landersville area.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Provings were held for six friends on Saturday evening, July 16. Brother George Yergler and Bro. George Sinn assisted. Baptism was on Sunday. Those baptized were Dixie Ringger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger; Mary K. Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Gerber; Rosetta Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Obed Gerber; Kathy Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber; Karen Stultz, daughter of Sis. Edith Stultz; and Leon Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. David Gerber.

Bro. Yergler stayed for Sunday, and we had other visitors from the Latty, Ft. Wayne and Remington churches.

Announcement was made of the en-

gagement of Bro. Louis Baumgartner and Sis. Mary Karle of Latty.

Part of our Sunday School, and some of the teachers, spent the day in Toledo, Ohio.

Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach were here on Wednesday evening, July 20.

Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger, Sis. Viola Ringger, Sis. Dixie Ringger and Sis. Mary K. Gerber spent the week end of the 24th at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Guests here were from Mansfield, Ohio, and Burlington, Iowa.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Kaisner of the Maywood, Calif., congregation, Bro. and Sis. Joel Souder of Leo, and others from Leo and Mansfield, Ohio, visited us on the evening of the 27th.

Bro. and Sis. John Yergler visited in Gridley, Illinois, on July 31.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman and others from here attended the funeral of Bro. Jephtha Clauss in Ft. Wayne.

Sisters Hula Martin and Bernice Stahl and Gloria and Twyla Stoller of Princeville and Sis. Mathilda Rassi of Morton spent the week end in this vicinity.

Friend Ida Kaehr, 77, widow of Dan Kaehr, has been accepted into the fold. Baptismal service was held in the home of her daughter, near Decatur.

Bro. and Sis. Edward Gerber and family, Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Troxel and family, Bro. and Sis. Bob Yergler and family, and Bro. and Sis. Wendell Gerber and family, all of the Ft. Lauderdale congregation, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer and family of Phoenix, Ariz., have been visiting their respective families here, recently.

Bro. and Sis. Forrest Ritzman of Akron and Bro. John Bollier of Leo visited us on Aug. 7. Other guests were from Naumberg, New York.

Several families from here attended the wedding of Bro. Louis Baumgartner and Sis. Mary Karle in Latty, Ohio.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Reineck returned to their home in Bluffton, July 4, after an absence of 7½ months. They visited a son in Texas, and spent four months in California, visiting two sons, other relatives and members. On the way home, they spent two Sundays in Portland, Oregon, and visited members at Salt Lake City; Sabetha; and Gridley, Illinois. They also visited Aaron Levy, formerly of Junction, Ohio, at Ogden, Utah.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Ministers: Bro. Roy Farney, elder; Bro. Eli Somerhalder; Bro. Ronald Nelson.

Trustees: Bro. Arnold Ott; Bro. Raymond Roth; Bro. Claud Springer.

Sunday School Supt.: Bro. John Somerhalder.

Sunday School Teachers: Bro. Marvin Ott; Bro. Ronald Allenbach; Sis. Wayne Kircher; Sis. Mary Kisling; Sis. John Brown.

Sister Lois Guthrie and Bro. Ronald Allenbach were united in holy matrimony by our elder, Roy Farney, on July 10.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth spent the 2nd week in July with their two daughters and families, Mrs. Roy Yergler of Cissna Park, Ill., and Sis. Glenn Moser of Roanoke, Ill., also attended evening services at Cissna Park, July 14, and Roanoke on Sunday, July 17.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney went by plane to Phoenix, Arizona, July 12, and returned July 28. While there, they purchased a home and plan to move there later this fall.

Patients in the hospital this past month were, Cathy Hood, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hood, who underwent bone surgery in a Wichita hospital; Sis. Roy Farney and Sis. John Brown.

Sis. Eleanor and Rita Terry have moved to Peoria, Ill., where they will work this fall and winter.

Visiting ministers here this past

month were, on July 10, Bros. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, Kansas, and Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott, Kans.; on July 25, Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, Arizona.

Practice has started on the hymns our Sunday School pupils will sing as a group, and also for the massed chorus at Camp Fellowship, near Wichita, Kans., on Aug. 28.

We are rejoicing that John Stiager, who is very ill, has chosen the Lord as his Saviour and has peace with Him.

A number from here attended church at Wichita, Kans., Sunday, Aug. 7, and also attended the reunion of those of our faith who worked in defense plants at Wichita during the Second World War.

Many of our congregation are absent at this writing, visiting and attending churches elsewhere: Bro. and Sister Ronald Nelson at Phoenix, Ariz.; Bro. and Sister Claude Springer, Fairbury, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Elmer Tanner and daughter, Sis. Ruth Ann, Morris, Minn., and Morton, Ill.; Sis. Elizabeth Otti, Eureka and Fairbury, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Bill Schrock, Francesville, Ind.; Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, Morton, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. John Somerhalder, Cissna Park, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher, Goodfield, Ill.; and Bro. and Sis. John Kraft, Sabetha, Kansas.

Our visitors who have signed the church guest-book since the last issue of the Silver Lining, July 10: Bro. and Sis. Sol Rassi, and family, Goodfield, Ill.; Mrs. Chris Wiedman, Mrs. Louise Krug, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrock, Bro. and Sis. Don Herrman, Sis. Bill Roecker and Mrs. Eldeen Mitchell, all of Morton, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Fred Luthi, Lamont, Kans.; Mrs. Will Fankhouser, Madison, Kans.; Bro. and Sis. Ervin Mauer, Fairbury, Ill.; Bro. Dale Schurter, Elgin, Illinois; July 24, Bros. Richard Schupbach, Joe Beer and Edwin Dotterer, all of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Strahm, Emporia, Kans.; Kar-

en Pennebaker, Virgil, Kans.; July 31, Mrs. Ann Yaussi, Glendale, Calif.; Sis. Richard Schupbach and daughters, Phoenix, Arizona.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenman

On July 12, funeral services were conducted for Sis. Nettie Knapp.

A son, Guy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winger on July 12.

The young folks of Oakville, Iowa, spent July 16 and 17 with us here.

Brother Willis Ehnle of Japan held services here on the evening of July 21.

A daughter, Debra Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Yergler on July 23.

Bro. Ben Zimmerman of Congerville visited us on July 24, and on the evening of Aug. 5, Bro. Albert Kaisner of Maywood, Calif., and Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest were visiting ministers.

Sister Sylvia Knapp has returned home, after being in the hospital over a month. Also, Sister Mary Keidel has become ill again recently.

Lorna Clauss was proved and baptized by Bro. Josh Broquard on Aug. 7.

Illinois State Normal University

Bro. Joe Schrock conducted services on July 28. Visitors were from Morton, Fairbury, Cissna Park, Forrest, Congerville, Goodfield, and Roanoke.

Visiting ministers on August 4 were Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, and Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield. This was the last meeting which is to be held during the summer.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

On the morning of July 19, our beloved young brother, James Rokey, passed away in his sleep, a victim of cystic fibrosis. Although we grieve with Jim's family, we are comforted to know that a glorious new home has

been prepared, where Jim need never again feel the pains of this life.

May those of us who remain behind be encouraged by Jim's faith and his love for his Lord.

On July 31, rededication services were held for our church. The original structure was first erected in 1874-75. Ministering to us on this day were Bros. Noah Schrock, Frank Woertz, Joe A. Getz, Dave Mangold, Henry Kilgus, and Silas Leuthold. We thank all those who shared this day with us.

It is our prayer that the true Word of God will always be preached from our pulpit in sincerity, and to the honor and praise of our Lord and Saviour.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

July 8 was the funeral of our sister, Rosa Lohbaur, age 88.

July 16, a baby boy was born to Bro. Earl and Sister Kathryn Steffen. The name is Larry Alan.

July 24, we had the pleasure of having Elder Leroy Huber of Eureka, Ill.; Bro. Al Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa; and Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford, Indiana.

July 31, Bro. Gus Schietlin and family were here and we enjoyed a very blessed day.

Aug. 7, Bro. Aberle of Tremont, Ill., was here, and also visitors of Paulding, Ohio, Bro. Adam and Sister Katie Manz and two children and Sister Elizabeth Steffen.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

The following ministers have visited us:

July 17—Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria.

July 24—Bro. George Yergler, La-Crosse, Ind.; Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville, Iowa; Bro. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria, Ill.; Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, Illinois.

July 31—Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury.

A son was born Aug. 7 to Bro. Roland and Sis. Delores Martin.

Sunday School will begin Aug. 14, after a six-weeks vacation.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Bro. Edward and Sis. Lydia Huber, Sis. Joyce Huber and Sis. Katharine Fehr, along with the Joe Schrock of Congerville and others, left August 4 for a trip to the Holy Land, Egypt, and the European countries.

Lydia Bittner and her three daughters, Betty, Jean, and Darlene, gave their testimonies Sunday, July 17, and were received into the fold.

Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke and Bro. Matt Wackerle of Florida were visiting ministers Sunday, July 17, and Bro. Albert Kaisner on Sunday, July 24. Bro. Sam Kilgus was guest minister on Sunday, August 7.

A baby boy, Daniel Gene, has arrived at the home of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Jeanette Bahler.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

Visiting ministers were Bro. Uriel Gehring from Elgin, Iowa, on July 17, and Bro. Albert Kaisner from Maywood, California, on July 24 and August 7. On July 31, Bro. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury spent the afternoon with us. We enjoyed their visits very much.

On July 14, we laid to rest Bro. Walt Honegger, who had been ill for the past few months.

July 17, the Bible Class entertained the Bible classes from Elgin, Iowa, and Eureka and Princeville, Illinois. The Bible Class wishes to thank everyone who came and took part.

Bro. Perry and Sister Dorothy Zimmerman are the parents of a baby girl, born on July 27. Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer are the parents of

a baby girl, born on July 27, and Bro. Orville and Sister Marlene Kupferschmid are the parents of a baby girl, born on August 6.

Bro. Bill Martin has been dismissed from the service of our country.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Reporter: Florence Sutter,
Substituting for Delores Stoller**

Our ministering brother, Matt Wackerle, and his wife have arrived home safely; also, Brother and Sister Ken Troxel and family, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Bluffton, Indiana. We are expecting Brother Bob Yergler and family home soon, after vacationing in Indiana.

Sister Bell Elliot and daughter from Rockville, Conn., are the latest addition to our congregation.

Brother Victor Stoller and family are leaving Tuesday, August 9, for a three-week vacation in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Recent visitors were: Jim and Karen Stear, from Long Island, New York. Peoria, Illinois, visitors were: Sisters Anna and Rachel Hoerr, Marie Wiess, Marie Weishaupt, and Stella Zimmerman and Brother Harlan Thomas.

Visiting at present are Brother Ed Schwartz and family of Bluffton, Indiana.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporters: Edwin and Carol Baurer

Elder Brother Noah Schrock from Oakville, Iowa, was with our group on the week end of July 10.

Relatives of Brother Robert Frank of Morton were our visitors the week end of July 24. Those that were with us then were Mr. and Mrs. Harm Johnson and their daughter, Norma, Mrs. Ray Frank and daughter, Donna, all from Morton. Also, on the same week end, relatives of friend Gary Ringger of Bluffton were in our group. They consisted of Ministering Brother Orville Ringger, his wife, and

their daughter, Sister Dixie Ringger, Sis. Viola Ringger and her son, Alan, and Sister Mary Gerber.

A girl, Cynthia Kay, was born to Brother Edwin and Sister Carol Baurer of Princeville, on July 29.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Renee Neihouser

On July 17, Brother Lester Huber of Francesville and Brother Joel Souder of Leo ministered to us.

Brother Robert Hueni of Bremen ministered to us on July 24.

Our community was deeply saddened, when Brother Jeff Clauss of our congregation was killed in a helicopter crash in Chicago, on Wednesday, July 27. Surviving are his wife, Mattie; three sons, Stanley, Douglas, Kenneth; a daughter, Connie; and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at our church, by Brother Herman Hueni of Bremen on Sunday, August 31.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Willis Wuethrich

July 17, several couples from here visited the Cissna Park and the Ft. Wayne congregations.

Bro. Otto Norr ministered to us on July 24.

A daughter, Anita Louise, was born July 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Boehning.

The eighth Ft. Sam Houston reunion was held here August 6, with around 65 couples attending. Included in these were some local boys who had served in the service elsewhere. Following the supper at school, a short program and hymn-sing was held. A fellowship supper was served at church for those who stayed for our Sunday service.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . ." Eccles. 12:1. Heeding to the Master's call are Judith Gutwein, Laurel Bucher, Geraldine Gutwein, Barbara Huber, Sandra Huber, Sonja Wuethrich, Vicky Bucher and Danny Leman.

GIRARD, OHIO**Reporter: Jesse Emch**

The Robert Stoll family were visitors at Mansfield Church, Sunday, July 17.

Sisters Gertrude Hecker and Anna Enyart spent the week end of July 31 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Bro. Carl and Sister Frieda Gasser, Bro. Lorentz and Sister Caroline Emch, and the Harold Emch family visited Rittman Church, Sunday, Aug. 7. There were several from our congregation in Akron for Sunday evening services on Aug. 7.

On Sunday, July 24, we enjoyed having Sisters Emma, Mary, and Emily Frautschi with us. They were on their way east.

Bro. Jim and Sister Virginia Hoerr and family from Peoria, Ill., were our guests on Sunday, July 31. We were very pleased to have them with us. His sermons were very welcome. Bro. Rudolph and Sister Betty Graf were with us, making the day a blessed one, as we partook of the Lord's supper together.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler**

Terry Miller, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Miller, was married to Beverly Schmidt, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Hazel Schmidt of Lafayette, Minnesota, on July 24. Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Our aged sister, Anna Boller, passed away July 21, after several years of failing health. She was 82 years old. Funeral services were held on July 23.

Sharon Meiss, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Earl Meiss, and Harvey Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Andy Martin of Roanoke, were united in marriage on August 7, at the home of the bride's parents. Bro. Joe Klopfenstein officiated at the ceremony.

Provings were held for our friends, Lewis and Bernice Yergler and Mar-

cella Hany, on Saturday evening, July 30. Baptism took place on Sunday afternoon. Visiting ministers during this time were Bro. John Yergler and Bro. Harry Bucher. We are happy that they could be with us, and wish to thank them for their visit.

On July 24, we were privileged to have Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke visit us and have services.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Ministers: Loren Strahm, Gridley; Samuel Huber, Burlington, Kansas. Sunday School Sup't: Kenneth Beyer, Gridley.

We enjoyed the services of Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha, on July 24. Then, church was dismissed at noon, to assemble with the Lamont congregation for the afternoon services and provings of Glen and Lorene Anliker (son and daughter-in-law of Elder Bro. Sam and Sis. Catherine Anliker) and Steve Schrader. The baptisms and short services followed a supper at the church. A very blessed day was enjoyed.

Visitors at church:

July 17—Bro. and Sis. John Schwind, Peoria, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Louie Knapp and Marilyn, Forrest, Illinois.

July 24—Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger, Bern; Bro. and Sis. Ted Locher, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Howard Schifferer and Sue Lynn, Elgin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon; Mrs. Doris (Young) Norman and Jeffrey, Durango.

July 31—Bro. and Sis. George Greiner and Franklin, Wichita.

Aug. 7—Bro. Lyle Stoller, Latty, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Howard Warner and family, Arlington, Kansas.

A song practice, for those planning to attend Camp Fellowship at Wichita on August 28, was held Sunday evening, August 7, in the Sunday School, while the regular monthly singing was held in church.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA**Reporter: Bert Bucher**

Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville, Conn., was here for services on Thursday evening, July 14.

The Sunday School had their annual picnic on Sunday, July 31, and have vacation through the month of August.

Sister Marie Wuthrich and daughters of Phoenix, Ariz., visited several days in this community. They formerly lived in Valparaiso.

Rita Bucher, daughter of Bro. and Sister Vernon Bucher, has turned to the Lord. We wish her God's blessing.

Bro. Gene Nuest and his wife of Fort Meade, Maryland, are home during his 15-day furlough.

LATTY, OHIO**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

We rejoice that our friends, Gary Stoller and Joe Schlatter, Jr., have chosen to live for the Lord.

Brother Loren Stoller and family visited the Alto, Mich., congregation on July 24.

Births: A boy, David Roger, to Roger and Eunice Gerber; a boy, Clark David, to Dave and Irene Stoller.

Sister Pauline Laukhuf is now home again, after spending several weeks in the hospital.

August 7 was the wedding of Sister Mary Karle and Bro. Lewis Baumgartner, from Bluffton. We had visitors here from Bluffton, Fairbury, Peoria, and Chicago.

We wish to thank Bro. Leroy Hartman and his wife of Peoria for visiting us and for the messages he brought.

LEO, INDIANA**Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder**

Maurice Frank was in Leo for forenoon service on July 24.

Louis Getz is still on the mend, and is convalescing at his home.

Quite a few from our church at-

tended the monthly church service at Butler, Indiana, at the Nursing Home.

The young people of our church and the young people of the Ft. Wayne church are busy learning the songs they are to sing at Camp Mack on August 21.

Many in this community were saddened with the shock of the passing away of Jephtha Clauss. Burial services were in the Leo cemetery. Many from here attended the funeral at the Ft. Wayne church. This church, until a few months ago, was his home church.

(The congregation joined in singing, that Sunday before July 24. The song was "Gathering Home". The prophetic words rang,

"To some are the floods of the river still,
As they ford on their way to the heavenly hill;
The waves to others run fiercely and wild,
Yet they reach the home of the undefiled."

Our Jeff went home. Loved and loving, he now fills the absent place in the Father's house. As more and more gather home, we look toward a place that soothes the ache in our hearts.

Jeff's wife, Sister Mattie, said that Jeff mentioned he wanted to die with his boots on. God fulfilled his wish, and took him in action.

And, if we listen carefully, can't we hear the great ship we are on . . . nudging the wharf of eternity?

The waters splash and gurgle between. Like the march in the aisles from the funeral, there is a constant procession, youth and aged, hurrying down the gangplank.

The usher comes, and . . . it is our turn.

In a lonely cemetery
There came the 'copter's end,
From the night time sky above it;
Did sudden sorrow send.

Our Jeff was in that night time
sky;
'Bout six he left his home.
For further seas he did embark,
On earth no more to roam.

Now heaven's clearer to us now,
And dearer for his heart,
And while we roam, we think of
home,
When time no more shall part.

So, Mattie, when the clouds hang
low,
Lift tearful thought above,
Just glimpse the never-parting
land
And rest in God's dear love.

Join tuneful praises heavenward;
Roll cares on God's sweet heart.
Grow not weary of your own,
And serve till death do part.

For in toiling are tears rain-
bowed,
And gardens bloom awhile.
So love those children, precious
gems;
For them . . . glow best your
smile.

Hope sees Jeff's happy heart at
home,
With colors all array,
We hasten homeward bound
always,
To land of perfect day.

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LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Emelie M. Knobloch

Visitors of the past month were: Bro. and Sister Fred Feucht, Bro. and Sister Lester Wagonbach, Ronald and Janet Blumenshine, Peoria, Ill.; John and Louise Tolvstad and family, Dundee, Ill.; Paul and Dorothy Knobloch, Woodward, Ia.; Christine Schmidt and Bro. and Sister Ray Anliker, West Bend, Ia.; Sister Karoline Wuthrich, Pulaski, Ia.; Helene Wulf, Chicago, Ill.; Bro. and Sister

Clarence Dietrich and family, Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Roy Wysong, Sabetha, Kansas, and her two sisters; Verne and Sister Libbie Den Hartog and family, Bountiful, Utah; Sister Janet Wysong, Sabetha, Kansas; Edris and Elizabeth Barker and son, Lewiston, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Nathan Kellenberger and Kathy, Elgin, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Ervin Mogler, West Bend, Ia.; Bro. and Sister Leonard Wulf and family, Morris, Minn.; Bro. Charlie Metzger and son, Aaron Metzger, Sabetha, Kansas. We also had two cars of girls from Peoria and Morton, Illinois, and one from Tremont, who spent a day with us.

Carolyn Meyer, Helen Metzger, Judy Feucht and Emy Knobloch of here and Carolyn Banwart of West Bend visited Elgin, Peoria, Princeville, and Goodfield, Illinois.

Eli and Alice Metzger and family visited her father at West Bend, Ia., Bro. Paul Banwart.

Amongst the ill: Bro. Ernst J. Knobloch is hospitalized at the present. Joyce Mogler had a tonsillectomy. Bro. Silas Knobloch experienced a broken arm and face bruises after a fall. Larry Knobloch had a leg injury from fall.

Births: To Bro. and Sister Ezra Knobloch, a boy, Myron Lee, Aug. 5; to Bro. and Sister Boyd Metzger, a girl, July 13; to Beth Lynn Dietrich and Doris Knobloch, a girl, Brenda Lee, July 18.

On Aug. 7, Elsie Jean Ott, Goodfield, Ill., and Adolph Knobloch, Odeboldt, Ia., were united in marriage by Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Ill., at Goodfield. Several cars from here attended.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. and Sister Albert Kaisner and son, Bro. Harvey Kaisner, and Sister Dora Sauder of Maywood, California, spent several days in our midst, visiting friends and relatives. Brother Albert conducted services while here,

which were enjoyed very much.

Sunday, Aug. 7, quite a large group from here visited the Toledo congregation. We had a very blessed day, and thank the members and friends very heartily for their love and hospitality.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Bernard Beer underwent surgery at Goshen Hospital, July 5. He is much improved now, but still not able to work.

We are happy that Susan Beer has given her heart unto the Lord. We wish her the Lord's blessings. She is the daughter of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer.

Sis. Marie Pfister underwent surgery at Elkhart General Hospital. She is home now, and much improved.

A farewell singing was held Sunday, July 31, for Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Moser, Bro. Arthur and Sis. Millie Moser and family, and Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and family. The Ehnles are going back to Japan to continue their missionary work and the Mosers are moving to Peoria.

Visiting ministers, with their wives, this past month were Bro. Lester Huber from Francesville, Bro. Albert Kaisner from California, and Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan.

Bro. Theo. and Sis. Naomi Beer and daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Arnold and Sis. Becky Doll, visited the New York churches, Sunday, July 31. Bernie Beer accompanied them as far as Akron, Ohio.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Visiting ministers and their families who accompanied them were Bro. and Sister Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke, Illinois, and Bro. and Sister Jerry Sutter and children, Taylor, Missouri.

Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joos, have found peace with God, hav-

ing turned to the Lord in repentance.

Bro. and Sister Antone Schaefer attended the funeral of Verna's father, Walter Honegger, in Forrest, Illinois. We all extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Those visiting the past month were: Bro. and Sister David (Happy) Hodel, Roanoke, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Ernest Schaefer and family, Tremont, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Les Roth and children, Forrest, Ill.; Sister Rose Goll, Brother and Sister Gene Moser and children, Bro. and Sister Richard Schock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schock and family, Elgin, Ill.; Sisters Marie and Charlotte Steiner, Peoria, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Joe Witzig and children, Sister Mary Grimm of Morton, Ill.; Sister Ida Eisenman and Clara, Cissna Park, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. James Banwart and Bradley, Bro. and Sister Lloyd Nohl, Bro. and Sister Don Brillman, West Bend, Ia.; Bro. and Sister Carl Moser and Brian, Spring Valley, Iowa; Bro. and Sister Charles Lanz and Shirley, Rockville, Conn.; Bro. and Sister Herman Norr, Leo, Indiana; Bro. and Sister Roy Wysong and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kellenberger, Sabetha, Kansas.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Recent visiting ministers to our congregation were Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, Ohio, and Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville, on July 17.

Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Ohio, was with us Sunday morning, July 30, Bro. Simon Wiegand and Bro. John Rockey of Goodfield on Wednesday, July 27.

Bro. David Mangold of Roanoke assisted Bro. Joe A. Getz with the baptismal services of Warner and Verna Bauman and Mrs. Wm. Kaufman, Wednesday evening, July 27.

A baby girl, Sally Ann, was born August 1 to Ray and Sis. Mabel Roeschley.

Bro. Richard Teubel, who was badly injured, when an elevator he was

moving on his farm fell on him, is improving nicely, and may be able to return to his home in Mackinaw from the Bloomington Hospital this week.

Sister Marie Taufer, who received cuts and a broken arm in a car accident in Goodland, Ind., is recovering nicely.

Sister Jos. B. Belsley remains in a critical condition.

Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago held services here Sunday, Aug. 7.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Bro. LeRoy Hartman visited the Eureka Church on July 24; he visited the Latty, Ohio, Church on Aug. 7. Bro. Michael Weyeneth and Bro. Roy Sauder visited Eureka on July 31. Their wives accompanied them.

The past month, a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Robert Waibel; also, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Schlumpf.

We rejoice to have a young soul, Judy Koehl, turning to the Lord. We wish her God's blessing.

Our Bible Class, accompanied by some of our teachers: Bro. Walter Knepp, Bro. Robert Weyeneth, Bro. Richard Binkley, Bro. Richard Aeschleman, Bro. Ben Baurer and Bro. Walter Geyer, spent Sunday, July 31, at Taylor, Missouri. It was a blessed day.

Bro. Robert Weyeneth and family and the Bro. Dave Kieser family of Princeville spent Sunday, Aug. 7, at Alto, Michigan.

At this writing, Sis. Emma Hernc-jahr and Hannah Messerli are very ill.

Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville was with us Sunday, Aug. 7, in the afternoon.

We are having Sunday School for the smaller children on Sunday morning during the summer months.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

We are happy to relate our out-of-

town visitors: Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney of Kiowa, Kansas; Bro. Jim and Sis. Barton and family of Detroit, Michigan; Bro. Roy and Sis. Heinfeld and girls of Valparaiso, Indiana.

We are happy to report that several of our friends have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are: Connie Schupbach, Marilyn and Bill Dotterer, and David Stevig. We rejoice with them and wish them God's richest blessings.

Those who attended the funeral services for Jim Rokey are: Bro. Richard and Sis. Schupbach and family, Bro. Ed Dotterer, Bro. Joe Beer, Bro. Joe and Sis. Dotterer and family, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Banwart, and Bro. Joe Herbst.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

July 11, Sister Hattie Ryan and Sister Nettie Schurter from Elgin, Ill., came for the funeral of friend Dan Stuckey (their brother).

Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl and children, Marvin, Jane and Debra, visited the Silverton Church on July 31. They are from Rockville, Connecticut.

August 7, Bro. Bill and Sister Elizabeth Pfister and daughter, (Sis.) Mary Jo, from Bluffton, visited the Portland church, while on vacation. We do appreciate the visits of our dear brethren from other churches.

Bro. Ned Kipfer from Bluffton, now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., also attended our church on August 7.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Visiting ministers in our congregations the past few weeks were: Brothers Simon Wiegand and Ervan Rokey of Congerville, July 9, and Brothers Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana, and Willis Ehnle of Japan on July 24. We are always thankful for their visits, and welcome them back soon.

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter to Brother Edwin and Sister Carol (Knobloch) Baurer on July 29. Brother Edwin is serving in the Army, stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Sister Esther Grimm, who recently submitted to an operation, is recuperating in her home. Sister Betty Wagenbach is a hospital patient, suffering from an infection. We wish them both a speedy recovery and patience to endure their cross.

We are happy to have three more souls surrender their will to the Lord's, and have found peace for their souls; Herman and Mary Baer and their niece, Anna Marie Baer.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Bro. Albert Kaisner and family of the Maywood, Calif., Church visited here. We had evening services on July 25.

The engagement of Bro. DeVon Yoder and Sister Lavealle Fehr of the Roanoke congregation was announced on July 31.

Bro. Maurice and Sister Eileen Getz are the parents of a son, Edward Charles, born July 31.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Sunday, July 31, announcement was made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Lavealle Fehr and Bro. DeVon Yoder of Fairbury.

Bro. Phillip Sauder of Cissna Park visited our congregation, Sunday, July 31.

A son, Dennis, was born to Bro. and Sis. Bruce Leman, Sunday, August 7.

ME

Let me be kinder;
Let me be blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more.

Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery.
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bid me waver.
Let me strive a little harder
To be all I should be.

Let me a little meeker
With a brother who is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbors
And a little less of "me."

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

Born to Bro. and Sister Harvey Wenger, a daughter, July 12. They have named her Janice Diane.

Born to Bro. and Sister Eli Meyer, a daughter, July 13. They have named her Cynthia Kay.

July 24, Bro. and Sister Carl Hartman spent Sunday at Gridley and Lamont, Kansas. They attended the proving and baptismal services of three friends: Glen Anliker and his wife and Steve Schrader. We wish them God's rich grace, to live and enjoy a new life in our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

July 31, the Sabetha Senior Class attended services with the Bern Sunday School. All enjoyed a picnic in the evening.

July 28, the Metzger Cafe was almost destroyed by fire Thursday morning. Bro. Phil Metzger and son, Eldon, are owners. They were listed with the Brotherhood Aid for Personal Property. Damage was estimated at \$3500.

August 1, Bro. Art Kellenberger is recuperating from another heart attack, which he had a few weeks ago, but is still unable to do any work.

August 7, we were glad to see Bro. Art Kellenberger in our midst in Sabetha Church today, after a month of absence. Visitors at our church and relatives over Wednesday, Aug. 3, were: Sisters Ida Eisenman and

daughter, Clara, from Cissna Park, Ill.; Charlotte and Marie Steiner of Peoria; and Mary (Tanta) Grimm of Morton, Illinois. They visited the Lewis Bahr and Steiner families. They left Thursday morning for Morris, Minnesota.

August 3, Bro. Lyle Stoller of Latty, Ohio, came up from Kansas City to worship with us. He is attending school at Kansas City.

August 7, we enjoyed Bro. and Sister Dave Meister and Bro. and Sister Ed Meister of Peoria as visitors in our midst. They are on their way to Colorado.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Visitors in Toledo Church on July 23 were: Bro. and Sis. Jack Bollier and family and Bro. and Sister Marvin Stieglitz and family of the Leo Church; Bro. and Sister Meyers and children of the Chicago Church and Bro. and Sister Eli Reineck of the Bluffton Church. We enjoyed their visits.

On July 23, Sisters Emma, Mary and Emily Frautschi visited the church at Girard, Ohio, on their way east.

Mrs. Frank Wright and her daughter, Ginny, of Bay City, Michigan, visited her mother, Clara Klopfenstein, in Toledo.

On August 7, Bro. and Sister Joe Schlatter and family of Latty brought his Sunday School class to Toledo for a visit. A group from the Mansfield Congregation also visited us the same Sunday.

TSUTSUJIGA-OKA and SHIODA, JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

Brother Ben Maibach and Brother Fred Grimm visited us on July 8. They took supper together with those who went to see them at Haneda Airport, at Hotel Matsudaira on the 8th evening.

We had eleven special mission services, besides regular Sunday services, in the two weeks they were in Japan. Seven of them were outside of the church, in public halls or private houses. I think there were more than two hundred people who heard of Christ the first time.

Those brothers left Haneda airport on the 26th of July, by P.A.A. for the U.S.A. We Japanese brethren had a real nice time with them.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

On July 17, we enjoyed services by Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaske, Iowa, who with his family spent the day here.

Communion was served June 24 by Bro. Frank Woertz, Goodfield, Ill., assisting our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, of Morton, Illinois.

We rejoice in having one new soul turning to the Lord, Sharon Herman. We wish her God's grace and blessings.

On Sunday, July 31, Bro. George Gudeman and family of Champaign, Ill., spent the day here, also other visitors from Cissna Park, Ill., and Eureka, Illinois. They were dinner guests at Bro. Chris and Sister Margaret Franks home.

Bro. Lee Eisenmann and family of Fort Wayne, Ind., are on their vacation and are visiting Mary's family here.

Bro. Martin Dale Hohulin and family of Fort Scott, Kansas, are also visiting here, while on vacation.

The Bible class spent July 31 at Oakville, Iowa.

Sister Elizabeth Feldman of Altadena, Calif., is visiting here, at the home of her sister, Bro. John and Sister Rose Schurter.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

A group of young folks from Cissna Park, LaCrosse, and Fairbury visited us on July 10.

July 3 was Promotion Sunday in our Sunday School, and the children entered their new classes.

Bro. and Sis. Bob Grimm from Good field visited us July 3.

New arrivals this month were a son, Keith Gordon, born to Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen on July 13, and David Robert, born July 18 to Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler.

Bro. and Sis. Dave Strahm of Sabetha, Kansas, spent several days here with Bro. and Sis. Leon Waibel and family.

Bro. and Sis. Leon Waibel, Bro. and Sis. Ed Kyburz, Bro. and Sis. John Schmidt and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Stoller attended dedication at Congerville, July 31.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

A daughter, Brenda Sue, was born on July 20 to Brother Albert and Sister Aldine Wiegand. Aldine's parents, Brother Bert and Sister Marie Bucher of LaCrosse, visited them for a few days.

On July 31, Bros. Albert Aberle and Simon Wagenbach of Tremont were our guest ministers. Bro. Simon visited the Burlington congregation in the morning.

Bros. Earl Sauder, Dave Koch, and Arnold Rassi brought the Tremont Bible Class to Oakville on July 31.

Bro. Uriel Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, spent August 7 in Burlington.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

On July 10, Marion Steiner was announced for proving, and the proving

for her and David Gasser took place on Saturday evening, July 30, with baptizing for both the following Sunday. Bro. Rudy Graf was present for the proving.

Dorothy Zollinger has chosen the way of the Lord, and has also been announced for proving.

Bro. Noah Schrock visited here on Aug. 7.

Our elderly sister, Elizabeth Ramsier, passed away, and funeral services were held on Aug. 5. She was a good example for us all to follow, and will be missed by many of us here.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

A boy, David Wayne, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller, on July 20.

Bro. Fred Grimm returned from Japan on July 29, where he and Bro. Ben Maibach, Jr., of Detroit, Mich., spent about three weeks, serving the churches in Japan. We are thankful for their safe return.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday, July 31. We had as our guests, the Bible Class and their teachers from the Peoria church, also Bro. Albert Wuthrich and family of Pulaski, Iowa.

Wendy, little daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Dora Grimm, spent several days in the hospital with pneumonia. She has returned home and is getting along very well.

Kent, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Heimer, broke his arm, and is slowly improving.

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The Editor.