

# THE SILVER LINING



GRABILL, INDIANA

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## "...the way of the cross..."

Report from Japan

Willis Ehnle

I John 4:11 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

Dear Ones in the fellowship of Christ,

We greet you from Japan, and desire for each of you in an abundant measure, love, peace and grace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since returning to Japan last September, seven souls have been baptized, upon instructions from Brother Schrock. It is not always easy to convey by letter the condition of the heart and mind of the converts here, so no doubt I have sometimes failed in this regard, both in my own judgments and in my correspondence. However, it has been, and it continues to be my endeavor to be faithful to the Lord and to my brethren.

In regard to the status of the believers here, there are many reasons for rejoicing, but also reasons for being on guard against temptations and worldliness.

The Scriptural teaching that believers should not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers raises particular problems, because marriage in Japan is a relationship between two families, rather than between two individuals.

The fellowship here is really quite warm and loving. There is reason to hope that, as the years go by, if the Lord tarries, and real Christian homes are established, that we will be better able to ful-

fill our duty as a group to be a spiritual light in a land which is in spiritual darkness.

Sister Asakawa, who is a little past 70 years of age, still lives

### "rich in good works"

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

I Timothy 6:17-19

alone in the little house beside our Shioda Church. She teaches the pre-school age children in Sunday School, and also entertains the children with singing, etc., during the week. We are concerned about her living there alone, but she insists that she prefers to live alone, and that God will take care of her.

On Easter Sunday, there was

one baptism at the Shioda Church. A young lady of about 16 years of age, Mizue Ozawa, was baptized. Her mother is a professing Christian, but her father has long supported the Communist theory, and is quite strongly opposed to the Christian faith. In her proving, she told of having been locked out of the house all night by her father on one occasion. Her mother told her, from inside the house, that she should not complain, that the true life of faith is the way of the cross.

Since March 1, I have regular employment at an English conversation school. Previous to that, I did part-time teaching wherever I could get it.

Last summer while in the States, I received many free-will offerings from congregations and from individuals. The amount received was more than we needed personally. Two thousand dollars has been deposited on interest here in Japan in the name of the Japanese church. I felt it was better for the church, rather than for me as an individual, to have the responsibility for using such offerings for the Lord. The four ministers, including myself, share in the responsibility for the use of this money.

My family is all well. We continue to enjoy our children, Tony and Joy, very much.

Humbly in Christ,

Willis R. Ehnle.

# MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

Theo Beer

As we give homage to our mothers, we turn to the Holy Scriptures and find from the beginning of time, mothers, whose influence helped shape the destiny of people and even nations.

The first woman was prepared of God to be a comfort and helpmate to Adam. She later became mother. From her children's descendants, the whole world was inhabited.

As we search further in the Holy Scriptures, we find such mothers as Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel, life companions of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These wives, in faith and love, honored and respected their husbands, even calling them lord.

The book of Ruth relates to us the godly life of Naomi, who endured the loss of her husband and two sons, and still retained her confidence in the God of her salvation. Her faith and confidence in her God had a tremendous influence on her daughter-in-law, Ruth, causing her to also embrace the faith. Her expression of love and faith caused her to express the feeling in her heart, "whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

God has many ways, His wonders and purposes to perform. This Ruth became the mother of Obed, who was the grandfather of King David.

In the book of Samuel, we find a believing woman, in the bitterness of her soul, praying and promising her God, if she could become a mother, she would lend her child unto the Lord all the days of his life. God heard her prayer, and she kept her vow. Her son, who was named Samuel, was loaned to God, and grew up in the home of Eli, the high priest. Samuel was later recognized as a true prophet of the Lord.

In II Kings, the love of a mother for her two sons pressed her to take refuge to Elisha. The good prophet advised her to gather empty vessels, not a few, and to pour from her only pot, oil, until all were full to overflowing. Thus, she was able to pay her debt, and her sons were spared. In the same

book, we find another woman of faith, who built a little chamber on her house, and furnished it with a bed, a stool, and a candlestick for the man of God who often passed by. This was her token of love toward the prophet, who later promised she would have a son, to recompense for her kindness to him.

In the book of Esther, we find the queen confronted with a great decision. Her people, scattered throughout the land, were to be destroyed according to the king's decree, unless she could prevail on the king to have mercy on them. She and her maidens gave themselves to prayer and fasting, to intercede to God for her people. God answered her prayer in a wonderful way. The decree was reversed, and the wicked accuser of God's people was hanged on the gallows he had prepared for one of the devout servants of God.

A great and wise king, whom the Lord had blessed with great wisdom, gives us a good description of a godly woman, one whose good virtues were used to the honor of God, and to the eternal welfare of her children. He speaks further concerning her, that her good works would honor and praise her when she would enter into the eternal gates.

King David spoke of the great blessing of a woman who feareth the Lord. She shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of her house: her children like olive plants round about the table.

These of whom I have spoken are only some of the godly women which are referred to in the Old Testament. There are others whom we have not mentioned, who were faithful, whose lives were a help to their husbands and children and an honor to their God and Creator.

The New Testament begins with the description of two mothers who were instruments in God's hands to bring to us all the way of Salvation. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist, who was chosen of God to be the forerunner and herald of the Saviour. He preached the doctrines of repentance for the remission of sins. He said, I am not the Christ, but the

voice of one crying in the wilderness.

The angel, Gabriel, was sent of God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin whose name was Mary. The angel blessed her, and said, Thou art highly favored among women, and have found favor with God. To her was given this annunciation, that she should bear a son, and His name would be called Jesus, who would save His people from their sins. He shall be called the Son of the Highest, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Mary accepted all these promises, and said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

The woman of Canaan, whose daughter was afflicted of the evil spirit, pleaded for mercy to her Saviour. Jesus' reply did not offend her. She answered, The dogs feast on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Jesus then spoke to her, "O woman, great is thy faith:" And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

The Marys of the Bible were often commended for their faith and were cleansed. Martha's sister, Mary, sat at Jesus feet and listened to His precious words. Jesus said of her, She has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

In I Peter, he describes the holy woman, adorned with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of such great price. The unfeigned faith of Timothy, the young preacher, was partly the result of having a believing mother and grandmother. The apostle John wrote in his II letter to a certain elect lady and her faithful children. John states that he has no greater joy, than when he finds his children walking in the truth.

These God-fearing mothers of the Bible have been a living example to believers through the ages. They have, by their devout life, planted the seeds of faith in the heart and lives of their children. Their husbands rise up and call them blessed. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

# SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

Henry Kilgus

(Conclusion)

Bro. Noah Hartzler, Bro. Ernest Graf, Bro. Eli Dotterer were the first three elders to go to Alabama, in 1939. In 1940, Bro. Noah Schrock, Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bro. George Yergler joined them and went to Alabama several times. Later, the duty mainly fell on Bro. Graf Sr., who served them until his death. Then, his son, Rudy, served Alabama as their elder, until November 17, 1949.

At a brother meeting at Cissna Park, Bro. Rudy Graf asked to be relieved, for several reasons, which was granted.

At that meeting, on November 17, 1949, Bro. Bauman and I were chosen to have the oversight of the Alabama churches. We have many a time labored together and felt the nearness of God.

I do not feel that all our efforts were in vain.

If the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents, why should not we, if only a few can be saved?

We believe that the people in Alabama also received many blessings from the many ministers and members that visited Alabama. Many were called unto repentance, and became followers of the Lord. If the Lord would ask me, as He asked Peter, Dost thou love me?, the answer would be, "Yes".

I believe Bro. Bauman feels as I do, with the help of God we will continue to feed those sheep, at His bidding. Bro. Bauman and I were to Alabama July 24, 1960, when Vera Lott was baptized at Athens. At this time, we spoke to

a number of interested souls that were in repentance; we tried to give all a chance, and made them hope we would soon be back again.

Again, we were down together October 1-4 and found the good work of the Lord had entered into more hearts. There were six we felt could be announced for proving, and, if it's the Lord's will, to be baptized on our next visit.

There are a number of souls that are seeking, and we have good hopes for them.

Also, at Landersville, there is a great interest taken, where we have hopes of a younger couple to be added to our membership on our next visit.

We also invite ministers and elders, if the opportunity affords it, to visit Alabama.

Do not pass them by.

# THE BLUE SHINES THROUGH

Henry Souder, Jr.

The sweet soul of beauty graciously gives of His best. Beaming from his heart, we see the why of simplicity: Because I love you.

Everywhere, we see evidence of God's greatness of doing things, His love for man. The water-fall plunges in cascading chorus, humming a musical rhythm. A comely cloud cascades in blue stairways. Sunset chords keynote of a beautiful Beyond.

God's children "were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come . . ."

Love enters the Beyond today. Its glory-circled heights wait for us to climb the view of the fair and glorious morrow. Sweet tables of fellowship, real gatherings of loved ones, intimate glows of home, await our exploring!

Love is serving . . . giving . . . praying . . . and waiting. In our suffering, we may have its joy. In our commonplace, we may have its beauty. In that home, we shall

reach its reaping.

If we only scratch some of its surfaces, then more of our moments are dull. The deeper we fall on our knees . . . the higher the heights of its joy. The untold beauty of the eternal unfolds.

"Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification."

One time we were deceived. The world appeared young and beautiful. But with light, we see her true features. She is decrepit and haggard . . . her unkept appearance is straggly . . . her aging is ugly smeared over, with repulsive, false colors.

How sad is it when she is allowed to arrange one or another according to her disorder. Her songs are fictional . . . filmed in falsity . . . faced often with only a form of godliness.

A good turn that brings golden returns is being an example. It takes courage to be a stalwart follower. It takes denial, but God never asks us to give up something,

without giving something so much, much more beautiful.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

There is something intimately personal about heaven. There are dear hearts there whom we have come to belong in ever-loving ties. We may trace their features by heart. When we sing unto the Lord, we partake in rich measure of heaven's happiness.

What beauties await the soaring of song, if with more grace we, more and more, sing unto Him who loved us. How richly are we repaid in time and eternity, when we reach for the riches of His song.

Music measures are heavenly. The lustre of light will flash the gems in wondrous beauty. The learner should sing softly, and follow the learned in the avenues of song.

Music from the heart is our heri-

tage. Instrumental tones now, though beautiful, touch not the deep joys and beauty of heart singing with heart in heavenly harmony.

There is a happy feeling of contentment.

"... given to hospitality ...", we gain heavenly treasures.

Heaven is hospitable in deepest happiness. We belong to home.

In the church, we should show friend and visitor they are warmly welcome. Heaven's returns come with cordiality. Love is something that seeks its way to show another thoughtfulness.

In our dwelling-place, glow of host and hostess is the soft, peaceful light of heaven's table. We may rejoice in each other's association, may sharpen ourself on one another's counsel.

The dinner table is rich in resplendent hue. Friend and neighbor, those outside the fold, may

be served. Welcoming them as our guest has heaven's record of return.

"God loveth a cheerful giver."

There is security only in the sure promises of God. Pennies and profits spent in love meet us in a morn of fadeless splendor.

If we could but more realize how all thoughts of time are forever gone in that eternal blue ... how "end" and "long" and "part" are forever left behind in that glorious hue ... how definite and always and unmoveable is the morning new ... we would constantly reach for the priceless opportunity to give.

Search out the gold mines of eternity. God watches over these money-funds with golden hue. Those places He provides ... those brethren fitted, conscientious, and carefully proven, are hued with His glory.

"With good will doing service,

as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord ..."

Even the least little good thing escapes not our Lord's attention. He cares all about us.

So we should submit to His will. Spend the hours in love. The best way to meet the complexities of life is to cast them on the Lord. Then, we should take one step at a time in His love. He solves the problems.

Let your moments shine with a song ... splendor your hour with His heavenly thoughts ... perhaps you may sometimes forget. Then remember, but one gem grasped, anywhere, anytime, is a golden glow of eternity.

Trouble is only a thin sheet of rain to the believer. Let the blue shine through. You will be delighted with the glorious hue.

"Let all your things be done with charity."



## NEWS



### AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

March 6, a son, Jeffrey Allen, was born to Richard and Evelyn Baumgartner. Waiting at home for him were his brothers, Dickie and Larry.

Many friends and relatives joined in wishing Bro. Peter and Sis. Elizabeth Barna much future happiness, while having their 50th wedding anniversary March 19.

April 9, Sisters Joan Ringenberger from Champaign, Ill., and Sharon Pawelson, Aurora, Ill., attended services with us. They are student nurses, and were attending a convention in Cleveland.

April 15, Earl Ritzman, Bro. Art Graf, John and Janice Graf attended the wedding of Jerry Clauss at Cissna Park. They were snow-bound, and couldn't get home until Tuesday.

Joe Greenbank of the Primary Sunday School Class finished a year of perfect attendance.

Bro. Gordon Greenbank and his son, John, were in Florida the week end of April 15, attending services in Ft. Lauderdale.

Sympathy was extended to Bro.

Adam Schukert and Sis. Eva Emery, due to the death of their mother, Mrs. Lena Schukert, April 22.

April 23, Earl and Loren Sorg of Goshen, Ind., attended services with us, spending the week end with the Forrest Ritzmans.

The Dan Kaufmans returned home from Florida, April 26, after spending the winter there. We are glad they are back with us.

Sunday, April 30, Holy Communion was held, with Bro. Noah Bauman assisting our elder. Sisters Anna Rupp and Grace Schukert were able to be with us. Sisters Emma, Mary, and Emily Frautschi of Toledo, Brothers Joe Blough, Bob Boltz, Robert Bauman, Elmer Zollinger of Rittman and Bro. Earl Feucht of Princeville were with us. Earl spent the week end visiting in the Rudolph Graf home. All of our guests spent the evening in the Ellsworth Graf home.

May 1, a son, Paul Ritzman Zollinger, was born to Dave and Mary Ann Zollinger. This is their first child, and the grandparents are the Forrest Ritzmans.

May 3-4, Sisters Maude Kaufman and Eva Emery went to Detroit, visiting Sis. Lula Lude and the Dan Knochels.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Announcement was made on Sunday, April 9, of the engagement of Sis. Marie Baer of Maywood and Bro. Reuben Farney of Burlington, Oklahoma.

On April 16, an election was held in Altadena, and it was announced on Sunday, April 30, that Bro. John Klotzle has been chosen to serve in the ministry, along with Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Joe Klotzle. We wish him God's grace in this new task.

Bro. and Sis. Joel Schaffer and Bro. and Sis. Roy Haab from Bluffton and Bro. Eddie Dotterer from Phoenix visited our congregation on Thursday evening, April 20.

On Sunday, April 23, Bro. and Sis. Carl Kinsinger and children, Sis. Betty Baker, Sis. Ruth Ludwig, Bro. and Sis. John Klotzle and children visited the home of Bro. and Sis. Emil and Mary Bessler in San Diego. Worship services

were held in the afternoon. Also attending was Wayne Locher, from El Centro, California. We are very sad to hear, that since then, Sis. Mary Bessler had broken her hip, and passed away on Wednesday, May 3. Funeral services were held in San Diego by Bro. Carl Kinsinger and other members and friends attending. At this writing, I believe funeral services will also be held for her in Morton.

Visiting our congregation on April 23 were Bro. Carl Hackenjoes and Sis. Fern Hackenjoes from Bluffton.

On April 30, it was announced that our friends, Jeri Minger of Altadena church and Ernie and Marcie Dapper of Maywood have found peace through repentance, and hope to be baptized in the near future.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

**Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Brother and Sis. Philip Wingeier of Alto spent a couple of days helping Bro. and Sis. John Wagler with the church work.

A son, Timothy Wayne, was born April 2 to Bro. and Sis. Fred DeFoe.

April 9, Bro. and Sis. Emil Sohn brought our Elder Bro. Henry and Sis. Kilgus to visit the Athens, Hillsboro, and Landersville churches.

Wednesday evening, April 12, worship services were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly at Prospect, Tennessee.

Our visitors at the Athens church on April 16 were Bro. and Sis. Ben Laubscher of Cissna Park.

Bro. Henry Perry has been in the hospital five days, under observation for a heart condition, and asks for the prayers of everyone. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who cares to write. His address is Route 3, Athens, Alabama.

Billy Wayne Perry, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry, spent two days in the hospital, having had his tonsils removed. He is doing fine.

Robert, Oscar and Mildred Carroll and children and Sis. Clara Heiniger visited Bro. and Sis. James Tosh and family, April 18. They live at Columbia, Tenn., Route 4.

### BERN, KANSAS

**Reporter: Leland Plattner**

Visitors for the past month were: On April 2, Virgil Leutholds from Peoria; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duncan and boys from Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chitwood from Seneca, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. King from Coffeyville, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger from Morris; Bro. and Sis. Walter Lehman; on April 16, Sisters Vivian Leuthold, Clara Gerber, Mary Menold, Twylla Stoller Eleanor Asal, from Princeville; Ruth Hohulin from Peoria; on April 30, Bro. and Sis. Leon Wai-bel and family from Remington.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Bro. and Sister Elmer Hartter of Milford visited our congregation on April 9. Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Dan Clauss of Bremen; Bro. and Sis. Joe Miller, Sis. Anna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Miller and Bro. and Sis. Henry Ringger, all of Gridley, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Jim Ramsier and family, Bro. and Sis. John Hartzler Jr., Bro. and Sis. Erwin Klotzle and Eleanor Ramsier, all of Rittman.

Holy Communion was held here on April 16. Elder brothers assisting were Theo Beer, George Sinn and Irvin Lehman. Other guests were Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Vernon Lehman of Wolcott; Bro. and Sis. Fred Gerber and daughter, Nancy, and Janice Stoller, Latty; Bro. and Sis. Albert Kipfer and Mrs. R. E. Kick of Ft. Wayne, and Sisters Lydia and Martha Conrad of Bloomington.

Guests on the 23rd and 30th were Sis. Lucinda Sauder of Maywood; Bro. and Sis. Roger Sauder of Elgin, Ill.; Bro. Ray and Mildred Levy of Milford; Bro. and Sis. Joe Maibach and Bro. and Sis. Alpha Maibach of Rittman; Bro. and Sis. Joe Schlatter, Sis. Lillian Stoller and Bro. Eli Rager of Latty; and Bro. and Sis. Oscar Getz of Ft. Wayne.

Bro. Amos and Sis. Mary Bertsch are in the Clinic Hospital at this writing.

Others still confined to their homes are Sis. Bertha Dubach, Sis. Frieda Schaefer, Sis. Elizabeth Isch and Bros. Sam and Cornelius Baumgartner.

Sis. Lydia Steffen, who has been ill with a heart condition, is attending services occasionally.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Harry

Steffen, a daughter, on April 8; to Dallas and Sue Moser, a daughter, on April 9; to Bro. and Sis. John Meyer, a daughter, on April 11; to Bro. and Sis. Truman Gerber, a daughter, on April 19; to Bro. and Sis. Charles Fiechter, a son, on April 26; to Bro. and Sis. Wm. Kipfer, a son, on April 29; and to Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerber, a daughter, on May 4.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Reporter: Lydia Heuberger**

On Apr. 9, Major Richard and Arlene White, with their children, attended services with us. Arlene is the daughter of Sister Mae Zimmer. The White family have just returned to the States, after serving in Germany during the past four years.

On Apr. 10, Janna Zeltwanger, age 7, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Zeltwanger, was admitted to Bremen Community Hospital for observation and treatment.

On Apr. 19, Dennis Traub, son of Fred and Sis. Barbara Traub, returned to his home, after being discharged, after serving for four years in the U.S. Air Force. The last two and one-half years were spent in Puerto Rico. We are happy to have Dennis with our congregation again.

On Apr. 30, the following visitors attended church services with us: Bro. and Sis. Bill Reber from Elgin, Bro. and Sis. Eugene Hanger from Roanoke, Sisters Wanda and Carol Weisser, Esther Beer, and Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaiser from Milford.

We are very happy to report we have two friends, William and Ann Zimmer, who have opened their hearts to the Lord. William is the son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Zimmer.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Bro. Joe Stoller and Sis. Leah Bauman visited here April 5 and 6, while on their way home to Sabetha, after spending the winter in Phoenix.

The engagement of Sis. Marie Baer of Maywood to Bro. Rueben Farney was announced April 9.

We enjoyed an inspiring message from Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern, April 16. Bro. Grimm was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Grimm, Bro. and Sis. Noah Edelman and Sis. Minnie Schrock.

New tables and benches have been purchased for the Sunday School.

On Sunday, April 16, Marilyn Frieden, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden, was announced to have repented and found peace with the Lord.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Burlington, Iowa, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, Kansas, ministered to our congregation April 23. They also presented to us the report of the Brother Conference, held in Cissna Park last fall.

Sis. Marie Baer of Maywood visited here April 23.

Sis. Melvin Weyeneth of Roanoke and Sisters Eleanor and Rita Terry of Peoria visited here the week end of April 29.

Hospital patients this past month have been Monte Daughette, son of J. D. and Sis. Daughette; Bro. John Brown; and Sis. Charles Terry.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Bro. Josh Broquard and Bro. Joe Klopfenstein assisted Bro. Dave Mangold in the proving of seven souls on April 8, Joe Swing, Robert Moser, Joan Feller, Jane Kaufman, Sharon Baumgartner, Joan Beer. Baptism was Sunday afternoon. Supper was served at the church dining room.

A son, Jerald Alan, was born to Bro. and Sis. Wilmer Kaufman on April 11.

Bros. Emmanuel Gudeman, Bill Gudeman, Alf Eisenman, Ezra Feller, Ed. Feller, Christ Sinn, Wm. Yergler, Joe Clauss, Sol Farney, Joe Waldbeser, and Harry Yergler attended the funeral of Bro. Herman Hueni.

Julie Kaye, 9 days old, came to make her home with Arthur and Thelma Hoerr. We trust she will bring much happiness to their home.

Sis. Minnie Kellerhals remains quite ill at her home. Sis. Anna Egolf is caring for her.

Sis. Bertha Walder broke a wrist in a mishap at the home of Bro. and Sis. Ben Walder, where she is making her home.

Lucy Lackey, 5-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Lackey, underwent surgery, and is getting along nicely.

On April 15, Bro. Sol Farney and family, Bro. Walter Hari and family, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Rud-

in, Bro. Christ Sinn, Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller, Sis. Minnie Farney, Bro. and Sis. Bert Gudeman, Cora Kaufman and Bro. and Sis. Earnest Bauer attended the funeral of Sis. Caroline Fehr at Roanoke.

Sunday, April 23, our guest ministers were Bro. Ed Gudeman and Bro. Al Scheitlin of Elgin. Their wives and Sis. Emma Gudeman accompanied them. They made the Sunday very enjoyable for us, and we invite them back again.

Sis. Carol Bauer entertained our young members at a singing in her home on Apr. 23, in honor of Sis. Clarabelle Walter, Elizabeth Bussner, Elverna Berry and Elnora Ramsier of Rittman.

Other visitors this month were: Bro. and Sis. Joe Lehman, Bro. and Sis. John Shumacher, Bro. and Sis. Emil Fischer from Roanoke; from Quincy, Ill., Bro. and Sis. Roy Grimm, Sis. Mardell and Kathy Grimm; from La Crosse, Bro. and Sis. Lynn Feller, Bro. and Sis. Willard Feller, Bro. and Sis. Gene Neust, Bro. and Sis. Lester Neust; from Wolcott, Clyde and Mary Hitz, Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler, Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Furrer; from Bluffton, Bro. and Sis. Dale Mayer; from Gridley, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Virgil Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Eddie Gramm and family; from Fairbury, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Perry Honegger, Sis. Walter Honegger; from Bay City, Bro. and Sis. Wayne Weiland; from Milford, Bro. and Sis. Frank Beer; from Akron, Bro. Art Graff; from Morton, Bro. and Sis. Ed Herrmann, Bro. and Sis. Bob Frank, Bro. and Sis. Henry Rapp; from Chicago, Sis. Margaret Rudin, Sis. Lena Rocke; from Francesville, Bro. and Sis. Sam Geyer, Bro. and Sis. Ben Anliker; from Princeville, Bro. and Sis. Bob Knobloch, Bro. and Sis. Joe Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Nate Stoller, Bro. and Sis. Gene Herrmann, Bro. and Sis. Ed Ehnle, Bro. and Sis. Walter Feucht, Bro. and Sis. Ray Wagenbach, Bro. and Sis. Noah Herrmann.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

We are grateful for the visits of ministering brethren. Bro. Dave Kieser from Princeville was with us on April 9. Bros. George Gramm and Elmer Witzig of Gridley visited us April 23.

We welcome our friends, Keith

and Pauline Roth, to Congerville. They have been living in Bloomington.

Our neighboring church of Goodfield has been occasionally assembling with us, since they are remodeling their church building. We are happy to have them with us.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Birth: A girl was born to Bro. Sam and Sis. Leona Feucht on Mar. 21. Her name is Gloria Jean.

On April 2, we had two visiting elders: Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield.

On April 9, a number of young couples of Francesville were here. Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Scheitlin had them for Sunday evening dinner.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville came here on April 28, Friday night, to show pictures of the Holy Land at the Ellis Junior High School. There was a big turn-out. It was very interesting.

Our Sunday School Bible Class went to sing for the old people at the Mary Margaret Rest Home, April 30 in the afternoon, then had a picnic at Lord's Park.

Lester Heiniger fell from a corn crib, and was hospitalized, but is now recovering. Sister Mary Clauss returned to church, after being sick. Sister Lizzy Lindoerfer is very ill, due to a stroke. We wish them God's help and strength.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Joni Marie is the name given to the new baby girl born to Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer April 5. They now have two girls and one boy.

Sis. Ida Pulfer informed us that a new baby girl was born on April 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Les Pulfer, who live at Pekin, Illinois. The little miss has been named Doris Jan.

Following are the names of folks who visited us since our last report: Bro. and Sis. Dave Miller, Bro. and Sister Ezra Gerst, Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer and Timmy, Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Paul Grimm and children, Mary and Martha, Bern; Bro. and Sis. Walter Banwart and daughter, Janet, West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Lynn Rinkenberger and Sharon, Sister Clara Banwart, Bro. Paul Banwart, Sis. Anna Schmid, West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hun-



ziker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and children, Washington, Ill.; Sis. Ruth Schupbach, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunziker and children, Independence, Iowa.

Communion was shared while our elder, Paul Banwart, was with us.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Guests the past month have been as follows: Bro. Noah Gerber from West Bend; Bro. Michael Weyeneth and Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria; Bro. Lowell Stoller and Bro. George Wagonbach from Princeville.

April 16, Sister Anna Fehr, wife of Bro. Nathan Fehr, passed away at the Eureka Hospital. Her funeral was April 19, with Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Dave Mangold conducting the services.

Another friend has turned her back to the world and its pleasure, by repenting. She is Naomi Bowald, the daughter of Sister Leah Bowald and the late Alfred Bowald.

April 23, our monthly singing was held at the church this evening. The first and second grade Sunday School children sang two numbers and an octet from the Bible class sang two hymns. It was enjoyed by all.

Birth: A daughter, to Bro. Virgil and Sister Pauline Huber Rocke, on April 29. She has been named Jane Ellen.

May 3, a large crowd attended our evening services, with the Roanoke congregation assembling with us. Bro. Eugene Bertschi had the services.

Bro. John Bittner has been very ill in a hospital in Louisiana, but is slowly improving at this time. Also, Bro. Dave Wuethrich is a patient in the Eureka Hospital, following a stroke. May God be very near their bedside, and help to restore good health again, if it be His will.

It is planned to have the proving of our friends, Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid, Saturday evening, May 6, and if it be God's will, they will be baptized Sunday afternoon, May 7.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

Bro. Josh Broquard conducted the lesson for students and guests

at the ISNU Bible Class at Normal on Thursday, April 20.

We praise the Lord that John Kohler, who has been hospitalized for some time, saw his lost condition, and turned to the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We were hosts to young people from Congerville and Goodfield plus a few from Cissna Park and Morton, for the week end of April 29-30, with Sunday evening dinner at Bro. and Sis. Orie Stollers and Sis. Joan's.

The Eli Meiss', Reuben Bachs, Edw. Hubers, Orie Stollers, Sam Zehrs, Merle Kaisners, Ezra Stefens, Fred Feldmans, Lena Zehr, Mary and Mary Mae Traub, Warren Zehrs, Doris Widmer and Margaret Broquard spent an enjoyable Sunday in Princeville, April 16, and were dinner guests of the George Keisers.

Bro. Robert Walder of Cissna Park has accepted employment at Honeggers' in Fairbury.

Bro. and Sis. Dan Wiegand, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Nelson Martin, Metamora, were guests here April 16; Bro. and Sis. Marvin Clauss of Remington were here April 23; and Bro. and Sis. Earl Feller, Cissna Park, on April 30.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Christian Metz**

On the 16th of April, we enjoyed the visit and sermon of Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott.

On the 5th of April was the funeral of Bro. Louis Knapp, who passed away suddenly on the 2nd.

Sis. Miriam Bachtold underwent a thyroid operation on the 6th of April, and now is able to work again.

Bro. Oscar Schneider came home from the hospital on the 26th of April, but is confined to a wheelchair.

Born to Bro. J. C. and Sis. Patricia Ebach, a boy, Mark Steven, on the 15th of April.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Reporter: Florence Sutter**

Easter Sunday in Ft. Lauderdale was very pleasant. We had a lovely picnic in Plantation Park. Our visitors at this occasion were: Bro. Chris Hoerr and Sis. Ella, Bro. Ben Maibach and Sis. Lucille, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter, Sis. Clara Klopfenstein, Sis. Lois Newman and family from Toledo, also Mr. and Mrs. Freiburger of New York.

Sunday evening, April 9, a singing was enjoyed by quite a group of us. Our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Louis Wenger of Sabetha, Bro. and Sis. Glen Dill of Tremont, Bro. Leon and Lydia Virkler of Crogan; Sis. Elsie and Norma Diggleman, Sisters Elisabeth and Frieda Diggleman and Sis. Marti, all of Rockville.

April 23 we were glad to see Ken and Donna Sutter of Peoria, nephew of Bro. Harry Sutter.

Bro. Roy Schnieder of Rockville visited our congregation April 30.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen**

Last month, Bro. Robert Walder from Cissna Park was discharged from the Army. Robert, together with his mother, Sis. Dora Walder, made a home for many of the Army boys down here. Everyone misses them both.

Also, among those who left our group last month were Darrel D. Leuthold from Peoria and Richard E. Hodel from Cissna Park. Darrel is going to Germany, and Richard will finish his two years in Denver, Colorado. These are their new addresses:

Pvt. Darrel D. Leuthold  
US 55701145  
25 FA Bn, 2d Obsn  
APO 107

New York, New York

and  
Pvt. Richard E. Hodel  
US 55700506

Fitz Simons General Hospital  
Denver, Colorado

We hope that they both will see many interesting sights, and meet many new friends.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss and their son from Forrest visited us on the week end of March 9. Bro. Clarence delivered an inspiring message to us.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Sophia Leuthold visited their son, Darrel, for a week, before his departure for Germany. Betty McDonald, Darrel's sister, brought them down. After taking a few short trips in and around San Antonio, they returned to Peoria and Morton.

Bro. Ben Metz from Strawn, Illinois, visited us on April 9, and flew back to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he is stationed.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Reporter: Marie Zaugg**

Visiting April 23 was a minister,

Bro. John Wagenbach, his wife, Sister Bertha, and Bro. and Sis. George Kuntz, Oakville; Carol Scheitlin, Albert and Kathryn Schmidgall of Elgin, Illinois.

April 30 Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger, Bro. Eldon Metzger, Bro. Ronald Metzger, Sis. Delores Metzger, and Ruth Ann Tanner, Sabetha; Sis. Marie Marti, Bro. Alfred Lee Banwart, Eileen Banwart and Lois Braker, Lamar, visited our congregation.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer**

April 9, Bro. and Sis. Al Knochel and family, who reside at Lafayette, Indiana, visited our church.

In the evening of April 9, a singing was held at the church, to practice some of the new songs in the Zion Harp. Bro. Henry Beer was in charge, with song leaders from Bluffton, Milford, Leo, Latty and Junction.

On April 16, Bro. and Sis. John Bollier Sr. of Leo, Bro. and Sis. Eugene Stoller and family and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Lanz and family of Latty visited our congregation.

Proving was held for the following five friends on Saturday evening, April 22: Elaine Pulfer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer; Mary Pulver, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver; Rodney Bertsch, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Bertsch; and Paul and Mildred Schladenhauffen. Paul is the son of Amos and Minnie Schladenhauffen, and Mildred is the daughter of Sis. Sarah Schwartz of Bluffton.

On the following Sunday, April 23, the above were baptized, with Bros. George Sinn, Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer officiating. After services, a supper was served in the church dining room. Visitors on this day were from Elgin, Mansfield, Milford, Junction, Latty, Leo and Bluffton. We had a blessed day, and thank God for his great love.

On April 30, we enjoyed the visits of Bro. and Sis. Chris Koehl of Peoria and Bro. and Sis. Andrew Koehl of Forrest. Also, visiting us on this day, were Bro. and Sis. Erwin Bahler of Wolcott and Bro. and Sis. Levi Schwartz of Bluffton.

Burt Duane Kaufman, infant son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Kaufman, was born April 28 and passed away

May 1. Services were held May 2 at the E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with Bros. Loren Stoller of Latty and Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton in charge. We extend to the family our sympathy, and know that God knew best.

Vacation Bible School is being planned this summer. Those on the committee are: Sisters Lenora Stoller, Mona Lou Zimmerman, Velma Fulkerson, Edith Kaufman and Marge Stoller.

The brothers who ministered to us since the last issue of the Silver Lining are as follows: Bro. Otto Norr, April 9; Bro. John Bollier, April 16; Bros. George Sinn, Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer, April 23; Bros. Chris Koehl and Andrew Koehl, April 30.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher**

A bad snowstorm on the week end of April 16 gave us a chance to become better acquainted with some of our Peoria and Morton brothers and sisters. They had spent the day with us, and were unable to return home until Monday afternoon. We are thankful they all arrived home safely. Among the Morton visitors were Brother Henry Grimm and his wife. Their daughter and her two sons from Indianapolis met them here. We also had visitors from Chicago.

On Wednesday evening, April 12, we had Bro. Henry Beer with us for services. On April 23, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Charles Novotny from Lakewood, Ohio, Bro. Lester Nuest and family, Sisters Pearl and Lucille Nuest from La Crosse, and Bro. and Sis. Gene Leman and family from Wolcott.

The week end of April 30 was a very blessed one, at which time three precious lambs were taken into the fold: Barbara and Sandra Huber and Vicky Bucher. We pray that many more might follow. Our visiting ministers for the day were Irvin Stoller, Irvin Leman, Ezra Feller, Harry Bucher and George Yergler and their families. We also had visitors from Wolcott, Latty, Cissna Park, La Crosse, Remington, Elgin, Ill., and Fort Wayne. Supper was served at church, after the baptisms.

Last month we failed to mention the birth of Janice, daughter of Edison and Chrisann Gutwein.

We still have a prayer in our hearts for our two sisters, Cordelia Leman and Helen Hild, who have been unable to be with us for quite some time. Bro. Dean Gudeman underwent major surgery on May 5 at San Pierr, Indiana. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

On Saturday evening, May 6, Karen Wuethrich and Norman Kuhn were married at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Herman Wuethrich.

Our May 7 visitors were Bro. and Sis. David Bertsch and daughters, Bro. and Sis. Bill Klopfenstein and family from Leo and Sisters Edna Lehman and Carol Weisser from Milford.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

**Reporter: Jesse C. Emch**

On Sunday, April 16, we enjoyed having the following guests: Bro. Darrel and Sister Edith Weiland and children from Bay City, Bro. Elsworth and Sis. Esther Graf and children from Akron, Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ellen Webber, Bro. Joe and Sis. Jessie Winkler, also the following children: Dorothy Webber, Carrol Garrison and Arles Walder of Rittman.

The Wm. Saylor family of Rittman were our guests, Sunday, April 23.

Sister Mary Beard's son, Victor, has returned to Camp Fort Huachuca, Ariz., after being home with his mother for several weeks, at the time she had eye surgery.

The Frank Emchs have returned home from Florida, where they spent a good part of the winter. On their way home, they visited Mrs. Virginia Bynum in Columbus, Georgia.

Bro. Robert Stoll has been sent to Bessemer, Ala., by the company for whom he works. We are glad to have him with us, at least for one and possibly two Sundays. He was sent to expedite a construction job that is under way. We hope it will not keep him away too long.

Sis. Elizabeth Game's daughter, Josephine Carlton, of Sarasota, Florida, was home for about ten days, on a visit with her family.

On Sunday, April 30, Bro. Robt. Stoll visited with the Carl Schladen family in Opelita, Alabama. Carl is the son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Sadie Schladen of Girard.



**GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Marian Wiegand**

We are happy to report, Mike Knapp has returned home, after being hospitalized several weeks following a heart attack.

Magnus Hartman, who has been hospitalized for some time, has been released, and is convalescing at home.

Our friends, Ivan and Pearl Nohl, gave their testimonies of their repentance and conversion, and were baptized April 23. Many relatives and friends from various churches were present to witness this holy act.

Church services were cancelled on Sunday, April 30, due to remodeling work at the church. Remodeling is progressing very nicely. The brick walls of the new wing are partially laid, and remodeling of the present structure is under way.

Bro. Roy Hangartner was fortunate to escape with only slight injuries, when his truck collided with a transport truck at Goodfield on May 2. At this writing, he expects to be released from the hospital shortly. God held his protective hand over him while his truck was a total loss.

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

A daughter, Joy Marie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ray Ringger on April 14. Other children are Sandy, Carol, Ricky, and Marianne.

Announcement was made on April 30 of the engagement of Bro. Marvin Wiegand, son of Sis. Fannie Wiegand, to Sis. Joanne Hoerr of Taylor.

Another new convert since the last writing is Herb Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller. We are thankful that the Lord is still calling souls to repentance.

Sis. Dorie Yergler submitted to surgery recently, and is at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Orville Rinkenberger family has moved back to Gridley recently, from Wisconsin. Orville is the son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Rinkenberger. We are glad to have them assemble with us again.

The young folks of the Bible Class participated in the Christian Endeavor Singing on Sunday evening, May 7, which was held at Morton.

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

Visitors the past month: Matt Strahm, Minnesota; Bro. Roy and Sis. Ruth Yackley and son, Denise Aberle, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn and family, Ft. Scott; Mrs. Helen Peare and family, Wichita.

Bro. Samuel Huber Sr., who has been staying at the home of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Huber, was taken to the Coffey County Hospital at Burlington, Kansas, on Saturday, April 29. He is seriously ill.

Bro. T. Winzeler has gone to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dan Huber, Eldorado, Kansas, for an extended visit.

**HILLSBORO, ALABAMA****Reporter: Clara Heiniger**

Sunday, April 9, supper guests at the home of Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin were: Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest, Bro. and Sis. Emil Sohn of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and daughters, Sisters Joan and Susan; Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and children; Don and Nell Hale and children; Junior and Addie Stricklin and children; and Jack and Evaline Bradford and family.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stricklin, April 11.

Martin and Sis. Leah Maurer of Fairbury spent the week end of April 16 visiting the Alabama churches.

Sister Lena Heiniger of Valparaiso, Ind., is spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Sis. Clara Heiniger.

**ILLINOIS STATE  
NORMAL UNIVERSITY****Reporter: Shirley Gudeman**

On April 6, Brother Joe Schrock of Congerville read and meditated upon I Corinthians 15. Singing and fellowshiping followed as usual. Of the thirty-two guests, sixteen were students.

With us on April 13 were Brother George Gramm and Brother Elmer Witzig of Gridley. Brother Gramm read and meditated upon Hebrews 10, after which Brother Witzig added a few words. We had attending, thirty-one guests and twenty-five students.

Brother Josh Broquard of Fairbury was with us on the evening of April 20. He chose as his text St. John 10. Of the fifty-three guests, nineteen were students.

St. John 3:14-24 was the text

from which Brother Joe Hodel of Roanoke read and meditated on, on April 27. Also with us was Brother Ed Hohulin of Goodfield. Of the seventy-one guests present, twenty-six were students.

We are happy again this month to report that we have more students turning unto the Lord: Naomi Bowald of Eureka, Nancy Tanner of Princeville and Herb Stoller of Gridley. Certainly our prayers are being answered. Let's continue hoping and praying that many more will follow.

On April 30-31, a few of the I.S.N.U. students went to Ball State University at Muncie, Indiana. We enjoyed the fellowship with the brothers and sisters there. We attended church Sunday at Fort Wayne and Leo.

Guests for the month were present from Goodfield, Roanoke, Gridley, Congerville, Fairbury, Elgin, Peoria, and Tremont.

**JUNCTION, OHIO****Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**

We are always happy to greet visitors to our congregation for any of the services, and extend herewith our most humble welcome.

On the sick list this month was little Helen Manz, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz. She was unable to attend services, April 16, because of a cold, but is back with us now.

Bro. Joel and Sis. Mary Souder of Leo visited with Bro. Isaac and Sis. Francis Dotterer, the evening of March 29.

Visiting with Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz during the week of April 23 were Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Roberts, Elmer (Bud) and Beulah Sauder, their two children, and Tom and Marta Graszl, all of Mansfield.

On Sunday afternoon, April 23, a number of our members gathered with the Rehklau sisters for singing and services. They enjoyed it very much, as it has been some time since they have been able to assemble with us at the church and take part in the Christian fellowship with the brothers and sisters, that we so often take for granted.

Elsie Morehouse of Florida, formerly of Defiance, has been making her home for the past two weeks with our ministering Brother Henry and Sis. Lena Manz and

family, having sold her home in Florida and coming back to our community. We welcome friend Elsie back with us.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

On April 9, we were happy to have as our visiting minister, Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke. With him were his family, also Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman and Bro. and Sis. Howard Sauder.

Our friends, Harold and his wife, Sherry, Fritz have received peace. They have been announced for proving.

Sister Anna Wittmer, who had a fall last August and had been confined to her home, is now again able to assemble with us. We are happy to have her with us again.

Our Sunday School Bible Class visited the Milford Sunday School on April 30.

Sis. Clara Heiniger from Alabama spent about a week with her mother and friends here. She has returned to her home, and took her mother, Sis. Lena Heiniger, with her.

### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

The Easter program the Sunday School children gave was enjoyed by young and old, in all the churches.

Friday evening worship services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tick McCagdren.

April 3, the young people of the Bible classes spent the evening singing for the sick, then refreshments were served at the church.

Worship services for young and old were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norton, Friday evening, April 7.

Lester Drake suffered a stroke while at work, April 15, and was rushed to the Decatur Hospital.

Friday evening, April 14, worship services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leman Lou-Alen.

April 21, a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham for worship and Sunday School services.

### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Fiechter and family, Bro. Everett and Sis. Louella Sladen and family,

Bro. Myron and Sis. Lorine Hackenjos, and Sisters Mary Jo Pfister, Nancy Gilliom, Sally Gerber and Phyllis Isch, all of Bluffton, were with us on April 9.

We are very happy for Nancy Rager and Nancy Gerber, who are repenting. They are the daughters of Bill and Elsie Rager and Fred and Katie Gerber. May the Lord grant them His wonderful grace and blessings.

Visitors on April 16 were Bro. and Sis. Jake Funk and daughters, Melba and Irene, of Cissna Park and Sis. Janet Furrer of Wolcott.

On April 23, Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Haab, Bro. Jess and Sis. Freda Haab, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rose Haab of Milford, Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou Grimm and son, Jay, of Princeville and Bro. Myron and Sis. Lorine Hackenjos of Bluffton were with us.

On April 30, a number from our congregation spent an enjoyable day in Francesville.

Sis. Dorothy (Wayne) Stoller is back with us, after spending several weeks in the hospital, after having surgery.

Sister Minnie Stoller is also back, after missing several months because of illness.

Visitors on May 7 were Bro. and Sis. Howard and Mildred Wieland and family and Bro. and Sis. Dave and Margret Schlatter and family, all of Bay City.

Birth: Born to Brother Eugene and Sister Minerva Stoller, a son, on May 6.

### LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

We resumed our Sunday School classes March 26, with 150 students in attendance.

The West Bend, Winthrop, Morris, Lester, and Elgin Bible Classes gather annually each year. This year Morris will hold the gathering, and the invitations have already been sent out, for the second Sunday in June.

Our Elder Brothers Henry Koehl and Paul Banwart held Communion with us April 9. We enjoyed a blessed day.

Births: to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moser, a boy, April 15, Mike Louis; to Bro. and Sis. Silas Knobloch, a girl, April 19, Joyce Arlene.

Visitors: Bro. and Sis. Ray Luthi and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sauder and family, Bros.

Henry and Reuben Koehl, and Sisters Eunice and Gloria Koehl and Stella Schmidgal, Don Luthi, Chuck Spohr, Tommy Kellenberger, Bro. Leonard Wulf and Jerry of Morris; Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. and Sis. George Bruellman, Sisters Clara Banwart and Darlene Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Ray Anliker and family, of West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong, and Sister Janet Wysong and family of Sabetha; Bro. Larry Bauman, Sister Norma Hendrickson, Mrs. Jake Ott, Bro. and Sis. Chris Hohulin, Goodfield; Bro. and Sister Carl Sauder, Roanoke.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

April 20, Bro. Theo Beer, Otto Beer, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Beer and Sis. Hulda Graf of Milford visited their brother, Simon, who has been quite sick. In the evening, Bro. Theo conducted services, which we enjoyed very much.

Sunday, April 23, the following members and friends visited in Ft. Wayne: Nellie, Lucille and Alice Groh, Lillian Them, Dorothy Sabo, Hope Stavenick, Loretta Bocka, Karen Miller and Mary Klenshinski.

Sunday, April 23, Aaron, Charles and Marcella Sauder visited Clarence Sauder, Anna Hock and Rosina Paulo at the State Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Sunday, April 30, we had as our guests Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschli-man, Bro. and Sister Wm. Pfister, Bro. and Sis. Gerber of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Fred Wahl, Bro. and Sis. Emmanuel Manz, Sis. Minnie Dotterer, and Sisters Della and Carolyn Manz of Junction. Brother Sam served us with the gospel, which we enjoyed very much, and thank our God and loving Saviour for His Word of Life and instruction on our pilgrim journey.

### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Visiting ministers along with thirty married couples from Bluffton, were Bros. Orville Ringger and Carl Kipper.

Quite a large number of friends and members from La Crosse visited us Sunday, April 30. We enjoyed their visit.

A son, Douglas Lee, was born Friday, May 5, to Fred and Diane Weisser.

**MORRIS, MINNESOTA****Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

A wedding reception was given, April 16, for Bro. Jake and Sis. Mary (Kaiser) Koehl, at the home of his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Koehl.

We are happy Sis. Lillian Zeltwanger and Sis. Ricka Messner are able to worship with us on Sunday, even though only half a day.

Connie Greiner, 7 - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greiner, has been in the hospital since Apr. 21 with third degree burns on her side, caused when her slip caught fire on their electric stove, while popping corn. She will have had skin grafting by the time this goes to press. May the Lord be with them according to His will.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Voeller had a son, Kelvin, born Apr. 7. Bro. and Sis. Noah Nohl had a son, Raymond John, on May 1.

Our visitors have been: Sis. Anna Schmidt, Janice Schmidt, Sis. Ida Schmidt, Bro. and Sis. Chris Luthi, Bro. and Sis. Victor Banwart and children, West Bend; Bro. and Sis. Ronald Messner, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Messner, Winthrop, Minn.; Bro. and Sis. Bill Wulf and children, Mrs. Mary Wulf, Bro. and Sis. August Knobloch Jr. of Lester.

We were happy to have Bro. Leo Moser as our visiting minister, May 1. He was accompanied by his wife and children.

Saturday evening, May 6, many heard the testimony of our friends, Ruby Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr; Norene Koehl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Edward Koehl; and Jeanette Nohl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl, and witnessed their baptism Sunday, after church. Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend assisted Bro. Henry Koehl.

Seven carloads of relatives and friends came from West Bend, Lester and Peoria. Among relatives coming were Sis. Norene's grandmother, Sis. Elizabeth Koehl, and Sis. Ruby's grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Alfred Fehr of West Bend.

We rejoice having other souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance, and wish them God's grace.

**MORTON, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz**

Funeral services for Sis. Katie

Ellenson, 86, were held April 14. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

Bro. Robert Hueni & Bro. Earl Zeltwanger and their wives, Bro. and Sis. Don Zeltwanger, Bro. and Sis. Harold Zeltwanger, Don and Wilma Buck, Dick and Phyllis Billman, Duane and Jo Laidig, George and Mary Carmichel, Dick and Betty Miller and Ed and Caroline Sutter spent Sunday, April 9, with us.

A large group from Roanoke sang at our monthly song service, Sunday, April 2.

Carl Burger, 65, passed away at Plymouth, Indiana, was buried here on Sunday, April 15.

Funeral services for John Fritsch, 67, were held Sunday forenoon, April 15, Bro. Joe A. Getz officiating.

Funeral services for Frank Schmidgall, 58, were held April 21, Bro. Joe A. Getz officiating.

Bro. J. A. Getz and his son, John and wife, spent Sunday, April 23, in Rockville, also a few days in Croghan and Castorland.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Wm. Huette on April 18.

Chris Huette and family, Bro. and Sis. Christ Kaeb of Fairbury and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Farney of Cissna Park came to visit the George Yentes on their 50th anniversary, April 23.

Sisters Elizabeth and Mabel Anliker of Elgin, Illinois, Bro. and Sis. Dave Leman of Goodfield, Sis. Eliza Leman of Eureka, Bro. and Sis. Gary Fite, Sisters Eunice Schock, Mabel Belsley and Marie Schumacher were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Solomon Rapp on April 17. They also made a tour of the Morton Pottery.

The Sunday School Bible Classes of eleven churches will be here for Christian Endeavor Services on Sunday, May 7.

Bro. George Giesel, 85, fell and broke his hip.

**OAKVILLE, IOWA****Reporter: John L. Steiner**

Trustee elections were held April 13. Bro. Earl Stoller was elected church trustee, to replace Bro. George Vierling, Bro. Ernest Siegle is the new cemetery trustee, to replace Bro. Eric Massner. Also, a new committee was formed, that of three sisters, who are to be in charge of the various duties that fall on the sisters, such as the annual house cleaning, funeral meals, etc. They are: Sisters Rose Frank,

Viola Perdelwitz, and Mamye Gerst.

On April 30, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Bro. Edmond Kloter of Fairbury ministered to us. They were accompanied by their wives, Sis. Laura and Sis. Lorene; also Bro. Andy & Sis. Bena Lehman and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rozetta Stoller of Forrest. After church services at Burlington, Bro. Joe Rocke of Eureka and Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville came to Oakville in time for afternoon services, which was possible because of the time difference.

The approaching marriage of Sis. Elizabeth Wiegand and Bro. Jess Grimm, both of Oakville, was announced on April 30.

On May 4, Sis. Barbara Rowell of here and Bro. Robert Moser of Morton were united in marriage by Bro. Noah Schrock. Visiting ministers were Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton and Bro. James Hoerr of Peoria. Many guests came from Morton, Tremont, Peoria, and Princeville.

Bro. Will Rauhaus was hospitalized with pneumonia in April, and is now able to be back in our midst to worship with us, for which we are thankful.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

Announcement was made Sunday, April 9, of the coming marriage of Bro. Peter Weber to Sis. Mabel Banwart of West Bend.

Sis. Rozina Steffen, aged 90 years, passed away at the Apostolic Christian Home. Her funeral was held in Roanoke on Thursday, April 27.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Andy Koehl of Forrest and Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton. Their wives accompanied them.

A son, Timmy, was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Aeschleman, and a daughter to Bro. and Sis. Grant Rauhaus, the past month.

Quite a number of brothers and sisters of the Bluffton congregation visited us Sunday, April 30. We truly enjoyed their visit, and hope they will soon come again.

Bro. and Sis. Paul Honegger, Bro. and Sis. Carl Waibel of Forrest and Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bach-told of Fairbury visited here Sunday, April 30.

Bro. Chris Koehl and his wife visited the Fort Wayne church on Sunday, April 30.

Bros. John Baumgartner, Joe Isch and Fred Moser of Bluffton visited our Sunday School, Sunday, April 30, and gave us some good teachings. We enjoyed their message and having them.

The adult singing group sang at the Roanoke Old Folks' home, Wednesday evening, May 3. Bro. Mike Weyeneth had a short service.

Our Bible Class was at Morton, Sunday evening, May 7, for Christian Endeavor. This will be the last one till September.

Bro. James Hoerr and family were to Oakville, Thursday evening, to the wedding of Sis. Hoerr's brother, Robert Moser, and Barbara Nohl. Bro. Kenneth Sauder also attended the wedding.

Our last hymn sing for the season was held. We plan on having the next one in September.

Bros. LeRoy Hartman, Michael Weyeneth and Lester Wagenbach, with their wives, spent Sunday, May 7, in Oakville.

We welcome the Robert Ehnle family of Princeville, who are attending church here with us. Robert and his wife, Donna, have repented and found peace, and are now awaiting baptism.

Sis. Walter Knepp has been confined to his home for some time on account of illness. She is improving, and we hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Sis. Louise Steidinger is quite ill at this writing. Bro. Wm. Klien, Sis. Mary Hartter, Sis. Minnie Haecker and Bro. and Sis. Dave Meister are hospital patients. Let us continue to pray for the sick and the aged, and for those that take care of them. May we lend a helping hand wherever we can.

A few gathered at the home of Sis. Pauline Clauss for a German singing, April 28, for her birthday. Sis. Clauss' eyesight is failing. It was a blessed evening.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

On March 19, our elder brother, Roy Farney, had the wedding ceremony of his daughter, Sis. Roletta Farney, and Bro. Conrad Gerst of Oakville. The wedding was held at 1:00 P.M., with scriptural reading from Genesis, chapter 2, verses 21-24, and Ephesians, chapter 5, from verse 22 on.

Sis. Roletta has been a Sunday

School teacher, and will be missed by our congregation. May God bless them, as they make their new home in Oakville.

Those attending the wedding from out of town were: Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst and daughter, Edna, Bro. John Steiner, Bro. Leon Kuntz, Oakville; Bro. Arnold and Sis. Marjorie Gerst and Bro. Eli and Sis. Elizabeth Sutter, Taylor; Sis. Sally Wysong and Sis. Erma Esslinger, Sabetha; Sis. Lydia Ott, Bro. Raymond and Sis. Laverne Roth, Bro. Reuben Farney, Kiowa; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Farney, Mr. and Mrs. Max Guthrie and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Marts, Mesa, Arizona; Larry Farney, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland 14, California; Alvin Lehman, Luke Air Force Base, Luke Field, Arizona; Sis. Doris Graf, Altadena.

Other visitors during the month of March were Bro. Theodore and Sis. Esther Miller and daughter, Sis. Kathryn, Kiowa; Bro. Eugene and Sis. Leah Zimmer, Bremen; Bro. Ernest Krauter, Milford; Bro. Melvin and Sis. Anne Sorg, Bloomington, Illinois; C. L. Kellenberger, Morris.

On our sick list is Bro. Sam Farney, who has been confined to his home, but is improving slowly.

Also, Phoenix news reporter, Alice Heiniger, is convalescing from major surgery, March 29.

Visitors during the month of April: John L. Roth, Fairbury; Bro. William Zbinden, Oak Park, Ill.; Bro. Roger Hari, Cissna Park; Sisters Augusta and Ella Einbeck, Castorland; Dennis Kempf, Bro. Silas Kempf, Kathryn Kempf, Roanoke; Bro. Al and Sis. Langhofer and children, Erik and Mary, Sis. Roberta Farney, Wichita, Kansas; Sis. Julia Ann Dapper, Sis. Eva Fuhrer, Lavina Muelhauser and daughter, Leslee Ann, Maywood; Bro. John Heinold and Richard Heinold, La Crosse.

An Easter breakfast at 8:30 in the morning and Song Service was enjoyed by all the Sunday School classes and teachers, at the home of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Beery. Also the youth group went Easter caroling to some of the shut-ins.

Bro. Richard Messner was a surgical patient May 2, and we are happy to report, he is doing real well.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Bro. Carl and Sis. Fern Hackenjos, from Bluffton, arrived in Portland April 7 by train, for two weeks visiting the Portland church, as well as the brethren at Silverton. Bro. Glenn Hackenjos and Sis. Nilah Fischer (Mrs. Robert Fischer) are their brother and sister. We enjoyed their visit very much.

David Eugene was born to Robert and Dolores Bertsch on April 7. He joins a sister, Rebecca, and a brother, Noah.

On April 16, Bro. Ned Kipfer visited Portland church, from Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Bro. Harvey and Don Kaisner from Maywood visited in Portland, and attended the mid-week services on Wednesday evening, April 18. They visited the brethren at Silverton on April 21, before returning home. We always welcome visitors.

We were thankful to have our Bro. Ray and Sis. Anna Cooper in our midst on April 23 and April 30, from southern Oregon. Due to a major operation Sis. Anna had in February, they had been absent for a couple of months.

Bro. Edward Unsicker resigned Sunday School teaching on April 23, giving another brother the opportunity to teach. Bro. Ray Cooper Jr. has been elected to take his place. May God grant him wisdom from above to teach the children of His great love.

Our father, Bro. Guy Miller, came home from the hospital on April 26. He had another light stroke Wednesday morning, May 3. The doctor had him taken back to the hospital, May 4. We shall continue to wait upon the Lord by His grace.

At this time, Sis. Elizabeth Diriwachter is staying with her daughter, Elizabeth Steiner. She has shown some improvement.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

April 9, the Bible Class and some of their teachers were guests of the Peoria Sunday School, and enjoyed a blessed day. The evening of May 7, they went to Morton to sing with groups from various churches.

Richard Martin, son of Sister Edith Martin, is back in Sunday School, after having been confined

to his home with a severely injured knee.

Barbara Ringger, daughter of Brother James and Sister Lyola Ringger, is receiving treatment in the hospital for infection. We hope she can soon come home and be with us in Sunday School again.

Sister Lydia Seidel is recuperating in her home, after several weeks in the hospital. She is still confined to her bed most of the time, but able to be about a little. We are thankful that Sister Emma Ehle, who was also seriously ill, is with us each Sunday again. Brother Jeff Steitmatter and Sister Mary Streitmatter are both very seriously ill in the hospital.

Brother John and Sister Margaret Tanner and family went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to see their son, Harold, who had a siege of pneumonia. He is much improved, and was able to spend a few hours at home Sunday, April 30.

We are happy that Nancy Tanner, daughter of Brother John and Sister Margaret, has heeded the call, has repented and found peace. Joann and Wilma Baer, daughters of Louie and Sister Helen Baer, have also turned to their Lord in repentance, and are rejoicing over their new-found peace.

Sunday, May 16, we had many visitors from Fairbury and Gridley, who were guests of Brother George and Sister Esther Kieser. We were thankful for the messages of Brothers Merle Kaisner and Elmer Witzig.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene (Streitmatter) Scholl are the parents of a son, Kyle William, born April 11. Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris (Teubel) Christ are also parents of a son, Ronald John, born April 17. On April 28, a son, Marvin, was born to Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) Herrmann.

Brother Earl Feucht, who is stationed in Maryland, is enjoying a furlough from Army duties at the home of his parents, Bro. Daniel and Sis. Natalia Feucht, and family.

The engagement of Sis. Edna Dreyer of Cissna Park and Bro. Ray Martin was made known May 7.

#### PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Eloise Wagler

Our visitors for March and April were the following: March 26 —

Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinkenberger and Bro. and Sis. Jess Eisemann of Burlington, Iowa; April 2—Bro. and Sis. Roger Moser family of Oakville and the Bill Haney family of Clearfield, Iowa; April 23—the Bro. John Gramm family of Gridley, Illinois; April 30—the John Martin family of Elgin, Illinois, and Pvt. Donald Metzger, who is training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, April 9, we enjoyed having visitors from Oakville, Peoria and Eureka.

On Sunday, April 16, the following group visited the Chicago church: Bro. and Sis. Earl Kilgus, Bro. and Sis. Edwin Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Harold Schieler and family, Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler, and Bro. and Sis. Richard Leman. Due to heavy snow, they were unable to return home until Monday afternoon.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

We rejoice that again there are souls that have given their hearts to the Lord. They are Robert and Eileen Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Stoller and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Marty; Ronald Gasser, son of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Gasser; and Dave Steiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Steiner of near Rittman.

On April 23, Sis. Kathryn Rager of Paulding and Bro. Noah Gerber of Fort Wayne visited us. Sis. Gerber had been here several weeks with her daughter, Sis. Berniece Bauman, who was convalescing at home, after undergoing surgery. We are happy that she is now able to worship with us again.

Sis. Delores Walder of Cissna Park is spending some time here, visiting relatives.

Everett Beery has returned home, after completing his time in the Service in Germany.

Birth: a son, Paul Ritzman, to Dave and Sis. Mary Ann Zollinger, on May 1.

Edward Zollinger and Shirley Kaser were united in marriage on April 29. Harlan Stoller and Jean Widmer were married on May 6. Both weddings took place at the home of our elder, Bro. Noah Bauman.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Funeral services were held here Saturday, April 8, for our friend, Lloyd Des Carpentrie, who died after suffering a heart attack. Our hearts go out to his dear wife, who now is alone to raise three young children, and, after much sorrow and grief, could now yet turn to the Lord in repentance. May God grant to her grace and strength for her every need.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Christina Fehr and Sis. Anne Zimmerman, Saturday, April the 15th.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Rosina Steffen, Thursday, April the 27th.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Luginbuhl are the parents of a new little girl, Becky, born Saturday, April the 8th. Also, Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller are the parents of a new son, Kenneth Gene, born April the 21st.

We are thankful for our friend, Marvin Leman, who has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish him God's grace.

Our friend, Jake Schaffer, has been announced for proving and baptism in the near future, the Lord willing.

Visiting ministers for the month of April were Bro. Bolliger and Bro. Aberle from Tremont, Bro. Joe Aberle from Sabetha and Bro. Mike Weyeneth from Peoria.

A group of young folks from Sabetha spent the week end of April 22 and 23 with us.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

(These items were sent in by Menno Steiner upon the request of our dear brother, Edward.)

April 9, Bro. and Sis. Dale Knobloch of Alvord, Iowa, and Bro. and Sis. Fred Metzger of Lester visited relatives, and witnessed the provings of Friends Eldon Metzger and Harlan and Florence Meyer. They, to our joy, could be baptized and added to the fold of God's children. Others present at this precious ceremony were Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer and Bro. and Sis. Cottrell of Taylor. Bro. Cottrell was our guest minister. We thank them for their visit. Bro. and Sis. Ernie Lambert, also Bro. George and his wife, the sister, with Bro. Harry Aeschlimans were here from Wichita; Bro. Elmer Banwarts and Sis. Lela Banwart of

West Bend were present. Elder brothers Sam Anliker of Lamont and Lester Hartter conducted the baptismal services.

April 9, Bro. and Sis. Ben Stickling spent the week end with Sis. Louise's parents and relatives.

April 16, Sisters Mary Menold, Eleanor Asal, Twila Stoller, Vivian Leuthold of the Princeville congregation and Ruth Hohulin spent the week end with our congregation in God's worship.

Your correspondent (Ed. H. Steiner) is at present in the Sabetha Hospital, after an acute heart attack. We hope the dear brother will soon be able to take his place among his fellow-brethren and family.

On the 23rd of April, Bro. Daniel Steiners of Tremont were visiting the Sabetha congregation. These visits from loving members are always an inspiration and create new love. Let us ever thank the Lord for these blessings.

#### **TAYLOR, MISSOURI**

**Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter**

The Sunday School teachers and pupils presented the Easter program on Good Friday evening. I'm sorry to have missed reporting this last month, as we always enjoy it very much. It is an inspiration to hear in song and scripture reading of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, his mother, Sis. Mary, son, Bro. Roger and Bro. Richard Aberle, all of Sabetha, visited with us on Thursday evening, April 13. We had our mid-week service at that time, and enjoyed the message Bro. Aberle gave us.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Klaus and family and Sis. Marie Klaus of Eureka visited us on Sunday, April 16.

The engagement of Sis. Joann Hoerr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Hoerr, to Bro. Marvin Wiegand of Gridley, Ill., was announced on Sunday, April 30.

#### **TOLEDO, OHIO**

**Reporter: Emily Frautschi**

We are happy to report that Mary Ann Newman has decided to live for the Lord. We wish her much grace and strength in this new life.

Sister Mary Fetter died on April 11, at the age of 82. She turned to the Lord in her youth, and lived faithfully for Him. She leaves a

large family to mourn her loss.

We are glad to have Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Sister Clara Klopfenstein home from Florida. They returned for the funeral of his sister, Mary Fetter.

#### **TREMONT, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel**

On Easter Sunday evening, the children gave us a very nice program.

April 9, visitors were Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski and Bro. and Sis. John Frank, Oakville. Bro. Charles Sauder was home from college for spring vacation.

April 16, we had two ministering brothers and their wives, Joe Aberle, Sabetha, and Philip Sauder, Cissna Park. A number of others were here also, including Simon Wiegands, Goodfield; Emil Fritzs, Morton; Dan Sauders, Congerville. Also, Bro. Walter Gasser and Bro. and Sis. Junior Rufener, Rittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Pulfer have a new baby girl, Doris Jan, born April 21.

Bro. Joe Getz was with us Thursday evening, April 20.

Sis. Floyd Rowell of Oakville visited us April 23.

Sunday, April 30, we had a large group with us from Goodfield. Bros. Simon Wiegand and John Rockey were the ministers.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Sis. Mary Bessler, Thursday, May 4, a former Tremont resident. She is a sister-in-law to Sis. Minnie Sauder of here.

Our Bro. Elmer Rowell passed away at the Pekin Hospital, May 4. Funeral services will be held in Tremont, Sunday, May 7. His wife, Mary Knapp, preceded him in death, in September, 1958.

#### **TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN**

**Reporter: Yoshito Inoue**

Sister Mizue Ozawa was baptized on April 2 at Shioda Church. She is a high school student, and now she is helping with Sunday School at Shioda.

We had sunrise services, beginning at five o'clock in the morning on Apr. 2, at both churches.

Sunday School teachers at Tsutsujiga oka made a plan of summer school, which will be held for three days next August. Children will collect 30 yen (about 8 cents)

every week from each, and make a deposit for the fee of this summer school. They will visit Shioda Sunday School and have the summer school together.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Dale Eisenmann**

Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke was the visiting minister for our gathering on April 5. The evening was enjoyed by all.

On April 19, Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka held services. Guests were present from Cissna Park, Eureka, Roanoke and Goodfield.

We had a record attendance of 59 on the evening of May 3. Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton held services and guests were present from Goodfield, Princeville, Cissna Park and Roanoke.

#### **WOLCOTT, INDIANA**

**Reporter: Arles Kropf**

On April 9, baptismal services were held, and Sis. Nancy Christopher was welcomed into our church. Visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Karl Lehman, Sis. Estella Lehman, Sis. Anna Furrer, Bro. and Sis. Eldon Schurter, Sis. Anna Stortz, and Sis. Verna Stedman, all of Chicago. Following baptismal services, supper was enjoyed by all, at the church.

Sunday, April 16, our community, like many others in the Midwest, was caught in a very unusual snowstorm. Many were unable to get to church, and some who did get there were unable to get home. We were thankful for the visit of Bro. Henry Kilgus and his wife and Bros. Sam and Richard Steffen of Forrest, as without Bro. Henry we could not have had services. Bro. Irvin Lehman had gone to Bluffton, Bro. Vernon Schwab to Forrest, and Bro. Alfred Bahler was among those who were snowbound. In the evening, our church was opened, to provide shelter for the many snowbound travelers on the highway, but before many could be taken in, the road to the church was also drifted.

Visitors on April 23 were Bro. and Sis. Joe Schrock, Bro. and Sis. Sam Zimmerman, and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Roecke of Congerville, and Bro. Gale Stoller of Latty.

Sis. Lena Kyburz has returned home, after spending the winter with her children in California and Oregon.

Those from here attending bap-



tismal services at Goodfield on April 30 for Ivan and Pearl Nohl were, Bro. and Sis. Roy Kyburz and sons, Jerry and Ronnie, Bro. and Sis. Ed Kyburz, Mrs. John Furrer and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Klopfenstein and family, Sis. Josephine Kyburz, Sis. Emma Blume, and Sis. Arles Kropf.

**In Loving Memory of Our Dearly  
Loved Departed Minister  
Bro. Herman J. Hueni**

**A PSALM OF LIFE**

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!—  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they  
seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

(The above verses of this poem  
were quoted many times at the  
close of Bro. Herman's sermons.)

Bro. Herman Hueni passed away  
to his eternal rest on April 11, fol-  
lowing an acute heart attack, being  
ill just a few hours.

The congregation expresses their  
heartfelt sympathy to our dear Sis-  
ter Rosena, the widow, and her  
children.

We pray that the spirit of peace  
and harmony which were shared  
unto us during the 27 years of Bro.  
Herman's ministering will ever be  
our priceless treasure, in the fu-  
ture days of the Bremen congrega-  
tion.

We are deeply impressed by the  
many sermons in which Bro. Her-  
man advised us to so live, that  
when the time comes that we must  
die, all we have to do is to die.

Funeral services were held on  
April 14, with Bro. Joe Getz of  
Morton officiating. Relatives,  
brethren and friends from many  
congregations attended the serv-  
ices.

Submitted by the Bremen  
Church  
Lydia Heuberger, reporter.

## TIME OF SERVICES

### Akron, Ohio

Sunday services: 10:30 A. M.  
and 1:00 P. M.

Sunday School: 9:30 A. M.

Thursday evening services: 7:30  
P. M. (Daylight Saving Time)

### Altadena, California

Sunday:

10:00 A. M.—Bible Class

11:00 A. M.—Church and Sunday  
School

1:00 P. M.—Church

Thursday:

7:30 P. M.—Church  
(Daylight Saving Time)

### Athens, Alabama

Song Worship—9:30 A. M.

Worship Service—10:00 A. M.

Sunday School—10:00 A. M.  
(Central Standard Time all year  
round)

### Bern, Kansas

Church & Sunday School—10:00

Singing—12:00

(Central Standard Time)

### Bluffton, Indiana

Sunday School—10:30 A. M.

Morning Service—10:30 A. M.

Afternoon Service—1:45 P. M.

Midweek Service (Wednesday) —  
7:45 P. M.

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Bremen, Indiana

Church Services: Morning Service,  
10:00 A. M.

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Burlington, Iowa

Sunday morning—10:30 A. M.

Afternoon—12:30 P. M.

Wednesday evening—7:30 P. M.

(Burlington has been on DST  
since April 30)

### Burlington, Oklahoma

Morning Services—10:00

Afternoon Services—12:00

(Central Standard Time)

### Cissna Park, Illinois

Church Services: 10:30

Midweek

Evening Services: 8:00

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Congerville, Illinois

Sunday School—10:00 A. M.

Morning Service—10:00 A. M.

Song Service—12:00

Afternoon Service—12:30 P. M.

Midweek Service:

Wednesday—8:00 P. M.

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Elgin, Illinois

Morning—10:00

Afternoon—12:30

(Probably Daylight Saving Time)

### Elgin, Iowa

Sunday School—10:15

Sunday Morning Services—10:30

Song Service—12:30

Afternoon Services—1:00

(Central Standard Time)

### Eureka, Illinois

Sunday Morning Services—10:30

Afternoon Services—12:30

Wednesday Evening Services—8:00  
(Daylight Saving Time)

### Fairbury, Illinois

Sunday A. M.—10:00

Sunday P. M.—12:30

Thursday P. M.—8:00

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Forrest, Illinois

Church Services and Sunday School:  
10:00 A. M.

Afternoon service: 12:30 P. M.

Wednesday evening service: 8:00  
P. M.

(All Central Daylight Saving  
Time)

### Fort Lauderdale, Florida

We are on Eastern Standard Time,  
and our church services begin at  
10:30 A. M., and again at 1:00. Our  
church address is 401 Southeast 21st  
Street.

### Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Every Sunday afternoon Services  
—1:00

Wednesday evening—7:15

(Central Standard Time)

When we have no minister, we re-  
ly on tapes of sermons.

### Fort Scott, Kansas

Morning Church Services—10:30

Sunday School—10:30

Afternoon Services—12:30

(Central Standard Time Year  
round)

### Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sunday School—10:00 A. M.

Morning Services—10:00 A. M.

Afternoon Services—12:00 P. M.

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Francesville, Indiana

German Services—9:30

Regular Services—10:00

(Probably Daylight Saving Time)

### Girard, Ohio

Sunday School—9:30 A. M.

Morning Service—10:30 A. M.

Afternoon Service—12:30 P. M.

(Daylight Saving Time)

### Goodfield, Illinois

Sunday—10:00 A. M. D. S. T. only,  
until further notice.

Midweek services discontinued un-  
til fall.

**Gridley, Illinois**

Morning Church Services—10:30  
 Sunday School—10:30  
 Afternoon Services—12:30  
 Afternoon Sunday School—12:30  
 Wed. evening Services—8:00  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Gridley, Kansas**

Church Services—10:30 and 12:30  
 Sunday School—10:30  
 Church Singing—7:00 P.M., first  
 Sunday of month  
 (No regular mid-week services)  
 (Central Standard Time the year  
 round)

**Hillsboro, Alabama**

Song Worship—2:00 P.M.  
 Worship Service—2:30 P.M.  
 Sunday School—2:30 P.M.  
 (Central Standard Time year  
 round)

**Illinois State Normal University**

Thursday—8:00 P.M. at Univer-  
 sity Union  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Junction, Ohio**

Morning Services—10:30 A.M.  
 Singing—12:15 P.M.  
 Afternoon Services—1:00 P.M.  
 Sunday School—1:00 P.M.  
 Our Wednesday evening services  
 will be resumed, if possible, some time  
 in June, depending on the weather.  
 (Eastern Standard Time)

**La Crosse, Indiana**

Church Services—10:30 D.S.T.  
 Sunday School—10:30 D.S.T.

**Landersville, Alabama**

Song Worship—6:30 P.M.  
 Worship Service—7:00 P.M.  
 Sunday School—7:00 P.M.  
 (Central Standard Time, year  
 round)

**Latty, Ohio**

Sunday Morning—10:30  
 Sunday Afternoon—1:00  
 Sunday School—1:00  
 Wed. Evening—7:30  
 (Eastern Standard time year  
 round)

**Leo, Indiana**

Morning Services—10:00  
 Afternoon Hymn-sing—12:00  
 Afternoon services—12:30  
 Thursday Evening Services—8:00  
 (Central Daylight Saving Time  
 year round)

**Lester, Iowa**

(Time is when ministers go on pul-  
 pit)  
 Morning Services—10:30 A.M.  
 Afternoon Services—1:00 P.M.  
 Sunday School—During Morning  
 Services

Singing every first and third Sun-  
 day of the month—7:30 P.M.  
 (Central Standard Time)

**Mansfield, Ohio**

(Eastern Standard Time)  
 Song Service—9:45 to 10:00  
 Church Services—10:00 to 11:00  
 Afternoon Services  
 Song Service—12:00 to 12:30  
 Church Service—12:30  
 Thursday Evening  
 Song Service—7:30 to 8:00  
 Church Service—8:00

**Milford, Indiana**

Church starts at 10:00.  
 (Probably Daylight Saving Time)

**Morris, Minnesota**

10:30—Church Services  
 10:30—Sr. Bible Class  
 1:00 P.M.—Church Service  
 1:00 P.M.—Sunday School  
 Standard Time

**Morton, Illinois**

Church Services—10:00 A.M.  
 Afternoon Services—12:15 P.M.  
 Wednesday Evening—7:30  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Oakville, Iowa**

Sunday Morning—10:30 A.M.  
 Afternoon—1:00 P.M.  
 Thursday Evening—8:00 P.M.  
 (Will change to DST on Sunday,  
 May 28)

**Peoria, Illinois**

Worship Service—10:00 A.M.  
 Sunday School—10:00 A.M.  
 Worship Service—12:30 P.M.  
 Thursday evening Worship Service  
 —7:30 P.M.  
 (Probably Daylight Saving Time)

**Phoenix, Arizona**

Adult Sunday School—9:45  
 Morning Services—10:30  
 Afternoon Services—12:30  
 Wednesday Eve. Services—7:30  
 (Reprinted from last year)

**Portland, Oregon**

Sunday A.M. Services—10:30  
 Sunday School—10:30  
 Afternoon Services—1:00  
 Mid-week Services (Wed.)—7:30  
 (Pacific Daylight Saving Time)

**Princeville, Illinois**

Morning Worship—10:00  
 Sunday School—10:00  
 Afternoon Worship—12:30  
 Sunday Evening Hymn Sing—  
 Third Sunday of month, 7:30  
 Mid-week Services discontinued  
 during summer months  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Pulaski, Iowa**

Morning Services—10:30  
 Afternoon Services—12:45  
 (Central Standard Time)

**Remington, Indiana**

A.M. Services—10:00  
 P.M. Services—12:15  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Rittman, Ohio**

Sunday School—9:30 A.M.  
 Morning Worship—10:30 A.M.  
 Afternoon Worship—1:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Evening Worship  
 —8:30 P.M.  
 Song Service—Second and fourth  
 Sunday of each month  
 —8:00 P.M.  
 (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

**Roanoke, Illinois**

Sunday School—10:30 A.M.  
 Morning Service—10:30 A.M.  
 Afternoon Service—12:30 P.M.  
 Mid-week Service: Wednesday—8:00  
 P.M.  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Sabetha, Kansas**

Sabetha services are: Morning  
 services, 10 A.M. Lunch and noon re-  
 cess, 11:30. Special singing, 12:30  
 P.M. Afternoon service, 12:45.

**Taylor, Missouri**

Singing with Sunday School  
 —10:00 A.M.  
 Morning Service—10:30 A.M.  
 Afternoon Service—12:30 P.M.  
 Evening Singing—7:00 P.M.  
 Mid-week Service, Wednesday  
 —8:00 P.M.  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**Toledo, Ohio**

Church Services—9:45 A.M. and  
 12:15 P.M.  
 Sunday School—9:45 A.M.  
 Thursday Song Service—8:00 P.M.  
 (Eastern Standard Time Year  
 Round)

**Tremont, Illinois**

Sunday Morning—10:00  
 Sunday Afternoon—12:15  
 Sunday School—10:00  
 Thursday evening—8:00  
 (Daylight Saving Time)

**University of Illinois**

Bible Class—7:15, every other  
 Wednesday evening.

**Wolcott, Indiana**

Morning Services—10:00 A.M.  
 Afternoon Services—12:30 P.M.  
 Sunday School—12:30 P.M.  
 Wednesday Eve. (alternating ev-  
 ery other week with Remington  
 8:00 P.M.  
 (During the summer months we  
 are on C.D.T.)

We have some beautiful poems for  
 the June issue. — If your address  
 needs changing, write us.

—the editor