

THE SILVER LINING



GRABILL, INDIANA

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"we believe"

Christian Schlipf

Submitted by Will Stettner

We find recorded in the holy scripture, both in the New, and also in the Old Testament, that without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that wishes to come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Therefore, we confess with our mouth, and believe in our hearts, like all true and holy men, according to the holy scripture, on a holy, true, eternal, merciful, perfect Trinity, God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost. To Him alone belong thanks, praise, glory, honor and worship, from eternity to eternity. Amen.

We believe that the Almighty God created heaven and earth and sea, and everything that is upon and in it . . . that He created man after His own image, holy, pure, innocent and perfect. God, the Lord, let man live in Paradise, and ordained that there should be man and woman. (Genesis 1:26-27) But the first parents departed from the commandment of God, by being disobedient to their Creator, and reached after that which was forbidden, being influenced by Satan, the subtle serpent, who deceived mankind through craft and hatred. (Genesis 3:13)

In consequence, man lost the image of God, and on account of man's disobedience against the commandment of God, fell under the punishment of God, and the curse came upon him. (Genesis

3:16-19) On account of sin and transgression, the spiritual death came over all mankind. The holy communion which man had with God was lost.

From Revelation

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

But the gracious and merciful God did not want mankind to be lost forever, therefore gave them a hope and a promise of redemption, that man again might be delivered from this spiritual death.

For the fulfillment of such, the fathers longed and waited. (Psalm 14) "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people . . ."

Until the appointed time from the Father, He gave unto His people of the Old Covenant whom He led out of Egypt through Moses, the law. Moses himself did testify of the promise of Messiah and spoke, "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear." (Acts 7:37, Deut. 18:18)

Regarding the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ, we teach and believe: When the time of fulfillment of the promise of God to the fathers came, then God sent His Son, born of a virgin, Mary, who was espoused to a man named Joseph, from the house of David, which was begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God. (Luke 1:35)

This promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, came in the form of a servant, and proclaimed the gospel of peace unto mankind, so that fallen mankind could, through Him, be redeemed and delivered from the fall of Adam and from the spiritual death and the power of darkness.

Jesus Christ placed Himself as mediator between God and man. He reconciled and redeemed man with His own precious blood, which He shed on the cross for the sins

of man; for we are not purchased with gold and silver from destruction, but with the precious blood of Christ. God does not want anyone to perish, but wants man to believe on Jesus Christ, and be saved from sin and the power of Satan. (John 3:16)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever-

lasting life."

On this foundation of the holy scripture, we believe and teach eternal salvation and eternal damnation, because we read in the holy scripture, to believe on Jesus Christ, or not to believe in Him, determines to eternal life or eternal death.

And, likewise it is with obedience to the word of God. (John 3:17,18,36) Jesus Christ, while He

lived on earth as Son of man, revealed the whole counsel and will of God, all that is beneficial and needful for salvation. Therefore, we should not add anything, nor take away anything from the word of God, which Christ and, afterward, His chosen apostles declared and taught. The apostles did bear witness of His truth and resurrection.

(To be continued)

The Work of Enlightenment

Samuel H. Froelich

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

This epistle (without apostolic greeting) was not written to beginners, but to previously enlightened and anointed believers, to establish them in the truth and to further them in the knowledge of the Son of God. It shall serve the same purpose for us.

The work of enlightenment is progressive, and is wrought by the inner, as well as by the outer, witnessing of the Holy Ghost, in order that we may learn to know the entire will and counsel of God, unto our salvation, until the full light of day; for, the more we learn to know Christ, the more conformable shall we be to Him, and the more greatly we shall be made willing and capable of obedience unto the will of God.

But, the less we know Christ, the more the darkness of sin and death controls us, for the knowledge of Christ dispels the former darkness. He is the Light and Life of men, just as the darkness of the devil is the death of men. Although the darkness is so powerful that it has covered everything, the Light

is still more powerful yet, and overcomes the darkness in all those who become converted unto the light and let themselves be enlightened and made alive by Christ.

The conversion of men must precede as a condition of the new life, and whoever does not care to be converted by the call of God, because he prefers darkness to the light, remains in death eternally.

Therefore, the Lord sent John in the wilderness before Him, as a messenger of light, calling men to repentance, in order that he witness of the Light which was to come. But, instead of believing in the Light and being converted from darkness through him, some men wished only to rejoice for a time over the appearance of a new prophet.

John, with the baptism of water unto repentance, should prepare the way, in order that they might be, later, by Christ, baptized with the Holy Spirit unto the renewing of the divine nature (John 1).

"Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."

Where the knowledge of Christ and His will is concerned, we can never finish learning, according to which we shall walk like children of God. In the beginning was the Word, the Son of God, and he appeared in the flesh to take away our sin, and to overthrow the con-

trol of the devil over us, if we receive Him in faith as the Word of life, and also become sealed by the Spirit of truth, which He sends in His stead, to establish, in peace and joy, the righteous children of God unto fellowship with the living and true God.

I John 1:1 By this "beginning", think not of any definite time—for instance, Genesis 1:1—but of eternity, because our thoughts and ideas are still terminable and restricted, and the word of God therefore condescends to our limited knowledge and speaks of a beginning. We must, meanwhile, satisfy ourselves therewith in this respect, for as long as we walk by faith, the searching (beyond revelation) into the divine essence and perfection is not our concern or problem.

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him."

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

We shall not speculate about the

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Judgment

Henry Souder Jr.

There shall be a day, when time, like a storm, will be past.

Ahead will be limitless expanses. The little passings called time will recede, further . . . and further.

A judgment day, is coming.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

Birthdays don't come for ever. They run out. Neither is the whirl of time's calendar past your heart's window a continuing journey. We speed toward an end.

This is certain, that the day is coming when we will be standing before God. Gone forever will be the little mists called Sundays and Mondays, and other rushing, racing, restless hours.

Around and ahead will be the staggering immensity, with no end.

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The very pit-holes of hell open their yawning abyss in this brief period called time. Lethargy loses. The demons are dragging the dying, the dead, into the black darkness now. Judgment scenes are being forged today.

For the sinner, unless things change, the die is cast. WAKE UP! Arouse!

In that lone land, the direction of sin, the chains have horror, hidden now in hideous hold. What an existence embalms in a futile for ever!

If you were going to buy a new car, you would listen about it. If you were selecting your studies, your curriculum, you should want the things that interest and benefit. How much more your destiny of for ever and ever!

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

The glorious sun shines on peaceful waters, and all is radiantly beautiful. Mortal heart without God never knew this wondrous! Mortal pen never flowed with the

marvellous, save in God's hand! Without, days are a race of agony . . . a path, beat of emptiness.

The sunset whispers of a glorious tomorrow. Each day is resplendent in gifts that glow in glorious eternal substance.

To hang on to the colorless, the collapsing, the shriveled and the sin-shaped, the cindered and the empty . . . is rife with vexation.

But to come to the cross . . . and, in the cross, find death to the old guilt and the old man . . . to arise into the living, colorful, glorious, great-with-power, life of God . . . is joy supreme, and for ever!

"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"

You have known Him as a loving God . . . One who brings His beautiful sunshine and blue skies . . . You have felt His gracious and tender love and mercy through the sweet ones who have cared all about you. You have seen the hours of agony He felt . . . have looked, when He died for you.

Judgment day for the condemned will be different.

What that must be to face a God who is wrathful at you! Fear will strike like a dagger. What fearful dream from which there is no awakening! What horrible nightmare from which there is no release! What heart-sinking . . . heart-breaking . . . heart-wrenching . . . from which there is no arising!

Cast out-side . . . where end comes not . . . Weeping, wishing . . . thinking, dying . . . gnashing, existing . . . in the screamish vault of everlasting terror.

"Yet, a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Pray for courage to choose the right. Pray that He will not pass you by. Pray that He will give you determination and power to come. Pray that He will do the impossible.

How do you know that you will be here tomorrow? How do you presume what he has not promised? There is only one breath between you and death.

Oh, how sweet would seem the moment now, if it were too late, and you could not come back. How inviting and free and beautiful would be the very moment now, from which then you would be barred, for ever. How cool and refreshing would seem the gospel's sound if it could be . . . how lavishly rich the moment when prayer could have counted!

WHAT COST SLAVERY!

Do you want the company of the condemned? That alone would be tragic . . . those who hated and murdered little ones . . . greedily grabbed and devoured other's things . . . run around in sin, and were unfaithful to their families . . . and carried sin to the grave. There is no pleasant personality, no love and no light there.

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

The choice is yours . . . now.

As a child, remember how we delighted with little surprises? Perhaps on Christmas morning, you came to shapes which brought happiness and pleasure. Remember how fond was the expectation at Christmas eve?

As a child of God's, you can experience surprises and joys that are so much, much more. They are eternal.

You must expect the cross now, and sorrow, for we must follow His foot-steps. But, the expectations, the joys, the eve of hope, the solid and enduring . . . these color life with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

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nature of God, but shall believe His word, and become minded with simplicity, and be humble like children, or we shall eternally not attain unto the true knowledge nor enter into the kingdom of God.

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Sis. Carole Beery of Rittman spent the week end of May 7 with Sisters Louise Kay and Mary Ann Graf.

May 7, the Robert Sauders of Mansfield attended services with us.

May 14, the Robert Grafs visited Florence's mother, Sister Ruth Bollinger, and attended services in Girard.

May 14, the Delbert Indermuhles of Sardis, Ohio, and the Forrest Hartzlers of Rittman attended services with us. Indermuhles spent the evening in the Gordon Greenbank home.

The Leon Grafs spent the week end of May 27 with the Kenneth Laukhufs.

May 27, Duane Johnson of Cissna Park spent the week end in the Forrest Ritzman home, attending services with us May 28.

Paul Ritzman left May 30 by train, to spend the summer in the Theo Beer home. Paul's brother, Bob, returned home from college the same week, to be here for the summer.

The Primary Sunday School Class are saving their pennies to be sent to Japan to tell the children there about Jesus.

May 26, a son, Michael Forrest, was born to Carl and Martha Zollinger. They have two other children, Andy and Anita.

Sis. Emma Webber spent Decoration Week End with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Gabby Balazs, at State College, Pennsylvania.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Joe Lorenz broke his hip in early May, but are happy he is now at home convalescing.

Those visiting us on Sunday, May 7, were Bro. Eddie Dotterer, Phoenix, and Bro. Reuben Farney, Burlington, Oklahoma.

Sunday, May 14, was the wedding day of Sis. Marie Baer of Maywood and Bro. Reuben Farney, Burlington, Oklahoma. They were married in Maywood, with both Altadena and Maywood attending.

Out-of-town visitors were: Sis. Lydia Hauter and Diana, Morton; Sis. Martha Bowald and Kathy, Roanoke; Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney, Bro. and Sis. Dick Beery and Robby, Bro. and Sis. Earl Sanders and Billy, Phoenix; Sis. Edith Schwarz, Croghan, N.Y.; the Paul Mingers, Temple City, Calif.; the Ben Mingers, H. B., Calif.; Mrs. Lalla Farney, Bell, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Elliot and Patty and Jeanie, Larry Farney, Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Miller and Carolyn, Bell, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Baer. Bro. Roy Farney held the wedding services.

On May 21, Ernie and Marcielle Dapper were proved and baptized in Maywood. Among the visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Albert Ludwig, Rockville, Conn.; Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer, Bro. and Sis. Eddie Dotterer, and Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney of Phoenix. Bro. Roy assisted Bro. Carl Kinsinger in the afternoon.

Our friend, Jeri Minger, of Altadena was proved and baptized on Sunday, May 28, in Altadena. Visitors that week were Bro. and Sis. Al Frautschi and Ed of Grabill and Sis. Ethel Waibel of Phoenix.

There will be no Sunday School classes held during the summer months, except the Primary Class. The other classes will resume again in the fall.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

May 17, H. Kellenberger and Harold Kellenberger visited at the Wingeier sisters. Also, David took lunch at the Phil Wingeier home. Mary and Lydia Wingeier also were guests with the Kellenbergers.

The Young People's Sunday School class sang at Phil Wingeiers, Sunday, the 14th. Also, an open-air roast was served.

Mr. Al Wiegler spent a week at Detroit.

Miss Pat Monler spent the week end at Bay City, with Sunday evening at the Sunday School singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman are at their summer home on Lake Michigan, Look-out Point.

Feldman guests were the Harold Honeggers.

Robert Wingeier is gaining at Blodgett Hospital. We all miss his presence, and pray for good to him and his wife. He hopes, after a most serious illness, to join his wife, Joan, at home, a very appreciative reward.

Mary and Lydia Wingeier are hoping for their nephew's recovery at Grand Rapids Hospital.

Lyman Feldmans entertained their parents, Phil Wingeiers, and Wilma Ontus to a Sunday evening dinner. On Thursday evening, they had Fred Feldmans to supper.

Bro. Harold Honeggers surprised the Phil Wingeiers by a visit Thursday evening.

It is tulip time in Holland, Michigan. Many are visiting the color-fields in bloom. A God-given purity in bloom tells us of His love. Visitors were from Cissna Park, Forrest, Congerville, Fairbury, Chicago, Detroit.

Mr. Ernest Weigle was on leave (being in Texas) at Battle Creek. Now he starts on Michigan University graduation, finishing government work. Brother Al, of Detroit is also home. Richard Schrenk finishes at Michigan Western College. His wife, Janice, is in the nursing profession.

Bros. Lyman Feldman and Wayne Willand, with their wives, spent the week end in Eureka, Fairbury and Cissna Park.

Stan Wingeier hopes to be with home folks in June. Welcome Stanford.

Bro. Dave Wingeier and his wife and family entertained around fifty to dinner of late. Nice fellowship, lovely meal.

The Wingeier sisters, Margaret, Christine, and Anne, served a fine lunch on Sunday, to a large, thankful attendance.

Mrs. Tom Schrenk and Mr. and Mrs. Marglin Oesch were also home.

Fred Grosburg and his wife entertained with a singing at their home of late, a pleasant evening, a very welcome spring get-together and birthday lunch.

Bro. Chris Weigle had guests overnight.

Miss Pat. Moner finished school teaching at Grand Rapids, is home

at Bay City. Alto friends truly miss her.

John Krebs and his wife served lunch at noon on a Sunday. Mrs. Krebs teaches a Junior Sunday School class.

Kropf and Blough families enjoyed having Marion, of Pennsylvania, home.

Mary and Lydia Wingeier entertained guests overnight of late. Here is a welcome home to His children, and a joy in friendship.

Spring, flowers, Decoration Day and His love of nature is with us, so may the Spirit in Him also prosper in fullness and love.

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

May 11, Sister Lena and Sis. Clara Heiniger enjoyed a birthday supper, given for Sis. Lois Goode and family, at the home of her daughter, Evelyn Cooley, and family.

May 13, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Bro. Isaac Rufener, Bro. Ezra Beery of Rittman; Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest; members and friends gathered at the home of a 78-year-old friend, Wesley Long, in Lester, Ala., for his proving, and baptizing in a creek near by. He is the father of Sis. Retha Chambers and Sis. Lela Favors.

In the evening, Communion Services were held, and, later, testimonies of two friends, Irene and Eva Will Haggemaker, were given. Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons of Landersville and Bro. Junior Hale of Hillsboro attended these services.

Sunday, May 14, was a blessed day for the strengthening of the spirit of all members, by hearing the testimonies of two friends, Charlene Robinson and Nadine Kyle, and the baptizing of the four friends. May God's richest blessings be upon them. We request prayers for these precious souls.

Bro. and Sis. Matt Wackerle of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., visited around Athens and Hillsboro, May 16.

Worship services were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, for all in the Prospect area, Wednesday evening, May 17.

Friday afternoon, May 19, sisters and friends met at the home of Sis. Zelma Young, for a blessed fellowship in singing and learning of God's word.

Sunday, May 21, Sisters Elda

and Sylvia Steiner of Leo spent the week end visiting the three churches.

Sister Arles Kropf of Wolcott and Sis. Mary Kilgus of Remington spent a week helping with the work of the three churches. May God bless them, for taking time out to come down and help us during their vacation.

May 27, Bro. Felix and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich and Sis. Minnie Getz of Pulaski visited the churches.

A time of fellowship and singing and a birthday dinner was enjoyed in the home of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss of Prospect, Tenn., for relatives and friends.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leonard Baumgartner

We are always glad to have visitors with us at any of our services, and herewith extend a hearty welcome.

Our visitors included Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand of Eureka; Bro. and Sis. Siebenthal of Roanoke; Senator and Mrs. Alvin Bauman and family from Sabetha; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moline.

The Bern Bible class has received an invitation to go to Morris, the second Sunday in June.

Mrs. Waymer Esslinger was seriously injured, when her car slid into a ditch and overturned one morning, on her way to work in Seneca. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Bro. and Sis. Alpha Strahm Jr. and family spent Sunday, May 14, at West Bend.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. Gary Ringger and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Steffen of Ft. Sam Houston have been home on leave.

Bro. Carl Hackenjos has been discharged from the Service.

Bros. Truman Yergler and Cornelius Bertsch were in the hospital for major surgery the past month.

Bro. and Sis. Andrew Dotterer of Paulding visited our congregation on May 21, and Bro. and Sis. Albert Fisher of Chicago visited on June 4.

The brothers who were in India during World War II met here with Bro. and Sis. Carl Kipfer, on June 4. Those present were Bro. and Sis. Alvin Farney and daughter of Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Ervin Walder of Cissna; Bro. and Sis. Perry Zimmerman and children

and Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth and children of Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Gudeman and children of Elgin; and Bro. and Sis. Ralph Weber and family of Rittman. Bro. Vernon Hartzler was unable to attend.

Others who visited us were Sisters Mary and Elaine Pulfer and Sis. Renee Neihouser of Ft. Wayne; Bro. and Sis. Amos Steffen of Milford; Bro. and Sis. Charles Sauder of Mansfield; Bros. Carl and Aaron Jr. Steffen of Alto; Bro. and Sis. Amos Meyer and family of Fairbury; Sisters Emma, Mary and Emily Frautschi of Toledo; Sis. Ida Winzeler of Leo; Bro. and Sis. John Hartzler of Rittman; the Wagenbach sisters of Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Harry Yergler, Sisters Esther Yergler and Matilda Stortz of Gridley; and Sis. Anna Clauss and Sis. Lockwood of Chicago.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Harold Aeschliman, a son, on May 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baumgartner, a daughter, on May 7; to Bro. and Sis. Tom Pfister, a son, on May 26, and to Bro. and Sis. Alvin Fiechter, a son, on May 28.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Our visitors for the month of May were as follows:

May 7—Sis. Lena Sauder and Jerry and Peggy Sauder from Tremont. They are relatives of Sis. Marge (Harold) Zeltwanger, of our congregation.

May 14—Sis. Clara Klopfenstein, formerly of Bremen, but now of Toledo; Bro. and Sis. Gene Witzig and children from Morton; and Bro. and Sis. Louis Stoller and children from Latty.

May 21—Sis. Elizabeth Kammer, Sis. Lena Hoerr, both of Peoria and Heidi Hoerr (a student from Germany, visiting in Peoria), also, Sis. Juanita Laidig, student nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

May 28—Bro. Otto Norr of Leo and members of his family attended services with us this date. Bro. Norr gave both messages for the day. We were richly blessed by his ever-wonderful, inspiring sermons.

May 28—Many young folks of the La Crosse Sunday School were guests of the Bremen Sunday School. We thank all of them for their visit. We also had brethren from La Crosse, Peoria and Tremont as visitors for this date. Sis.

Anna Gerber, formerly of Bremen, spent the day with us.

May 31—Mid-week service visitors were Sis. Lydia Conrad, Sis. Martha Conrad and Bob and Joan Conrad.

Jack and Marlene Hueni have moved from Danville, Ill., to Bremen, and are making their home at present with Jack's mother, Sis. Rosena.

Death: The mother of Sis. Hazel (Daniel) Clauss—Mrs. Jennie Heyde—passed away on May 26, at the age of 81 years. She died unexpectedly, following an acute heart attack.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sis. Elmer (Alice) Tanner spent the week of April 30 in Topeka, Kan., with her daughter, Sis. Ruth Ann, who has been attending business college in Topeka, and now is employed at the missile base near there.

On April 30, Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bahr and children and Sis. Lydia Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, visited our congregation.

Bro. Ronald Nelson, Bro. Arnold Ott, Sis. Lydia Ott and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth visited the Lamont and Gridley, Kan., congregations, Sunday, May 7.

Visitors here May 7 were Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris of El Dorado, Kansas.

Mother's Day visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Kircher and family of Cushing, Okla., and Sis. Ruth Ann Tanner of Topeka, Kansas.

Marilyn Frieden, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden, was proved and baptized Sunday, May 28, by our Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, Arizona. Visitors for the day were Sis. Kathryn Banwart and sons of Ft. Scott; Martha Wohlschlegel, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wohlschlegel and A. G. Wohlschlegel of Chicago; Mrs. Myrna Wells and Janet of El Paso, Texas; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and daughters, Bro. and Mrs. Charlie Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Reeves of Wichita; and Bro. and Sis. Arthur Banwart and family of Lamar.

Funeral services were held at the Harper Mortuary, Sunday afternoon, June 4, for Barbara Kraus. Bro. Eli Somerhalder officiated, assisted by Bro. Ronald Nelson.

Visitors June 4 were Bro. Ben L. Metz of Forrest, who is station-

ed at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Bro. Felix Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Progress Park, Kiowa, Kansas, the evening of May 26.

Hospital patients this past month have been Sammy Ott, son of Bro. and Sis. Arnold Ott; Sis. Esther Terry, Sis. Isaac Diel, Sis. Elizabeth Otti and Sis. Lester Bahr. Other shut-ins confined to their homes are Sis. M. A. Kisling, Sis. John Schupbach, Sis. Fredericka Schif and Bro. John Brown. Let's remember the sick and shut-in, not only with our prayers and cards, but also with visits.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

May 7, our visiting ministers were Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury. Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Fred Miller, Sis. Anna and Mary Miller, Bro. and Sis. Carlton Klopfenstein of Gridley, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Roth and Barbara, Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Steffen and family, Bro. and Sis. Christ Huetti and Douglas of Fairbury.

The engagement of our Sis. Edna Drayer and Bro. Ray Martin of Princeville was announced on May 7. Also announced were Sis. Carol Bauer and Bro. John Walbeser, both of our congregation.

Bill Reutter, Sis. Anna Marie and Sis. Anna Rudin visited Lester Rudin at the Methodist Hospital at Peoria on May 7.

On May 14, our Elder Bros. Dave Mangold and Joe Getz were with us, and their wives accompanied them. Two souls gave their testimony and were baptized, our elderly friends, Mary Baumgartner and Fred Frank. We praise the Lord for His mercies. Sis. Mary has reached the age of 90 years.

Other visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Maurice Frank and Pam and Norma.

Grave-side rites were held May 23 for Donna Jean, infant daughter of Joel and Dorothy Kaufman Koonce of Watseka. Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiated.

On May 28, a large number from the Bluffton congregation visited us. We invite them all back.

Births: to Bro. and Sis. Loren Bauer, a son, Gregg Duane, born May 28; this is their first child; to Bro. and Sis. Glenn Knapp, a

daughter, Kristi Kara, born May 29.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible school are under way; they began June 5. Also, adult classes will be held every evening of the two weeks, through June 5 to June 17.

Hospitalized this month were Don Hartman, Ronnie Eiseman, Sis. Edna Moser. They are all improved, and able to be home again.

Our dear Sis. Minnie Kellerhalls passed away, after months of illness. Her funeral was held May 30, Bro. Ezra Feller officiating. Relatives attending the funeral were from Morris, Elgin, Peoria, Gridley, Fairbury, and Wolcott.

June 25 is the day set for the wedding of Sis. Judy Feller and Bro. Dale Eisenmann.

Sis. Anna Schubach is spending a few weeks with her sisters at Peoria.

June 4, our visiting ministers were Brothers Dave Kieser and Lowell Stoller of Princeville. Their wives accompanied them. Many others from various places also visited.

Our friend, Darl Lober, has given his heart to the Lord, and was announced for proving.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

We are thankful that Sis. Lydia Grieder has recovered from her recent illness, and is out of the hospital.

Funeral services were held on May 21 for Bill Wettstein. Our Elder Bro. Frank Woertz held the services. Bill was Bro. John Wettstein's brother.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest has been a recent visitor.

Communion Services were shared by our congregation on May 28. Bro. Woertz was assisted by Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka.

Our annual two-week Vacation Bible School started June 5. We express our appreciation to the teachers who make it possible to teach our children of our Lord and Saviour.

Glenn Stahl and Wanda Sides were married May 20. May they call upon the Lord to lead and guide them in their undertaking.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Sister Ricka Merz is in St. Joseph Hospital. She has pneumonia. We wish her God's help and grace.

A dinner at church was held for quite a number of friends (couples), on May 21.

Wednesday evening services have been discontinued for some time now, due to work on the new addition.

Sisters Lydia Conrad and Martha Conrad of Bloomington, Ind., originally of Portland, Oregon, visited in Elgin a few days, June 1 and 2.

June 3, Sisters Lydia and Louise Schock left for Germany. We wish them a safe and pleasant trip.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers the past month have been as follows: Bro. David Mangold of Roanoke; Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington; Bro. John Rokey, Bro. Edwin Hohulin, and Bro. Simon Wiegand, all of Goodfield.

As was mentioned in the last news, proving was to be held for our friends, the Kupferschmids. It was carried out the evening of May 6. Bro. David Mangold assisted Bro. Leroy Huber. Then, their wishes were for baptism, which was held on Sunday afternoon, May 7. We are now happy to have Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura as members in our church.

May 7, Christian Endeavor was held at Morton. Quite a number of the Bible Class took part in the singing.

May 28, our monthly singing was held in the evening. The Mortons sang four songs, which were enjoyed by all. It is a group of all men from the Morton church.

Vacation Bible School began May 31. It will last for two weeks, being held each morning.

Birth—a daughter, Faith Ann, born to Bro. and Sis. John and Betty Klaus on May 29.

Bro. John Bittner was able to come home from the hospital in Louisiana but is now a patient in the Eureka Hospital. Bro. Dave Wuetrich is still a patient in Eureka Hospital. Sister Dena Blunier was admitted to the hospital a week ago. Sister Aldine Leman, wife of Bro. Sam Leman, was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, where she underwent surgery, and is getting along as well as can be expected. May God be very near all these sick folks.

We are all happy that two more of our friends have turned to the

Lord in repentance. They are Gene and Carol Zobrist. She is the daughter of Bro. Lawrence Zimmermans.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

The Sunday School Bible Class participated in the Christian Endeavor in Morton, on Sunday, May 7.

An inspirational sermon of Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke May 7 brought out, that we are grateful to those setting up churches, including the early missionaries, so that we, too, could hear the way of salvation. Accompanying him were his wife; Sis. Miriam Bertschi; Bro. and Sis. Silas Hodel; Bro. & Sis. Clarence Aeschleman; Bro. and Sis. Andy Leman; Bro. and Sis. Ed Moser; Sis. Ann Sauder; and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Moser. All were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Meyer of Chicago and Bro. and Sis. Joe Rinkenberger, Sisters Martha, Emily, Anna, and Sophie Schlipf spent Sunday, May 21, here, and were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber.

Our beloved brother, Edw. Zimmerman, passed away, and funeral services were May 25. He will be greatly missed.

The engagement of Sis. Carol Broquard and Bro. Kip Weiland of Bay City was announced May 28.

Bro. Louie Huber and Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen, Bro. and Sis. Wayne Huber, Bro. and Sis. Sam Gudeman, Bro. and Sis. Will Kahler, Bro. and Sis. Herman Erb of Francesville; Bro. and Sis. Matt Weiland and Bro. Kip of Bay City; Bro. and Sis. Leroy Huber and Bro. and Sis. Virgil Roche of Eureka; and Bro. and Sis. Henry Klotter and Sis. Lavina from Conn. visited us, June 4.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

On the 14th of May, we enjoyed the visit and sermons of Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury.

On the 31st, for Wednesday evening service, we enjoyed the message brought by Bro. John Wagler of Athens.

Bro. Ben Metz, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, has been home on a two-week furlough.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Bro. Matt Wackerle and Sis. Aldine have gone North, to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Sister Doris Huber has been hospitalized for a few days, but is home again. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sis. Mariam Bachtold has arrived home, and will spend a few weeks with her family.

A singing was held Sunday evening, May 28. Our visiting family on this occasion was Bro. Bob Schieler, Sis. Marilyn and children of Remington.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Out-of-town guests here the week end of May 7th were Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family, Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr, Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family, Bro. Dave Hangartner of Wichita, Kansas.

May 14, Sis. Anna Lou Mattix and Mark, Chanute, Kansas, and Dave Refer, Carthage, Mo., visited our congregation.

Ministering Brother visiting here May 21 was Brother Ben Banwart and his wife, Sis. Banwart, Brother and Sister Arthur Banwart and family of Lamar.

The Fort Scott reporter underwent surgery May 24. I'm improving, but still in the hospital, as I send this in.

May 30, a picnic was held at the park. Guests were Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bucher and family, Francesville; Bro. and Sis. Dean Marti and Sis. Marie Stewart, Lamar.

Ministering Brother Jacob and his wife, Sister Pfister plan to return home about June 3 from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria was guest minister on May 14. We wish to thank him for his visit.

Our Elder Bro. Joe Klopfenstein went by plane to Portland on May 26 to conduct the funeral services for Bro. Guy Miller. Bro. Miller resided in our community some years ago, and had many friends and relatives here. Bro. Joe spent Sunday at the Portland congregation, and had supper with his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Klopfen-

stein, and daughter. Then, on Monday, he visited the Silverton congregation. He returned home safely on Memorial Day.

Our Vacation Bible School classes began on Monday, May 29. There are 104 children attending this year.

God is in every tomorrow;
Therefore, I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise
Guidance and strength for the way,
Power for each moment of weakness,

Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We were blessed with the messages of Bro. Ronald Nelson of the Burlington congregation, for afternoon services on May 7; and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, afternoon services on May 28.

Bro. Sam Huber Sr. has returned from the hospital, and remains about the same, at the home of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Huber.

We are happy to have Bro. T. Winzeler back from his visit in Eldorado. At the present time, he is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Knapp, of Gridley.

Sis. Lizzie Kraft has been ill with flu and its complications for the past several weeks, and is regaining her strength now. We hope she will soon be back with us at church again.

Visitors the past month: Bro. Raymond and Sis. Laverne Roth, Bro. Arnold Ott, Sis. Lydia Ott, Burlington, Oklahoma; Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger, Sis. Erma Esslinger, Mr. and Mrs. Waymer Esslinger, Bern; Sisters Lucy and Donna Hartter, Sabetha; Mr. and Mrs. Harold King and son, Coffeyville; Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden and Jeff, Howard; Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn, Ft. Scott; Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family, Sis. Mary Reber, Ft. Scott; Mrs. Gladys Botham and family, Kansas City, Mo.; and Matt Strahm, Minnesota.

Sis. Lydia Bahr has returned to her home for the summer months.

Monday, May 29, we started our ninth year of Bible School, with the theme, "Living for Jesus", with 45 students and ten teachers and helpers in attendance.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Tuesday, May 23, a blessed afternoon was spent in singing and learning of God's word, followed by a covered-dish dinner, by sisters and friends, for Sis. Lena Heiniger, at the home of her daughter, Sis. Clara Heiniger.

Tuesday evening, May 23, Sis. Manlie Hale and daughter, Beverly; Sis. Arles Kropf; Sis. Mary Kilgus; and Sis. Clara Heiniger attended worship services at the home of Carl and Shirley Haggemaker, near Madison, Ala., where Bro. John Wagler was conducting services for all the Haggemaker families.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale of Paulding, Ohio, spent the week end of May 14 visiting at the home of her parents, Elmer and Sis. Martha Evans.

May 29, the young people met at the church, for singing and worship services, and refreshments were served before going home.

ILLINOIS STATE

NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Shirley Gudeman

May 4, 1961: With us this evening was Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville. He read and meditated from Romans 8. Of the 30 guests, 20 were students.

May 11: We enjoyed having Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke and the Prairie Choristers with us this evening. Bro. Gene read and meditated upon Revelation 15:1-3. After short services, the Prairie Choristers sang several songs. Of the 177 guests, 57 were Prairie Choristers, and 28 were students. We certainly enjoyed having them with us, and I hope that they will come back soon.

May 18: Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest read and meditated upon Ephesians 5:1-20. Nineteen of the 41 present were students.

May 25: At this meeting, we held our annual picnic. The alums and former students were invited this year. We were fortunate to have access to Oberlander's cabin at Lake Bloomington. Officers for next year will be, President: Keith Oberlander of Morton; Vice President: Herb Stoller of Gridley; and Secretary-Treasurer: Nancy Tanner of Princeville. Bro. Joe Schrock read and meditated upon Revelation 7:9-17. There were 16 guests and 28 students present.

June 1: This was our last meeting of the school term. We had with us Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton. He selected as his text Mark 14:22-38. Of the 45 guests present, 22 were students.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Just as the news for last month was sent in, our dear sister, "Tena" Levy, was taken seriously ill at the home of her sister, Sis. Frances, and Bro. Isaac Dotterer, being removed to the Defiance Hospital, and later to the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she left us, for her home with the Saviour, on Wednesday afternoon, May 31, at 12:50.

Sis. Christena Mae Levy was 66. Sister Tena leaves a sister and a brother, Sis. Frances (Isaac) Dotterer and Louis Levy; also three nieces and a nephew. She was born in Paulding County on April 26, 1895, to Gideon and Sis. Amanda (Reimschisel) Levy and had lived in Defiance the past 22 years.

Services were held at 1:00 at the funeral home and 2:00 at the Apostolic Christian Church, with Elder Brothers Sam Aeschliman and George Sinn conducting the services. Burial was in the Dotterer cemetery.

Bro. Aaron Fetter and Eugene Fetter of Toledo, Tommy Schlatter, son of Bro. David and Sis. Margaret Schlatter, of Bay City, Mich., and Mary Suttor of Detroit were visitors, Sunday, May 7. Miss Suttor also spent the week end with her sister and family, Bro. Henry and Sis. Lena Manz.

May 14 visitors were Sis. Aldula Steffen, Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch and children of Bluffton, Sis. Anna, Sis. Elda, Sis. Sylvia, Esther and Enos Steiner of Leo, and Sis. Elizabeth Poe of Fort Wayne. Sis. Elizabeth Poe spent the week end in the Sis. Della Manz home.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman, Bro. Joel and Sis. Ida Maller and Sis. Helen Heyerley of Decatur, Sis. Delma Steffen, Sis. Violet Ringger, Jan and Allen Aeschliman of Bluffton were May 10 visitors in the Sis. Della Manz home; also Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera Laukhuf and daughters of Latty.

Monday evening, May 8, Sisters Esther, Mary and Betty Gilliom and Margaret Miu and children, all

of Mansfield, called at the Sis. Della Manz home.

Birth: A son was born Monday, May 15, to our ministering Brother Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter. He has been named Carlton John.

Bro. John and Sis. Catherine Fuhrer were overnight with Bro. and Sis. Lydia Wahl, May 13.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman of Bluffton spent a few days with Sisters Della, Annabell and Carolyn Manz, the week of May 22.

On the sick list this month were Bro. Elias Manz, Kenneth Manz, Sis. Martha Laukhuf, Sis. Leona Dotterer and Sis. Betty Manz. All are able to back to the services at this time.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Thelma Kipfer, Mrs. Minnie Kick of Fort Wayne, Sisters Frances, Frieda, Esther and Irene Kipfer, Bro. Herman and Sis. Gladys Kipfer, Bro. Jay and Sis. Dorothy Kipfer and daughters, Bro. Martin and Sis. Marguerite Kipfer and daughters of Bluffton, Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma and children of Berne, and Frank and Nondes Costello and sons of Muncie, all were Memorial Day visitors in the Sis. Della Manz home.

Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and children visited with his parents, Bro. Andrew and Sis. Leona Dotterer, and other relatives, Memorial Day.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz attended services in Bluffton, Sunday, May 28. Their little niece came home with them for a visit.

Visitors in our congregation June 4 were Sisters Clara and Lizzie Wahl, Bro. John and Sis. Catherine Fuhrer of Mansfield.

Elizabeth Ann Hale is spending a two-week vacation with her parents, Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale. Her address is:

Miss Elizabeth Hale
Carrie Hall Nurses' Residence
20 Shattuck Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Elsie Morehouse has moved to her own apartment, after spending a few weeks with Bro. Henry and Sis. Lena Manz. Her address is:

Elsie Morehouse
200 So. Main St., Apartment A
Paulding, Ohio

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Our visiting minister on May 7 was Bro. Otto Norr of Leo. Bro.

Herman Norr and family and his daughter, Kathryn, accompanied him.

On Sat. evening, May 20, our two converts, Harold Fritz and his wife, Sherry, were proved, and, on Sun. the 21st, were baptized and taken into the fold. Bro. Conrad Gutwein of Francesville was our visiting minister.

May 26, Bros. Fred Grimm and Wm. Cottrell of Taylor were here. Evening services were held.

May 28, the Sunday School Bible Class visited Bremen Sunday School. A number of teachers and wives accompanied them.

Bro. Harry Bucher has entered the Hines Hospital for more surgery. Sis. Vera Nuest has entered the Porter Co. Hospital having undergone surgery. Our friend, Anna Mueller, has been on the sick list for some time. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Shirley McAvoy and Thomas Jacob were united in Marriage on Sun., May 21. Thomas is the son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Jacob.

Sis. Lena Heiniger has returned home from Alabama.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Friday evening, May 5, worship and Sunday School services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig.

Sis. Bessie Drake's husband, Lester, has been very sick with high blood pressure, has been in the hospital, and now is in bed at his home.

May 12, a large crowd gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dyar Harville for worship and Sunday School services.

Sis. Arles Kropf, Sis. Mary Kilgus, and Sis. Lena Heiniger visited in the home of Sister Bertha Harville, Monday evening, May 22.

Worship services were held in the home of Ed and Mauveleen Harville, Friday evening, May 19, for young and old.

Bro. Junior Hale conducted services Friday evening, May 26, at the home of Richard and Opal Frost.

Sunday, May 28, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and children, Bro. Felix, Sis. Lydia Wuethrich, Sis. Minnie Getz, the Ed Harville family, the Jim Latham family, and Sis. Clara Heiniger had birthday supper at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons, and in the eve-

ning attended the Landersville church service.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Our visiting ministers since the last issue of the Silver Lining were: Bro. Walter Rehkla of Toledo and Bro. Orville Ringger of Bluffton, on May 14, and Bro. Otto Norr of Leo on June 4. We truly thank them for coming and for the messages they brought. We hope they will come again, and also invite others to visit us.

Little Carol Waters, 2-year-old daughter of Roscoe and Elizabeth (Stoller) Waters, had the misfortune of falling on a piece of iron in the new home they are building. The iron punctured her jaw, breaking the bone. She is now out of the hospital and recovering at home.

Sis. Dolly Laukhuf and Pauline Riggerbach were both hospitalized, and are back with us again. Bro. Ronald Eisenmann was in the hospital also, but is better again. Mary Jane Rager, daughter of Bill and Elsie Rager, is improving after an appendectomy, and Barry and Gregory Stoller, both sons of Ralph and Ruth Stoller, had their tonsils removed.

Out Sunday School Bible Class had as visitors on May 14 a group from Mansfield, along with their Sunday School teachers and a number of others. Other visitors were from Toledo, Fairbury, Princeville, and Bluffton.

On May 21, we had a number of visitors from Bluffton, also Sis. Janet Furrer of Wolcott and Wayne and Lydia Ann Miller of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Brother Walter Sinn is home on leave from Fort Sam Houston.

Bro. John and Sis. Minnie Fetter of Toledo visited here May 28.

Visitors on June 4 were: Bro. Otto Norr and Sis. Katherine Norr, Sisters Mamie and Louise Schlatter of Leo, Carolyn Pfister and Mabel Bahler of Fort Wayne, a number of couples from Bluffton, and Bro. Jesse and Sis. Katie Stoller of Fort Wayne. Sisters Martha, Mary, and Emily Tanner and Sis. Irene Funk of Peoria visited relatives here.

Our annual Vacation Bible School is starting June 5, and will finish June 16. The children have been eagerly awaiting the start of Bible School.

Sis. Hilda Wenninger has return-

ed from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where she has been helping to care for her new grandson.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

April 23, we had visitors from Rittman. In the evening, we had a Singspiration at the church. Members from Latty and Junction congregations joined in helping us.

On April 30, Bro. Ben Maibach and family, Bro. Martin and family, of Detroit, visited our church.

Cora Levy, who has recently been very ill at the Parkview Hospital, is again better and able to attend church.

Wm. and Lydia Lou Hohulin and little Becky of Eureka, visited with the Elias Souder family.

June 4, services were again held at the Butler Nursing Home.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

A son was born to Harold and Ramona Wenninger in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Our visitors on Sunday, May 28, were Bro. and Sis. Amos Steffen, Sis. Helen Sorg, Bro. and Sis. Frank Beer and children of Milford and Mike and Sis. Magdalene Stoller and children of Latty.

A group of our young people spent May 30, Decoration Day, in Fort Wayne.

Sunday, June 4, we had a very blessed day. Our Elder Brothers Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman were in our midst, when Karen Miller, the granddaughter of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Sauder, and Hope Stavenick, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Stavenik, gave their testimony, and were baptized, and added to the fold of Jesus Christ. We wish them much joy and blessings in the Lord. We had many brothers and sisters present, from Akron, Rittman, Toledo, Fort Wayne and Bluffton, to join in our joy. May the Lord bless us all, and keep us under the shadow of His wings of love and grace.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

On May 7, Bros. Michael Weyeneth and Leroy Hartman visited our congregation and ministered to us. They are from Peoria.

Sis. Miriam Bachtold of Forrest was a week-end guest of Sisters Eleanor Schrock and Bertha Lee Wagenbach, May 20 and 21.

Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton ministered to the Burlington congregation on May 28.

Ministering Bro. Harvey Heinger visited the brothers and friends in the Army at Ft. Sam Houston on May 28.

Bro. Fred Pohl of Burlington has been transferred from Ft. Sam Houston to West Point, New York.

Friend Harold Massner is back in the States, from Hawaii, and is expected home soon, after serving his time in the Army.

Bro. Bill Gerst graduated from Oakville High this past month.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The marriage of Bro. Peter Weber to Sis. Mabel Banwart of West Bend was held Sunday, May 21, at West Bend. Those who attended from here were Miss Vera Hayes; Sisters Ruth Hohulin; Martha, Mary and Emily Tanner; Lorane and Loretta Miller; Constance Woerner; Bros. Junior Roecker, Hartzel Kaisner and Toby Schneider; and Bro. and Sis. Jonas Ball.

Sis. Louise Steidinger, who has been ill for many years, passed away. Her funeral was held May 18, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Bros. Roy Sauder and Henry Le-man and their wives spent Sunday, May 21, at Fort Wayne.

Bro. John Bollier and his family spent Sunday, May 21, with us. We enjoyed Bro. Bollier's message, and hope he will soon come again.

Jacob Hoerr, of near Edelstein, died at his home on Friday evening, May 26, of a heart attack. His funeral was held in Peoria, from the Wilton Mortuary, Bro. Roy Sauder officiating.

Many were here from Milford and other places on account of the death of Walter Weisser, who died on Friday, May 26, of a heart attack while mowing his lawn.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Koehl attended the funeral of Sis. Minnie Kellerhals, at Cissna Park, on Monday, May 29.

Bro. John Wagler and family of Alabama spent Thursday and Friday evenings with us. Bro. John had the services Thursday evening, and, on Friday evening, he showed slides and gave us a talk about Alabama. It was very interesting, and was enjoyed by all.

Sis. Katherine Schurch, aged 95 years, died Friday. Her funeral was held Monday, June 5. Many

were here from Gridley, Ill., where she formerly lived. Bro. Joe Klopfenstein officiated.

A daughter, Linda Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Robert Haefli; also, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Reiman, the past month.

Bros. LeRoy Hartman visited Gridley, Sunday, May 14. Bro. Mike Weyeneth went to Eureka, on Sunday, June 4, Bro. Roy Sauder to Tremont, Sunday, June 4. Their wives accompanied them.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski spent Sunday, June 4, with us. We enjoyed his sermon.

Sis. Mary Reisbig, who stays at the A. C. Home and is almost blind, is having a birthday on July 11. Her address is 711 N. Monroe, Peoria, Illinois.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

We had Holy Communion, Sunday, June 4. Visiting elders were Brothers George Yergler and George Sinn.

We are happy that Al Graff has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish him much grace.

Bro. Ray Haab is home on furlough from the Army, for about a month.

We had our Mother and Father's Day program on Sunday, May 14. It was very well attended.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

We are on Daylight Saving Time now, from May 29 until Sept. 5.

Singing in church: 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings of each month.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger were happy to have their daughters, Mrs. Charles Wuthrich, Mrs. Robert Scheitlin of Elgin, Illinois, and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch and children of Lester, home for Mother's Day.

Sister Sophie Nohl had surgery, May 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fehr a daughter, Dawn Lynette, was born June 4. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zeltwanger had a daughter, Cindy Lou, born May 30. To Bro. and Sis. Ed Lanz, a daughter, Michelle Jean, was born on June 4.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Mogler and children of Lester were May 28 week-end guests of her parents, Bro. and Sis. William Luthi.

Sharon Moser, who is a junior

in high school, has been in a cast for several months, was able to keep up her studies, as her instructor designed a desk that mounted on a bar above her bed. Textbooks and work books were clamped to the bottom of this desk, so Sharon could read and write with minimum amount of effort. Her cast restricts even the movement of her head, only her arms and legs have freedom of movement.

Holy Communion was served June 4.

We extend our sympathy to the Bro. John and Bro. Henry Schmidgall families, as their sister, Sis. Minnie Kellerhals, of Cissna Park, passed away. Funeral was May 30.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Sis. Mary Bessler, 72, died at her home in San Diego, May 4. Funeral services were held here May 8. Bro. J. A. Getz officiated, assisted by Bro. Ben Heiniger.

Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse and Bro. Joe Rocke of Eureka spent Sunday, May 14, with us.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. John E. Zimmerman, May 11.

Sis. Ida Schick, who has been sick for several years, has moved to the Restmor Nursing Home; also at this Rest Home is Bro. George Giesel, who has a broken hip.

Sis. La Vina Kilgus is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Sis. Luella Leman (Mrs. Eli Leman) of Roanoke arrived by train, May 10, to spend several weeks with her daughter, Sis. Shirley (Mrs. Mel Hohulin) and family.

Lynne Elaine was born to Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley Hohulin on May 10. She has a brother, Joey.

Les Pfister, my brother, visited with us on Sunday, May 14, and accompanied us to Silverton, where we held services. We were happy to have him with us.

Our dear father, Bro. Guy Miller, passed away on May 24, of static pneumonia. He was laid to rest Saturday A.M., May 27. We miss him so much, but are thankful he is at rest, asleep in Jesus. The following words of the beautiful hymn seem to express our feelings for our father:

Heavenly Wisdom

Feet that have carried the Gospel glad,
Tidings of peace, as the Saviour said;
Hands that have strengthened the weak and sad,
Will be waiting there.

Feet that have traveled the narrow way,
Faltering not in the battle fray,
Treading the thorns in the heat of day,
Will be waiting there.

Hands that were folded before thy view,
Pressed by thine own in a promise true,
Sprinkled with tears as the morning dew,
Will be waiting there.

Waiting and beckoning on and on,
Resting from toil in that palace home,
Eager to know, will the children come
To these mansions fair.

Those beautiful portals will open wide,
Open wide, open wide;
Those beautiful portals will open wide
To welcome thee.

Elder Bro. Joe Klopfenstein from Gridley, Illinois, arrived by plane May 26, to conduct the funeral services for our father. We feel grateful he was able to come.

Sunday, May 27, was a blessing to all of us, as Bro. Joe was still with us, and also on Monday evening he had the services in the Silverton Church. We have received much spiritual food.

Bro. Joe left by plane on May 30 for home.

A baby boy, John, was born to Sharon and Terry Cox on May 25. She's formerly Sharon Bolliger, daughter of Elmer and Verna Bolliger.

Mrs. Anna Miller, a sister to Bro. Martin Reutter, fell and broke her wrist on May 26.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers with us the past few weeks. On May 10, David Mangold of Roanoke was with us

for Wednesday evening service, and on May 14, Brother Edwin Ringger of Gridley ministered to us. June 4, Bro. Will Stettner and Bro. Gudeman of Elgin, Illinois, with others from that congregation, spent the day with us. We are always thankful when we have visitors, and welcome all back.

May 14, Eugene Siebenthal, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Anna Siebenthal, was in an auto accident, and spent several days in the hospital. He has returned home, and is recovering nicely.

Barbara Ringger, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger, has returned to her home, after a stay in the hospital, suffering from rheumatic fever. She is improving, but must spend several weeks in bed.

Loris Knobloch, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille Knobloch, is also recovering in his home, after a stay in the hospital.

Bro. Jeff Streitmatter is also home from the hospital, but remains quite weak, although he is able to be up part of the time.

Sis. Lydia Seidel is slowly gaining strength in her home, and is also able to be up part of each day.

Our dear Sister, Mary Streitmatter, who was seriously ill for several months, was relieved of her suffering May 18, when she was taken from this life. It can truly be said she carried her cross with a smile, for no matter how great was her suffering, whenever one went to see her, she wore a smile on her face. She is greatly missed by those who knew her and loved her, but all are glad she has gone to the reward she so richly deserves. Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton conducted funeral services on May 21, and the large number in attendance proved their love and respect for her. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Dan, three daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, seven sisters and five brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard, ministered to us on May 14. His wife, Sis. Caroline, accompanied him. Other visitors in the past month were: On May 21—Bro. and Sis. Leon Graf, Bro. and Sis. Gene Pamer, Bro. & Sis. Gordon Greenbank, and Richard and Evelyn

Baumgartner all of Akron and Esther & Sis. Ella, Lena & Louise Dislinger and Bill Moore of Girard. On May 28—Bro. & Sis. Ervin Walder and family of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Ed Huber and daughter, Sis. Joyce, and Bro. and Sis. Fehr of Fairbury. On Sat. evening, May 27, the Hubers showed their slides of the Holy Land at the home of Bro. and Sis. Orin Rufener, where a number gathered.

On May 21, it was announced that our friends, Robert and Eileen Stoller, have received peace with their Lord.

We are thankful that our friends, John and Thelma Riggenbach, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Will Riggenbach, have given their hearts to the Lord.

A number from here attended the wedding of Bro. Robert Bauman of here and Sis. Betty Gerber at Rockville, on May 21. On June 4, Bro. Walter Gasser of here and Sis. Mary Fritz were united in marriage at Morton. A group from here also attended that wedding. We all welcome Sisters Betty and Mary to our congregation.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

The proving and baptism of our friend, Jake Shaffer, took place on Sun., May 21. Our friend, Lois Des Carpentrie, was proved and baptized Sun., June 4. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Bro. Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park was with us Sun., May 28. Also, Bro. Elmer Witzig from Gridley visited our congregation on Sun., June 4. We enjoyed hearing their messages very much.

Summer Vacation Bible School for two weeks started here June 1.

Sis. Mary Schlupp passed away, after a short illness, at the age of 87 years.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

On May 14, Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock and daughter, Sis. Eleanor, of Burlington, visited us. Bro. Noah assisted Bro. Fred Grimm in serving Communion. Others visiting us were Dale Wiegand, Herb Stoller, Bros. Marvin Wiegand and Pete Meiss, Gridley, Ill.; Sis. Carolyn Metz, Forrest; and Sis. Nancy Hodel from Normal University, who visited her parents, the Henry Hodels.

Visiting ministers on Sun., May 21, were Bros. Elmer Witzig and Edwin Ringger, Gridley, Ill., and Bro. Wayne Miller, Fort Scott. They were accompanied by their wives and children, also Bro. and Sis. John Gramm, Bro. and Sis. Ed Gramm, Bro. and Sis. Allen Freed and Bro. and Sis. Herb Gramm and children, Gridley; Sis. Carrie Massner and Sis. Mary Reber of Fort Scott.

Hospital News:

Penny, daughter of Bro. James Sutters, and Marcia and Danny, children of Bro. Gerald Sutters, submitted to tonsillectomies.

Sis. Ruth Cottrell, wife of Bro. William Cottrell, and Sis. Judy Feller, wife of Bro. Don Feller, spent a few days at the hospital the past month, for tests and observation.

Bill Hoerr, son of Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr, became ill quite suddenly and, after a few days at the hospital for tests, it was determined that he was suffering from acute leukemia, and he was taken to Barnes Hospital at St. Louis. It has brought sadness to everyone and, especially to his family. At this writing, he has improved somewhat, and hopes to return home in a few days.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

On May 21, we enjoyed the visit of a group from the Leo Sunday School.

On June 4, Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Gudeman and their sons, John and Bill, visited us in Toledo. We especially enjoyed Bro. Gudeman's services.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

May 7 — The engagement of Bro. Ray Martin of Princeville and Sis. Edna Dreyer of Cissna was announced. Ray has been living with his uncle and aunt, the Frank Baurers, the past year.

May 21 — We had Bro. Philip Sauder of Cissna with us. His wife, Sis. Anna, and daughter, Sis. Sharon, were with him.

The Restmor Nursing Home at Morton held open house on May 21. The owners are Bro. and Sis. Chris Hauter of Morton and Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bertschi of Tremont.

We have had three small boys hospitalized during May — Gary

Moser, 4; Randy Koch, 6; and Tommy Bolliger, 5.

Sis. Rachel Getz is a shut-in at present. She has been unable to work since the latter part of April.

Bro. Lester Wagenbach, Peoria, visited us Sunday, May 28.

On June 4, we had Bro. Roy Sauder and his wife, Sis. Gertrude, of Peoria; also, Bro. and Sis. Duane Steffen and children, Carlock; Bros. and Sisters Walters Plattner, Peoria; Chris Sauders, Peoria; Charles Sauder, Ellsworth Martins and daughter, Brenda, Princeville; & Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sauder of Cissna. These folks came for the Joseph Sauder reunion.

Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber and children, Bluffton, and Sis. Edna Dreyer, Cissna, were also here Sunday, June 4.

We will have Bible School for 2 weeks, beginning Monday, June 5.

TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Willis R. Ehnlé

On May 5, 8.30 p.m., Bro. Zenichi Inoue finished his course here on earth. He had spent over three years in a tuberculosis sanatorium. At noon of the day of his departure, he had a prayer with his wife, before eating a hearty lunch. He was most grateful to the Lord for His mercy, and to the brethren for their kindness. He prayed for wife and family.

Funeral services were held at the church on Sunday, May 7. After the services, his son, Bro. Yoshito Inoue, expressed appreciation on behalf of the family, in both Japanese and English. Speaking of his father, he said, "He was very poor materially and weak physically, but he was very rich in receiving your love and good will. Thank you." This expression of appreciation is also extended to all the brothers and sisters in America, for by your giving, you had a part in helping him.

On May 21, the Sunday School teachers had Sunday School outside, in a quiet place near our church. The weather was warm and pleasant, and the children enjoyed a change.

Bro. Inoue's ashes were buried in the new church cemetery on May 20. We do not have a cemetery at the Tsutsujiga-Oka church, in the suburbs of Tokyo.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenmann

Our last meeting of the school year was held May 17, with a nice group of students and guests attending. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Keiser of Princeville held the services.

This year, since a number of students plan to attend summer school, our meetings will continue throughout the summer. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our ministers in continuing this work.

"I am finished here at Champaign, and will be attending the dental school in Chicago this fall. Sis. Doris Reutter has agreed to take over the duties. There will be Bible Class meetings here throughout the summer."

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Our Church Services:

Morning Services—10:30 A.M.

Primary Sunday

School—10:30 A.M.

Song Service—12:30 P.M.

Sunday School—1:00 P.M.

Afternoon Services—1:00 P.M.

Mid-week Services

Wed. Eve.—8:00 P.M.

Song Service at the church the 1st Sun. of each month, 7:30 P.M.

We are on Daylight Saving Time, beginning May 28, ending Labor Day.

On May 21, proving and baptismal services were held. Bro. and Sis. Bill and Beverly Messner, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Fred Messner; Bro. and Sis. Donald and Bernadine Miller, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Noah Miller; Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Joann Messner, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. George Messner were welcomed into our fold.

We are happy that four couples have been announced having peace in their hearts, and are awaiting baptism at a later date. They are Leo and Georgia Messner and Marilyn and Lois Messner, sons and daughters-in-law of Sis. Marguerite Messner; Roy and Rose Alice Howk, son-in-law and daughter of Sis. Marguerite Messner; Dennis and Carol Ann Messner, son of Bro. and Sis. Fred Messner and daughter of Archie and Sis. Pearl Lienemann. We have two more friends seeking the Lord, Dorothy Jacobson, daughter of Walter and Florence Messner, and Mrs. Esther

Lienemann, daughter of Sis. Carrie Schmidgall.

Visitors for May 21 were: Elder Bro. Henry Koehl, Bro. and Sis. John Schmidgall, Bro. and Sis. John Schaffer, Sis. Sadie Metzger, Sis. Linda Schmidgall and Ruth Schmidgall of Morris; Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger, Sis. Donabelle Nelson and three children of Elgin, Ill.; Bro. Henry Mogler and Bro. Ernest Knobloch of Lester; Sis. Minnie Getz, Bro. Felix Wuthrich and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Births: Bro. Gene and Sis. Ella Mae (Knobloch) Schmidt are parents of their first child, a son, Verl Eugene, born May 6. Born to Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller, a son, Michael Ray, April 22. Born to Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall, a daughter, Christine Marie, May 16. Born to Bro. Don and Sis. Viola Messner, a daughter, Ruth Ann, May 29.

Bro. and Sis. Ernie Dapper and sons, of Altadena, are here visiting her parents and other relatives.

Bro. Henry Schmidt has been confined in the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Snelling for some weeks. We are happy to report he is much improved.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

A daughter, Denise Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller on May 7.

Visitors here on May 7 were Bro. and Sis. Harold Isch and family, Bro. and Sis. Sam Kaehr, Bro. and Sis. Roger Kaehr, all of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Ben Hofer, Sis. Laura Buettner, Bro. and Sis. Jake Funk of Cissna Park; Bro. Josh Nohl and Alice of Goodfield; Bro. Art Legel and daughter, Sis. Carol, and Sis. Mary Jane Schumacher of Roanoke.

On May 14, Mrs. Ida Nussbaum, Keith and Pauline Roth and children of Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Chris Steffen of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Lester Nuestr of La Crosse were our guests.

May 21, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Sam Landes, Bro. and Sis. Jack Krantz and family, Bro. and Sis. Harold Reeser and family, and Mrs. Louise Teubel of Goodfield.

On June 4, Bro. Henry Kilgus and Sis. Lydia of Forrest were with us. Bro. Henry assisted Bro.

Lehman in serving Communion to us.

Our Sunday School children are enjoying Vacation Bible School this week with the children of the Remington congregation.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Bro. George Knapp spent a four-weeks furlough with his parents. He is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Bro. and Sis. Daniel Wiegand are the parents of a baby girl, born May 26. She has been named Carol Jean.

The baby girl born May 27 to Bro. and Sis. Wesley Knapp has been named Cherry Beth. She is welcomed by two sisters, Cindy and Donna Lou.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Visitors; Bro. and Sis. Gene Bruellman and boys, Bro. and Sis. Clifford Grimm of West Bend; Edward and David Teubel, David and Sally Wiegand, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin and Sisters Ruth Hohulin and Emma Staub, Peoria; Sis. Lena Rumbold, Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Boyd Metzger and Beth, Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Glen Domnick and daughter, Bro. and Sis. Al Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Otto Schaefer and family, Don Luthi, Morris; Bro. & Sis. Lou Baumann and Charlene & Sis. Florence Baumann, Goodfield; Bro. and Sis. Roland Messner and family, Winthrop; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knobloch and boys, Woodward, Ia., Bro. and Sis. Jack Wysong and family, Sabetha; Sisters Shirley Feucht, Martha Jane Siebenthal, Verla Stahl, Vivian Leuthold, Mary Schol, and Clara Marie Gerber, Princeville.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Metzger received word from their son, Donald, that he was leaving for foreign service, May 26.

Randy Mogler, son of Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler, has been ill with rheumatic fever, but is getting along quite well at this time.

Births; to Raymond and Twylla Meyer, a daughter, May 10, Teresa Kaye; to Bro. and Sis. Jacob Wulf, a daughter, Nola Jean, May 27.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Sorry to have missed writing for the last two or three issues of the Silver Lining, but with one mem-

ber left here, and she spends her winters in St. Marys, we just did not have any news to write.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Emma Berger, who has been very ill for several weeks. She passed away to her reward on Wednesday morning, May 17, after being a patient in the local hospital for almost twelve weeks, as a result of breaking her hip in a fall at her home. She was born in Switzerland on October 23, 1867. She had been a member of the Apostolic Christian Church since early girlhood, and lived a true Christian life, devoted to her family and her community. She leaves three sons, three brothers, two sisters, three grandchildren, one great grandchild and one foster daughter.

Funeral services were held at the Iams Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Elder Rudolph Graf, assisted by the ministers Ernest Graf and Henry Sabo. The remains were taken to the Apostolic Church Cemetery on Limestone Ridge, and interred beside her husband, who passed away in 1934.

This reporter visited with her quite often, and always was inspired by her courage and kindness. She was always grateful for those who cared for her.

There will be services at the Country Church the second Sunday of June, July and August, beginning at one o'clock, and visitors are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marty have sold their farm on Sardis, R. 2, held their sale on May 27, and will soon be leaving for Sterling, Ohio, where they will make their home. Their daughter, Margaret, and his brother, John, will accompany them. We regret their leaving this community, but pray God's richest blessings on them in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent Monday, May 29, here with the Barth families.

Mrs. Emma Riggenbach, who has lived here for several years as a companion to an elderly lady, gave up her duties several weeks ago, and is living with her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Gehring, on Sardis, R.F.D. We hope she will soon be feeling well again.

Robert Indermuhle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis, O., was chosen as salutatorian of the 1961 graduating class

of River High School. Robert had a 3.8 average for his high school years, had been a member of the Scholarship Team for all four years. He had been a member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years and held high honors in all school activities. One of the highest honors to come to Robert was an invitation from Prof. James Karge Olsen, Director of Honors Program at Kent State University, to become a candidate for the degree with honors. Prof. Olsen stated, "The Honors Program consists of special instruction, counseling, and recognition."

Congratulations to Robert. Also to his parents, whom we know are very happy with his recognition.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Bro. Henry and Sis. Lizzie Kloter, Sis. Lavina Kloter and Marjorie Heintz of Rockville spent the week end of May 28 visiting relatives here. On Sunday, Bro. and Sis. Edmund Kloter and family joined them here. Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Robert Heuni and numerous visitors from various places.

Bro. and Sis. Bernard Virkler and family of Castorland spent a few days here, visiting the Schiel-er families.

On Sunday, June 4, we were blessed with visiting ministers Bros. Frank Woertz and Ed Hohulin and their wives, with more visitors from Goodfield, Morton, Forrest, Fairbury and Francesville.

We are planning for Vacation Bible School, starting June 5.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Wed. Evening Services: 7:30 (D.S.T.)

Bro. Sam Schladen underwent a serious abdominal operation on May 22. He is now home again, and is doing as well as can be expected.

Several from our Girard congregation went to the funeral of Sis. Emma Berger at New Martinsville, on Sat., May 20.

Our guests since the last news items were as follows: May 7, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Zollinger and family, Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch and family of Rittman, and the Jack Beard family of Warren, Ohio; Sunday, May 14, the Robert

Graf family of Barberton and Mrs. Dorothy Reese of Youngstown. Dorothy is a daughter of Sis. Nettie Fitch; June 4, Bro. Robert and Sis. Inez Ramsier and family, Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch and family, and friends William and Norma Saylor and family of Rittman.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser left on Sat., June 3, for a vacation trip, which will take them into Canada, and then to California.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Eva Emch have Sis. Eva's mother, Mrs. Rinehart, with them now for some time, trying to take care of her in old age. She is almost an invalid. Sis. Louisa Lance is helping to nurse her.

We here at Girard extend a hearty welcome to anyone to come and visit with us. It is always edifying to have fellowship with those who are of like mind, coming from other communities.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

Our visitors for this month were Bro. Herman Kellenberger, who delivered a message from God, and Bro. Herman Brown, both from Elgin, Illinois. Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville visited our group on April 28, and again we heard a blessed message.

Sis. Lydia Steffen and Karen Kaehr daughter of Mary Ann and Vernon Kaehr, of Bluffton and the mother and niece of Kenneth and Roberta Steffen, are visiting here for two weeks.

Those who took leave during May were Donald Tanner and Bro. George Knapp from Goodfield; Dennis Hari, Cissna Park; Bro. Robert Frank, Morton; Bro. Ray Haab, Milford; Bro. Gary Ringger, Bluffton; Bro. Walter Sinn, Latty; and Kenneth and Roberta Steffen, Bluffton. Bro. Eldon Plattner took two-weeks leave, after he finished basic training. His new address is Pvt. Eldon Plattner, US55695666 Co. D, 2d Bn, Class 69-A USAMTC, BAMC Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

A minister commented on how every one is concerned about the missiles that the nations of the world are watching fall out of the skies, but that this is such a small thing compared to when Jesus will descend from heaven and gather up his flock.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Our congregation mourns the loss of our dear brother, Louis Getz, age 44 years, who passed away June 2, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient three weeks. His wife, Berniece, survives, along with two sons, Conrad and David, both at home; three sisters, Mrs. Elias Souder and Mrs. Albert Frautschi, both of Grabill; and Mrs. Stephen Stuart, Elkhart; and two brothers, John and Oscar, both of Ft. Wayne. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 5, at our church, with Bros. Robert Hueni and Sam Aeschliman officiating. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery.

On May 7, we enjoyed the visits of Bro. and Sis. Joe A. Getz and Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm of Morton, Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Bro. and Sis. Will Beutel of Tremont, as well as a number of other visitors from Bluffton, Milford and Leo.

On May 14, Bro. and Sis. Ben Hartzler from Rittman spent the day with us, along with others from Rittman, Francesville and Peoria.

Those who ministered to us on May 21 were Bros. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield. Their wives accompanied them. Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Henry Leman of Peoria, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Hohulin of Goodfield, Bro. and Sis. Geo. Graff of Goshen, Sisters Mary Sabo, Dorothy Sabo, Martha Streitmatter, and Sis. Esther Sabo and husband, Joe, from Mansfield.

May 28, Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke served us. His wife accompanied him, as well as his son and wife, Bro. and Sis. Joe Zimmerman Jr. of Morton, and Bro. and Sis. Walt Anliker of Eureka. We also had a number of visitors from Bluffton with us on this day.

We invite all our ministering brothers, as well as other visitors, to come back again and visit us. We enjoyed having you.

Another monthly H y m n - s i n g was held at the church on May 21, to practice songs in the Zion's Harp. Bro. Henry Beer is in charge of these meetings.

Births: A daughter, Sonja Lee, was born to Bro. and Sis. Kurt Fisher on May 22, at the Clinic Hospital in Bluffton. Sis. Fisher

is the former Eleanor Stoller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jess Stoller. A son, Timothy David, was born to Becky (Hurt) Glass on May 30, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital. Becky is the daughter of the deceased Sis. Marie Hurt.

Vacation Bible School is to begin here June 12, at 9:00 A.M. (Day-light Saving Time).

A GEM IN HEAVEN

Brother Louis Francis Getz would have been 45 in October. Within the last year Louis was given grace to repent. He received the unsearchable riches of Christ.

He had a vision some time ago . . . there was a valley . . . he said it's just beautiful . . . you don't have any idea (natural idea) how beautiful it is over there. He was given a space to work, to lay up treasures eternal.

He didn't seem critical at first, these final hospital days. On a Tuesday morning another heart attack came. Then, the oxygen tent.

The pain was very severe, like knives, but God never makes us climb the same hill twice. Suffering hours are to prove we are worthy, to shape us for eternal glory. It gives us opportunity to find fellowship in suffering.

Louis was going home. Under the tent, in the midst of or between trials severe, he was heard to sing "Nearer My Home" and "I Need The Prayers of Those I Love".

Brother Sam Aeschliman visited and prayed with him. It meant so very much. Louis was deeply linked in fellowship with his elder and all God's own.

Farewell. The last time Bro. Elias Souder talked with him was sweet and touching. If he didn't meet him here, Louis said, he would meet him in heaven.

He went home Friday evening, June 2.

In the west chapel of the funeral home, Brother Sam said of the "solemn, sad hour, but not sorrow without hope." At church, they sang words that were dear to Louis, "It's sunset, and I'm going home." Brother Robert Heuni spoke sweet comfort.

Now, we have another gem in heaven, glistening our dew-drops of sorrow. We, too, look to that time when we shall walk up the short, dusty lane, in golden rays,

and find dear faces waiting for us at the window.

the editor

One Of God's Children

Room 543, Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne has long rays of gold love. Here is the room of Harry Frauhiger, 45 years old, of our Bluffton congregation.

He entered the hospital on September 3, 1960. It was an emergency. The accident called for an operation. After the operation, the doctor gave no assurance of what might happen.

But today Harry is an example. Though paralyzed over much of his body, yet Harry glistens with love. He uses the opportunity and the strength he has. He spreads cheer . . . he visits and tells what it means to be visited.

He is a living testimony of how great the mercy and love and wisdom of God is. He knows God is near.

the editor

Elder Sam

Sympathizing, he loves,
Glowing in heaven's grace,
Bearing our Lord's image,
Walking, His path to trace.

Truth with tender mercy,
Truth, wise, with richest thought,
He cares for God's treasure,
That our dear Lord hath bought.

Heart with heart united,
He lives in heav'nly strains;
Warmth of the eternal
And treasures true He gains.

Onward then united,
Holding God's word high.
Onward, Sam, on homeward;
Grasp victory, so nigh!

the editor

MIRACLE TIME

When work converges round,
Care comes on crushing care,
When thoughts bewildered stand,
Then victory do dare.

Miracles need mountains,
Where impossible looms.
Then the trust in thy God
Treasures life's rarest blooms.

the editor

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Mother

Lord, who ordained for mankind
Benignant toils and tender cares,
We thank thee for the ties that
bind
The mother to the child she
bears.

We thank thee for the hopes that
rise
Within her heart, as, day by day,
The dawning soul from those young
eyes
Looks with a clearer, steadier
ray.

And grateful for the blessing given
With that dear infant on her
knee,
She trains the eye to look to heav-
en,
The voice to lisp a prayer to
Thee.

All Gracious! grant to those who
bear
A mother's charge, the strength
and light
To guide the feet that own their
care
In ways of love and truth and
right.

My Guide

I know not the way I am going,
But well do I know my Guide!
With a childlike faith do I give my
hand
To the mighty Friend by my
side;
And the only thing that I say to
Him,
As He takes it, is, "Hold it fast!
Suffer me not to lose the way,
And lead me home at last."

Child of my love, why dost thou
try to bear thy burden all
alone?

Dost thou not know that when I
made thee mine,
Thy troubles, too, didst all become
my own?

Relinquish ev'ry thing to me, Thy
hurts, the doubts, the unshed
tears,

Withhold not from my care the
smallest of

Thy secret worries or thy hidden
fears.

I love thee, child, and long to bless
as thou hast never yet been
blest!

I long to speak the word and still
the storm

Within thy heart, and give thee
peace and rest.

I'd heal thy hurts and dry thy
tears, and give thee joys thou
hast not known,

If thou would trust me, child, and
cease trying

To bear thy burden all alone.

Just where you stand in the con-
flict,

There is your place.

Just where you think you are use-
less,

Hide not your face.

God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it be;

Think, He has chosen you for it;
Work loyally.

Gird on your armor! Be faithful
At toil or rest!

Whate'er it be, never doubting
God's way is best.

Out in the fight and while watch-
ing,

Stand firm and true;

This is the work which your Mas-
ter

Gives you to do.

—Selected.

We can't all be a beacon light

To shine far out at sea,

But there's a spot we can make
light,

Where ever we chance to be.

KEY TO CLEANSING

By the shore of the measureless sea
From view of this "now" and its
mount,
There my mind lost count of the dis-
tance

And my soul lost count of the count.

Soon, the great white throne and
God's splendor,

Where terrified sinners will stand,
Sin's bubble has bursted in anguish,
And forever is death's steel'd band.

Please pause for a moment momen-
tous,

Unexpected in sin's reckless count,
Turn thought to the God who does
wonders,

Turn heart to the life-giving fount.

Conversion is turn to eternal;
Confession finds cleansing of heart.
Persisting finds peace that is perfect,
And joy that will never more part.

Do grasp then, this moment momen-
tous,

Pray's step that's directly in view;
Kneel down, now, this moment most
precious,

And pray to the God who is true.

—Henry Souder Jr.

Morning Prayer

And when I rise at last from prayer,
A joy to me is given,
Into the day I go with strength,
Anew from out of heaven.

So I must pray each morning,
While this journey shall be trod,
Well knowing that the day is poor
That does not start with God.

When my lifework here is ended,
When I pass death's open door,
When to God I have ascended,
When my feet shall press that
shore,

When mine eyes have seen the
angels,

Seen them, seen them, great and
small,

Give me Christ, my precious
Saviour.

He is sweeter than them all.

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