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## TEACH TENDER AND YOUNG

William Stettner

I John 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

I John 3:8: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

I John 3:9: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

The real meaning of "he cannot sin" means, he will not sin, because that would be an evil in the sight of God. The seed which was planted in him has taught him to stay away from sin. We have examples in the Old and New Testaments of those whom sinful people tried to force to commit sin.

Let us refer to Joseph, who in his early years was brought into Egypt, and served in the house of Potiphar.

Joseph was a goodly person. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon him, and tried to lead him into sin. But he refused, and said unto her, **How can I do such a great wickedness and sin against God? No, that would be a great sin. I cannot do that.**

Here, we can see that the good seed which was planted into his young and tender heart from his God-fearing father was still with him, even though he was far away from his home and father's house. So, the real meaning of "cannot sin" means **will not sin**.

Now, we have another striking, good example from Daniel. Daniel 6:4: "Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion

against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful in all, neither was there any error or fault in him."

Then those wicked men said, we shall find no occasion against Daniel, except it be concerning the law of his God. We know the story, how these wicked men went to King Darius and trapped him, by subtlety, to sign a royal decree, that whosoever "shall ask a **petition** of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions..."

So the king signed the decree,

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"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

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not knowing what he was doing. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

Here again, we can see that the good seed which was planted in him in his early youth remained in him, and he could say, No, I cannot stop praying to my God. No, I can't stop praying to my God. I will not stop praying to my God.

Again, we have another wonderful example from three young men,

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were taken from the land Judah and brought in to the great wicked city of Babylon, where the king and the people lived in terrible sins and worshiped idols.

"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon."

He commanded all the people, when they heard the sound of music, to fall down and worship this great image, and whoever would not worship the image would in the same hour be cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Now, these three young men, who also were brought up and taught in their early youth to fear God and worship Him alone and no false god, the seed which was planted into their young hearts stayed with them. They said, **No we cannot worship this idol, and sin against our God. We will not commit such a great sin against our God. If it be so, our God whom we trust is able to deliver us from this burning furnace and out of your hand, but if not, be it known unto the king that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image.**

So, it's well if all parents teach their children to fear and love God while their hearts are tender and young. Even though, when children grow up and for a time we may not see the good fruits (which we wish to see), often that good seed takes new root, comes to life again and becomes fruitful.

May God bless all the good seed which is sown in the homes and in Sunday School, in the hearts of our children, and give the increase, to their salvation and to the glory of God.

## ROAD TO EASTER

Bro. LeRoy Hartman

"Look, here they come", said the one man to the other, even though he knew him not. He was calling attention to the procession of people who were ahead. Behind, a Man who struggled under the burdensome, heavy weight of the cross He was carrying. He did not falter, even though one had to wonder how He could go on. He seemed to just take one step at a time. As they came nearer, the two men could hear the derision and scorn in the voices of many of the group who had gathered. There were two others there (who apparently were guilty), but the throng singled out just this one Man.

One of them spoke. "Surely, I have never seen a heavier cross for any man to bear; it would almost seem that He carries the burden of all mankind upon Him. Yet, I do not see any fretting or unwillingness on His countenance. What kind of strength does this Man possess?"

"Know ye not this Man?"

"I know Him not, but I have heard that He is Jesus of Nazareth, and He has done many wonders, and that He preaches repentance

and salvation. I have heard Him called the Son of God. But if that is true and He truly is the Son of God, why would God let Him go through this ordeal?"

The other spoke, "Could you believe that this Man, Jesus, will give His life here today on Calvary for your sake?"

"Why should He give His life for my sake? He doesn't know me."

The other spoke, "Oh but He does know you. Also He loves you and He dies here today on the cross so that all who will, may come and believe that He is the Son of God, that He cometh from God the Father to do His will and to open the way, that all men can be joined again with the Heavenly Father, if they will. Did you not hear of His preaching?"

"Look! they have nailed His hands and feet to the cross, and now they raise it, and the others!"

"Oh! the soldier has pierced His side; how that blood flows! It almost resembles a cleansing flood! Why does my heart ache? Why should this affect me so? I cannot hold back the tears. I do not know this Man, yet it seems that some one dear to me hangs there."

Fear filled his heart. He fell to his knees and began to pray. "Dear God, what is this that has come to pass? I am a sinner, but I have a longing to kneel at the foot of this cross. I do not feel worthy and I would not disturb the mourners, but help me, O God, to know the truth of this matter."

And as he knelt there alone, these words came to him, "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." (St. John 17)

He yet prayed, "Dear God, how do I become one of His?"

These words then were etched into his troubled mind, "... Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15)

## SINGING WITH GRACE

Henry Souder Jr.

We want to see our children reach for our Zion's Harp. We want to see them think highly of it.

Certain foreign languages were read to infants, very early in life. Very early impression had effect. It appeared they were able to learn these languages more readily, later.

"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things?"

It is the moment learned that is the moment saved.

The human mind is fashioned for music. Angels have a different

ministry. When God fashioned man, he put musical beauty in his heart. Strike the right chord and the heart sings.

The usual course of human nature is to set goals too small. Man uses only a fraction of what he could. If we stir ourselves up in trust in God, we go places.

Let us give to our children so they can learn some of the beauty in our Zion's Harp.

"And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever."

Many a triumph will be won in the home.

The world does not have any right to establish its crude choruses of the flesh. Let us get there first. Let's establish the beautiful. Let's not only use the simple and easy, but the deeper notes. We can do many things we didn't think possible.

A famous musical artist said that when a day of practice was missed, he noticed it. Two days, his friends took note. With three days, the audience noticed. What we do day by day does make a difference.

If we sing to the infant at lullabye time . . . warm the daily task

with glow from His chords . . . if we take time to learn our children little bits that lead to lot . . . if we sing in the home . . . singing in the church will be more beautiful.

“. . . be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”

Sunday is a blessed day for the believer. At morning, the day is before. At evening, His blessed peace remains. One can drift off to dreamland, sweetly meditating of song, charity, scripture and sermon. (And God remembers and gives the shut-in sweet joys to ponder.)

If anyone is merry, James tells us, he should sing psalms. Joy and song go hand in hand. It is one way God shows us to have joy. Even at work, the heart may softly remember song, and remember

love.

“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.”

Time is important. A long whole note, a quick sixteenth, each fulfills a mission. Volume and contrast are important. Very softly, loud, at proper times vividly pictures. Harmony helps. Full chords mean richer music. Posture and following the leader make a difference.

The beauty of song hope cheers as a part of the perfect hereafter.

The beauty of a song is, what it is. Hymns have pictures of life that will last forever. Fellowship is something that is felt. Heaven is in our future.

“Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an

householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.”

It was a dream, but it was beautiful, Number 32, “Who Shall Abide?” providing a listening beauty, a treasure.

Songs are like friends. The first time, we get somewhat acquainted. We learn some. Points are attained. The deeper the acquaintance, the lovelier the link. To know a song completely, we have to live with it a long time.

Mixing in new triumphs improves our general all-round advance.

It is said that good singing comes from deep down.

Likewise, singing with grace in the heart is deep. It takes deep pictures.

Remember: Singing through the week can make us nearer perfect. And a moment earned with childhood could be in a life of success.

#### DEAR ALLEN AND ROSEMARY W. C. Erkert

Your turning unto the Lord thy God at this time makes Grandma and me very happy.

It is the most important step in your lives, and we are glad that you could respond to the gracious invitation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ— “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Retaining meekness and lowli-

ness of heart is necessary to keep in mind, so we can walk as the Lord wants us to walk, and also be a light unto others.

We hope you will always cherish the love and joy of the Lord when He gave you peace, and value the blessed virtues of faith, hope and love.

May the Lord keep you upon the way of righteousness which you have entered, and give you steadfastness of purpose to keep a good conscience, dealing honestly, telling the truth, serving God and your fellowmen, in all obedience to the teachings of Jesus our Saviour (and your parents).

We will continue praying for you.

Lovingly,  
Your Grandpa and Grandma

SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
Velta Laukhuf

During the month of February, we had many visitors from the various churches in the north (too numerous to mention). We appreciate each and everyone's visit, and welcome all back again.

Our visiting ministers, with their wives, for the month were Bro. Al Fisher and Sis. Margaret from Chicago; Bro. Henry Beer and Sis. Alice from Milford; Bro. Henry Wackerle and Sis. Ida from Bay City. Very inspiring messages

were delivered. The word of God was proclaimed in its fullness. All received a blessing. We want to thank the brothers for their efforts, and we welcome them back.

During the month, Bro. and Sis. Chris Sinn, from Cissna Park, were called home, due to serious illness of Bros. Sinn's sister.

Bro. George Sauder returned home for the funeral of his brother-in-law, Bro. John S. Bittner. Bro. George Sauders have been spending the winter months here for several years. The Sarasota congregation wishes to express their deepest sympathy to Bro. George.

A pot-luck supper was held at the home of the Virkler sisters, for the Sarasota church group and visitors. All those that attended wish to thank the Virkler sisters for opening their home, and for their kind hospitality.

Bro. Henry Knapp and his wife, Sis. Carrie, arrived this past month to spend the winter here. We welcome Bro. Henry back with us again. Bro. Henry was one of the first to help organize church services here. Some of the first services were held in Bro. Knapp's home.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS  
Mrs. Rudy Bahr

A Young Shut-In

Today as I ironed, my thoughts were with our sweet, 4th grade

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"shut-in" here at Gridley. Vola Young, daughter of Andrew Jr. and Sis. Wilma Young, has been ill with rheumatic fever since November. The "winter" seems long for us mothers, with pre-school children's "What can I do now?" when they are unable to play outdoors. I tried to "put myself in Vola's shoes . . . and her mother's", when spring will soon be here and the urge to be "up and out" surges in all of us. Mothers know what a job it is to "restrain" children on the road to recovery; unless they are very ill, staying in bed becomes a problem.

We visited a few minutes with Vola, and came away with a cheering up" which rubbed off on us! She was so pleased to receive a visit, and wanted our 3rd grade daughter to stay and play with her dolls. For older folks, we sometimes have "hankie or card showers"; I'm wondering if some of you who are handy with a needle wouldn't like to slip in an envelope an article of clothing for the "teenage Barbie doll" she has, or send a card, write a note, or possibly some of the Sunday School classes send a letter. Each of us enjoys mail, and I'm sure she'd be thrilled just to see the postmarks from across the country. You can imagine how hard it is to be a "bubbling-over" little girl, who appears to have no reason **not** to be up and about (if there were a broken leg, she'd know the reason!) She not only says "Thank you" with her lips, her eyes sparkle with radiance that touches your heart. Her address is Miss Vola Young, Gridley, Kansas 66852.

Bros. Gene Marti, Lester Hartter, Al Langhoffer; Sunday School superintendents and families from Lamar, Ft. Scott, Wichita, Burlington (Okla.), Lamont, Bern, and Sabetha met in the Sunday School room after a blessed day of church inspiration and fellowship. After plans were made for the Youth Fellowship this year, a pot-luck church supper and singing were held at Kelly Hall in Burlington.

Sis. Lydia Bahr has returned from a 2½-month stay in New Orleans, where she helped care for a new granddaughter and also her daughter, Lucille, who had an appendectomy.

Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene Metz-

ger and Paige have moved to our congregation from Topeka. Eldon is now associated with his father-in-law, Bro. Loren Strahm, in the Gridley Lumber Co. We are happy to have them with us, and hope the Lord will bless them in their new undertaking.

We thank Bro. Roy Wernli and his family for spending last Sunday with us.

As we were taking our 4-year-old Sam to the hospital (to have his tonsils removed yesterday) I was wishing I could have that sore throat, etc. for him. Then **came the** thought of repentance—how many of us would like to do it for our friends and loved ones . . . but it is not possible. I pray that we can also "prepare" our children on "what to expect" in our spiritual life, emphasizing the final reward or result, worth "going through" and not to be "dreaded", as one mother expressed in front of her small son in the doctor's office, that she "dreaded" having his tonsils out.

Just as our doctors, nurses, and hospitals are there to give us the best help possible, so are our ministers, churches, and the Lord ready to help us, but **WE** must prepare our hearts and clear them of prejudices, etc., and be ready to fully cooperate, or we will miss the best part of our "trip" . . . (the jolly nurses giving a "ride" on the cart up the elevator, the gum from the cleaning lady, a little birthday cake from the cooks)—you can't see these things through tears of mistrust, fear, and self pity . . . you "get out" what you "put in"—if **YOU** don't put in or take the time to make that trip, whether it be the hospital or the Lord's way, you won't get help, if **you** don't ask for it!

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL. Ben Blunier

We have had rich blessings at Sunday services, each first and third Sunday each month, throughout the winter months. We thank God for them and for the ministers who brought the messages. Some of these were Bros. Ed Gudeman and Al Scheitlin, Elgin; Leroy Hartman, Peoria; John Rokey, Goodfield; Maurice Frank, Chicago; Leroy Huber, Eureka; George Gramm, Gridley; Joe Schrock, Congerville; Dave Keiser, Princeville; also, Emanuel Gude-

man and Ed Hohulin, who oversee our services (one present at each service). We thank the ministers and also our many other visitors, who added so much to the blessing.

On January 19, our Sunday School was started with two classes. Grades one through six are in one class, and 7th and up in the other. There are only about eight children and young adults living in this area to begin our Sunday School. Therefore, all visiting young people are especially invited to attend one of these Sunday morning classes.

Bill and Laura Hartness are recent parents of a new son, their fifth child. Bro. Keith and Sis. Joan Hanson have their first son. By coincidence, both couples chose the name **Brent** for their new arrival.

On March 1, Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ed Hohulin brought the messages. Once again, a group of 80 or more was in attendance. It was a very blessed day. After services, more than 30 enjoyed "dinner out" at the Redwood Inn, north of Urbana, and an additional hour of fellowship.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

When Moses, the man of God, led the children of Israel out of the house of bondage, the Lord spake and told him to build an altar in the wilderness. He told Moses what kind of wood to use, shittim, which I believe was very hard, because when the Lord builds something, He uses the best. He wants His work to last. He told Moses how big the altar had to be, that he should build horns on top, that he should overlay the altar and the horns with fine gold, and also make a ring of fine gold for the altar. I believe that Moses carried everything out that he was told, right down to the last point.

Now, we also were slaves of sin and Satan, and could not find anyone to help us, until the Lord sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to help us. It was He that led us out of the prison with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. All honor and glory belongeth to Him, for ever and ever. Amen. He took our heart of stone and gave us a heart of flesh, a heart to rejoice with those that rejoice and to weep with those that weep.

He told us to build an altar, not

with natural wood or perishable gold, but of spirit and truth. Upon, we bring our thanks and praise to our heavenly Father. He told us how to decorate this new altar, namely with faith, hope and charity, and in place of fine gold, untarnished love, so we can have patience with one another, forgive one another, and be as shining lights in this dark world and time. We have great reason to praise His mercy with our voice and to glorify His great and holy name.

When, we read the parable of the prodigal son, we find that Jesus also spake of a ring, when He said, "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet", which indicates a covenant between God and man. . . . Everything the best for all those that love and serve the Lord.

Sun., the 19th . . . The Lord turned forty days into forty years because they rebelled. They complained, murmured, and provoked the Lord, but even so, the Lord was good to them. Their shoes did not wear, their clothes did not tear the forty years that they were going through the wilderness. But when Moses was told to go up to the mount to receive the two tables, they made a golden calf. They said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of Egypt." How could Aaron, the brother of Moses, give his consent! They had no faith in God. The Lord told Moses they are a stiffnecked people; I will destroy them and will make a bigger people out of thee.

The man of God told the Lord the Egyptians would hear that He destroyed the people of Israel and the Lord hearkened unto Moses. He punished them. They lost three thousand men in one day. We do well if we take words like this to heart, not to murmur, not to complain, or even wish to go back to the place from whence the Lord has drawn us.

Sun., Feb 23 . . . Cast your cares upon Him. He careth for you. For the second time in four weeks the long and Almighty arm of the Lord reached into our congregation, to take one of our loved ones out of our midst. Four weeks ago, He took Friend John Keller. This time, it pleased Him to take our beloved brother, Ed. Welti. He died yesterday afternoon of a heart attack, at the age of 62.

How we will miss him! No longer can we greet him, with his smiling face and a warm hand-shake. The poet tells us that by and by we shall meet at the beautiful shore, where we will greet all those that traveled the same road that we are traveling . . . never to depart. For Bro. Ed, it is a gain. He is at rest. But for us, it is a great loss. He was a pillar of the church, but I always come to the same conclusion, what God does is well done.

We deeply sympathize with his family and kinfolks, and will remember them in our prayers. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Elsa; two daughters; three grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters, Bro. Ernst, John, Walter, Frank and Fred, Sisters Lucy Wuthrich and Anna Heinz.

Wed., Feb. 26 . . . "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also." These words Bro. Ernst Gerber read this evening in Schlemm's Funeral Parlor, when he held services for our beloved Bro. Ed. Welti. Bro. Ernst Luginbuhl and Bro. Schneider also shared in the service. The funeral parlor was filled to capacity. Many were from Rockville. Burial will take place tomorrow in Fairview Cemetery. We have a precious hymn in the long book, where the poet writes, Go to slumber without cumber, Dear with God united heart. All is silence, as Thy substance sleps away all pain and smart.

So we said farewell to Bro. Ed. tonight, with whom we journeyed for more than 46 years. Nothing will disturb his slumber. He is resting with God. His works will follow him. Let us remember, that we know not when, where and how we die.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Spring is here. Flowers are opening bud by bud. Lilies and tulips are leaving their tomb.

At this Easter season, we are reminded of Jesus, who arose from the tomb. The Easter lily with its beauty and fragrance holds some memory of the Holy One, Jesus. Let us follow Him anywhere and everywhere He leads. How wonder-

ful to know that Christ's victory over death and time is ours.

Our monthly hymn-sing was held Sunday evening, March 1. The adult singing group, led by Bro. Art Moser, sang several numbers. Fellowship was held afterward. It was a nice evening.

Julia Streitmatter, age 64, who was a resident of Peoria for 40 years, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Proctor Hospital. She was taken there earlier in the day (from Bel-Wood Nursing Home). She was born in Princeville, a daughter of Bro. Tom and Sis. Salome Streitmatter. Surviving are one sister, Bertha; three brothers, Bro. Louis, Daniel, and Wm. (of Speer, Ill.). Her parents, a brother and a sister preceded her in death. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Wilton Mortuary. Bros. Roy Sauder and Michael Weyeneth had the services. Burial was at Princeville.

The A. C. Sewing Circle, who meet each week, welcomes Sis. Hannah Traub back, after she had taken care of her husband for several months. Sis. Hannah has charge of sewing for the hospital. She is a faithful worker for this cause. Others make cancer pads. Quilts are being made. There is a need for this. It is open to all who wish to come.

An adult Bible Class has been started on Sunday morning, from 10 to 11 o'clock. There were 18 in the class. We hope this will continue to grow. Bros. Junior Roecker and Edw. Meister are the teachers.

Bro. Eli Weyeneth died of a heart attack, Saturday, Feb. 22. He has been making his home for the last year with his daughter, Mrs. Clarke Buescher. He was the son of Bro. Alpheus and Rose Garber Weyeneth. His wife passed away several years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Opal and Esther; two sons, Edward and Harold, and 6 grandchildren. Eli was well liked by all and will be missed. His funeral was held here in Peoria, where he attended. Burial was in Roanoke. Bro. Leroy Hartman had the service.

Bro. and Sis. George Hoerr are parents of a son, Gary Cecil, born Feb. 20. Gary has four brothers and two sisters to welcome him.

Mutual vows were exchanged Sat., Feb. 28, by Marilyn Hoerr and John Hessing. Marilyn is the

daughter of Bro. and Sis. Edward Hoerr, and John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hessing. We wish them much happiness.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Bible Class choir met at the Bro. Paul Meister home for an afternoon and evening of fellowship. Everyone seemed to enjoy this, and we hope it can be done more often.

Sis. Emma Messer requests a special "thank-you" to everyone who sent cards and gifts and remembered her in prayer, while she was in the hospital and at home.

Our young converts and other young members spent Sunday evening at the home of Sis. Mary Hohulin, where they had supper together and enjoyed blessed fellowship and hymn singing. Sis. Fern Goetzinger of Goodfield, who is in nurse's training at Springfield, spent the day here and was able to be with them for supper.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Kathy Kellenberger, Sis. Eunice Knobloch and Bro. Tom Schifferer of Elgin spent Saturday evening at the home of Bro. Eugene Kellenberger. The young members met there and enjoyed a blessed evening singing.

#### REUNION

**Camp Crowder, Lamar, Ft. Scott, Ft. Leonard Wood, Camp Clark, and others**

All those who served in the armed forces of our country, who attended either Lamar or Ft. Scott churches during World War II or since that time, are cordially invited to a Soldiers' Reunion, to be held August 8 in Lamar. The site will be the Memorial Building, at the southeast corner of Lamar city square. We will receive guests beginning at 1:00 P.M. An evening meal will be served at 6:00. Please consider this as your personal invitation. No individual invitations will be issued. We hope that all of you can make arrangements to attend.

We would appreciate it if you would write us not later than July 1, if you do or do not plan to attend. In your letter please include 1. The number in your party; 2. When you expect to arrive; and 3. When you expect to leave.

We hope all of you will plan to stay over with us for Sunday, August 9. We would like very much to hear from you, even though you

may not be able to attend. Please address your correspondence to either: Ben Banwart, 300 E. Second, Lamar, Missouri; or Marie Marti, 412 N. Gulf, Lamar, Missouri.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI

##### Marie Marti

Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Messner from Winthrop spent a few days in our midst. They had attended provings and baptisms in Sabetha.

Many of the soldiers who attended church in Ft. Scott and Lamar during World War II and since that time have shown an interest in having a reunion in Lamar. One Tuesday evening in January, a large delegation from both churches met in Lamar. Plans were formulated for the soldiers' reunion, to be held Aug. 8 and 9 of this year. Elsewhere in the Silver Lining you will find the invitation.

When an atmosphere of spirituality pervades the family life in a home, then the hospitality takes on supreme, lasting happiness. It is this kind of hospitality that we have enjoyed many times in the home of loved ones who gave us the pleasure of visiting here the week end of Feb. 23. Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Bittner and Bro. Emil and Sis. Esther Fisher stopped here on their way home from Phoenix. Many families were absent from church on that Sunday, so the presence of these brothers and sisters was spiritually uplifting. Also visiting here on their return from Phoenix were Bro. Dan and Sis. Tillie Sauder and Sis. Wilma Sauder.

A son, Lary Kent, was born to Gary and Norma Frieden on Jan. 8. A daughter, Gina Renea, was born to Lon and Virginia Frieden on Feb. 25. Sis. Edna Frieden is the grandmother of both.

As Easter-time draws near and spring approaches, new little green plants—crocus, tulips, jonquils and narcissus—push their way through the sun-warmed earth to new life. The resurrection of our dear Lord is so symbolic of new life bursting forth. May we likewise put away all the unpleasant experiences of the past, and begin a new year in peace, with new hopes and aspirations, ever striving for that priceless goal. Christ rose from the grave. In Him, we have the pledge and type of our rising.

Bro. Levi Banwart, who spent

his childhood and early manhood in our community, spent a few days in our midst. He mentioned in his prayer, the vacancies observed in our church, the young ones who are filling the places of the older brothers and sisters, the days he had spent in our Sunday School—it is as a vapor, we are here today, but we know not about the tomorrow. Accompanying Bro. Levi were his wife, Sis. Edna, Bro. Bud and Sis. Ida Schmidt and Bro. Arney and Sis. Katie Ludwig.

Bro. Ben Banwart is in Hot Springs for treatments. We miss him in our congregation, and hope that he returns soon and that his health will be improved.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

##### Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

At this wondrous Easter season throughout the Christian world, we are celebrating the most triumphant day in world history. Some day, the Scripture says, **the dead in Christ shall rise and we shall be forever with the Lord.**

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, our loneliness has disappeared, our fears have been dispelled, our sins have been forgiven. Give him your life today. Surrender your will to him. He promises you will receive the joy and security of a resurrected Christ, living in your soul.

In behalf of the Bluffton congregation, we wish to extend a most hearty welcome to Bro. Wally and Sis. Marilyn Leman and family from Roanoke, who have moved here during the past month.

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Again the Lord has touched two more dear souls and called them to repentance. Now having found peace and wishing to be taken into the fold are Friend Donna Drayer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Herman Drayer, and Friend Max Reimschisel, son of David and Sis. Marjorie Reimschisel.

On February 9, the marriage of our friends, Walter Neuenschwander Jr. and Joyce Schoeff, was held at the home of the parents, Walter and Sis. Edna Neuenschwander, with Bro. Sam Aeschliman officiating.

February 9, Bro. and Sis. John J. Fiechter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. There were seven daughters, Mrs. Aaron Reinhard, Mrs. Carl Kipfer, Mrs. Herman Drayer, Mrs. Walter Bertsch, Mrs. Charles Neuenschwander, Mrs. William Neuenschwander Jr. and Mrs. Millard Aschliman; four sons, Ervin, Gerald, John and Dale. There are forty-six grandchildren. The richest blessing thus far was seeing all their children converted. May God bless this union many more years, sharing life's pathway together.

February 16, Bro. Sam Aeschliman performed the marriage of friends Rudy Frauhofer and Connie Brindle, at the home of the parents, Bro. and Sis. Ivan Frau-

hofer.

Bro. Harry Reinhard, Aaron Kipfer Jr. and James Reinhard were surgical patients during the past month and are now recuperating at home. Sis. Sylvia Reinhard is in the hospital at the time of this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Visiting minister during the past month was Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont. Sis. Louise accompanied him, along with Bro. and Sis. Herman Laidig.

Births: On Feb. 9, a daughter, Tammy Marie, to Bro. and Sis. Jerry Gerber; on Feb. 25, a son, Kurt Frederick, to Bro. and Sis. Jay Kipfer; on Feb. 26, a daughter, Julie Jean, to Friends Willis and Marilyn Prichard.

## PEACE ON EASTER MORNING

Oh what joy and peace fills our souls this Easter morning! Our hearts burst out in song — our thoughts soar high above the clouds, until they seem to meet the heavenly throng. Isn't that the way we felt when we received peace? Yes, and we can feel that way again—it is possible—we know—all true Christians have experienced it.

What does Easter mean to us? It should be a renewing to every true Christian. If there was ever a necessity for fervent prayer—it

is now. Sin, gloom and darkness are all around us.

Prayer is a privilege. Christ made use of this blessed privilege in Gethsemane and on the cross—what anguish filled his heart! We made use of it when we were seeking peace—why not now? We need it more than ever before.

So let's search our hearts and dig deep. Is there any root of bitterness there? If so—let's forgive and forget—whether friend or foe (Christ did) . . . For then—and then only—can we have peace and joy on Easter morning!

some time during the winter months. We visited them in their home recently, and they hope to be able to assemble with us again soon.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Joyce Pohl are the parents of a baby boy, Michael Robert, born February 13. He was welcomed by two sisters, Tena and Becky, as well as his parents.

We installed a larger hot water heater in the church recently, and now have hot water in the women's rest room.

We have had some real warm weather lately. It was up in the sixties a few days ago. How time flies by, and what have we accomplished? Really not very much, and only by the grace of God are we what we are or ever hope to be. May we ever be as clay in His hands, that He might mold us and make us after His will in this present world, and that in the world

to come, we may see Him face to face.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA Ann Wagler

The singing group from Eureka and Roanoke, directed by Lloyd Schumacher, came down over Feb. 8 week end. Along with Lloyd came Harold Hodel, Willis Weuthrich, Joe Aeschliman, Lyle Moser, Rich Leman and Eldon Rocke. Their wives accompanied them. On Saturday night, they sang at the Reed community house. We had a nice attendance.

A daughter, Rita, was born to Johnny and Dale Chambers. Sis. Retha Chambers is the grandmother.

Among the visitors this month was Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. He held services at the Bro. Geo. Kelly home on the night of Feb. 12. John and Audrey Laidig of Bremen were with him.

Joan Wagler finished her three months of mental health training at Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa and is home for three weeks vacation.

### I Pray

Lord, I would work and neighbor  
here,  
To wise to hate, to doubt or sneer.  
Teach me, I cannot walk with kings  
Till I am big in little things.

Lord, let me not hasty be to chide  
A fellow creature at my side . . .  
Give me, too, a heart that sings  
To aid my growth in little things.

Lord, fill this restless heart with  
peace;  
Teach me that beauty does not  
cease  
Through winter's chill to gentle  
springs.  
Let me be big in little things.

Lord, when petty disappointments  
rise,  
Let me be patient, kind and wise. . .  
Missing the joy that greatness  
brings,  
Let me be big in little things.

Lord, give me strength this day, I  
pray,  
To triumph in a lesser way,  
And though not far my circle  
swings . . .  
Let me be big in little things.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS****Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller**

Bro. Eli Walter has been able to return to his home, after being hospitalized three weeks following a heart attack.

Sis. Betty Walter and Bro. Bill Huber of Francesville were united in marriage by Bro. Josh Broquard. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their life together.

Bro. John and Sis. Leah Koehl, who are spending the winter in Phoenix, had the privilege to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. August Bolliger, Tremont, and Lester Huber and Elmer Bucher, Francesville.

Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marjorie Schneider and three of their children from Ellington, Conn., visited her mother, Sis. Lizzie Honegger, and family recently.

We enjoyed an hour of song service on Sunday evening, March 1, which we share with the Fairbury congregation on the first Sunday of each month. One month it is

held in our church, and the following month in Fairbury. Since our two churches are only five miles apart, it is upbuilding for us to assemble together occasionally, thus creating a stronger bond of love and Christian fellowship.

In spite of experiencing the most severe snowstorm in 50 years on Jan. 12, we have had a good winter in our area. Now, it is already March. We know springtime will soon be with us. Our faith is often renewed when we can observe the awakening of new life, in all plant life, as it is warmed by the sun's bright rays.

We know this is all a work of our Creator. When we compare the earthly reawakening with the spiritual rebirth, through our risen Lord, we have great reasons to remember His death and resurrection in all humility and with thankfulness.

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**FORT SCOTT, KANSAS****Marie Zaugg****FOR US**

As we are nearing Easter, it should renew in our mind Christ's suffering, death and victorious resurrection, whereby He fulfilled God's promise toward all mankind. Man again through Him can regain that blessed standing, having peace with the eternal God, that can be obtained through repentance and obedience to His word.

When we think of the cross He bore, and the crown of thorns He wore, we should not crave a crown of honor nor a path of roses, but rather follow the footsteps of our loving Saviour.

It is well for us to think of the hour of pain and anguish the Lord suffered, when He cried, "My God,

my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

God revealed His power to the world when the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom, the rocks rent, and the graves were opened and many saints arose which slept.

How thankful should we be that He made the atonement for us and our sins, that we through Him have access to our heavenly Father. We should prove our love for Him with obedience to His word.

Rebuke of man didst thou endure  
Thus as a Lamb, so meek and pure,  
But thou couldst glorify the name  
Of God with earnest zeal and fame.

A time to give thanks for all heaven and earth.

A time for awakening—a time for rebirth!

I'm sure we all have many reasons to be thankful for the real meaning of Easter. Are we thankful enough that God gave His only

precious Son to die on the cross and shed His blood for us? What if Jesus would not have gone all the way to the cross, but stopped on the way and given up? His love must have been truly great

It is good if we often review Jesus way to the cross, and then be strengthened, too, to go all the way and not become weary and fall by the wayside.

When we see the buds bursting forth, after what seems a long winter, doesn't it give one a new spiritual lift? What has seemed dead comes to life and is awakened. Soon blossoms appear, and in due time fruit.

Surely we have many reasons to give thanks and praise to God for His wondrous love for mankind. We have been privileged to find the real spiritual awakening and rebirth, and now can look forward to the resurrection morn without fear or trembling.

Sis. Marie Begner observed her 91st birthday February 12. She is able to be up every day, and when weather permits has been able to worship with us, for which we are all thankful. May she find comfort to know the Lord is near her at all times.

Bros. Ezra Feller and Philip Sauder of Cissna Park and LeRoy Huber of Eureka ministered to us February 16. In the afternoon, Bro. LeRoy performed a marriage ceremony, uniting Sis. Gloria Stoller and Bro. Robert Walder in holy matrimony. They are now at home in Bloomington, Illinois. May the Lord add His blessings to this union, so that they may enjoy many years of happiness together.

"There is a land of the living,  
And a land of the dead;  
And the bridge between them is  
love."

Early on the morning of February 19, my dear father, Alva Richtts, quietly slipped from this life, closing his weary eyes to this world. He had been in failing health for the past three years, but was able to be up every day, and always enjoyed attending church until recently. We sorely miss him, yet we cannot grieve as those without a hope. In the last few days, we can believe he made all things right and found peace with his Lord and Creator. We have reasons for rejoicing that the Lord could

**PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS****Ruth Ricketts****What Is Easter?**

A reminder of God's most beautiful gift.

A time when our hearts find a spiritual lift.



still reveal Himself to him, that he could tell us that the burden he had carried on his breast for some time was gone, and that he was not afraid to die.

He was born April 22, 1880, and enjoyed a full life. On February 7, my mother, Sis. Ollie, and he observed their 58th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton was with us and conducted funeral services February 21, with our Princeville brothers ably assisting. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. He is survived by his widow; three sons, Joseph and Roy of Peoria, Bro. Levi of Morton; two daughters, Sis. Marian Hinshaw of Dunlap and Sis. Ruth at home; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

We truly feel the love and fellowship of all our dear ones at a time like this, and can only say, "Thank you," to all you dear ones, and may the Lord bless you.

#### Life's Weaving

My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me.  
I may not choose the colors;  
He knows what they should be,  
For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side,  
While I can see it only  
On this, the under side.

Sometimes He weaveth sorrow,  
Which seemeth strange to me,  
But I will trust His judgment  
And work on faithfully.  
'Tis He who fills the shuttle;  
He knows just what is best,  
So I shall weave in earnest  
And leave with Him the rest.

At last when life is ended  
With Him I shall abide.  
Then I may view the pattern  
Upon the upper side.  
Then I shall know the reason,  
Why pain, with joy entwined,  
Was woven in the fabric  
Of life that God designed.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Julia Streitmatter, who was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery, after services in Peoria Feb. 29. Bro. Dan and the family of Bro. Jeff (deceased), and Bro. William all attend church at Princeville.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family and brethren at Morris in the loss of their loved one, Bro. Henry Koehl, and also to the family and brethren of Bro. Otto Norr at Leo. Two soldiers could lay their armor down and so peacefully leave this life, after serving so faithfully in their duties here on earth.

Bro. Nathan Stoller is making satisfactory recovery from major lung surgery recently. He could also testify the strength of the prayers of his loved ones, and is so thankful to have the Lord on his side.

Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury was our ministering servant March 1. In the morning we could hear the lesson of the Sower and the Seed, and in the afternoon of the Ten Virgins and how to maintain our Christian life, as found in the first chapter of II Peter.

Larry Eberle, son of Bro. William and Sis. Marie, who has been working in California the past year, came home recently and was inducted into the Army with Marion Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma. At present they are at Fort Knox, Kentucky. May they feel the desire to call upon their Lord to lead and direct them during their stay in the service.

Bro. Karl and Sis. Minnie Klumpp quietly observed their golden wedding anniversary March 4. Although Bro. Karl has suffered bodily affliction, they feel their blessings have been many. They carry their cross with a smile. May the Lord bless them with more years of happiness together.

Dan Endress hopes to return to his home, after spending the past week in the hospital, suffering from a severe allergy attack (from a spray).

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY AT LAFAYETTE Mrs. Keith Honegger

God has truly shown His love toward us students, in providing a way that we might hear His Word on our campus. We appreciate the opportunity He has given us to lay our books aside for a few hours, that we might enjoy a blessed evening together with our friends and relatives.

For our evening service on February 12, Bros. Lester Huber and Wendell Gudeman from Francesville and Bro. Orville Ringger from

Bluffton were our visiting ministers. The inspirational messages brought to us were from Ecclesiastes 11 and 12:1, which have many thoughtful verses for **we who are in youth**. Ecclesiastes 11:9: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment". At the conclusion of our meeting, we enjoyed singing by the Gospel Heirs and a mixed group from Francesville.

On February 26, Elder Bro. George Yergler from La Crosse ministered to us. The basis for his meditation was from the 6th chapter of St. Matthew, with special emphasis on verse 33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington concluded our evening worship.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Faye Wackerle & Marlene Mosher

An announcement was made recently of the engagement of Bro. David Wieland and Sis. Judy Colver, both of Bay City.

Bro. Herb Ramseyer recently underwent surgery, but has now recovered and is doing very well.

Sis. Helen Lambert underwent surgery and is now recovering in the hospital.

Sis. Elizabeth Ramseyer has been confined to her home most of the winter with illness. We sincerely hope and pray that the Lord will grant her much grace, through her time of illness, and if it be His will, may He restore her to a measurable amount of health again.

"... O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matthew 26:39

This was the beginning of sorrows for our Lord Jesus. His hour had indeed come. Thick as the cloud was, He could still see God as a Father through it. Though He realized the extreme bitterness of the sufferings He was to undergo, yet He was freely willing to submit to them, for our redemption and salvation—grounding His own willingness upon the Father's will!

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. . ." Luke 23:34

The great thing which Christ died to purchase and procure for all men is the forgiveness of sin. The greatest of sinners may, through Christ, with repentance find mercy.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." Luke 23:33

Jesus was crucified at a place called Calvary, the Greek name for Golgotha, between two thieves. The one thief repented—an illustrious instance of Christ's triumph over the powers of darkness. The repentent thief became a monument of limitless divine mercy and grace.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA Arthur Haab

This past month, Bro. Frank Jr. and Sis. Lois Beer were blessed with a baby girl, Annette Sue. Friends Bernard and Carol Beer have a new son, Todd Philip.

Friend Mary Jane Beer was united in marriage to Jerry Templin (of the Milford community), by Bro. Theo. Beer. Mary Jane is the daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer. Many of us went to the reception, to wish them well in their new undertaking.

Bro. Vernon Lehman from Eureka was our visiting minister. He brought out in his sermon the great need for parents to teach their children to pay attention in Sunday School and to respect their teachers there and in the public schools. We were thankful that he was able to be with us and have such a timely and inspiring message.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

To God be the glory; great things He has done. We can say He is still doing great things. We are happy that we have some more friends among us who are seeking the Lord in repentance. They are William and Sandra Kinsinger, Kathryn Kellenberger, and Merle Tobler.

Sis. Luise Messerschmidt had eye surgery, and is getting along quite well. Sis. Otillia Kercher is hospitalized at this time. We wish her God's help and strength. Sis. Gladys Weiss is now at home, after

her accident, and is doing quite well.

Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring and her parents, Bro. and Sis. Ernie Anliker, were with us a couple days. On Saturday evening, there was a group singing at the home of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Reber. On Sunday, Bro. Uriel ministered to us. God, through him, gave us many good and wholesome teachings, also warnings about the deceptions being taught in our time. We cannot be thankful enough that we still can hear God's Word in its unadulterated form and in the power of the Spirit, so that souls can still be awakened to the real truth and become children of God.

Elmer and Lillian Messner from Twin Falls, Idaho, visited here with their relatives and friends. Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock have a boy, Theodore Herman, born on Feb. 16.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Martha Greiner and Bro. Carl and Sis. Helen Joos, from Morris, visited Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen's aged parents, Bro. August and Sis. Caroline Greiner. They are always so happy to have their children come home, and especially so this time. Bro. Ben and Sis. Martha were added to the flock recently, which made the meeting a very joyful one.

Bro. Al. and Sis. Margaret Fisher were with us for a Wednesday evening service. We received good teachings and are always glad to have Bro. Fisher and his wife visit.

On Sunday, March 1, the engagement of Bro. Herman C. Braun and Sis. Sharon Powlson was announced. We wish them God's blessings in their undertaking. His new address is

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We recently visited an Indiana church, and they had a guest speaker. He spoke on humility, and he said he was in a home, at one time, where the father had a plaque on the wall which read, "God, Keep us Humble." It was very inspirational and makes us think. It was also mentioned in the prayer that humility is such a virtue.

With the Easter Season approaching, a portion of an old hymn

comes to mind:

Why come ye at break of morning,  
To the Lord's grave, in such deep  
mourning?

Who'll roll the heavy stone away?

...

'Tis away; oh do not murmur!  
Ye faithful ones, come now, draw  
nearer;

The stone is gone; Oh look therein!  
See angels in the cleft!

Bring joy to you bereft.

Hosanna; Hosanna!

Why seek with tears the Master  
here?

He is not dead; rejoice, He lives!  
Jesus liveth; Jesus liveth.

Through pain and scorn to glory's  
realm,

Thus was His way our salvation.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO Emily Frautschi

We are sorry to report that Bro. and Sis. Rowan Schar have moved from the Toledo area back to their home church, Rittman. We wish them and their little family the blessings from the Lord, and hope they will visit us often.

We recently enjoyed a visit from our elder brother, Rudolph Graf of Akron, Elder Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman and those who came with them. The brothers read and explained the report from the brother meeting.

We enjoyed Bro. Ben Maibach Jr. and his family and Sis. Lucille Maibach, who visited us from Detroit, and those who came from the Bay City and Junction churches.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Catherine Klopfenstein of Gridley (Ill.) and Bro. Elsworth and Sis. Evelyn Stoller of Princeville also visited us recently.

#### AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert

We received much spiritual sustenance and strength to grow, through the words spoken by Ministering Brother Floyd Wieland of Detroit, as he counselled us to be more wakeful, more watchful and more careful. His wife, Perceda, accompanied him, as also did their 9-year-old, Judy, who came down with mumps soon after their arrival.

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bettie are grandparents again, since the arrival of Todd Bahler Graf. He is the first born of Audrey and Arthur Graf. Audrey's mother,

Sis. Olga Bahler of Rockville, has been here, assisting with her new grandson.

Thought for the Month—"The secret of an unsatisfied life lies too often in an unsundered will."

## RESURRECTION AND PEACE

The Easter season again marks the solemn celebration of the crucifixion of our Lord.

Nineteen centuries ago, He became a substitute for all mankind, paying the penalty for sin, so that all true believers, by faith and grace, may have eternal life.

It was a trembling and amazed Mary, who, on coming to the tomb, found that the Lord was not there. We ponder the fact of how it would be, had she come to the tomb and the Lord HAD been there. What if Jesus had not arose from the dead, thereby remitting our sins and bringing life and salvation to all who seek it?

Instead of the joy and blessing of redemption and Christian fellowship, there would be no pardon for the sick in heart, no grace for the soul engulfed in sin, no mercy for the penitent, no comfort for sorrowing and burdened mankind. There would be no hope for eternal life beyond the gates of death, instead, only judgment, and the torment of eternal unrest for the soul.

### ALTADENA CALIFORNIA Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

"... the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21 May God comfort Sis. Clara Lorenz in her grief over the death of her husband, Bro. Joe. The funeral was held Thursday, February 13, at the Lamb Funeral Home in Pasadena.

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 10:7 We are thankful for the visit of Elder Brothers Noah Schrock and John Bahler. We also heard inspiring messages from Ministering Brothers John Wagenbach (Oakville) and Joe Zimmerman (Roanoke). We all enjoyed the fellowship with our visitors this month: Bro. and Sis. Vern Shurter and the Emch sisters—all from Kansas; Earl Sauder, son of Bro. Albert Sauder, Morton; Bro. and Sis. George Kieser and Bro. and Sis. John Tanner, Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Virgil Massner, Oakville; Sis. Rose Langjahr, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Ben Getz, Morton;

In recalling the high priest's judgment scene, the heart inquires whether we are pressing in close, spurred on by the allegiance and obedience that we owe to God? Or do we, like Peter, sometimes follow afar off and deny Him by our words and actions?

Christ gave the comforting message to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you..." The scriptural teaching, that if we have ought against anyone, that we go to them and not to others, is the great dissolver of much dissension and its accompanying grief. It affords the opportunity to help another, or, if we have misunderstood or been misinformed, to be corrected and set straight ourselves. There is a two fold blessing, it seems, in so doing, since thereby we draw to ourselves, as well as assist others, to obtain that most valuable and endurable heritage, God's peace, which He bequeathed to His followers. It is something beyond our understanding, but we can possess it.

and Bro. and Sis. Melvin Sorg, Bloomington.

Our best wishes to Ruth and Dick Rapp — parents of Kristen Getz Rapp, born January 24. Ruth's parents, Bro. and Sis. Chris Getz (Morton), were here to visit the newly blessed family. The paternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Rapp (Morton).

Larry Eberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Eberle, left our congregation for the service on February 21. Larry has been living in California for the past two years.

### BERN, KANSAS Mrs. Morris Edelman Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Bro. Harvey Grimm was hospitalized for a few days. Because of an ulcer, he was unable to minister for several weeks. We were thankful that he is again able to preach the word of God. Sis. Lucy Rokey and Duane Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Meyer, were also hospitalized for short periods.

Visitors were Bro. John Tanners, Bro. George Kiesers of Princeville,

Bro. Mathias Strahms of Gridley, Bro. Charles Sinns and Sis. Ida Sinn of Fort Scott. Evening services were held February 20, when we were happy to have Bro. Earl Kilgus in our midst. He brought us a very inspiring message. Bro. and Sis. Clauss accompanied them.

On February 12, Judd Roland was born to Bro. and Sis. Louis Meyer Jr. He has six sisters and one brother to welcome him. Bro. and Sis. Alpha Strahm Jr. became the parents of Michael John, on February 20. He has five brothers and one sister.

Ronald Strahm, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Strahm, is serving in the Navy. His address is:

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This was a mother's last advice, written and left to a sister of our church:

Now that you are a child of God, your growth depends upon yourself.

It is impossible for you to become a useful Christian, unless you are willing to do the things which are absolutely essential to your spiritual growth, to which end the following suggestions will be found to be of vital importance.

**Study the Bible.** Set aside at least fifteen minutes a day for Bible study. Let God talk to you 15 minutes a day through His word. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby..." I Peter 2:2 The word of God is food for the soul. Commit to memory one verse of scripture each day. Psalm 119:11.

**Pray much.** Praying is talking to God. Talk to Him about everything, your perplexities, joys, sorrows, mistakes, friends, etc. (Read Philippians 4:6). For spiritual growth, you need not only food (Bible study) but exercise. Work for Christ (read Ezekiel 3:18). Shun evil companions, avoid bad people, bad books, bad thoughts. Read the first Psalm, also II Corinthians 6:14, 17.

Be faithful in your attendance at the Lord's Day and mid-week services. Read Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 16: 2.

Do not become discouraged. Expect temptations, discouragement and persecutions. The Christian life is warfare. II Timothy 3:12:

Read often the following passages of scripture: Romans 8:18, James 1:12, and I Corinthians 10:13.

### "A Christian"

Would I be called a Christian,  
If everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feeling  
And everything I do?  
Oh, could they see the likeness  
Of Christ in me each day?  
Oh could they hear him speaking  
In every word I say?  
Would I be called a Christian  
If everyone would know  
That I'd be found in places  
Where Jesus would not go?  
Oh could they hear his echo  
In every song I sing;  
In eating, drinking, dressing  
Could they see Christ, "My King?"  
Would I be called a Christian,  
If judged by what I read  
By all my passing actions  
And every thought and deed?  
Could I be called Christ-like;  
As I now work and pray,  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving  
To others, every day?

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Allenbach attended the Sunday School meeting at Gridley, Feb. 23, to make plans for Sunday School students Fellowship this summer.

John, Sis. Diana and Kathleen Farney honored their parents, Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Farney, with an open house for their 25th wedding anniversary the evening of March 7.

Funeral services for Lena Stiagger (of Cherokee, Okla.), who passed away March 5 after a lingering illness of cancer, were held Sunday afternoon, March 8, with Bro. Eli Somerhalder officiating.

Hospital patients this past month were Sis. Ronald Nelson and Bro. Elmer Tanner.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schamback

We are happy to report that Sis. Martha Steiner from the Croghan congregation and Bro. Carl Virkler from the Naumburg congregation are again able to be out and worship with us, after nearly 3 months' absence. Sis. Martha, who sustain-

ed a broken hip, is still in a wheel chair, and will be for some time. Bro. Carl suffered a severe heart attack.

Sis. Pernal, wife of Bro. Howard Virkler, is back with us, after undergoing surgery, recently.

Friend Harold Streeter is home, after spending ten days in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, where he underwent tests for a heart condition. He had expected to undergo heart surgery, but was unable to receive help in that way. However, we are glad to report that he is improved.

Members of the Senior Class of the Sunday School are having practice sessions, in preparation of songs for the Easter program.

We feel that the Love and Fellowship in the Apostolic Christian Brotherhood is very like that which was accorded Paul, Peter, Timothy and other apostles on their visits to the congregations in our Bible history. What pleasure we derive when we have visitors from afar. When we are far from home and can reach one of these churches, how wonderful to be met and greeted warmly with hospitality, graciously extended. In our own congregations, how much we miss the fellowship when unable to attend. A sister, who had been confined to her home recently with a short illness said, "How good to be back with my sisters."

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN Mrs. Jim Barton

What more appropriate time than this Easter season to pass on to you the joyful news that Jerry Cargill has found favor in the sight of God, received His blessed peace, and is now awaiting the time when he shall be joined in holy baptism to God and the believers, who have gone this way before him. Jerry has been in our midst since he was transferred to Detroit during service duty last fall. Our hearts have been bound to him and he to us, since we got to know him, in the bonds of love that only the Lord can bind. All rejoice with the angels, that the Lord is still working in the hearts of men.

Returning to worship once again with us are Sisters Sadie Segadi and Marie Reardon. Both were recently hospitalized. We are happy to see them once more in our midst.

The Bible Class has been meeting every week, and is making progress

in the special hymns they are practicing to commemorate Easter. The grades 4 to 7 meet for singing the last Friday of each month, at different homes. Each session is eagerly looked forward to by young participants.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Anna Magyar, whose brother died suddenly at his home in Toronto, Ontario.

Among our visitors in the past few weeks were Sis. Edith and John Mayer, Indianapolis; Bro. Al and Sis. Maryann Weigele, Toledo; and others from Alto and Bay City.

The engagement of Sis. Judy Coolver and Bro. David Wieland was announced Feb. 23. Sis. Judy is a nurse at Henry Ford Hospital. Her parents live in Bay City, as do Bro. Dave and his parents, Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland. God's richest blessings are wished for them, when they undertake this second most important step of their life—the first most important, of course, being that of holy baptism, and then receiving Jesus into their heart. It is heart warming to see our young adults be wedded to the Lord through holy baptism and then, with this bond upon them, to be wedded to each other in holy matrimony. Where the Lord is made partner in the marriage vows, much love will abound and the union be richly blessed.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Merle Bucher and Ed Franks from LaCrosse; Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton.

Our monthly singing was held Feb. 23. The Prairie Choristers were guests. They sang four numbers. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Nelson Martin, a boy, born Feb. 9. He has been named Todd Nelson (he is their fourth child, all sons); to Bro. and Sis. Earl Zimmerman, a boy, born Feb. 13 (He has been named Loren William; He is their fourth child and second son).

Those who were ill recently: Mrs. Leonard Hartter was a hospital patient several days. Sis. Ada Zimmerman was in the hospital several days. Sis. Marie Klaus is a patient in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Elmer Ginzl was not been feeling so well recently.

Eileen Ginzel and Alvin Eckhoff were married Feb. 16. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Ginzel.

Betty Stoller and William Kinder were married Feb. 16. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Willis Stoller.

Bro. John S. Bittner, aged 62, passed away at his home, Feb. 15. His funeral was Monday, Feb. 17, with Bro. Leroy Huber in charge, assisted by Bro. Frank Woertz.

Sis. Rose Wettstein (my sister), aged 40, passed away at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Charles Wettstein, March 6. Her funeral will be Monday, March 9. Bro. Leroy Huber will be in charge of services.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

We had the blessed opportunity to sit and listen to the Holy Word given to us by Bro. George Yergler. We always enjoy it when his wife can also come with him.

"Jesus . . . took them up in his arms . . . and blessed them." Two precious baby boys were given to Bro. Robert & Sis. Phyllis Wuethrich & Bro. Edison & Sis. Chrisann Gutwein, (our oldest daughter).

Different ones from other churches of our precious faith visited us the past month. The Milford Sunday School was a real "Sunshine" group that came. Come again.

One of our older sisters, Sally Stefan, has had untold hardships in her life, and recently had to have her leg amputated, but she always looks to her Saviour, and greatly appreciates anyone visiting who is able to talk German. Her husband cheerfully cares for her, as she is nearly blind.

I was asked to substitute as a Sunday School teacher. I asked a 10-year-old boy for what he was thankful. He said, "I am thankful I am getting a new aunt today." That is the way we all feel here at Francesville. We are thankful that Bro. Bill Huber brought us Sis. Betty Walter Huber.

Another year our patient Grandmother Pelsy has been with us, reaching 103 years of age. She always says she has so much for which to be thankful, as she has very little pain, such good care, and many loved ones visit her. This is her greatest joy. Her memory is still good.

In closing, my father, Bro. Otto Norr, who is now sweetly resting with mother, who passed away nearly 5 years ago, would say—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

Bro. Wesley and Sis. Mildred Knapp are the parents of a son, Wesley Charles Jr., born February 14.

Bro. David Leman was taken by ambulance to the Eureka Hospital.

He is seriously ill.

We welcome Sis. Clara Zobrist, who moved to Goodfield from Eureka.

Bill Hinrichson, who is in the Navy, has been transferred to Portsmouth, Va. He will be transferred to Norfolk, Va., for schooling, the first of April. After a month at Norfolk, he will be transferred to Baltimore, Md.

We welcome Sis. Betty (Schlipf) Bauman to our congregation. Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty are residing in Metamora, following their wedding, March 1.

## EASTER THOUGHTS

By Bro. John Rokey

This season of the year was the darkest week for our Saviour. We can only believe He spent much time praying to His father for strength, so He could endure the suffering and pain awaiting Him. Jesus had the power to destroy His enemies, but He came to save life, not to destroy it. At the last minute, He saved the murderer on the cross who believed on Him.

Our Lord Jesus was not compelled to sacrifice His life. It was an agreement between Father and Son, as He said, "I and my Father are one." If the agreement had been broken, there would be no plan of salvation; there would be no covenant of grace; there would be no first resurrection. We would

be in our sins, without a promise of eternal life. We thank our Lord that He did not nor will not break His promise.

Out of pure love to mankind and to His heavenly Father, he laid down His life. He was victor over death and grave. We have His promise that we shall also rise and be where He is, if we stay true and faithful 'til the end.

Easter, like the brightness of the dawn,  
Brings life and immortality to light,  
Giving to the world assurance and hope,  
After a dark and turbulent night.

#### JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; . . . The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell." Song of Solomon 2:11, 13.

How wonderful, such a lovely season God has provided for us. Here in Japan, we have also a wonderful spring. Outside of our church here, the farm tractors are moving around the fields and let us know the real spring will be at hand soon. Perhaps you do not know very well about Japanese farmers, but they are plowing their small fields by 15 or 18 horse power, small tractors. They usually used cattle most of the time, instead of the tractors, until several years ago. I believe it is very marvelous to hear that in the United States the farmers are using the

airplane and big tractors for their fields. Anyway, we know spring has come, when the farmers start the work in earnest.

March 3 is girls' festival, so most of the little children are wearing the nice dress and go with parents to the shrine and temple and ask to the idols for their future happiness. At night, most Japanese families also make the big feast for themselves, according old custom in Japan.

Here in church at Kaneko, our members went to Bro. John's house last Sunday afternoon and had a nice time with beloved ones there. Their home is about 5 miles west from here, and the environment is very good. Klausens are living in a nice house, right behind the U.S. Air Force Base. Military personnel used to live there.

Bro. Yoshito's sister, Junko san, is trying to enter the nurse school.

She wants to be a nurse. She is staying with the Ehnles until she gets all examinations. She already passed one of schools which she requested.

I really want to say "thank you" for your prayers and encouragement for us in Japan and for such a wonderful spiritual magazine, "Silver Lining".

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We are pleased to report the birth of a new daughter, Barbara, to Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz. Barbara has 11 brothers and sisters to welcome her.

We are still in the midst of measles, mumps, and scarlet fever, so many of our number have been shut in, but are back in church now.

### Resurrection and Peace

Our ministering brother, Ben Schlatter, has prepared the following:

Man's faith in God has greatest significance when we consider the blessing of resurrection. The power of God and the triumph over death and grave was openly revealed to man in the resurrection of our Lord from death and the grave, which is well known to the believer through faith in the gospels of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At this season of the year, there is also much evidence of "new life", as that which is dormant comes to life and beautifies the creation of God. We who have been redeemed, as well as all men who realize the incapacity of man to create himself, give God reverence as our Maker and Creator.

In respect to Him who gave us life and being here on earth, we bow, and are encouraged to believe His word and His ability to also grant to us "life", after this mortal shell has passed away.

In the 16th Psalm, verse 10, we read that God would not leave His Holy One to see corruption. We believe that the breath of "life" which God breathed into man (Genesis 2:7) to make him a living soul will not see "corruption", but will again appear before Him, the source of its origin.

Because of this, the power of God and His ability to resurrect our soul, it is so good then to be found at peace with God. We noticed that the Psalmist wrote, God would not leave His Holy One to see

corruption. The soul that is at peace with God and has acquired a state of "Holiness", through faith in the word of God and obedience thereto, will entertain a "gem of life" in heart and mind, believing in our Lord, who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Romans 4:25

Thy Spirit animate each heart,  
God's holy love to us impart.  
Give us Thy likeness, pure and fair;  
For Heaven's kingdom, us prepare!

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

Bro. Henry Koehl died suddenly of a heart attack at his home, on February 20, at the age of 81. It came as a shock to all, as he had been well and active. Funeral services were held February 23, with Bros. Leo Moser and Silas Leuthold officiating. Also attending were Bros. Paul Banwart, George Gramm, Herman Kellenberger, and others from various congregations.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary; three sons, Jonah, Bros. Ernest and Reuben; one daughter, Sis. Eunice; three brothers, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

He faithfully served our congregation as minister and elder for many years.

We had evening services, with Bros. Lester Braker of Lamar and Harvey Heiniger of Oakville ministering to us. Bros. George Gramm and Herman Kellenberger were with us for evening services February 25. We thank them all for the spiritual messages brought us.

Bro. Albert Koehl was hospitalized in Minneapolis, where he underwent surgery on his hip. He is at home again and progressing nicely.

Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl observed their 25th wedding anniversary on March 5. We are glad that Bro. Charlie is able to be up and around again, after being in bed several weeks with a back ailment.

David Joos was in the hospital for surgery, and is now convalescing at home.

Bro. and Sis. William Zeltwanger Jr. are the parents of their third daughter, born March 1. She has been named Susan Renee, and her sisters are Lynette and Judy.

A son, Timothy Jon, was born to Bro. and Sis. Wallace Feuchtenberger on March 4. He has twin brothers, Dennis and Kenneth.

## EASTER

Bro. Paul Fehr

We again approach Easter, the season of the year when we can take a spiritual journey, with our thoughts and minds directed to the cross at Calvary, upon which our Lord and Saviour died and where his blood flowed freely for the atonement of our sins.

It causes us to stop and think, and sometimes wonder, why this had become the lot of one who had lived such a righteous and holy life and had never been known to sin; but how thankful we are that God had promised a Messiah that would come into this world, through whose blood the poor lost sinner, doomed to die, would again have a living hope. His love for man was so great, that even there—suspended between heaven and earth, He could say in his agony and pain, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

How thankful are we that the cross and grave was not the end. On the glorious Easter Morn, God

raised Him up, to be the firstfruit of the resurrection, and to give the hope of immortality and life. What a joy this can be to every child of God who has learned to know Him and has been redeemed and sanctified by his blood, that our faith now holds out for us an eternal hope. Every child of God can agree with the apostle Paul, that, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Let us all renew our hope again this Easter morn, as we think of the women going to the grave, only to find it empty, and an angel saying, **He is not here; for He is RISEN.**

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

We enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott, Bro. and Sis. Bob Grimm of Congerville and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, this month.

Sis. Karen Feller is again able to assemble with us, after a long siege of strep throat. Sis. Pauline Fritz and Bro. Carl Peters have been hospitalized for a few weeks.

May God be with them and their families in time of need.

I am thankful to God that I have recovered so well, after having surgery.

We welcome now the Hero,  
Who lay in calm repose,  
For over death He triumphed,  
And from the grave He rose.

Our sins have all been buried  
There in the grave with Thee.  
Ah what a blessed comfort;  
We fear no enemy!

What is there now to harm us?  
Of death we have no fear;  
We have in our Lord Jesus  
Found grace and mercy here!

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Solomon Rapp,  
Assistant Reporter

We are happy that another dear friend, Hazel Ferguson, has surrendered her heart to the Lord, and at a later date will bring her testimony before the congregation. We wish her God's blessings.

Our monthly song service was held Feb. 9. The Morton chorus and the Morton quartette sang several numbers. Bros. Jess Schrock and Robert Grimm and their wives were with us. We had a blessed evening together.

Surgical patients at the hospital the past month were Sisters Lilly Widmer, Ruth Strunk and Grace Zeigler and Ben F. Hauter. They are all home again, getting along nicely.

Our dear sister, Louise Hauter, who has been quite ill at her home, has shown some improvement and is able to sit up in her chair a little again.

Sis. Augusta Krug is now a patient at the Rest Mor Home and is feeling much better.

Bro. Sam Ackerman was chosen trustee, to fill the expired term of Clarence Schmidgall.

A son was born to Sis. Sharlene and Bro. Don Frintz.

Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rapp, are patients at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Ted has been critically ill, but has shown a slight improvement. He has a heart condition.

### An Easter Message

God looks down at Easter  
In a loving, kindly way,  
And He sends an angel's message  
On this extra special day.

It's a smile of reassurance  
And a way to understand,

## THE DAWN

Bro. Edward Frank

As the dawn of another Easter sheds light upon the world, millions of people throughout Christendom will commemorate the glorious event which took place at the tomb of Jesus.

Since the day God rested from His labors of creation and the word says, "behold it was very good", nothing would be more pleasing to God than if each soul, as we worship on that day, acknowledge the responsibility we have, if we are to benefit by what Christ accomplished that great day.

Children of God, and many others undoubtedly think of this great event many times throughout the year. As we approach this Easter day, let us solemnly think a little deeper and more seriously than ever before.

All unconverted souls, drifting aimlessly and hopelessly through life, should pause long enough to dwell on the course of events from the time Christ departed from His glorious heavenly habitation to come to this sin cursed world to provide a way of salvation.

It was for the lost sinner that Jesus prayed all night in Gethsemane, until His sweat was as great drops of blood. It was for lost mankind that God rejected His plea, "if it be possible, let this cup pass from me". It was His love for us

that He added, "not my will, but thine, be done."

As we approach this day, we believe it is in order for each one of us, out of gratitude and esteem for our Saviour, to spend a few minutes and deeply ponder the crucifixion and the lost feeling as Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

If these thoughts yield the desired fruits of repentance, Christ and the angels will rejoice with us, as we praise God for what He accomplished for us on that resurrection morning.

The disciples were curious to find out when Jesus would again return. His answer was to **beware, lest ye be deceived.** It is becoming more evident every day why He sounded this timely warning, as we observe the subtle deceptions of Satan thrust against the church, presenting himself as an angel of light.

Let us never forget or depart from God's message sent by His servant, John the Baptist, repentance and confession of sins. Let us not despair at the vicious assault of Satan. After the resurrection, Jesus said to His disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, **even** unto the end of the world. Amen."

### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch

Bro. Pete Fankhauser is recuperating in his home, after being in the hospital for several weeks for treatment and care. He also felt the nearness and love of God, the great physician, to help him through his illness. We wish him the health and strength that he can be in our assembly soon.

We want to express our appreciation and thanks to the ministers that visited us this last month with such timely messages, inspiring teachings and warnings, in these last and perilous times. Visiting were ministering Bro. Al Langhof-

er (with Sis. Judy and children) of Wichita and ministering Bro. Earl Kilgus (with Sis. Kilgus and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Clauss) of Remington. Thank God for this wonderful experience and blessed privilege we have, visiting with brethren. We have never met. Immediately the love of God is felt flowing from one to the other, with this blessed fellowship and brotherly love which was made possible by our repentance, through His dying on the cross, the shedding of His blood, and His burial and resurrection.

Christ The Resurrected  
(From Zion's Harp 121)

It would seem He's close beside us,  
Reaching out His helping hand.

He puts hope within His listener  
And the richest faith of all,  
In the oldest Easter message  
That we once again recall.

God is ours at Easter,  
Lending strength, forgiving sin,  
And He lives within our own souls,  
If we'll only let Him in.

**NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.**  
**Mrs. Gus Weltz**

Here we are almost to the point of having a flood, on March 6, and we have had very little rain. This is caused by ice and snow on the upper rivers coming this way. Heretofore, when a flood was threatening, we had before plenty of rain.

Mrs. Fred Ramsier, Mrs. John Steiner, Mrs. Alvin Steiner and Mrs. Ernest Howell of Rittman, were in New Martinsville in mid-February, and were visitors at the Viking Glass Company Gift Shop.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess visited recently with her daughter and family in Monroe Heights, Pa.

Mr. Sam Kaufman has been a patient in the local hospital for several days, with an attack of pleurisy, but is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey of Charleston, W. Va., were the parents of a baby girl, born to them on February 29. Dan Witschey is the grandfather.

Mrs. Charles Durig continues as a patient in the local hospital; she has been there the past seven months.

Dan Schupbach underwent surgery some time ago, and has been removed to his home, where he is convalescing.

Bobby Burgess, grandson of Mrs. J. G. Burgess, was a patient in the local hospital recently and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emch have returned from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade spent Sunday, March 8, with their brother, Frank Barth, and family in Parkersburg.

Frank Emch of Louisville, Ky., attended the funeral of his brother, George Emch, here on February 22.

George I. Emch, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Emch, passed away on February 19, after a short

illness. Surviving are seven sons and one daughter; 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mrs. K. W. Calvert; three brothers, Walter and Paul of New Martinsville and Frank of Louisville, Ky. Funeral services were held from the Iams Funeral Home on February 22, and were conducted by the ministers, Jess Emch and Robert Stoll. Interment was in Northview Cemetery. Several of the Emch families from Garard and other relatives attended the funeral.

Lord, thy love through pain revealing,  
Purge our passion, scourge our vice

Till upon the Tree Of Healing  
Self is slain in sacrifice!

**TAYLOR, MISSOURI**  
**Mrs. Eli Sutter**

Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury helped Bro. Fred Grimm in serving Communion to us. Bro. Fred said we must go in spirit to Calvary to remember what great price the Lord paid for our redemption. We sing

Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget thine agony,  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.

It was a blessed day for all of us. We enjoyed Bro. Broquard's visit, and those that came with him.

There have been accidents and much sickness among our children. Little Stevie Wiegand (Bro. Marvin's boy) got his arm in the washing machine wringer. Bobby Heimer (Bro. Bill's boy) cut a deep laceration on his leg, which required many stitches. Little Anmy Lou Hoerr (Bro. Robert's girl) is in the hospital with pneumonia. She is much improved at this writing. Dickie Sutter (Bro. Gerald's boy) had surgery at Children's Hospital in St. Louis. He got along very well and has returned home. Many also have colds and flu.

Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont, ministered to us on Sun., March 1. We appreciate his visit, and those who accompanied him and the visitors from Sabetha and Morton.

The jonquils and hyacinths are several inches tall, a sure sign that spring isn't far off, when all nature will come to life. It seems so appropriate that this should come in

the same season as the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We all go through times of sickness, trials and temptations, but all our troubles cannot compare with the pain and agony the Lord suffered on the cross for us. If we are true and faithful, we too can have part in the great resurrection. When the Lord will come for his own.

While visiting with my aunt, Sis. Rose Frieden, she spoke of her baptism about seventy years ago. She said there were several proved and baptized at that time, but now she was the only one left. It is indeed a privilege to be able to serve the Lord for so long a time.

**TREMONT, ILLINOIS**  
**Esther Schmid**

Several folks have been sick and hospitalized this past month. Randy Koch, nine-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Jesse Koch, was hospitalized several days for treatment and observation. Bro. David Koch and Sis. Frieda Aberle both were surgical patients and are recovering nicely. Sharon Rocke, small daughter of Bro. and Sis. Orval Rocke, has been ill for several weeks at her home. We wish all a speedy and complete recovery.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville was the only visiting minister this past month. His wife and several other brethren accompanied him. We enjoyed his inspired messages, and hope they will visit us again soon.

Mary Jane Aberle has been announced for baptism in the near future, having repented and received the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, in her heart.

We offer our sympathy to Bro. Carl Sinn, whose mother, Mrs. Ida Sinn, passed away recently.

A girl, Kimberly Ann, was born Feb. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Koch. She is their second child, but first daughter. Sis. Mary Koch is the grandmother. She now has thirty-six grandchildren. Her home is always open to them; all the children love to go to Grandma Koch's.

Sis. Mary is the mother of thirteen children, all living in the surrounding area. Her husband was taken from his family by accident, when their youngest son was just five. Her life had trials, but many



joys and blessings. Eleven of her children and one grandson are members of the church. Her mother, Sis. Christina Baurer, is still living in Peoria. She also lost her husband when her ten children were small. God has been good to them, as they reared their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

His grace is sufficient for all, for He places no heavier burdens on His people, but that grace will be shared to bear them.

**PULASKI, IOWA**  
**Mrs. Ray Martin**

Bro. Fred Grimm was with us and read the memorandum. Also, he served us Holy Communion. We had a very blessed day.

## POSSIBLE TO ENJOY

Bro. Albert Wuthrich

The Easter season is upon us again, and we are brought into remembrance of our dear Saviour's death and victorious resurrection.

God had barely finished pronouncing the punishment on our forefathers when he also promised us a redeemer. The Old Testament is full of prophecy concerning Christ coming to the children of Israel as a redeemer. The children of Israel had to wait on God's appointed time, and had to make many hard and weighty experiences, to learn God's righteousness. He is a God who keeps His promises to His people. If they were obedient, they would receive rich blessing, but on the other hand, if they were disobedient, they were punished.

These things did not happen just to teach them. What they experienced was to be examples to us.

This important event took place, that Christ was to come, to suffer and die for us, so that we can

The engagement of our friends, Ronald Rinkenberger (son of Bro. and Sis. Cleo Rinkenberger) to Janice Jones of Ottumwa has been made known.

Our oldest sister in faith here, Lydia Wuthrich, observed her 88th birthday. The entire church went to her home and surprised her. Sis. Lydia is able to get around very good at 88 years. She attends church every Sunday, and is able to do quite a bit of work at home. She still enjoys gardening. May God bless her.

Our friend, Ronald Rinkenberger, has entered the service. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Partial address is Pvt Ronald Rinkenberger

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find remission of our sins. If we are to benefit by His coming and suffering, we must consider the great love that God had for us (that he was willing to send Him here on earth to redeem lost mankind), and also remember how he dealt with those who were disobedient. When we consider these two conditions, we must become humble, willing to be directed to do God's good will. This will lead us to the cross of Christ and to the empty tomb, that within us might be resurrected that new and spiritual life that will regenerate us from our lost and sinful state and put within us the spirit of righteousness, so that we can enjoy the rich blessing of God.

All this makes it possible for us to enjoy the love of God in our hearts and the blessed fellowship with one another, which is worth all that we have denied ourselves to serve the Lord. But God has promised us a heavenly reward.

This power is able to raise us from spiritual death to a new man, to walk in newness of life, if we have brought the proper fruits of repentance and faith. Colossians 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

We may wonder how Resurrection and Peace are dependent on each other. The apostle, Paul, writes to the Romans that Jesus "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification", and also said, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." Peace comes then as a result of our being free of our sins, nothing in our heart to condemn us anymore.

There were some of the Christians in the Corinthian church who said to Paul there was no resurrection of the dead. Paul told them if there is no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain . . . ye are yet in your sins." (From I Corinthians 15) There can be no forgiveness of our sins without a living Saviour to whom we can call and pray for such remission, neither can there be any victorious life, living above sin and Satan, neither would we have a High Priest at the right hand of God to intercede for us needy believers.

We can be thankful we know Jesus and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death, if by any means we might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Philippians 3:10, 11.)

This is our hope, our joy and salvation.

**REMINGTON, INDIANA**  
**Emily Kilgus**

Paul and Wilma Clauss are the parents of a son, Kevin. Three sisters and a brother welcome him.

Bro. Harold Schieler is at the Mayo Clinic, due to a back ailment.

Sis. Marie Schini is making satisfactory progress, following her recent surgery.

Marlene Schini, student nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Lafayette, received her cap at their recent ceremony. We wish Marlene

## RESURRECTION AND PEACE

Cleo F. Rinkenberger

The resurrection of Jesus was one of the most necessary events in the plan of God for the salvation of men.

After the death of Jesus and his burial, his disciples were sad, defeated and fearful. They even

gathered behind closed doors, for fear. After the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, these same men were fearless, joyful, and with the power of God proclaimed the risen Saviour.

much happiness and satisfaction in this worthwhile profession. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini.

## THOUGHTS ON SPRING AND THE EASTER SEASON

Bro. Edwin Bahler

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land . . ." Song of Solomon 2:11, 12

With joy, we herald the coming of spring, when God renews his promise with man.

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

While this covenant is precious to us, this season brings to the believer an even greater hope and promise, in the resurrection of our Lord. Let us go to Calvary and see our Saviour hanging there, His precious blood flowing for our sins, His life ebbing away. Let us review all the events of this tragic scene, and then remember the words He

spoke to Mary, as she sat weeping when Lazarus her brother was dead.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever LIVETH and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25, 26

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" The Acts 26:8

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection . . ." Romans 6:5.

Then this is the hope and promise to the believer, though he live out the days allotted to him and die a physical death, yet his spirit (soul) shall rise to be forever with the Lord.

Is there anything more precious than this?

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Herman Norr

The attendance has been increasing at each meeting. Those attending were grateful for the blessing and fellowship received.

Guest ministers have been Bros. Henry Grimm, Wendell Gudeman and Henry Beer.

The Lord willing, the following ministers plan to be at Indianapolis: April 5, Bro. Ben Mailbach Jr., Detroit; April 19, Bro. Robert Hueni, Bremen; May 3, Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City.

Location: Central YMCA, 310 North Illinois St. (Corner New York and Illinois). Starting time: For Church and Sunday School, 11 A.M. Eastern Standard (Central Daylight).

We encourage each parent, relative or friend to meet, worship and fellowship with their children or acquaintance who are living or attending school in the Indianapolis area.

Ample room is available for Services and Sunday School. Your prayers and visitation are encouraged.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt

We have had real nice weather so far this winter. Today, it was just like spring.

Bro. and Sis. Lester Braker and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Braker of Lamar spent Monday evening, February 24, with us. They were enroute home from Morris, where they attended the funeral services of Bro. Henry Koehl. Bro. Lester had many inspiring words.

We also had services on Thursday evening, February 27, as Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris was here. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Fehr. They were here to visit Bro. Paul's parents, Bro. and Sister Alfred Fehr. We are always thankful when brethren are willing to come and proclaim the true word of God to us.

The Bible Class sang several hymns pertaining to Easter at our usual singing, held the first Sunday of each month. It was very inspiring to hear from our youth.

Robert Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Fehr, and Sidney Banwart, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Banwart, are home from college, to

spend a few days at their respective homes.

I am enclosing an Easter poem, written by one of our sisters.

### Easter

Easter is a glorious time, Time of awakening, time of rebirth, Showing the rising of Christ sublime, Out of the depths of the earth . . . Long was the promised Redeemer foretold To many good men of old. Many men hungered, labored with Him, But countless refused to believe . . . Evil men took Him, condemned Him to die, Crucified Him on the tree. Death could not hold Him, Nor could grave enfold Him . . . The temple's rebuilt, gloriously, Giving man hope for eternity. He set the example—how to live and to die. Doing the will of His Father on high.

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James is the son of Alvin Dommicks.

LEO, INDIANA  
Mrs. Elias Souder

It was such a nice surprise to have Bro. Maurice Frank and his family with us, the first Sunday in March. Before the day was spent, we could see how the Hand of God provided for His children. While we were eating our lunch, the first message during prayer,

word came that Bro. Otto Norr had no pulse. Bros. John Bollier and David Bertsch quickly went. Bro. Joel Souder would have been alone. Soon word came, Bro. Otto went to be with the Lord. Hymns that Bro. Otto loved were sung during our noon song service and in the afternoon. Bro. Maurice went with us to the Butler rest Homes, and assisted there. One of the ladies there said another bright spot was made for her by the visit. Another man said we had never failed them once.

Bro. Otto had ministered at Leo for over 50 years. His place is vacant. Our loss is heaven's gain. On Wed., March 4, funeral services were conducted by Bro. Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Ind., assisted by Bros. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park and Henry Beer of Milford.

Sister Velma Bollier, Bro. Otto's daughter, is improving at home, after having heart surgery. She was able to attend her father's funeral. Rosa Bertsch is home again from the hospital and getting better. Bro. John Bollier Sr. is confined to his home, not being able to attend church service. Mary Ann Norr had a tonsillectomy.

Our young people met at the home of Raymond Winzeler.

Our Sunday School is planning their Easter Sunday School Program on Easter afternoon.

Bro. Loren Stoller visited our church. Bro. Loren, in his ministering, reminded us, in the hustle of this world, to take time to pray. Jesus was never too much in a hurry to help some one. Through prayer, we become strengthened and can press onward, keeping our eyes upon the track, so we can win the race.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA Joseph L. Bauman

Visiting our congregation recently were a number from Forrest, including ministering Brother Clarence Kachelmuss. His messages and words of admonition gave much food for thought.

The song writer has written, "Our Love Shall Not Diminish". The apostle Paul has written that, though we may speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, we are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Christ gave specific instruction that we love

one another. He did not say, love your brother if he has a high social standing, or if he agrees with us on all points, or that he possess any other certain qualifications, simply, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is an appropriate season for reflection upon these things.

The following poem was written by Sis. Bertha Hueni Annis of the Bremen congregation. May it be a blessing to us all.

#### The Crucifixion

They nailed Him to a cruel cross,  
Midst ridicule and scathing jeers;  
They mocked Him, wrote the King  
of Jews,

While helpless friends stood by in  
tears.

**If He be Christ, the chosen one,  
Then let Him help Himself,** they  
said.

They offered vinegar to Him,  
And placed a thorn-crown on His  
head.

He asked forgiveness for them all.  
**He said, They know not what they  
do,**

And Jesus for the contrite thief  
Expressed His great compassion,  
too.

Soon darkness fell, though it was  
day,

And in that day to God He cried,  
**My spirit I commend to Thee,**  
And with this — bowed His head  
and died.

They placed Him in a sepulchre,  
And all the earth was cast in gloom,  
But Christ arose and through Him  
we

Can also conquer death and tomb.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Mary Alyce Witzig

Bev and Terry Miller are the parents of a girl, Wendy Ann, born March 3. Wendy has a brother, Jeffery.

Nancy Boulware and Burton Grusy, son of Sis. Naomi and Bro. Emil Grusy, were united in marriage on March 7.

Bro. Walter Anliker was a visitor on the afternoon of February 23. I'm sure all received a blessing from his message.

Christian Endeavor was held in Gridley on March 8, with the following Bible Class groups partici-

pating: Peoria, Eureka, Morton, Tremont, Roanoke and Gridley. Bro. Vincent Hodel of Roanoke gave the inspirational talk, in which he brought out the swift passage of time, and posed the question, **Will you be able to pass the great examination on the final judgment day?**

It is planned to have the balance of the Bible class groups on March 22.

#### 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.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way,  
But to act, that each tomorrow  
Finds us farther than today.

In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!  
Be a hero in the strife!

#### LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Gale Stoller Mrs. Ray Sinn

We had a potluck supper in our church for the children in Sunday School. It was well attended by both young and old. Afterwards, a singing was enjoyed by all. Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton was with us during the day, but due to bad weather could not stay for the evening.

Leon Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine, was in the hospital this past month, to have his tonsils taken out. Leon is now home and recovered. Wendell Stoller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy, was hospitalized a couple days, due to an injury to two fingers. He is now back in school.

Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo ministered to us. We are always glad to have visiting ministers, and we thank them for their efforts. Also, we are thankful to God for making their visit possible. Bro. Homer's family also came with him.

In the afternoon services, Bro. Reineck read and meditated from James, chapter 3, where we read so

much of the mouth and tongue. Verse 5 reads, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" He spoke of the importance of the tongue, to many, as a means of earning a living. However, we know it can be an instrument of evil, as well as good, as we read—both to bless and to curse, but it ought not to be so. Proverbs 21:23 "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

"... the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Corinthians 11:23-26.

And on Sunday, February 23, our elder brothers, Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman, spent the day with us and served us the Lord's supper. It was indeed a blessed and solemn occasion.

Bro. Joe Ramsier, accompanied by others from Rittman, visited us on Sunday, February 2, and delivered inspiring messages, during both morning and afternoon services.

Relatives and friends were invited to open house at the home of Bro. and Sis. Karl Oesch, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Bro. Karl and Sis. Tillie (Fuhrer) were married in Mansfield on February 22, 1914, by our Elder Bro. Samuel Engwiller. They made their home in Michigan, where Bro. Karl was engaged in farming, but moved to Mansfield a number of years ago, where Bro. Karl has continued to farm. They are the parents of six daughters and four sons. The Lord has surely blessed them in their years together. We extend our wishes for His continued blessings.

May God, to whom they've often turned

For guidance on their way,  
Bestow new gifts of happiness  
And bless them day by day.

The engagement of Sis. Hope Stavenik to Bro. Ronald Gasser of Rittman was announced February 23.

Our welcome to Vickie Lynn, who was born to Dick and Caroline Sauder on February 28. Vickie's sister and four brothers were all happy over the arrival of the new baby. Also, welcome to John David, the new son of Tom and Martha Graszl. Little Jeffery is so excited with his new brother, who was born March 1.

Thou didst take the cup of  
suff'ring,  
Praying in Gethsemane;  
In the sorrow of Thine hour,  
Saviour, let me watch with Thee.

Thou didst bear to Calv'ry's  
mountain,  
Cross and stripes and thorns for  
me;  
Let me on that fateful journey,  
Saviour, bear Thy cross with  
Thee . . . .

Tasting death for ev'ry mortal,  
By God's grace on Calvary,  
Sharing there Thy crucifixion,  
Saviour, let me die with Thee.

Brought with Thee in resurrection,  
Raised to meet Thee in the air,  
Immortality's perfection,  
Saviour, let me with Thee share.

"I am he that liveth, and was  
dead; and, behold, I am alive for  
evermore . . ."

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Paul N. Rumbold

Sunday, February 16, was a blessed day for the Portland congregation, being privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptizing of two dear friends, Larry and Delores Lombardo. Elder Brothers Noah Schrock from Burlington and Carl Kinsinger from Altadena came. Communion was held in the evening for the members. Visitors were Delores' parents, Bro. Joe and Harriet Reeber from Phoenix, and her uncle Bro. Adolph Massner from Burlington.

Also visiting us this month were Bro. Richard and Sis. Darlene

Voehler from Morris and Bro. Roger Wieland from Bay City. He is stationed at Ft. Lewis.

Betty Kaufman is home and improving, after being confined in the hospital. Her son, Curtis, is having a speedy recovery from an appendectomy.

Wayne and Judy Wettstein and daughter, Lisa, left for their home in Eureka. Wayne has been discharged from the Army, having been stationed at Ft. Lewis for several years.

### Someone Needs You

If your feeling low and needless,  
There seems nothing you can do,  
Just take courage and remember,  
There is someone needing you.  
Your created for a purpose!  
It is all in God's great plan.  
Bear you one another's burdens,  
So fulfill love's law for man.

There are many sad and lonely,  
And discouraged not a few,  
Who a little cheer are needing,  
And there's someone needing you!  
So many are in need of courage.  
Someone needs your love and care.  
Some one needs your inspiration.  
Thus will help their load to bear.

Do not think your work is ended.  
There's so much that we can do,  
And as long as life is lended  
There is someone needing you.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Feb. 16, the wedding of Sis. Jackie Bowers and Bro. Larry Farney was solemnized by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. Sis. Jackie is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Milton Bowers and Bro. Larry is the son of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney. We are very happy they both live here and won't be leaving our small congregation. Many friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Little Mike Bowers, 18-month-old son of Bro. and Sis. Milton Bowers, spent 10 days in the hospital, with an upper respiratory infection and an arthritic condition (caused from the infection). We are happy to report, he seems as good as new.

Steve Conrad, son of Mrs. Lucille Conrad and grandson of Bro. and

Sis. Tim Farney, has been hospitalized with encephalitis. He is much improved.

Bro. Elmer Tanner, Burlington, Kansas, was also a hospital patient here this past month.

Bro. and Sis. Arnold Gerst, Mark and Jennie (Tulsa, Okla.) spent a week end with us. Sis. Marge says it makes you realize how fortunate you were when you lived near your church and didn't have to drive so far. When one does drive so many

miles to worship with those of like mind and faith, it is indeed outward evidence of how precious this faith is, and how strong is the love that binds us together in Him, our Lord. The world wonders at these things—"Why do you drive so far, when there are so many churches close?" but when one has this peace and faith, it is a natural thing to long for the fellowship and worship with those of like Faith.

## SABETHA, KANSAS

### Mrs. Theodore Locher

Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner observed their 25th wedding

anniversary, Feb. 21. An evening of fellowship, and love was spent in singing hymns. May the Lord bless Bro. John and Sis. Marie with many more happy years together.

## OUR RISEN CHRIST

### A Sabetha Member

Throughout the ages, the sons of men awaited a Messiah-Redeemer. There was no anchor to which hope could be grounded in all the earth. No,—nor was there in heaven one found worthy to break the seals of the book, until the Lion of the tribe of Judah offered Himself.

**Lo, I come to do thy will, O my God.** Thus, through the mercy and love of God and his only begotten Son was given to the world the gift of the ages. In Him dwelleth life and immortality for as many as will come to the waters of life and buy, without cost or price, to nourish their weary souls.

As a tender plant, the Lord grew up, out a dry ground, despised and rejected of men, full of sorrows and grief. He bore the sins of mankind, while they regarded him smitten of God and afflicted. In the fullness of time was He given. He was led to the cross, and there, as the lamb of God, became the sacrificial atonement for sinful man.

Death could not contain the unspotted Christ. Thus, the Psalmist

was inspired to write, centuries before, concerning the Lord, ". . . thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." After thus being delivered for our transgressions, He was raised for our justification.

How evident then, that the resurrection is the power of God,—the glory and hope of every believer, the miracle of all ages! Now can we fully understand what Jesus meant by the words, **Because I live, ye shall live also.**

The almighty Creator reasserts the verity of the resurrection each spring, when the earth is renewed after the sleep and death of winter, in the beauty of its resurrection. Can men not understand by these wonders that if they reject the Word in unbelief, that God will nevertheless judge them **by the things which be?**

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

## FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

### Paul and Kathy Haab

We were happy to welcome Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr of Taylor back for a visit, (Bro. Norman was formerly your reporter.) It was good to have them with us again, although for just a few days.

February brought us many visitors. Bro. Albert Wuthrich from the

Pulaski church was with us on Feb. 9, to minister unto us. We thank him for the messages he brought us from God's Holy Word. Also with us that week end were Sis. Aldula Steffen of Bluffton; Sis. Carolyn (Ben) Manz of Junction; Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nohl and Sis. Elizabeth Traub of West Bend.

Other visitors for the month were Bro. and Sis. Henry Wieland

and Bro. and Sis. George Eisenmann of Bay City.

On Feb. 23, Bro. Earl Kilgus, accompanied by his wife and son, of Remington, ministered to us. In his sermon, Bro. Earl mentioned what a privilege it is for us to be able to assemble, to hear God's Word—even on an Army post—and be **respected** for it; whereas, in many countries, such worship is not only not respected, but expressly forbidden. Bro. and Sis. Marvin Clauss of Remington came with Bro. and Sis. Kilgus. Also assembling with us were Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Meister of Crystal City, Texas, formerly of Bremen; Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradle and Sam and Sis. Fannie Bradle of Roanoke; and Sisters Mardell Grimm and Sis. Linda Kolthoff of Taylor.

Several of our brothers and friends were transferred from Ft. Sam to other posts, here or overseas. Their addresses **should** be reported by their individual churches.

Bro. Dave Teubel was discharged from the Service and returned to his home at Morton. We will all miss him, as he did a lot for all of us, particularly looking after those new to Ft. Sam.

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Pvt George A Meyer US55774467

—whose addresses are all  
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Ft Sam Houston Texas 78234

Pvt Charles W Sauder US55778149  
Pvt Marvin J Steffen US55750351  
—whose addresses are:  
Co E 3rd Bn Class 75A  
Ft Sam Houston Texas 78234

Forrest is scheduled to send a minister on April 12 and Latty on April 26. We will be happy to hear from you. Do let us know when you plan to arrive.

## "FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"

Bro. George Lambert

Easter is a festival of the Christian church, observed annually in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and occurring on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21. The earliest possible date is March 22, and the latest is April 25. This is what the dictionary says.

But, for those who "have been planted together in the likeness of his death . . ." and who have often heard Him repeat the very words He spoke to the disciples on two occasions after His resurrection, "Peace be unto you" Easter means so much more.

For the truly born-again believer who has been "Buried with him in baptism," and has "risen with him through the faith of the operation of God . . ." feel its impact upon their hearts, as did the disciples whose hearts were gladdened by the wonderful news that **He is risen**.

These have become a real part of the resurrection. Their hearts ache when they follow Him through Gethsemane, when they read of His agony in the garden, where He suffered alone for them. To think that one of His own would betray their Lord with a kiss is hard to believe.

Then, the long night in the midst

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA Mil Bucher

After whom should we pattern our lives—an admirable fellow man or Jesus?

Perhaps this question has been asked many times. In Hebrew 12:1 and 2 we read: Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **LOOKING UNTO JESUS** the author and finisher of **our** faith. In so doing, our thoughts will automatically turn from "self", the "world" and even from a tendency to imitate characteristics of our "fellow men". Nothing should distract us from looking to Jesus, as we form a pattern for our walk in life.

A certain minister tells the story of a traveler who toured the world,

of His accusers and the final accusation of blasphemy is almost more than they can take. How the loving heart of the Son of God longed to impart into their hearts the love of the truth, but they would not accept it. Then **came** the final sentence of crucifixion, by the very ones He came to save. How could He bear all this, and still find a place for the sinner in His heart? Only the Son of God was capable of such love.

How often have we followed Him to Calvary during our Christian walk? How many times have we heard those wonderful words, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"?

**Such compassion. Such love.**

Since we are risen with Him, ought we not to have the same compassion He has? Where is our love for those who spitefully use us and say all manner of evil against us? Because of the lack of these wonderful gifts, He has seen to it that we could be saved by grace. Do we really and truly appreciate all these provisions?

May the celebration of Easter be a special time for us, a time for re-examination, a time for real thanksgiving for His unspeakable gift to men, His resurrection from death to eternal life.

and while in China, obtained a lovely, original Chinese plate, with raised, life-like figures upon it. So unusual and distinctive was it that everyone who saw it admired. One day, quite accidentally, the plate fell from the wall & obtained a disfiguring crack across the center. The owner was heartbroken, and immediately set out to get an **exact** copy at any cost. In his effort to be sure that it matched the original in every detail, he mailed the cracked plate with his order, giving careful and explicit instructions. Sometime later, he received the new one, but to his astonishment, so faithfully was the original copy followed that the new plate had an identical crack across the front.

In this same fashion, we as individuals are apt to copy the imperfections of the best of men, if we should pattern our lives after them. If we follow Jesus, we are sure of

a holy, faultless pattern.

February was a rather quiet month for the Valparaiso church. The Senior and Junior Sunday School classes each enjoyed luncheons at sponsors' homes.

Bros. Ed Frank and Merle Bucher from La Crosse brought us messages on Feb. 2. Although the weather was extremely mild, we had few visitors during the month. Besides the ministers, we had guests from Peoria, Cissna Park and La Crosse.

### ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

#### Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay—  
Jesus my Saviour!  
Waiting the coming day . . .  
Vainly they watch His bed,  
Jesus my Saviour!  
Vainly they seal the dead . . .  
Death cannot keep his prey,  
Jesus my Saviour!  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord.  
Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph, o'er His  
foes!  
He arose a victor, from the dark  
domain,  
And He lives forever, with His  
saints to reign.  
He arose; He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose.

As the Easter season approaches, may we all strengthen our faith, not only for the present time, but for all the days ahead, so that the enemy of our soul will be forced to recede.

### GIRARD, OHIO Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Our visitors were very few, but we were happy to have our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf with us on Sunday, March 1. His inspired messages are always very refreshing, and we welcome him to be with us as often as he can.

In our last report, we stated that our Sis. Ethel Hafely was in the hospital in a very serious condition. Thanks be to God she has recovered enough that she is home again, and able to be up and around somewhat. We will welcome the day when she and Bro. Ernest, her husband, can be with us again in the assembly, if it is the Lord's will.

Sis. Sadie Schladen was in church this Sunday, after being confined to her home for several weeks.

On March the 19, it will be five years since Sis. Emma Tochtenhagen was stricken, with a stroke, and is still confined to her home. However, she can get around the house with the support of her walker. I am sure a card or a little note to her would be very welcome. Her address is: Miss Emma Tochtenhagen, 987 Woodlawn, Girard, Ohio.

Sis. Charlotte Emch is also home from the hospital and convalescing. We miss her so much, not being at the assembly.

For several years, our congregation has felt the need of a new church building. On Sun., March 8, after church, we voted on this matter, and with a large majority, it was decided that we go ahead with plans and construction. We hope that it can always be said that it was the work of the Lord. We want to take this opportunity to thank our elder brother, Rudolph Graf, for sitting in with us on Sat. evening, Feb. 29, when we had a joint committee meeting on this matter. His advice was welcome.

### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA Mountain Home Clara Heiniger

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land . . ."

How beautiful spring is on its way, with the lovely crocus and jonquils in full bloom, the budding of trees, and the singing of birds.

Our hospital list had Mrs. Junior Stricklin, Sis. Martha Evans and Erb Moultrie; they are back home again, much improved. Many children are sick with chicken pox, measles and mumps.

Bro. Junior Hale held worship services in the Courtland area, for neighbors and friends of the Riley Terry family, Wed. eve., Feb. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stoller of Woodburn, Indiana, who were in Florida with their house trailer, stopped off in this community for one night, enroute home.

We have much to thank Mr. Roy Graham, who owns the land where the church stands, that now again

through his love and kindness, he gave another piece of ground, on the south side of the church. The fence has been pushed back. The large tree had been struck with lightning and was slowly dying. It is now bulldozed out as also is the huge bank of dirt along the road. There is a large parking area now, even with the road.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY at NORMAL Alta Kay Zbinden

Bro. Vernon Leman and his wife from Eureka visited our Bible Study on Thursday, February 13. Matthew 7 was the basis for the message which Bro. Vernon brought to us.

On February 20, Bro. Ray Sauer from Peoria was our guest minister. He read to us from and expounded on II Kings 5. We enjoyed the evening of fellowship.

I Corinthians 3 was the chapter Bro. Art Gudeman brought to our Bible study, on February 27. We sincerely thank Bro. Art and his wife for traveling from La Crosse, to be with us for an evening of fellowship.

Bro. Joe Schrock meditated on Mark 16 at the March fifth Bible Study. This chapter summarizes the resurrection of Jesus.

Presently, we have with us Sis. Lela Funk from Gridley, who is attending ISU this semester, before entering nurse's training in the fall. Sis. Lela is living at 421 West Vernon Street, Normal. We welcome her to our Bible Study.

In a capping service on Sunday, March 8, our friend, Joan Heining-er, of Oakville received her nurse's cap from the Mennonite School of Nursing in Bloomington. We were happy that many of the Oakville home folks were able to attend.

### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Clara Heiniger

Our Friday night worship and Bible study services were held in the homes of: Dyar Harville, Feb. 7; Edd Harville, Feb. 14; Mr. Sherrill, Feb. 21; and Tommy Craig, Feb. 28.

The Ladies' meetings were held at the homes of Mrs. Leman Lou-Allen and Mrs. Edd Harville. A blessed time of fellowship, singing and reading of the word is enjoyed by all who attend.

Mrs. Ollie Lee Rainey and her sister and husband, Eunice and

Grady Berryman, were in an accident. The two sisters spent some time in the hospital, and are now in their home, much improved.

Mrs. Minnie Hood held open house on the day of her birthday, Feb. 23, with a birthday dinner and supper for anyone coming. All enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Averil Stevig — Eileen Yackley

We were blessed in having several visiting ministers this month. They were: Elder Bros. Noah Schrock (Oakville), John Bahler (Rockville), Ministering Bros. John Wagenback (Oakville) and Joe Zimmerman (Roanoke). They, with their individual talents, left some blessed thoughts with us. Their wives accompanied all of them, except Bro. Noah.

We are sorry to report that a number of our dear ones have been missed in our congregation, due to hospital stays.

Bro. Sam Farney became ill and had emergency surgery. His condition would not permit the doctors to finish their task. He is 84 years of age. It is sad to see one at his age undergo such suffering. He is improving slowly at this time.

Bro. Richard Beery has recently undergone surgery on his spine. He is now at home and has made a miraculous recovery.

Sis. Audrey Foster of Camp Verde recently submitted to gall bladder surgery, and is improving nicely. As Camp Verde is about ninety miles from Phoenix, Bro. Art and Sis. Audrey are not able to assemble with us too often, but we are always happy to have them, when they can come. Bro. Art has been much improved in health, compared to his first years here in Arizona.

Sis. Edith Freed, formerly of Gridley (Ill.), submitted to major surgery, and is now at home with her family, recovering nicely.

Our friend, Emma Martin, has been confined to the hospital for over a month, and must remain a while longer, as treatments must follow major surgery. Her condition is somewhat improved. Due to her long confinement, she would appreciate mail. Her address is—Mrs. Jess Martin, Maryvale Community Hospital Inc., 5102 W Campbell Ave, Phoenix 31 Ariz.

Bro. Joe Reber is in the Veter-

ans' Hospital here, for observation.

Friend Jan Wullschleger has recently given her testimony and was baptized. It was a blessed Sunday, and many were present with us. We were reminded of the time when we were first coming into the fold. Those coming to witness her baptism included Bro. Robert and Sis. Dora Young (her grandparents); her sister, Sally; mother, Augusta, and two smaller children from Wichita. Sis. Marilyn Dotterer and Bro. David Stevig (formerly of Phoenix), Sis. Jeri Minger and her brother, Emery, from California were also present.

In closing, we would like to leave a thought with you. "I'll trust Him to unfold the moments, as He unfolds the rose."

**OAKVILLE, IOWA**  
**Mrs. Ezra Gerst**  
**Mrs. Edwin Banwart**

The engagement of Diane Steiner and Ralph Lanz of Rockville has been announced. Diane is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Orel Steiner. They plan to be married in June.

For some time, we have been quite crowded in Sunday School and the dining room. We had a meeting Thursday evening and are

planning on enlarging. We ask God's blessing on this project. Five men were voted on, to help carry out this work: Chris Gerst (chairman), Orel Steiner, Orttie Rocke, Joe Wiegand Jr., and Edward Lanz Jr.

Those who were in the hospital the past month were Sis. Elizabeth Scheitlin, Verna Woodward, and Bro. Earl Massner. They are all better again, and Sis. Elizabeth and Verna were able to attend Church again Sunday. Bro. Earl hopes to be home again real soon. Sis. Hilda Gerst was not in the hospital, but has been ill and not been able to come to church the past several weeks, but is getting better.

Sis. Sadie Williams was relieved of her earthly suffering March 7, after a lingering illness. She had been in Davenport for the last several years. Funeral services will be held at Prughs Chapel March 10, conducted by Bro. Noah Schrock. Sis. Sadie attended the Oakville church for a number of years, and is the mother of Sis. Dolly Stoller.

Bro. Uriel Gehring and family of the Burlington church visited us March 8, and brought us the message that day. We thank them for their visit.

return is mentioned by the two men in white apparel, stating that He shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

"Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

". . . then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

O pilgrim, by blood and tears and  
 sorrow pressed,  
 O fathers, mothers, pierced in soul,  
 not rested,  
 O children cast upon rough waters,  
 O aged ones, who trek across lost  
 lands,  
 O sorrow-stricken Christian sons  
 and daughters,  
 Lift up your heads and strengthen  
 one another's hands.

For lo! upon a sure and cloudless  
 morning,  
 Pink buds will dot a bare and  
 blackened bough,  
 And warm and sweet the winds  
 will blow, at dawning,  
 The storms and thunders over-  
 whelm you now.  
 He, too, felt spears in heart and  
 palms and side.  
 You, too, like Him, shall know an  
 Eastertide.

**RITTMAN, OHIO**  
**Elma Stoller**

Our community was saddened by the death of Randy Reusser, 9-year-old son of Warren and Wanda Reusser, who passed away from complications, following an appendicitis operation. He was laid to rest February 14. Our sincere sym-

## RESURRECTION AND PEACE

Harvey Heiniger

Resurrection, no doubt, gives the believer more anticipation than any other promise. It is the hope of this blessed experience that prompts him to a life of devotion and faithfulness, lifelong.

According to the scriptures, everyone will someday be raised up, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. We read that "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." He that heareth and believeth shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

God opened the way for the be-

liever to escape condemnation, by faith. We read that unto Abraham was righteousness imputed, because he staggered not at the promise of God, through unbelief. It shall be imputed to us also, if we believe on Him that raised up the Lord Jesus from the dead, who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Having then peace with God through faith in the death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can now through faith also armor ourselves with the hope of someday also being resurrected from death's sleep, if it should so be that we pass from this life before the Lord's return. This



pathy is extended to his family. Our prayer is that God will comfort and ease the pain brought by the loss of their loved one. Bro. George and Sis. Mabel Reusser are Randy's grandparents.

Donald Emch and Barbara Leonard were united in marriage on February 15. Don is the son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene Emch, Phoenix. May God bless this union.

On February 16, Bro. Floyd Wieland from Detroit ministered to our congregation in the evening. We spent a blessed evening together, under the sound of God's word.

On February 23, the announcement was made to the congregation of the engagement of Sis. Hope Stavenick of Mansfield and Bro. Ronald Gasser. Hope is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Dorothy Stavenick of Mansfield. Ronald is the son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Helen Gasser. We wish them God's rich blessing, as they walk together on this narrow path of life.

Three little boys have been born this past month to the following parents: Ben and Lynette Imhoff's little boy was born February 19; he has been named James Jon. Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella Stoller have chosen the name, Thomas Michael, for their little boy, born February 29. Daniel Raymond was born to Bro. Dean and Sis. Martha Lou Marty on March 4.

March 1 was our first Sunday School following our annual vacation. We hope each student and teacher have returned with hearts and minds eager to teach and learn of the ways of the Lord, that His name might be praised, and each one can receive a blessing from our gatherings. Before classes be-

gan, we were reminded that we must "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you". Our Sunday School is held from 9:30 to 10:30, before our morning church service. We invite you to visit us anytime.

Sis. Ida Winkler suffered a heart attack several weeks ago and is in the hospital.

Debbie Rufener, daughter of Bro. Elton and Sis. Velma Rufener, is in the hospital, suffering from rheumatic fever.

Sis. Martha (Mrs. Robert) Beery, Sis. Martha (Mrs. Alpha) Beery, and Sis. Sadie Beery have returned to their homes, following a stay in the hospital.

Sis. Ella Steiner has returned to the hospital, following a brief stay at her home. She suffered from a stroke, Feb. 7.

Keith Dotterer, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Betty Dotterer, fell and broke his arm.

Mrs. Marilyn Boyes is home again, following her operation. Marilyn is the daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Kiser.

Ricky Garrison had an operation on his knee. We are happy that he is again able to assemble with us. He makes his home with Kenneth and Lillian Rupp.

We hope our shut-ins will be granted a complete recovery by the Great Physician, according to His will.

John Gasser, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser, is now stationed in New Mexico. His address is

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I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comformable to his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

How can we know Him? We have this formula also clearly set forth in the gospels: Through repentance and a complete regeneration we can become worthy recipients of the gift of the Holy Spirit. By putting on the breastplate of faith and love and by daily striving to live in peace and unity with one another can we continue. For whosoever shall lose his life for my sake" (dedicate his life in my service) "shall find it."

## ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

### Irene Legel

If, in our busy days, we feel the need for deeper peace, more joy and greater calm, the quiet hour of study, when we read the word of God, brings us the truest balm.

We were very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Wilbur Hoerr from Peoria with us for services, the 9th.

The engagement of Roger Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Rouland Leman, and Kathy Knepp, daughter of the Walter Knepps, has been announced by her parents.

Bro. and Sis. Walter Bluniers observed their 25th wedding anniversary, the 5th, with a get-together of the Blunier family.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Hodel celebrated their 49th anniversary, at a supper with their children.

Eli Liebig is making his home at Restmor Nursing Home in Morton.

Bro. Charles Farney, who has been on the sick list, is out and going again.

Bro. and Sis. Bill Sauders' baby girl was in the hospital several days, with stomach trouble. She is getting along much better now.

Bro. Warren Hodel, who had been at Mayo Clinic two weeks for surgery on his face as a result of an accident, returned home and is getting along fairly well. We hope the best for him.

Sis. Martha Martin, who was in the hospital several days, is home again, improving.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Moser are grandparents of a son, born the 12th to Jim and Loretta Moser. They have one daughter, Kathy

## RESURRECTION

### Bro. Ralph Weber

"I am the resurrection, and the life . . ." There is much comfort and reassurance for all Christians in these words of our Lord.

Doubtless, the resurrection is the greatest single fact in the whole divine plan of salvation. As the Lord arose victorious over death and grave, so we, also can have a hope, as He said in that same verse, "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live".

There was much misunderstanding, even disbelief, in the early churches concerning the resurrec-

tion and the second coming. The apostle, Paul, wrote at length to clarify this, especially to the Corinthians, Philipians and Thessalonians.

As we read these great doctrinal epistles, we more than ever realize that the hope of salvation does not center in human opinions, but in two historical facts: The death of Christ for our sins and His resurrection. These two facts are the poles on which all else hinges.

Then, let us have the same desire as the apostle, when he said, "That

Jean, 17 months. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Alene Peeves.

Bro. and Sis. Wallace Leman and family have moved to Bluffton, as Wally (an employee of Schrock Fertilizer) was transferred to that area. Their address is Decatur, Indiana. We will miss them in our diana. Bro. and Sis. Marvin Leman and baby daughter have moved from a farm here to one near Bradford. Their address is Neponset, Ill. Both boys are sons of Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Leman. We will miss them in our congregation. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Larry Bauman of Goodfield and Sis. Betty Schlipf were united in marriage March 1. They will be at home in Metamora.

Bro. Silas Kempf, who had surgery some time ago, is still in the hospital, improving slowly.

Sis. Mae Sauder celebrated her birthday the 29th. She is 72. She formerly was a school teacher who came to Illinois from Kansas in a covered wagon, before the turn of the century. She taught in Roanoke Elementary School, until her marriage in 1919 to Frank Sauder. The late Frank Sauder's father founded the Sauder Furniture Store, which is now being operated by the third generation of Sauders (Sis. Mae's three sons, Bro.'s Howard, Don and Jerry). Her three daughters are (Sis.'s. Mae Kay Hodel, Myra Leman and Mary Ellen Schwind, all of here. She has 25 grandchildren. We wish her many more blessings.

Bro. and Sis. John Mangold have observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary, with open house the 8th. Bro. John and Sis. Anna (Schumacher) Mangold were married in 1914. They are parents of Sis. Kathryn Hodel and the late Bro. Curtis Mangold. They have 8 grandchildren.

Bro. Ray Reckhemmer is in the hospital with a broken heel, as a result of a fall from a ladder at work.

We were happy to have so many with us the 8th, and enjoyed the messages given by Bro. Gus Scheitlin of Elgin. He and his wife spent the week end with their daughter and family, Sis. Doris Mangold, and attended the 50th Anniversary of Bro. and Sis. John Mangold. We also enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Ervin Luginbuhl and Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Kloter of Rockville, beside ten couples from Bluffton.

We had a very blessed day and thank the Lord for his many blessings.

When Easter sings across the world,  
I think that every sea  
Reflects the blue that danced upon  
The waves of Galilee.

When Easter sings across the land,  
I like to think men build  
New dreams in memory of One  
Whose dreams were never killed . . .

I like to think that kinder words  
To weary folk are said,  
Because Christ toiled up Calvary  
With tired, down-bent head!

## HE DID NOT REMAIN IN THE GRAVE

Submitted by Carlton Lanz

The night of the first day of the week had worn slowly away. Just before daybreak had come. Christ was still a prisoner in His narrow tomb. The great stone which had been placed before the opening of the sepulchre, in an attempt to make it secure, was still in place; the Roman seal was unbroken: the Roman guards were keeping watch, that His body was not stolen.

Had it been possible, the prince of darkness, with his apostate army, would have kept forever sealed the tomb that held the Son of God. But this was not in the plan of God the Father. A heavenly host had surrounded the sepulcher. Angels that excel in strength were waiting to welcome the Prince of life, come forth.

Suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, clothed with the panoply of God. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." The earth trembled, and the hosts of darkness (who were guarding the tomb) fell, as he rolled away the stone.

He who had defeated death and grave came forth from the tomb, glorified, and with the tread of a conqueror. This was He who had been nailed to the cross, at whom the priests and rulers, full of self-satisfaction, had wagged their heads, saying, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." This was He who had been laid in Joseph's new tomb.

Mountains piled upon mountains over His sepulcher could not have prevented Him from coming forth.

It was the decree of heaven that loosed Him from the grave.

At the sight of the angels the Roman guards had become as dead men.

Ignorant of what was even then taking place, the women who had stood at the cross of Christ waited and watched for hours of the Sabbath to pass. Mary Magdalene was the first to reach the place, at the break of morning, and upon seeing that the stone was removed, she hurried away to tell the disciples. Meanwhile, the other women came. The body of Jesus was not there. As they lingered about the place, suddenly they saw a young man clothed in shining garments, sitting. It was the angel who had rolled away the stone.

The women became afraid, but the angel's words stopped them. "Fear not ye:" he said; "for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that he is risen from the dead . . ."

The story is yet long, but as the author of one of our hymns writes:

"The Son is victor over death;  
Whoe'er believes is saved."

Jeffery Lee, a little boy, was born on Feb. 22 to Bro. Harry and Sis. Joyce (Luginbuhl) Hunt. He has one brother, Kenneth-7, and one sister Jody-6. His grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ernest Luginbuhl and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt.

Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler of New York State spent Sun., Feb. 23, here.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA  
Linda and Melva Messner  
What Easter Means to Me  
Bro. Harold Messner

. . . A time of year when we hear

so much of the death and burial of our Lord and Saviour . . . of the love God had for us, that he sent His only begotten Son into this world to die a cruel death on Cal-

vary's cross, where he shed his blood and gave up his life that we might live. He was the one to pay such a great price for the remission of our sins.

. . . Then, after all the suffering, to be buried in the cold bosom of the earth . . . to rise the third day, to remind us that we will not remain in the grave, but will be raised a spiritual body, joy, peace and happiness for ever and ever.

This is the promise, if we have been born out of water and spirit, and if we have been true and faithful thereafter.

Last month, while traveling and visiting our churches, much time was spent visiting the aged, sick and handicapped. Many times, I thought of Paul's words in II Corinthians 11, where he says, "In weariness and painfulness". We often wonder why the Lord has chosen such a path for the dear souls. But we know He is too loving to be unkind, and too wise to be mistaken.

We do not know His all-sufficient purpose, but the Lord does continue to strengthen, and gives the promises that His strength shall be made perfect in weakness, as Paul said, "when I am weak, then am I strong."

The unknown author of the following poem expresses this precious faith.

### I Am With You

I wanted to work a lot for Him;  
He laid me aside, on a bed of pain.  
I wanted my feet to run errands  
for Him;

He laid them aside, too, and said,  
"Child, be calm."

But others are up and doing Thy  
will!

He said, I am with you; just be  
still.

The others I could not put to the  
test

As I have you, to bring out your  
best.

So count it all joy if I think it  
worthwhile

To lay you aside and mold you  
until

I see you are ready for work I want  
done;

I have weary hearts to cheer  
And many souls to be won!"

If others are active while you're  
laid aside:

It's done for my glory and not just  
to chide.

This time laid aside is just for your  
training,

So don't spoil it some by ever com-  
plaining."

Things worth the most were not  
made in a day.

And for all this time spent, I'll  
surely repay.

When I come to gather my lambs in  
the fold,

And your faith, though tried, sure-  
ly is more precious than gold.

A fine pair of twin boys were  
born to Bro. Donald and Sis. Bern-  
adine Miller, March 1.

Bro. Henry Mogler ministered to  
our congregation Sunday evening.  
Bro. Henry and Sis. Pauline Mogler  
stopped enroute from Lester to  
Minneapolis, where he ministered  
to the church there during the day.  
We are ever thankful for brethren  
who will be spent laboring in the  
gospel, with good will doing serv-  
ice as to the Lord, and not to men.

### THE EMPTY TOMB, EMBLEM OF VICTORY

Bro. Norman Stoller, Ft. Wayne

Huddled together in that upper  
room in Jerusalem, covering in  
fear of the Jews who had put to  
death their beloved Master, the  
disciples of Jesus presented a sorry  
and dismal assemblage. It is hard  
even to imagine the depths of dis-  
couragement into which they had  
sunk. What now of all the beautiful  
promises which He had held forth?  
What now of all the great claims  
which He had made for Himself?  
Was it all to end like this? Was  
that borrowed tomb in the som-  
ber hillside really the end? In spite  
of all that Jesus had told them, His  
followers were totally unprepared  
for the sudden blow which had sent  
their thoughts tumbling into ashes  
around them.

And then,—on that first Easter  
morning, came the electrifying  
message: **He is risen! He lives!**  
**The tomb is empty!** The Lord Jesus  
had proved the truth of what He  
had said by doing exactly what He  
had told them He would do! He  
emerged triumphant over death  
and sin! Forevermore, the power  
of hell was broken! At first, the  
disciples found it almost too won-  
derful to comprehend. Then, re-  
membering His words to them,

they began to understand. The  
realization of this stupendous  
achievement dawned upon them.  
These same men who had trembled  
in fear before their fellows now  
proclaimed the soul-gripping news  
of the saving power of the resur-  
rected Lord. First there were a  
few, then twenty, one hundred,  
five hundred, thousands,—and to-  
day there are many yet circling the  
globe, testifying to the truth of  
that great central fact.

By what miracle has this been  
accomplished? Obviously, sincere  
and respected as it was, the testi-  
mony of those early disciples would  
surely have been soon forgotten,  
if it were not for the fact that  
others experienced within them-  
selves that transforming power. To  
all who would hear, they witnessed,  
**Christ liveth in me!** And so, from  
that time until this day has there  
been that precious, unbroken chain  
of testimony and experience of  
those who yield their lives to His  
regenerating power.

Dear lost, bewildered heart,  
would you be free from your bur-  
den of sin? Would you, too, exper-  
ience the peace which passeth all  
understanding? Will you not hear  
once again the glad message of  
Easter? Come! Come now, to the  
Cross. Come, just as you are. Come  
in repentance and contrition, yield-  
ing your all. Your living and loving  
Saviour will meet you there!

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Schumacher

Sis. Anna Miller spent a month  
in Eureka Hospital, after a fall in  
her home. She is now convalescing  
at the home of her daughter, Mrs.  
George Greiner, in Morton.

Our friend, Wayne Wettstein,  
was released from the Army in  
February. He and his wife, Judy,  
will make their home in Eureka.

We're glad to report that Bro.  
and Sis. Dan and Tillie Sauder have  
returned from Phoenix, where they  
spent the past few months.

Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Ione  
Rokey have announced the engage-  
ment of their daughter, Judy, to  
Kenneth Knepp of Roanoke. His  
parents are Bro. and Sis. Ralph  
and Ruth Knepp. No wedding date  
has been set.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mrs. Jeff Young

We are happy to have Bro. Rich-  
ard Moser home, after spending his

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time in the Service of our country.

We recently had our annual election. Bro. Ben Neukomn was elected trustee. New Sunday School teachers are Bros. Arch Kaufman, Melvin Knapp and Marvin Bauer and Sisters Lyla Winger and Myra Farney.

On Feb. 11, funeral services were held for Alf Miller, at the Watseka Funeral Home, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating. Alf's widow resides at Watseka.

Kenneth Eisenman, son of Bro. and Sis. Christ Eisenman, was announced for proving. We wish him much needed grace.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Elmer Witzig and Henry Wackerle. We thank these brothers and their company, and hope they come again soon.

Our friend, Will Rentsch, was a hospital patient for eye surgery, is reported getting along nicely.

Vernon and Rosie Martin moved into our vicinity and attend church services in our congregation.

Our Sunday School plan their Easter Program on the evening of March 29.

A number of relatives and friends called on Sis. Anna Schubach, to observe her 87th birthday. Sis. Anna is in remarkable health. Everyone reports they had a very pleasant day and enjoyed the variety of breads and goodies which she prepared for the occasion.

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**FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**  
**Joyce Huber**

Sisters Mabel Hartman and Kathryn Steffen had surgery, but both have returned home and are convalescing. Sis. Pat Hartman received several injuries in an auto accident, including a back injury, necessitating her being in a cast yet, for several more weeks. Sis. Anna Kaisner was also hospitalized. We hope for complete recoveries for each.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stoller became the parents of their first child, a girl, Jacqui Ann. Grandparents are

Bro. and Sis. Orië Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

Bro. and Sis. Warren Zehr were hosts to Roanoke guests, including Bro. Ben Fehr. For one of his impressive messages, he read Mark 10, and quoting some of the verses, he said how it humbles us to see how we fall short of what our great God expects of us. Accompanying him were his wife, Bro. and Sis. Bruce Leman, Bro. and Sis. Bob Zimmerman, Bro. and Sis. Glenn Moser, Bro. and Sis. Marvin Leman, and Bro. and Sis. Everett Hari.

While our minister, Bro. Walter Koehl and Sis. Mary, were attending the funeral of their brother in Minnesota, Bro. Henry Koehl, our congregation sang, "At Home Tis Well", in respect to the departed elder.

We welcome home from Georgia Leonard Roth, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Roth, who is being discharged from the service, after serving 4 years.

Richard Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Orië Stoller, has entered the service. His address is:

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**WOLCOTT, INDIANA**  
**Arles Kropf**

Sis. Mary Schmidt, age 83, passed away at her home here, on Feb. 22, after an illness of one year.

She was born Aug. 2, 1881, in Gridley, Kansas, the daughter of Phillip and Regina (Gramm) Schott. She was married in 1913 to Bro. John Schmidt, and they lived in this community for 50 years.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Cornelius of Santa Ana, California; three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Sylvia) Wolf of New Buffalo, Mich., Mrs. Ralph (Anna Marie) Dunbar of Gardena, California, and Mrs. Charles (Lorene) Keele of Rochester, Ind.; four sisters, Mrs. Edward Ruppel of San Diego, California, Sis. Elizabeth Martin and Sis. Ida Frank of Cissna Park, and Sis. Anna Schott of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Charles Schott of Lafayette and Phillip Schott of Ossian; 17 grandchildren

and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, with Bro. Irvin Lehman officiating.

We enjoyed a blessed week end, March 1, when Lloyd Kyburz gave his testimony on Sat. evening and was baptized on Sunday afternoon. We certainly welcome him into our brotherhood.

A new little son, Doran Jay, was born March 7 to Vernon and Joyce Miller. Five brothers and one sister also welcome him.

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