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WHAT HAS THE FUTURE TO OFFER OUR YOUNG MEN?

By J. A. Getz

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This message is addressed to our beloved sons, brothers and young men in the service.

First, what do we owe our young men? What should we do for them? There are some things we cannot do. One is to shield them from the inescapable realities. It is of course a great pity that our children do not have the good fortune to grow up in a stabler and a kindlier world but that is their fate. We might just as well face it, and they must make the best of it. Nor can we take them by the hand and lead them to safety. We cannot present you with a blueprint of what is to come. We cannot think your thoughts, nor experience your deep emotions. You will have to stand up against your own problems and face your own dangers.

Time is slowly but surely accomplishing the Divine purpose of God. With each day you are given, fresh from the Hand of God, the dawn of a new day, clear and bright as the sun that gave birth to the morning. Each day is a new jewel from the crown of time.

Many of you have been very

busy, some taking additional training in the type of work you like and have gotten along very well in building up a training and an education that will help you post-war.

Experience tells us that every

HOME

The Right Route

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

good thing must be tried with fire. There are so many things that can happen to break down the good things built up in our young men that we must put forth every effort to retain the good things we

have learned and to follow the teachings from our Christian homes.

"We could wreck the Pyramids" is the slogan of a building wrecking concern. Who couldn't? But the question is, could you build the Pyramids? It isn't what you wreck, but what you build, that counts in life. So it is with the character of young men—you can build soberly and honestly for years, and some godless companion can lead you into a night of sin that may mean the wanton destruction of nearly everything we have built up. Our only hope is in Christ. Christ for deliverance from sin of the past, and Christ for the Deliverer when the temptation would be too much for us.

So the spiritual life that has been generated in us through the Word of God needs cultivation also. Even under the handicaps and under the pressure of much work we should devote some time in the reading of the Psalms and the Scripture and spend some time in earnest prayer whereby we draw close to God to dwell in Him and He in us. Let us give the Lord His tithe in taking time to seek Him. . . .

BROTHER JOE GETZ

At the new Prairie church, Roanoke. The outline of the new building arose. Here, steps of believers had come, intertwined. Somewhere, Henry Geistlich loved and labored. Voices of the past patiently placed word upon word, for the living church. There would be Mike Mangold, and David . . .

A silent sleeper in the near cemetery would be Lillian, sweet sister. Her love had labored. Reddening flame or thundering wind would never overthrow. Each day she spent with God. One day, her

spirit was taken home.

For us, that silent sleeper has more influence than all the kings of the earth. Near the divide, the misty curtain parted. She saw what eye has never seen. It's all just as we believed. Beautiful!

February 18. It would have been an anniversary for Jack and Lillian. We would go to Morton. It was the day for the funeral services of J. A.

A while ago, he was standing with his brother John. Bro. Ben had just taken his place in the

heavenly circle. Now the strains of heavenly harmony softly rested. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," immeasurable depth of immeasurable solace. "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Near the body stood three ministering brothers, Russell Rapp, Henry Grimm, Francis Rother. There were yet tasks to be completed. Continuing footsteps must mark untrodden sand.

At the church . . .

Brother Rudolph Graf read part of the endearing, beautiful "How

Shall It Be?" Bro. Sam Aeschli-
man's voice was heard of another
triumph, now repeated: "I have
fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith:"

Before, the 23rd Psalm was read.

Sam told that the race is run;
the eternal crown is won. Bro. Roy
Sauder spoke of the legacy left, to
be kept in the inner chamber of the
heart. Bro. Roy Farney prayed that
the mantle that fell would be taken
up (as Elisha did of old).

After the cemetery glowed to
"Beyond The Sunset", Bro. Noah
Schrock lifted voice to a living God.

Joe's life breathed deep in the
quiet psalm of the Shepherd. His
loving touch was felt in every con-
gregation. To the assembly of el-

ders, he blended spiritual poise,
quiet order, and gentle mercy. He
remembered the fences would
guard the pure, white flock . . . he
led, but remembered the gait of
leadership must be gentle.

In his church, his persevering
guidance, humility and trust shone.
The lambs and sheep must graze
and grow. The rod was indeed need-
ful, but mercy shone likewise.

Past the bier, in funeral home
and church, filed a multitude.
There would be the gnarled palm of
the workman, the secretary who
served. The friend of the truth.

What was Bro. Joe's last prayer?
What asking in his life would yet
find answer? Were they for friend?
Once pure as the morning dew as
he or she toddled at mother's knee?

Were they for the church, whom
Bro. Joe looked over that last Sun-
day?

What glorious answers will yet
unfold to Bro. Joe's faith?

Where cross the softened steps of
life,

There would the labor breathe,
And shepherd quiet (tho' round is
strife).

Then soul undying leave!

To graze the sheep of shepherd
psalm,

This was His guidance good,
And the rod was love (with com-
fort balm).

The soul triumphant stood!

the editor

THE ACTS IN ACTION

Bro. Ben Maibach

Conclusion

Many brethren and friends went
to the airport Monday evening to
see the brothers off. It is very evi-
dent that the formality (existing
on some of the early trips we had
made) is completely broken down;
openly and unashamedly many of
the Japanese wept as we departed.
This important break-through re-
veals that our loved ones in Japan
make the same emotional experi-
ence as we do in America, contrary
to popular belief.

As the plane left Haneda at 8
p.m., about 25 dear souls waved
frantically. We began the scheduled
8½-hr. flight, nonstop to Seattle. In
1958, approximate time to fly from
Tokyo to Los Angeles was 30
hours, and required two stops; on

this trip over the Polar route, the
actual flying time was less than 8
hours. We arrived safely in Seat-
tle at a quarter till twelve, Mon-
day, Nov. 8, eight hours earlier
by the calendar than we had left
Tokyo, due to the fact, that in
crossing the International Date
Line we had gained a day. As soon
as we had cleared customs, we de-
parted for Portland, where we were
met by Bro. Robert Miller. Services
were held at the Portland Church
Monday evening.

Tuesday morning we departed
for Chicago, where Bro. Schrock
was met by Bro. Al Fisher, who
transferred him to Aurora (where
he could make his trip by train to
Burlington). I proceeded to Detroit
to meet my loved ones.

We certainly appreciated the
prayers and support of all the
brethren and friends who commit-
ted us to Almighty God for wis-
dom, guidance, and protection. We
are both agreed that our trip was a
blessed one and most essential. We
were particularly grateful for the
cooperation of all the Japanese
brethren and Bro. Willis Ehnle,
and have pledged our continued
support, and have assured them
that brethren will make annual
visits as long as they are request-
ed and necessary, and were partic-
ularly encouraged to see several
young fathers in attendance at the
services, who seem to be quite in-
terested. It is our earnest prayer
that God will bless these struggling
pilgrims in this far-off nation.

CHILDREN

Henry Souder Jr.

Tiny times are very important
times.

A long time ago, a little boy was
brought to the temple, to live. Even
before he came, his tiny mind had
received some beautiful impres-
sions. His father followed the
word; mother had a beautiful
heart.

At the temple, the place where
the people assembled in those days,

his little mind would grow. The
things of God and His words were
molds to form mind, "And the child
Samuel grew on, and was in favour
both with the LORD, and also with
men."

How does a child grow? What
makes up the way, the why, the
how? What can be done to help him
long for true greatness?

One day Jesus came to Jerusa-

lem. It was beautiful. Spirits were
high. Joy exulted, the sunshine of
love beamed. Spring was in the air.
Beautiful green leaves were placed
in the way. Garments were down.
The chorus rang on that mountain:
"Hosanna to the son of David . . ."

Children were there, looking, lis-
tening, learning. Later is lovely
scene in the temple. Jesus was
there, doing wonderful things, "the

children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David . . ." See how they learn?

There is a mold.

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

God creates. He sets the truth. Man in many fields searches. Success is finding truth first laid down.

Learning begins very, very early.

It has been written that children at the age of 4 have achieved 50% of general adult intelligence. It is said, as much of the child's intelligence takes place in the first 4 years as in the next 13.

Certain things point to even the very small infant learning. Certain words, foreign, were read to infants. Later years there seemed to be an educated difference. From impression, these same children were able to acquire the same learning more quickly.

Jesus knew the power of children to learn to praise. "Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

Children fit beautifully into place. We enjoy their voices blended in congregational praise.

The cradle is place to begin. Rejoice yourself, and your child will joy with you. Everybody should

sing. Song is a wondrous school. From the first day onward, chorus the call of the Bible.

". . . from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." That gives God's grades.

How does a tree grow? Living in God's giving, sunshine, shower, good earth. How beautiful if a child's learning grows as a tree. The hour, the shower, sunshine, good ground—growth. Home is a classroom, more important than a doctorate. Mother & father are a book, read to be learned.

Patience and gentle teaching in the quiet. That is what plants the desire to search into great mysteries.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Jesus took the little ones up in His arms and blessed them. Today His Spirit will do this. His word, sung and written, is influence that draws into His bosom. It is up to us to give Him every opportunity to bless our children.

"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." This delight-

ful picture our God gives. The wars of this age have ceased. "Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain."

Our God has provided that His kingdom will come complete. How many joys He provides, even children for heavenly circle without end.

Finally, we peer into the home of the ages of ages. "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

His thoughts chorus for ever. Children will be there . . . All the sweet, little angel-like faces, all the patter that was lost awhile, there forever!

Take hold of that little hand. Walk into His glorious day. Let beautiful rays be His mold.

Moving? Drop a card ahead and tell both old and new address. Give plenty of time if you can.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year.

The Gospel Hymns Revised are not available yet. Some of the new plates are done. Like to order one or more of these new hymnbooks? There will be over 800 hymns. \$3.48, plus postage [Ind. residents pay 2% sales tax.]

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

"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;" Spring is wonderful. Flowers, birds and all creatures are happy and glorifying the Creator.

Probably you already know about the All-Japan Air Line's plane from Hokkaido to Tokyo dropping into Tokyo bay; over 100 precious lives were gone in the water. The people of today, about 90%, are trying to catch the speed. It is dangerous. I want to cry and say to everyone who wants to have real peace and happiness, "Come back to the beginning; come back to the Father through repentance." We don't have enough time until Jesus comes back again. We should surely be thinking about our faith, not only rockets or going to moon.

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe . . . and thou

shalt be saved, and thy house." "Then Peter said, unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

In Tokyo church we have two young boys who are very faithful to come to church on Sunday . . . especially Mr. Tsuneo Toyokawa who is Buddhist University student, seeking salvation. He comes most every Tuesday night. I believe he will become fine Christian in future. In the Tamahata church also, three lady seekers wish to be converted and become Christ's servants. One of them, a grandmother, had a dream. She saw a beautiful place like Heaven. She saw the Ehnle family on the road to Heaven, but she could not get down to that road very easily.

We are having fine meetings every Tuesday night. Sisters Yoshiko, Hiroko Utsuki and Kobayashi are also coming and join with us. The last few weeks we

studied from St. Matthew Chapter 7: verses 1-14. I had special inspiration from verses 6 and 7. I believe in this verse, Jesus told men like this: You are men. That's all right you are men, so why don't you ask me, knock to me, and request of me. If so, then I will give

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you more than enough. The Scripture says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Yes, it is very great verse. We should always remember that and pray to Him for anything we need.

Sis. Martha Blessman of Tucson visited us on February 8, when she went back to the States from her trip around Asia. She is really wonderful. We had fine time with her at Bro. Willis' and Sis. Lois Ehnl's home on that night. Sis. Yoshiko made good supper and nice hospitality for her.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Dorothy Taeger Verna Woodward

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

We can surely agree it is wonderful when we can pause from the labors and cares and feel His nearness, as the holy word is brought to us in truth and purity by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We have had as visitors Bros. Harvey Heiniger and Edward Lanz, who ministered to us.

We were very happy to have a number of young people from Taylor at our monthly singing March 6.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Henry Beer.

Bro. Bauman read from the 6th chapter of Daniel and the 18th chapter of Luke. These two readings stressed the power of faith and prayer. We feel this is most essential in these perilous times.

Bro. Henry Beer also gave many good teachings and words of spiritual advice as to how we should walk and live from day to day. We thank these brothers for their inspiring messages and welcome them back.

Sis. Fern Wingeier was admitted to the hospital here on Feb. 21, with surgery the following day. She is getting along as well as can be expected, & hopes to be dismissed in a few days. Sis. Fern wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts. Fern has been confined to a wheel chair for many years. We hope the dear Lord will help Sis. Fern and Bro. Phil carry this burden. Our sincere prayers go out to them. The Heav-

enly Father and hope will lighten their load.

Sis. Kathryn Schumacher was called home, due to the serious illness and death of her sister. The Sarasota church group wishes to extend their deep sympathy to Kathryn.

The second church picnic of the season was held at the Elks' Park, the latter part of Feb. A table laden with bountiful blessings of the Lord was enjoyed by everyone.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

We were led upon green pastures and to the fresh waters by our shepherd, Jesus Christ. How fortunate are we that we can assemble in the house of God to receive food and drink for our inner man.

We can not appreciate enough what the Lord has done for us through His Son, our Lord and Saviour. We did not seek Him. He called us in His friendliness, in His grace and mercy.

He is our refuge and our help, but we have to stay near Him and keep our promise. The poet tells us in plain words: Safe beneath His staff I go, On my journey to and fro. Into pastures sweet and verdant, finding joys and food abundant, and my thirst to quench He knows, where the sweetest fountain flows. Where else could we find a friend that would give us all these good gifts, here in this life, and in eternity, life everlasting.

May we all strive to gain another pound with the pound He entrusted to us. Our time is short. As we sow, so we shall reap. Do not throw away your confidence; it has a great reward.

This morning, while reading about Saul, how he was rejected from the Lord to be king over His people because he did not obey the commandments of the Lord, I was thinking how important it is that we stay close to the Lord. (It is a terrible thing to be rejected of the Lord) The good spirit departed from him, and an evil spirit came over him. He drifted farther and farther away. Love grew colder and colder, and hate increased by the day. He tried with all his power to kill David, who was anointed to take his place. He did not succeed, because the Lord watched over David. Let us therefore watch and pray that the good spirit may stay with us, and we not find ourself

rejected on that great day.

It often comes to me, Why do you write for the Silver Lining? You are not a minister nor an elder. Very true, but I know that many members and friends like to read my articles. I do not write to make a big name for myself. It is not easy for me to write at my age, but feel it is my duty. I promised the Lord that I will serve Him as long as I live, and I like to make good use of the pound which He has given me. With the grace and help of God I will keep on writing. It is the least I can do for the LORD who has done so much for me.

Sun., the 20 . . . Word of life, the fountain flowing Purely from the throne above, Life and strength to him imparting Who accepts the Word in love. As a blossom that is blighted. From the sun's own heat severe thirsting in the barren valley stoops to drink its waters clear. Yes we were nourished with this word of life. We stooped to drink from this fountain clear, which will never dry up. We had Elder Bro. Theo. Beer and his wife Sis. Naomi, with us. It was indeed a day of joy and blessing. Bro. Theo. served morning and afternoon. We were led upon green pastures and to the fresh waters.

After lunch, he came over to me, and we had a short conversation about the Silver Lining. His advice to me was to keep on writing. I gladly accepted his advice, and I appreciate it very much. We thank Bro. and Sis. Beer very much for the visit, and hope they will soon come again.

Lord, I love thy children dearly, all who follow Thee sincerely. They are precious to my heart. Thou know'st how my soul rejoices, Meeting those whose hearts and voices are with Thee in one accord. We had Sis. Mary Diggelman with us this afternoon. She is much improved, but still has plenty of pain.

Bro. Beer read from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2. Those words are almost 2000 years old, but they have the same strength today as they had when Peter the apostle, spoke them. Bro. Theo. ev-pounded them unto us in simplicity, yet in the power of God. He spoke to us like a father talks to his children. May the blessing of God rest upon him and his family, now and for evermore Amen.

Hezekiah was a God-fearing king. He did what was pleasing in

the sight of the Lord. The time came when the Lord sent Isaiah the prophet to tell Hezekiah to put his house in order, for he was going to die. Hezekiah was not ready to die, so he turned his face to the wall, and started to weep bitterly. He prayed to God, Remember how I walked before you with an upright heart. I always did that which was right and good in thy sight. We have only one warning, that we should be ready, for we know not what hour we will be called. We need not remind God of our deeds; they are recorded in the book above, and according to them we will be rewarded.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

Friends Margaret and Eli Grimm Jr. have named their new little girl Patty Ann. She arrived on February 7, and is their first child.

A daughter, Carlene Mae, was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Carol Fehr on February 8. She was welcomed home by a sister and three brothers.

Several from our congregation have been in the hospital at Emmetsburgh recently. Brent, 7-month-old son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman, is convalescing from an intestinal disorder; Lois Fisher, daughter of Katherine and Philip Fisher, from a hip injury; and Benjy, son of Bro. Paul Banwart from an appendectomy. All are improving satisfactorily. Mark, son of Bro. Don & Sis. Verda Bruellman, has been to Iowa City for a check-up, and is fair. Raymond Wilson has been hospitalised for tests and is also fair. Sis. Mrs. Ray Anliker has received a good report from her recent hospital tests. Sis. Katie Alt can now get around quite satisfactorily with a walker.

We are rejoicing because two friends have surrendered to the Lord. They are Jane Metzger, daughter of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger, and Ilene Gerber, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber. May we ever all remember how much the Lord has done for us and give thanks to Him anew.

On February 23, Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart enjoyed an evening of singing, in observance of their silver wedding anniversary.

After hearing Bro. Noah Gerber explain how precious the privilege of gathering around the Word of

God is to the servicemen at Ft. Sam, where he and others from here visited recently, we can more gratefully thank the Lord for this blessing.

Faith

He can trade a weary sin-sick soul
For a heavenly garment white and whole.

He can, He has, He surely will.

He can take a cross of heaviest load,

Heavy as ever a shoulder can hold,
And change it into more wealth than gold.

He can, He has, He surely will.

He can bring peace, Of heaven sent,
The peace that comes to those who repent.

He can, He has, He surely will.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss**

Bro. and Sis. Noah Schrock spent a day with us. We had the conference memorandum read and explained to us. We enjoyed their visit; may God bless him for his efforts.

Dana Stoller, daughter of Charles and Ella Mae Stoller, fell and broke her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

One of our aged sisters in faith, Sadie Metzger, has been hospitalised with a stroke. She has been making her home with her son, Lawrence and family. They hope to take her home soon and care for her. She will be needing a lot of care, so we wish them all God's help in their efforts.

Mrs. Arthur (Alma) Schmidt has been in the hospital for awhile, but is at home again and getting along well.

The Dick Kilgus family, formerly of Forrest but now living in Naperville (where he is attending college), are attending our church and Sunday School. We extend a hearty welcome to them.

Bros. Elmer Bucher, Wm. Cottrell and Uriel Gehring visited us; we received many good teachings. May God bless them for their efforts.

Daniel Leuthold, who had been making his home in New Mexico, passed away. The funeral was held here. He had been sick for some time.

Again we are approaching the sacred Easter Season, when we are reminded in word, song and verse of the betrayal, the trial, the mockery, the cross, the suffering, the dying, and then the glorious Resurrection of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we sing in that beautiful hymn, "He rose His own to justify, and draws all men up to the sky. If you have found the Christ, His way, then you can keep this Easter Day."

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Our ministers for the month of February were, Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Noah Bauman, Ernest Luginbuhl, Elmer Witzig, Albert Schneider, Henry Beer. It was a real pleasure to have them in our midst; may God bless them for their worthy efforts.

We are so saddened by the death of our elder brother, Joe Getz. He was recently in our midst in Ft. Lauderdale. He was our elder from the beginning of our first organized meeting in February 1958. Bro. Joe wrote many precious letters to the ministering brothers here. He gave us many instructions. We believe that his inspirations were good for our souls. He was also instrumental in our new church building. May God comfort the widow who is left behind.

Bro. John Isch has left our congregation, to return to Indiana. May God be with him on this trip and in his future duties.

Don and Rosie Lloyd have a new baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Bro. Dale Martin has been discharged from the Armed Services and has shown his unusual pictures of Viet Nam to several groups. He has recovered nicely from his bout with malaria and has returned to work.

Sis. Joyce (Dietz) Streitmatter spent three weeks in an Ottawa hospital and has received relief from the treatments.

Bro. Chris Martin recently underwent surgery and is recovering nicely in his home.

We are glad that Sis. Martha Streitmatter is feeling better and is able to be out again, after being confined to bed for two weeks. Sisters Nellie Woertz and Emma Streitmatter are still confined to

their homes and have not been able to worship with us for some time. We trust the Lord is near them, to help them during their shut-in days, giving them courage for each day. We hope that they will soon be able to worship with us again.

A son was born February 17 to Bro. Eddie and Sis. Frances Knobloch Jr. A little sister and brother welcomed him home.

Our congregation was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear elder brother, Joe A. Getz. Many times Bro. Joe was in our presence; we will all sorely miss him. His lips are now silent, but the words he spoke will linger in our memories. He set a good example for everyone to follow. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family and to the Morton congregation.

Will and Sis. Frieda Streitmatter observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary a few weeks ago. Both are enjoying fairly good health, are able to care for themselves and assemble with us each Sunday, for which we are all thankful. They have two sons, Bros. Harold and Burton, who with their families enjoyed the day with them. May the Lord continue to bless and be with them.

We have enjoyed a very nice winter, with so little snow, and are now anxiously looking forward to spring. Already the early bulbs are peeping above the ground and buds on bushes are swelling, getting ready to burst forth. During the winter everything appears dead, but when the air begins to warm and the warm rains come, nature comes to life; there is a new awakening and resurrection. Perhaps there is some heart that appears cold and dead, and with a few tender words and a feeling of love from someone, it becomes mellow and too bursts forth and becomes awake.

Soon we will be observing one of the most solemn days, Good Friday, when we read and meditate on the suffering of our dear Lord and Saviour. It is hard for us to fathom the deep love He must have had for the lost sinner. He was not compelled to do anything, but because He had such love He quietly took the torment, and as He hung on the cross could say, **Forgive them, for they know not what they do.** Are we ashamed to deny a few things to prove our love for Him?

How sad it would have been if

He would have remained in the grave; but praise be to God, He arose, was resurrected to life. Easter is also an important day, especially if we have been awakened and are looking forward to the glorious Resurrection. If we haven't been as faithful as we should have been, let us fall on our knees and ask God to forgive us. Let us make a new beginning and strive eagerly to do our very best to gain the promised reward. We hope many hearts can be awakened and souls learn the true meaning of Easter.

Larry Eberle has been discharged from the Armed Services and is visiting in California. We are happy for each one who can return safely home, after serving their time for their country.

BREMEN, INDIANA Mrs. Robert Heuni

Sis. Bertha Annis has been confined to her home for many weeks, due to ill health. It is a blessing to visit her as she tells of the faithfulness of God in meeting the needs of her soul.

Janna Zeltwanger, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Doris, has been very sick for the past several months. However, at the present time she has been relieved of much of the pain and is looking forward to better days ahead.

Hospitalized this past month were Sisters Mary Conrad, Mary Carmichael and Ernestine Meister. It was encouraging to hear all of them tell how God was near to them in this trial. We are thankful they have been returned to their families and loved ones.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich Mrs. Edison Gutwein

James Albrecht, son of Sis. Louise Albrecht graduated from Purdue University. Our wish for him now is—the best in life—and when this life is over—eternal life.

A Loving Believer

This is probably the oldest Believer most of us ever knew. Sis. Catherine (Leman) Pelsy has reached the age of 105 years. It is a joy to write about our dear grandmother, and it is always a joy to her when anyone visits her. When she talks with the visitors she tightly holds their hand, even

though she cannot see them. At times she gets a little confused, but when you explain things to her, she soon can understand quite well. She says "I get tangled up sometimes", but who of us don't? When people send greetings she says, "Thank them for their good hearts." She asks about her grandchildren, and often her words are, "I love them all; I absolutely wish them all good." She now has another grandchild repenting, which gives her joy, the same as the angels in Heaven.

God has wanted our dear grandmother to live these 105 years, but she said, "I really don't know why I've lived so long, except it must be God's will. I just live each day by itself, and trust in God." One thing she asks every week is, "Who served lunch Sunday?" That must be a nice remembrance to her, when in her past years she also served.

Sometime ago, Grandma had to have her clock fixed, which she got as a wedding gift. The only way she can tell the time is by it striking. When the repair man was asked what the bill was, he said, "Nothing; anyone that gets to be 104 years old should not have to pay for anything anymore."

Grandma Pelsy's dear devoted daughters, Sis. Martha and Louise will be richly rewarded in their eternal home for all the love and kindness they give mother. We earnestly pray that God will give them added strength to carry on, each day.

Bro. Wayne Huber has often taken tape recordings of singing and sermons, which help pass the time for Grandma, as well as other shut-ins.

One day a friend met me on the street and said, "Mother Pelsy always gave a bouquet of chrysanthemums to a widower for his birthday. She would call and say, "This is Mother Pelsy. Are you home? I am bringing you a bouquet." This is God's teaching to us, To try and do little good deeds, in His name.

So in closing, Sis. Catherine Pelsy sends a "Hearty Greeting and Thanks" to everyone.

In loving memory of our father and grandfather, Bro. Otto Norr.

Two years have passed
Since that day
The one we loved

Was called away
God took him "Home"
It was His will
But in our hearts
He liveth still.

ALTO, MICHIGAN
Loretta and Myrna Steffen

January 20, we spent our last day in the old church. Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf had the morning services. In the afternoon, Bro. Fred Oesch lead the way and we all went to the new church for services. Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City spoke to us there.

We all felt melancholy about leaving the old edifice, but felt certain the Lord went with us and will stay in our midst, as long as we beg Him to stay.

Sis. Bertha Swartz has been shut in this past while. We pray she can be feeling better soon.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Christine Leman—Jeanne Steffen

Bro. Art Gudemann held services on Feb. 13.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman was with us Feb. 27. The memorandum was read after services. We enjoyed many visitors from Bluffton and other surrounding churches. We all had a blessed month.

During the month of March, Leo will minister to us. Everyone is welcome to come, visit us!

REMINGTON, INDIANA
Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

"Peace"

Christ crucified is the ground of it.
Christ risen is the assurance of it.
Christ in us is the fruition of it.
"He" is it.

"He" made it.

"He" preached it.

It should fill the heart.
It should keep the heart.
It should rule the heart.

"Easter"

If you would rise above adverse conditions, you must ascend in consciousness to that place where you realize the true Easter, your ascendancy and mastery over all things. Let your watchword be, "Awake!" "Arise!" "Ascend!"

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene Clauss have taken a 6-wks.-old baby boy from the welfare to take care of indefinitely. Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus have done like-

wise. Their little boy is 2 years old. The children of both families are delighted to help take care of them. We know the Lord will richly bless them for this most noble deed.

Ruben Scharlack is home from the hospital, after a lengthy stay, both before and after surgery.

Ed Frey has not been able to come to church, since his return from the hospital.

Erwin Bahler is home from the hospital, after having surgery.

Phil Getz is in hospital, after suffering a heart attack.

Gene Waibel's and Cynthia welcomed a baby boy, Kevin Gene, Feb. 2.

Sis. Carol Schieler is at work after a short vacation in Phoenix, where she was injured.

We trust all of our sick and injured will soon be blest with good health again.

TUCSON, ARIZONA
Jay J. Bertsch

The Bible is not just an ordinary book. It is God's message to his people. We should store up God's word in our hearts, not only for our own good, but to share these riches with others. We are told in the book of John, chapter 5, verse 39 to "Search the scriptures . . ." A book with such wonderful words should be read every day! "Thy word have I hid in mine heart . . .", Psalm 119:11

Sis. Martha Blessman arrived home from her tour of Japan. She was privileged to meet, greet and worship with our loved ones in that far-away land of the rising sun.

We have had many visiting brethren assemble with us. We are always happy to have them meet with us, as we are still a small assembly. All are welcome who stop here in Tucson. We hope that many others will visit in the future. Bro. Mike Weyeneth and his wife, of Peoria, visited here in Tucson the past month.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA
Mrs. W. A. Jacob
Mrs. Harry Bucher

Our Church Women's Fellowship group met at Sis. Nettie Jacob's in February. Officers elected were, Rose Moser, Pres.; Nettie Jacob, Vice Pres.; and Donna Bucher, Sec'y. Treasurer.

Our friend, Byron Frieden, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Frieden is now in our country's medi-

cal corps, Ft. Knox, Ky., and our friend Dillar Ames, son of Dillar and Mildred Ames, is repenting. He is presently stationed at San Diego, Calif. May God be with and guide them.

Bros. George Yergler and Theo. Beer ministered unto us. Communion was partaken of. May God bless them for assisting us in holding to the fundamentals of our faith, the basis by which we are guided.

Our church has recently found it necessary to remodel, in a few short years. We have been blessed by the financial status of our church. We feel these improvements will help the atmosphere of our congregation. Will you visit us at 805 Jefferson St., please? Everyone is welcome.

Tomorrow's fate (though thou be wise),

Thou can'st not tell nor yet surmise.

Pass therefore not today in vain,
For it will never come again . . .

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
Marlene Mosher

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Gude- man and part of their family were with us. We all enjoyed his ministering, and the fellowship with them.

Sis. Marie Wieland is not very well; she is sinking quite low.

It is the time once again when we will be commemorating the death and rising again of our blessed Lord and Saviour, for our sakes. Let us praise and honor Him at all times, and thank our God for giving His only Son so that we might not perish, but have everlasting life—but only if we do His will. All should repent; do His will, and not ours; try and be a light to others, and not a hindrance; be a friend to all men, little children and especially to our young adults; and let us not forget to pray.

AKRON, OHIO
Florence Graf

Several from our congregation were hospitalized. We are glad when the Lord sees fit to restore to moderate health and returns some home—our thoughts are with those who yet remain in hospitals. Bro. Gordon Greenbank was hospitalized briefly; Sis. Mary Munson was also in the hospital. At this writing, Sis. Alma Stauffer is

in the North Side Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Once again was brought so forcefully to mind the brief duration of our life here on earth, and finality of death, as we learned of the passing of Sis. Maude Kaufman. Maude passed away February 28 at the age of 73, after an illness of some months. While she claimed Rittman church as her home church, she many times worshipped with us here in Akron, and often spent social hours with us in our homes. We can be thankful her earthly suffering has ceased and she is at rest, but those who are left behind will miss her. We can do well to follow her example of a cheery disposition and bright spirit.

The memorandum was read to our congregation recently. It is ever a reminder of how the church is to be held in high esteem, and the doctrines and ideals of our faith preserved by all in our daily life.

A portion of an inspired prayer is an excellent guide for each day: Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

BERN, KANSAS
Mrs. Morris Edelman
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Our congregation was very pleased to have Bro. Noah Gerber from West Bend as a visiting minister at a regular Wednesday evening service. Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville was inspired to speak to us on a Sunday afternoon. On a Sunday evening our church attended special services in Sabetha, when Bro. Lester Huber from Francesville spoke to us. We thank all three ministers for the efforts they put forth to preach God's word.

Hospital patients for surgery were Sis. Lorene Strahm, Sis. Lydia Hanhart and Bro. Glenn Luthi. We pray that they can all be restored to normal health again.

We were glad to have Gordon Grimm, son of Bro. Harvey Grimms, home for two weeks from the service. He will now be stationed in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

The Bible Class of Sunday School has met for fellowship at the fol-

lowing homes: Bro. Louis Meyers, Bro. Joe Rokeys, Fremond Meyers, Bro. Eddy Lehman, and Bro. Martin Esslingers.

Singing practice from the Zion's Harp was held at Bro. Morris Edelmanns and Bro. Eldon Plattners.

Sis. Anna H. Garber, daughter of John and Elizabeth Edelman Hartter, was born in Cissna Park, Jan. 17, 1885, and passed away Feb. 17 at the Apostolic Christian Home at Sabetha, at the age of 81 years and one month. She moved to Kansas with her parents when she was eight years old, joined the Apostolic Christian Church in her youth, and was a faithful and devoted member. She was united in marriage to Andrew F. Garber of Sabetha, and leaves to mourn, her husband and six children, eighteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; six sisters and three brothers. Memorial services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, with the ministers, Bros. Gene Marti and Lester Hartter officiating.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA
Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Shut-ins: Hold fast to the grace of God (Acts 13:43)

Sisters Mrs. Sadie Gerber, Mrs. Joe (Josephine) Meyer and Bros. Obed Gerber, Henry Gerber, John Gilliom and Kenny Schaeffer.

Birth: On February 6, a daughter **Penny Elizabeth** to George and Christine Schuster.

Engagements: Feb. 13 the engagement of Sis. Linda Fiechter and Bro. Mike Dubach was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Leonard Dubach.

The engagement of friend Marcella Gerber to Joe Dillman has been made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dillman.

May happy hours and sweetest flowers be strewn along life's way for you unceasingly . . . And may the light of love burn bright as God's own stars, which shine for you unchangingly.

Wedding: On February 20, friends Jane Heyerly and Curtiss J. Mann were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Clifford Heyerly and Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Mann.

Behold, now is the acceptable

time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (II Cor.: 6:2). Repentance begins with truth—the truth about our sinfulness.

The following six friends, who heeded the call of God, have been announced for provings and baptisms: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landrum, Joel Gerber and Loren Frauhiger.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA
Laverne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Bro. George Lambert of Wichita was a visiting minister this past month.

Sis. Laverne and Bro. Raymond Roth returned home from Illinois, where they spent nearly two months helping out at the Fairview Haven Rest Home in Fairbury and also helping care for their new grandson, Steven Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yergler of Cissna Park.

We rejoice that two precious souls have heeded the call to repentance, Mrs. Millicent Frieden, daughter of Sis. Dorothy Brown, and Millicent's mother-in-law, Mrs. Mrytle Rathgeber.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.
Mrs. Lawrence Farney
Mrs. David Schamback

Shut-ins: Sis. Cora Beyer had the misfortune to fall and fracture her collar bone and suffer other bruises. She was hospitalized for over two weeks and is still confined to her home.

Bro. Joseph Ebersol was discharged from the hospital and is recuperating at the home of his son, Paul, in Beaver Falls.

Friends Jesse and Ethel Karcher were recently injured in a car accident, and were both hospitalized. Jesse had returned to his home, but his wife sustained a broken knee cap requiring surgery, and will be hospitalized for some time.

Bros. Philip Farney and Arthur Herzig have been hospitalized—Bro. Philip with pneumonia and Bro. Arthur with pleurisy. Both are much improved.

Jacob Virkler, son of Bro. Asa Virkler, is again in the hospital, where he has twice undergone surgery recently. He has spent most of the time in the hospital since last April, when he was involved in a car crash.

Births: Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice Farney are parents of a son,

born Feb. 11. He has been named Charles Paul, and has two sisters and four brothers to welcome him.

Friends Nat and Sheila Virkler are parents of their first child, a daughter born February 16 named Cynthia Marie.

We are happy to report that we have six friends in our congregations who have responded to His call and are awaiting baptism.

The Sacrifice

The fateful morn has broken, cold
and gray;
The sun forgets to shine and earth
is still.
Today the Son, his purpose to
fulfil,
Will pay the debt of man: will take
the way
To Calvary. It pleased our God to
lay
On him our sins. 'Twas but the
Father's will;
He planned it thus, the blood of
Christ to spill
To make us spotless in the judg-
ment day.
Shall we forget this sacrifice for
men?
Shall we neglect to keep our
witness true
To him in whom we find our joy,
our life?
Nay! God forbid that we should
foster sin!
Oh may our lives be cleansed each
day anew,
Be filled with grace and power,
quite free from strife.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

In February we appreciated the visits and ministry of our elder brother, Joe Waibel of Bay City and Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, on the 20th and 27th respectively.

Bro. Harve and Sis. Frances Bertsch have a new addition to their family, a son, Jeffrey John. He is welcomed at home by a sister and 3 brothers.

Bro. Harve Bertsch is in the hospital recuperating from surgery. We pray he will soon be restored to good health and return to his family.

We welcome the Dick Shrenk family, who moved to Howell, Mich., and will be worshipping with us. They formerly lived in Chicago.

Friend Judy Aberle, now living in Detroit and working as a nurse

at Ford Hospital, was announced for proving. She hopes to be proved and baptized on Palm Sunday, in her home church at Sabetha.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Our visiting ministers have been — Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria, Bro. Al Aberle from Tremont and Bro. Jesse Schrock from Congerville.

Feb. 26 in the evening, Bro. Roy Sauder assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in the proving of Glennis Bates and also two from Roanoke. The next day baptism was performed, so three more souls were added to the church. May many more souls be awakened out of the slumber of sin and seek the Lord while He is yet to be found, before it is too late.

Birth—Bro. Lewis and Sis. Arletta Martin are the parents of Tina Marie, born Feb. 23. She has a sister and two brothers at home.

Hospitalized: Bro. Ernest Fehr, for observation; Bro. Ed Bittner was a medical patient. Both have returned home. Sis. Mildred Huber has been ill at her home.

Our family night singing was held. A large crowd attended. The sixth grade Sunday School class from Roanoke sang. Also a group of seven college students sang. It was greatly enjoyed. Everyone is welcome to take part in these singings, the fourth Sunday of each month.

Bro. John and Sis. Mary Rocke observed their 67th wedding anniversary Feb. 12. May God bless these dear ones further in their journey on this path of life. Their health is fair. Sis. Mary is able to attend church services sometimes, but Bro. John is in a wheel chair, and can't go in and out so well.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Allen Richard Walter is the new baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walter. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Perceda Moser and Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville gave most inspirational messages when he visited here and was guest of the Kaeb's, the Sunday of the baptisms, Feb. 20. He explained many passages, which was most interesting.

The first baptisms in our new church were David Kaeb and Louise Moulton. In his testimony, David said when he entered college,

he thought he was going to have some great times, but after school started some brothers came to his place to talk with him. He realized his lost condition. He found peace with God, and knows it is the greatest happiness he could have acquired. Louise saw her husband's struggle for life in his last days. She realized what was needed for eternal life, acted upon it, and says she didn't know that being a child of God could be so wonderful.

Bro. Dan Roth passed away, after being ill for 2 years and bedfast many months. Funeral services were held by Bro. Broquard Feb. 26. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Carrie (Rieger); daughters, Sis. Leona Leman and Barbara Kilgus; and sons, Bro. Elmer, Bro. Earl, Bro. Lester, Eldon, Marvin, and Leonard.

Sisters Katie Roth, Mary Streib, Leona Nussbaum, and Lydia Bach are in the hospital.

Bro. Lester Huber brought out interesting examples of writings of the Old Testament, symbolizing writings of the New Testament. Before Eve was created, God told Adam not to eat of the forbidden fruit. After Eve was created and his bride transgressed, Adam also willingly partook of the transgression. This symbolizes that when the bride of Jesus Christ, which is the church, transgressed, Christ (who is the second Adam) took upon himself the transgression for the church, or His bride's redemption. Bro. Lester was accompanied by several others from Francesville; all were guests of Bro. John and Sis. Katharine Fehr.

We took my beloved mother, Sis. Lydia Huber, to the hospital today, Mar. 6. The doctor has termed it as a serious, severe stroke. We called in a specialist, and she is committed unto our Almighty God.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Mr. and Mrs. George Schupbach have a couple of new grandchildren. Kimberly K. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaffer, and Lonnie Lee to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gage.

Christ The Resurrected

O Thou resurrected Saviour,
Look down upon Thy friends with
favor
Who dwell yet in this earthly vale!

Come, beloved, that we may meet
Thee,
And when in joy and love we greet
Thee
Thy glory unto us reveal!
O blessed shall all be who are by
faith in Thee resurrected,
All who from death to life are
brought;
Sustain their faith, O Son of God!
From Zion's Harp 60

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger

Funeral services for the infant son of Tom and Joan (Honegger) Glendenning were held at the Cullin Funeral Home on Feb. 8. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss conducted the services.

Bro. Andy and Sis. Martha Koehl observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 16. They are the parents of four daughters, Sis. Bernice Cox, Cropsey; Sis. Edith Meiss, Normal; Sis. Velda Huette, Forrest; and Sis. Eldora Hoerr, Peoria; also four sons, Bro. Clarence and Maurice, both of Fairbury; Bro. Virgil, Cropsey; and Bro. Leroy, Strawn. A family dinner and singing were held at the home of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris, in their honor.

Medical patients at Fairbury Hospital have been Bro. Joe Metz and Percida Metz. Both are home again and improving nicely.

Sis. Mary Schneider was allowed to spend her first week end in seven months at home with her parents. Although she is still in the sanatorium, it is encouraging to know she is making a satisfactory recovery.

Sis. Kathryn Miller has returned home from the hospital, where she spent nine weeks following an auto accident. She is able to get about with the aid of crutches or a wheel chair. She would like to thank everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts and prayers.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz have a new baby girl, Valerie Ruth. Valerie has a sister, Marcia.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Larry Endress

Do we take time each day to thank God for the freedom of worship we have? I dare say, many of us take it for granted. Our country has enjoyed this freedom for many years. Since the short while I have been in the army, I have observed less and less freedom of worship af-

forded to our men in service. Gradually, our government is taking from us that for which our forefathers died.

Our regularly scheduled visiting minister for Feb. 13 brought Bro. Noah Gerber and his wife, Sis. Emma of West Bend into our midst. God truly does provide for us our every need through his precious word.

Also with us was Bro. Albert & Sis. Lucille Gasser of Rittman. Sis. Lucille's brother, Bro. Fred Stoller, is in medical training here.

We were again blessed the 20th of Feb. with ministering Bro. George Sinn of Latty bringing us the precious and living word of God. How thankful we are that our beloved brethren are so willing to come and spend a week-end with us.

On Feb. 28 enroute to Phoenix, Bro. Lloyd Massner and Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy Taeger of Burlington stopped to visit Bro. Steve Gerst of Oakville, who is taking basic training here. A very enjoyable evening of fellowship was spent together with them.

The church apartment address is. 170 Harrigan Ct., Apt. No. 3, San Antonio, Texas 78209. The telephone number, TA4-9803.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Following church service Sunday Feb. 27, we held our annual Sunday School business meeting. It was decided to use the present system of changing teachers quarterly. The Sunday School superintendent assigns the teachers to the various classes.

We are glad to have Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser home with us again. They were gone about six weeks, traveling through the West, and were saddened very much when they learned of the death of Bro. Jos. Klotzle, Sis. Frieda's brother. We here at Girard were all saddened greatly by his passing, since this was his former home. May the good Lord comfort and bless all the family and especially Sis. Helen. We feel that Bro. Joe was indeed ready when God called him; may we all work harder each day we are permitted to live, so that we also will be ready when the call comes.

Bro. Carl Emch is in the Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital. Sis. Alma Stauffer of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio,

is in the Youngstown Hospital, North Side. May God grant grace and strength to all who are affected with physical pain, to be able to bear it patiently.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

John Kraft, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft, broke both bones three inches above his left ankle; a tree limb struck his leg. His leg has been put in a cast up to his hip. He is now able to be in his barber shop a few hours each day.

Sherry Ellis, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Young, was hospitalized for a week with infection.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft are the parents of a son, born Feb. 22. Bro. Lloyd mentioned that they were having "troubles"—it seems Dale Ray doesn't get a chance to cry, sometimes with the attention being showered on him from his sisters! Would all the world have these kind of "troubles", there would be many more blessed and fortunate children.

Thinking of blessings—our spiritual cup has been well filled, with messages from Bros. Noah Gerber, West Bend; Gene Marti, Sabetha; Robert Young, Wichita; Joe Aberle, Sabetha; and yesterday Elder Sam Anliker served the Lord's supper and we could partake of Holy Communion. May the Lord bless them for their efforts and bring them into our midst again.

I wonder if we appreciate enough that the Lord provides our ministers . . . that they don't have the pressure they'll lose their livelihood unless they give people what they want. This is clipped: "Should preachers choose popular hymns and palatable messages, regardless of the taste and issues involved? Giving the people what they want may increase the size of the congregation, whereas giving them what they need may lead the minister to a cross. A satiric thesis is that to succeed, it is more necessary to get along with people than to do the will of God: Wear the "right" clothes, choose the "right" wife, select the "right" hymns, preach the "right" message, etc., and your chances of getting "ahead" are good . . . a spoon-full of sugar may make the medicine go down in a delightful way, but beware of a diet composed of nothing but sugar." May the Lord continue to

guide our ministers with the pure word of God.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Normal, Illinois
Dianne Emch

At our weekly Thursday evening services during the month of February, we were blessed with messages from the following ministers: Bros. Joe Schrock, Edwin Ringger, Bob Grimm, and Leroy Huber.

In the line of special sections of their education, we find Sis. Jill Kaufman in the Home Economics Laboratory House, Bro. Tom Hohulin student teaching in Morton, and Bro. Doug Leman student teaching in Pekin. We also miss Jay Plattner, who received his diploma in January.

We are grateful to all who visit us, whether ministers or guests, for in a sense they are actually helping the needy. We need the fellowship which our Thursday evening services provide.

Services are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 in the third floor lounge of the University Union. Visitors are heartily welcomed.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA
Martha Rinkenberger

Sis. Emma Pfeiffer is at home again, after spending some time in the hospital. She has had trouble with her hearing, so she had surgery again. We all hope and pray it will be a success. Anyone wishing to write can do so by mailing to her Knox, Indiana address.

On Sunday, March 6, the children of Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Heiniger had open house in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception was held at the La Crosse High School. A supper for the immediate families followed the reception.

And then, what blissful joy
Will bind such hearts together,
When after parting's grief
They meet again in heaven,
Who through this earthly vale
Did journey hand in hand,
Joined in the bond of grace
By love's most sacred band.

Work on our new church building is progressing very nicely. Each week sees much of the work being completed. We have had a wonderful winter for the contractor. No definite date for completion has been announced.

LAMONT, KANSAS
Mrs. Bernie Emch - Glen Anliker

A son, Marvin Glen, was born to Bro. and Sis. Glen Anliker March 6. He has three brothers. Elder Bro. Samuel and Sis. Kathryn Anliker are the paternal grandparents.

Funeral services for Miss Mary Storrer, age 77, who died March 1, were held Friday, conducted by Bro. Samuel Anliker; assisted by Bro. Roy Wernli. She was failing for a number of years with a heart ailment. She passed away in the Apostolic Christian home in Sabetha, where she was the last six months. She was a member and assembled with us during her able years. She is survived by one brother, George Storrer of Tremont, and many neices and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

We experienced a very blessed day Feb. 13, as the Sunday School superintendents and some teachers of the seven surrounding churches met at our church to make plans for our Youth fellowship gathering for this summer. Bros. Lester Hartter and Ronald Nelson ministered to us and blessed us with such precious spiritual food.

LESTER, IOWA
Emelie M. Knobloch

Sis. Edith Bick passed from time to eternity February 14. Altho' she had been hospitalized, her death came unexpected. She was a semi-invalid for a couple years, due to a stroke. She was just 79 January 17. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery February 16. She lived her entire life in the community. She spent most of her life caring for the ill, her parents, brothers and sisters and friends, for which she will be rewarded. Her thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. She leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Mrs. Clara Hoogeveen, and many neices and nephews. Bro. Leo Moser held services, with Bro. Carl Feucht assisting. Sis. Edith has gone to her Heavenly resting place. May God be with those in bereavement and share his blessings on those who cared for her.

Bro. Jacob Knobloch spent a few days at the hospital. Sis. Pauline Schambach, who has been visiting her daughter and family, spent a night in the hospital. Sis. Iola Knobloch has been ill and unable to assemble the past few Sundays.

Melvin Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, and Wilma Tanner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Tanner were married February 6, in the home of the bride's parents. After a trip to Texas, a reception was held here Feb. 27. They plan to make their home on a farm. May God share his blessings in their new step in life.

We experienced very cold weather. At present, we are having our first real blizzard of the season.

Bros. Bob Grimm and Alpha Moser were in our presence. They expounded on the Gospel-giving teaching and warning to all. They also invited folks to hasten to God's plan of life while salvation is still shared.

We were saddened to learn of the departure of our two faithful brothers, Joe Klotzle and Joe A. Getz. We share our sincere sympathy to the families.

When gathering for singing, we had to recall how many of our leaders have gone to meet their maker recently. We know all feel a great loss. How they sincerely compiled the memorandum, and with God's help devoted much of their time for the welfare of our soul's salvation. We was their concern, to keep the church pure and holy.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS
Emily Tanner
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Four dear souls brought their testimonies of faith before our congregation March 5. We welcome as sisters and brothers in our precious faith: Lena Joos, Martha Christ, Charles Benz, Bruce Schafer. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Roy Sauder. Baptismal services were held Sunday afternoon.

May we all be ready when Christ comes to rapture His bride, the Holy Church! It was so vividly expressed. May we always desire to be as the five wise virgins that took oil in their vessels with their lamps, so that when the cry is made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him", we can do so in readiness.

We're grateful to all our ministers who bring us spiritual food and drink. Visiting recently were Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger, Roy Ehnle, Joe Kaisner and Vernon Leman.

Mrs. Mabel Sauder died February 18. Surviving are her husband,

Silas; two sons, David and Thomas Sauder, two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Julia) Malone and Mrs. Charles (Nancy) Schlosser.

Carl Wees died March 5. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; one daughter, Carla Jean; one son, Myron D.; two sisters, Sisters Helen Stock and Marie Wees.

Bro. Rolland and Sis. Carol Scholl are the parents of a son, born March 3 They named him Todd Montgomery.

We welcome to our assembly Sis. Marilyn Schneider, who moved here from West Bend.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara Plattner announced the engagement of their daughter, Sue Ellen, to Robert E. Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swanson of Princeville.

Hospital patients include: Bro. Emil Bessler, Sis. Emma Frank, Sisters Celia Schuepach, Lois Hammond, Laura and Janet Koehl. Lois hopes to be home soon. Laura and Janet had the misfortune of a car accident. Janet was badly bruised and Laura has a broken ankle. Sis. Schuepach was found unconscious in her home; her condition remains unchanged.

Sis. Veva Domnick fell on the ice and broke her leg. She is recuperating at home.

Note of Thanks: To all the dear ones in all the churches who have remembered us for our 50th Wedding Anniversary with so many beautiful cards, letters and gifts, **Thank you.** Bro. Will and Sis. Mollie Perdelwitz.

Note of thanks: For gifts, cards, letters and for all the love and kindness extended to me by the special nurses, nurses aides and also those who visited me while in the hospital and since I am home. I have received over one hundred cards which were greatly appreciated. May God richly reward you. Marie Joos Evans (wife of Walter Evans).

SABETHA, KANSAS
Mrs. Theodore Locher
Leona Aeschliman

Sis. Della Heiniger has been hospitalized for some time, after having surgery. She is now convalescing at her home. Sis. Ida Stoldt is a patient at our local hospital; Sis. Lydia Hanhart, a resident of the A. C. Home, had surgery. Bro. Lewis Bahr has been confined to his home, after having a relapse

caused by a heart condition. Marvin Strahm has returned to his home, after having eye surgery at Stormont Vail Hospital, Topeka. He will need to convalesce quietly in his home for several weeks.

May we all offer a prayer for those with afflictions, in their own homes, hospitals and church homes. May God be near them always, and those who care for them.

Mary Storrer, who had been a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home, passed away at St. Anthony Hospital March 1. The memorial service was held in Lamont.

Bro. Jesse Schrock Congerville and Bro. Lester Huber of Francesville were our guest ministers. We were blessed richly in hearing the holy word proclaimed.

Psalms 111:1, 9, 10 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and **REVEREND** is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his **commandments**: his praise endureth for ever.

Easter

Bro. Carl Hartman

Ever since God created Adam and Eve, there has been the question of eternity. Having sinned, death was pronounced upon all mankind. God's word did not give much hope if one did not understand the promise of a Redeemer.

Many people in early Bible times did not have the written word of God as we do, which tells us of God's love and plan of redemption.

All through the ages it has been man's desire to spend eternity with God. Death reigned from Adam to Moses. Man could not keep the law. So, in the fulness of time Jesus was sent upon earth to become the sacrifice for sin. The grave could not hold Him. He arose and ascended up to Heaven. He told His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am . . . ye may be also."

What a glorious hope has entered into the souls of man, that there is a way of escape and a resurrection promised. The angel told His disciples that as ye saw Him

ascend so shall He descend again. The apostle Paul writes that when He shall return, the dead in Christ shall rise and the living shall be changed in a moment of time. Jesus said I will come again.

Easter, therefore, is the time of the year when we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord and rejoice in the blessed hope of our resurrection, praising God for His love and mercy.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS
Josephine Schaefer
Sharon Herman

So soon, it seems that loved ones must depart from our midst. Our Elder Bro. Joe A. Getz, who was the shepherd of our congregation for many years, has gone to his reward. It comes to us that he was needed here so much yet, but God knows what is best, and we have every confidence that He will provide.

A new daughter, Sharon Marie, was welcomed into the family of Bro. Jay and Sis. Alma Bolliger on February 8.

Sis. Mary Koch and Bro. Silas Koch were hospitalized for surgery. We can certainly believe that many prayers ascended to heaven in their behalf, and especially for Bro. Silas, who recovered somewhat from his surgery only to learn of the death of his wife, Nora, who passed away on Feb. 19. Despite all the sadness, though, it was very comforting to hear that the way in which he was accepting it was a living testimony of his faith. May God comfort him, all of the family and friends and all those hearts filled with sorrow.

Calvary has a beautiful sound, for there Christ, the Redeemer of mankind, paid the price that all might have eternal life. Even more beautiful was the angel's message, **He is risen! He is not here!** Yes, because He so freely gave of Himself and triumphed over death, today the words of the hymn ring out loudly and clearly to all who will hear —

"Therefore, all ye human beings, Hear today the Saviour's word. He came for the poor lost sinner Who with joy His message heard. Come, believe! Be meek and lowly, For His Word is true and holy; Who believes Him is made free Here and in eternity."

(Zion's Harp, No. 95, v. 6)

TAYLOR MISSOURI**Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Joe A. Getz. His passing is a great loss to them, to the church and to all of us.

Bro. LeRoy Yackley, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley was inducted into the service and is at present stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. We pray the Lord will protect him from harm while it is necessary for him to be away from home.

Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst had a call from their son, Pvt. Herbert R. Gerst from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., telling them that he was being sent to Nuremberg, Germany.

The tape from the Brother meeting has been played to us the last three Wed. evenings. It was interesting to hear the deliberation, and feel the concern the brothers have for the welfare of the church.

We were glad to have Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington, Ia., minister to us on Sun. Feb. 13. This was the first visit from Bro. Bob and his family since he has started in the ministry. We wish him the Lord's guidance and help in this important work.

Sis. Emma Hoerr, whom we reported as very ill, and Bro. George Hoerr were both able to return to their homes.

Sis. Clara, wife of Bro. Perry Yackley had major surgery, and Sis. Rosemary Hoerr, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr, was a medical patient for several days. They are recuperating at home.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Hoerr are the parents of a baby girl, born on Mar. 4. She has been named Carrie Louise. They now have three boys and two girls. Sis. Carrie Massner, Ft. Scott, and Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr are the grandparents.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**Diane Olson**

We are thankful for the inspiring messages brought to us by Elder Bros. Paul Fehr and Leo Moser. At the time they were present with us, plans for attaining a church building were discussed. If it be the Lord's will, we pray that in the near future we may have a church of our own.

Recently we were reminded of Jesus' teaching, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." It certainly

is a privilege we have to assemble around God's precious word. So many, it seems though, not only fail to hear His good word, but abuse the privilege to abide by it.

Not Heard

He lived in a palace on a mountain of gold,
Surrounded by riches and wealth untold,
Priceless possessions and treasures of art,

But he died alone of a "Hungry Heart"!

For man cannot live by bread alone,
No matter what he may have or own . . .

For though he reaches his earthly goal

He'll waste away with a "starving soul"!

But he who eats of holy Bread
Will always find his spirit fed,
And even the poorest of men can afford

To feast at the table prepared by the Lord.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.**Mrs. Gus Weltz****Miss Della Witschey**

We did have a flood scare as I mentioned in my last letter, but it did not do any damage. Some moved up and others just waited. One grocer just kept sweeping the water back as it neared his floor, and it did not get it.

We have had lovely weather the first few days of March; at this writing, March 7, we are having snow flurries and quite cold weather.

Mrs. Kathryn Reinzman Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heinzman passed away on March 3, after a year's illness. Funeral services were held on March 7.

We had two tragedies the past week. H. W. Goodnight, husband of Pauline Tharp and son-in-law of Mrs. Becky Tharp, fell from a river barge while at work, and drowned in the Ohio River. A five-week-old baby girl died in her crib of fumes from a gas stove.

Walter Emch has improved very much and is able to be up and around.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig visited the first of the month with their granddaughter in Clinton, N.Y.

Mrs. C. O. Wade underwent surgery on February 26 for the removal of a small tumor in the left ankle,

but has recovered nicely and is able to be out.

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer has been quite ill at her home, suffering from extremely high blood pressure.

Earl McIntire has been a medical patient in the local hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey and family of Charleston, W. Va., visited over the March 5th week-end with his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

The furniture store of Froelich and Wayman was entered through a rear door on March 4, and an unsuccessful attempt to open the safe door was made, but from reports nothing was disturbed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan of New York visited here with her parents recently, Charla Mae and Bob Emch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich visited with Miss Della Witschey on March 6.

This reporter feels as tho February was a bad month, healthwise. A car door was slammed shut on the left thumb, causing much pain, until the nail was opened to relieve the pressure. On February 15, a small tumor was removed from the forehead, which was also quite painful. On February 26 we collided with a taxi in Wheeling, W. Va., at nine o'clock in the evening, causing much damage to our car, but we were grateful that neither of us were hurt. A lady in the cab was injured, requiring hospital care. The car is being repaired, and we may be able to use it. If not, a new one will replace it. We are indeed very thankful and grateful that we could get back home and keep on going. We feel we had a silent partner.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA**Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey**

Spring is in the air today. As we think of spring with the budding of trees and plants, our thoughts turn to the Saviour in His time of agony. This is when we remember His journey to the Cross. As Christians, this time is very important, for if Christ had not died on that cross for our sins, we could not be pardoned and freed from our past life of unbelief. We would still have no hope, if He had just died on the cross . . . but He arose again. This is our hope! This is the triumph of Easter!

Our visiting ministers were: Bro.

John Bahler, from Rockville, who with Bro. Roy Farney read the memorandum; Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson; Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla. & Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield. We enjoyed their inspiring messages.

Jerry Emch was home visiting his family and friends, before his transfer to Frankfurt, Germany, where he is serving with the U.S. Army.

God's plan of salvation was revealed to Christine Baum. We rejoice with her. May God give her the needed direction to build her faith on a strong foundation. She is living in Morton with her husband, Robert. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix.

Sis. Marie Wuthrich celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 17. She lives with her three daughters, Helen, Elva, and Ruth. Our next oldest member is Bro. Sam Farney, who is 86 years old. He lives with his daughter, Sis. Emma Sanders and her husband, Bro. Earl. Sis. Marie and Bro. Sam both have many ailments, but they always have a cheerful countenance, and whenever at all able, are in church every Sunday.

TOLEDO, OHIO **Mary Ann Weigele**

Bro. Walter Rager was elected as our new trustee to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Otto Schlatter.

Our elder brother, Rudolph Graf, visited us in February and gave a report of the church conference.

Karen Newman has been home ill for several weeks. We pray she will recover and be able to attend school and church again soon.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA **Doris Graf — Jeri Minger**

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

St. Matthew 16:24.

Our hearts rejoiced this past month over the testimony and baptism of our dear friend, Virgil Graf, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf. Bro. John Bahler from Rockville assisted Bro. Carl Kinsinger at this wonderful occasion. We were so happy to have other visiting ministers with us that day and for several Sundays, Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; and Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield. We thank these

ministers and their wives for visiting, and teaching the true and holy word to us.

Bro. John Paternoster's health has improved so that he can worship with us once again.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Bros. Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler of Remington and Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville were recent visitors. We enjoyed having them here to proclaim God's holy word to us.

Larry and Sis. Sandra Guingrich and family have moved from our vicinity and will make Goodfield their home. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kay Siebenthal and daughter have moved near Princeville. We will miss them here, and wish them God's blessings in their new homes.

Marion (Butch) Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma has received his discharge from the Army. He has spent the last 5 months in Viet Nam; we thank God for his safe return.

Bro. John Guingrich, Dale Endress and Roland Rumbold spent their furlough here with loved ones. They have returned again to Ft. Sam Houston.

Dan Endress has entered the hospital for observation and treatment.

The flu and 3-day measles have hit many little ones in our community.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

Our congregation always rejoices when we have visitors. Our guest speakers were Bros. Art Gudeman and Cleo Rinkenberger. We wish to thank these brothers for their messages, and hope they visit us again.

On Feb. 28, Stephen Rinkenberger gave his testimony, and was baptized the following Sunday. We rejoice that three more souls could be announced for proving; they are Margaret Kupferschmid and daughter Sue, and Duane Reutter—son of Bill and Sis. Anna Marie Reutter.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Ruth Wagler announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Eloise, to Bro. Earl Gudeman, son of Bro. George and Sis. Caroline Gudeman.

Bro. Will and Sis. Minnie Feller were hospitalized on March 1, when their garage and house caught fire.

Bro. Will suffered shock and burns on his hands and face. Sis. Minnie is suffering from shock and a heart condition. Both are showing improvement. The fire was extinguished, but considerable damage was done, the car was completely destroyed.

On Sunday Feb. 27, Bro. and Sis. Minnie observed their 50th wedding anniversary. May God restore their health, that they may enjoy many more years together.

Births: A son, Steven Alan, was born to Roy and Lavan Yergler on Feb. 16; a boy to Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria Bauer on Feb. 24. He was named Steven Lee.

Sis. Ida Eisenman, who had been a patient at the Kankakee State Hospital for 35 yrs., passed away March 2 at the age of 71 years. She is survived by two brothers and three sisters, Bro. Joe of Burlington (Iowa), Bro. George of Kawkawlin (Mich.), Sis. Anna Bahler, Sis. Sophie Siebenthal and Ella Eisenman, all of Remington. Bro. Ezra Feller, assisted by Bro. John Wagenbach, conducted the funeral services.

Sis. Helen Lackey is able to assemble with us again, after a long stay in the hospital and at home.

In Memory of Bro. Joe A. Getz A Loving Shepherd from us has gone.

A voice well loved is still,
A vacancy felt far and wide
Which he with grace had filled.

In passing of our beloved Bro. Joe, we lost an esteemed elder and minister . . . We in Cissna Park were fortunate to have him for our shepherd for a few years. We agree with the brother who spoke. His passing has spread a gloom over all the congregations. We trust the Lord will provide.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS **Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp**

Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont visited our congregation. We were thankful for his visit and trust he will be visiting often in the future.

Bro. Fred Knapp has sufficiently recovered from his recent stroke to be transferred to the new Apostolic Christian Home at Eureka. We are so happy to have him in church with us on Sundays once again.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Gudeman are parents of their first

child, Deborah Kay, born on Feb. 13.

Randall Lee was born on March 5 to Bro. Don and Sis. Lorna Schrock. Susie, age 3½, also welcomed her new baby brother.

Our minister, Bro. Ben Zimmerman, underwent major surgery on March 7. We pray that the Lord will give him strength and grant him a quick recovery.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg

Little Martin Hohulin Jr., who will soon be two years old, was hospitalized for several days, having tests made and being under observation to determine the nature of his illness. We are glad he has improved and is now doing quite well. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Martin Hohulin.

Stephen Fischer, seven-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Lyle Fischer, was a hospital patient nearly a week, having had surgery for hernia. He has recovered and is back to school in his second grade class.

Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn are grandparents of their first grandchild, a little daughter born to their son Gerald and wife, Judy who reside in Littleton, Colorado. April Ann is her name.

A single grateful thought toward heaven is prayer.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Another great loss has been suffered in our churches in the death of another faithful shepherd, Bro. Joe Getz. Our sympathy is extended to his family and congregation. May God again provide for them.

Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost was experienced by six souls last Sunday, as they arose from the baptismal waters to a new life, the following: Dixie, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Stoller; Lila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hany; Earl, son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger; Enid, son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf; Bruce, son of Bro. Alf and Sis. Lillian Witzig; and Keith, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine Funk. May God grant them grace and guidance in their new walk of life. Here to assist Bro. Gramm were Bro. Henry Kilgus, Forrest

and Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury.

Carol, daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Emily Stoller, recently submitted to a tonsillectomy.

Sis. Fannie Wiegand, who has been absent from our congregation for some time due to illness, is again able to assemble with us.

We are glad to have Bro. Kenneth Burgess with us again, after being hospitalized for some time following an automobile accident. Kenny will have to have his arm in a cast for some time.

Bro. Ben Hofer suffered a slight stroke recently. We hope he will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Anna Schlipf is staying in the Eureka Rest Home for a time.

Ellen Marie is the sixth daughter born to Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Gramm. Her sisters are, Becky, Susan, Sally, Holly and Jennifer; she has one brother, Carl.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of, Sis. Rozella Kuntz, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Lydia Kuntz of Gridley, and Bro. Larry Knapp of Cissna Park. We wish them God's blessings in this important step.

We had our first monthly "Singing", Feb. 27. We hope to have these the last Sunday of each month. Last Wednesday evening the "Choir" met to organize, and also practiced for a short time.

In a prayer recently offered by a brother in our congregation, he repeated the words of one of our presidents, Abraham Lincoln, "I have been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go; my own wisdom, and that of those about me seemed insufficient for the day."

Surely all of us feel we would faint by the wayside if we did not have our God to turn to, for he is our only help and refuge. This is surely experienced by all who love Him and trust.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." St. John 15:1,2 Bro. Elmer Bucher likened our spiritual life to

a growing plant. We prepare the seed bed, plant the seeds, tenderly care for the young growing plant and anxiously await to see the fruit we hope it will bear. So with our spiritual life; it needs to be fed God's Holy word and teachings, nourished, and tenderly cared for so that we may someday be worthy, have our names written in the book of life.

Earlier this month Bro. Noah Gerber brought to us a message of love—how our hearts are touched and love overflows when one comes to you in repentance, especially when it is one of your own—how tears of joy are mingled with tears of confession.

We are happy and thankful that Bro. Fred Lanz is home again and feeling fine, after spending several days in the Springfield Hospital for tests and observation.

Easter is a joyful time for us all. Let us go **back** to Calvary and there be mindful of Christ's suffering—His cruel, intense suffering . . . and for whom? How great His love had to be for such a sacrifice. Then the glorious resurrection! Let us ponder these things in our hearts; then let us renew our faith and take new courage for the year ahead.

There is always a song somewhere. Listen and you will hear.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper

Our congregation were richly blessed with the visits of Elder Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, and Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield. Many precious teachings and instructions were extended unto us, which will certainly be a help and guide in our walk of life. Their wives accompanied them, along with many others from our various churches. What a precious faith we have. We wish to thank all for the fellowship they shared with us.

During the time of Bro. Bahler's visit, he assisted our elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger, in the proving and baptism of our dear friend, Virgil Graf. Virgil is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mabel Graf of Altadena. Once again we were led to Calvary and to the foot of the Cross, where each one of us had our sins purchased and redeemed through the shed blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We again rejoice, as do the angels in Heaven, when another dear soul is added to the fold.

We wish Bro. Virgil the Lord's blessings and guidance throughout his entire life.

Even though we on the West Coast are over 2000 miles away, we still sorrow at the passing of our dearly beloved elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz. We extend to his widow, Sis. Elizabeth, his entire family and the Morton congregation our deepest sympathy. May you always find comfort through the precious word of God and the beautiful hymns that we sing. This particular hymn was brought to our mind and was sung by our congregation in dedication to Bro. Joe A. Getz:

"Ye shepherds, Who the Lord do love,
And through the Spirit from above
Proclaim to men salvation,
How much the Lord to you has willed,
Who at His blessed kingdom build;
It is beyond expression!
Therefore, therefore,
Be ye faithful! How delightful!
God with pleasure Will impart the crown and treasure.

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PULASKI, IOWA
Mrs. Ray Martin

We are happy to report that the Richard Teubel family, from the Morton congregation, moved into our area and will be attending church with us. We welcome them into our little fold and hope they will like it here. May God bless them in their new home.

Soon the spring season will be upon us, and the dormant plants, trees, and grass will become alive again, after the cold winter. This so reminds us of Christ's death and his glorious resurrection.

The Cross of Calvary

Upon the rugged mountain side
Our Saviour trudged along,
Surrounded by the angry mob,
And crowded by the throng;

But patiently He bore the cross
To ransom you and me,
He went to pay the price
Upon the cross of Calvary.

The sun refused to shine
Upon that scene on Calvary,
Where Jesus died in agony
To set the sinner free.

Our Saviour, broken hearted,
Died that we might look and live,

And in His dying breath
He cried, **Oh Father please forgive.**

This tender, loving Saviour,
Still inviting us to come,
Is calling from His throne above,
O wandering child, come home;

Believe on Him; He paid the price
On rugged Calvary.
He bore the cross; He gave His life
To ransom you and me.

MORTON, ILLINOIS
Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Our entire congregation and community were deeply saddened over the loss of our beloved brother and elder, Joe A. Getz who passed away at his home so suddenly, February 15, at the age of 76 years.

Funeral services were held on February 18, at the Funeral Home with a prayer by Bro. Russell Rapp. Services at the church were conducted by Elder Brothers Rudolph Graf, Akron; Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; Roy Farney, Phoenix; Roy Sauder, Peoria.

He leaves to mourn his loss, our great loss, his dear wife Sis. Elizabeth; two sons, Bro. John and Henry; nine grandchildren; one brother, John B. Getz. Three brothers preceded him in death.

He was a minister in our congregation for over 25 years, of which he served the last 18 as elder. He was a faithful shepherd and will be greatly missed by all. There will be his vacant chair on the pulpit.

We want to thank our dear brother, Roy Farney, who made it possible to remain with us the first Sunday after the funeral. May God bless him richly for his good word and kindness shown to all.

These were some of the last words spoken from the pulpit by our Beloved Brother Joe, on February 13:

Beloved when we hear the reading of a scripture like this from the Lord Jesus, then I think and I hope you feel the same way. I'm thankful that God led me to a church that taught me the truth, for when the Lord Jesus said, You should not fear the man who can kill the body, but fear Him who can cast into Hell, those are plain words.

A few times in my life I have had to fear men. We probably did not give them the job that they expected of us, and possibly no job at all. In a few cases they were in-

jured and they thought the insurance company did not pass on their claim. They passed remarks, and I know a little something about what it is to fear men . . . But it is as nothing compared to fear Him who can cast into Hell. We cannot enjoy the love of God until we know Him.

For three weeks we lived on the ocean. You cannot appreciate the ocean until you see it, and until you live on it. You cannot appreciate the love of God until you know it. To know it, we must know the scripture as the Saviour has taught. We must confess Him. We must love Him, because it is an attribute of God.

We must repent for our sins; we must be converted and be prepared for that kind of life . . .

There are many things in the life of God and His teachings that man cannot understand, until we know God. Thankful are we that this love of God gave us everything we have, for this life or the world to come . . .

We walk into the apothecary with a slip of paper and hope it is going to help us. We are elated if we get some relief, but this comes from God, and the Saviour the beloved Son, who will have a key to our life and will open Heaven's Portal for us. Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when you think not. May the Lord bless his wonderful, precious word of life and truth.

Patients in the Methodist Hospital were Art Rassi, surgery; Bro. Otto Berchtold (a stroke); Naomi Rostetter, surgery; Sis. Sadie Hauter, observation; Sis. Emma Kaufman, eye surgery; Sis. Phyllis Getz, a finger infection. They are all home convalescing.

Sis. Bertha Getz fell and injured her knee; she had to have her knee cap removed, was in the hospital at Pekin, Ill. for 2 weeks. She is home now, but has her leg in a cast, for 6 or 8 weeks. Florence Strunk is a patient in a hospital in Chicago, where she had eye surgery. They are both getting along as well as can be expected.

We thank our dear brother, Ben Maibach, who spent Sunday March 6 with our congregation. We were richly blessed throughout the day by his good teachings. We welcome him to visit us again soon. May God

bless him for his good word and love shown to us all.

Our dear sister, Matilda Heiniger, who had suffered a stroke, passed away at the Methodist Hospital at the age of 80 years. Funeral services were held at the Apostolic Christian church, with Bro. Henry Grimm officiating. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Jacob Heiniger; four daughters Sisters Loraine, Mrs. Alice Zimmerman, Mrs. Verna Strahm (Sabetha) and Mrs. Ray Huetter; two sons—Bro. Alvin, and Lester of Elgin, Ill.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Teubel and family have moved to Pulaski, Iowa. We wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Chris Kaiser wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered him with cards, gifts and flowers during his long stay in the hospital and since returning home.

Sis. Louise Belsley has been seriously ill at the home of her sister, Emma and Bro. John Zimmerman, where she is making her home.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lafayette, Indiana

Kent Ringger — Suzanne Bucher

The most basic and valid reason a serious student has for attending a university is to better prepare himself for the future and attempt to make his life purposeful. Although we many times become preoccupied with our school work, we are glad to be reminded that there is one basic goal in life: attaining eternal life. Learning to know Christ as a Saviour and to **KNOW** His will should be our life's highest and foremost purpose. Our Wednesday evening services continue to lead us in the direction of life with purpose, toward that goal.

Truly, the efforts put forth by the different churches and brethren who have served us so faithfully are deeply appreciated. The La Crosse and Cissna Park churches were our hosts over the past month.

Easter is fast approaching. When we consider all Christ did for us upon the cross, it makes us think of what more we could do for Him. In this frame of mind, we decided to have an Easter program presented by the students. It will be presented at our April 6 meeting. We pray that God's blessing will lie upon this endeavor, as we feel it

did on our Christmas program. We are planning to have the program in a larger building.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

This is the season of year when we reflect on the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. It seems such a cruel deed performed by those from times past, yet hourly, dissatisfied souls today who scoff or mock Christ's love drive the nails deep in His hands.

Easter Gladness

What if there were no Easter?
What if Christ never arose?
What if it meant no more to us
Than fancy bonnets and clothes?
To whom could we turn for comfort
When we laid a loved one to rest,
If Christ were still dead in an
ancient tomb
Instead of alive and blest?

The Cross was no thing of beauty;
Its purpose was grim and sad,
But Jesus was willing to bear it
alone!

Oh what if He never had?
What if He'd thought the burden
too heavy?
Our souls not worth the price
Of dying for us on Calvary's tree,
Himself our sacrifice?
But His love was beyond all
measure;

For us He was willing to die!
His atoning blood for our sins was
shed;
Now He reigneth forever on high!
I'm so glad we do have Easter!
Glad He arose from the grave!
Glad for His words, **Whosoever
will,**
Glad for His power to save!

Services were conducted March 3 for Sis. Maude Kaufman, age 73. She died Feb. 28, following a long illness. She was survived by a sister and two brothers, Walter and Russell. Sis. Maude devoted a lifetime to the care of the sick, and her deeds of kindness did not stop there. She was united with our fellowship fifteen years ago and welcomed death as an end to her suffering.

Bro. Glenn Riggenbach and Gaylord Beery have been discharged from military duty. We are thankful that they could be reunited with us.

A son, Michael John, was born to John and Elaine McCreary on March 7. Feb. 20, Bill and Margory Rhodes welcomed a boy, Stephen.

Hospitalized or ill were Bro. John Winkler, Bro. Herman Ingold, Sis. Emma Gasser, and Joseph Grosenbacher.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Pat Stoller — La Verne Fischer

A son, Carl August was born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Faith Fischer on February 24. He was welcomed home by his three brothers David, Allen, and Paul and sisters Susan and Phyliss.

Sis. Anna Mangold is back home after spending the winter in Florida. It is good to have her back with us.

Our friends Kaywin and Karen Martin gave their testimonies on Saturday, February 26 and were baptized the following day. Hearing their testimonies of what God has done for them is indeed a benefit to us, that we should never forget the value of our high and heavenly calling.

We believe that even the angels in Heaven rejoice when one soul turns to God in repentance. Our friend Don Bowald, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Mabel Bowald has made the beginning in this new and wonderful way of life. We wish him God's richest blessings.

In Tribute to Sis. Tillie Fehr

Day in, day out, year after year,
Upon your bed you lie—
Pain holds you in its grip, and yet
You do not fret or cry
With grace and patience all the day
You fill the laggard hours—
As happily you stroll again thru
Memory's golden bowers . . .
You never grumble or complain—
You never voice despair—
You count your blessing every day
And see good everywhere . . .
If only every invalid had your
philosophy—
The will to see the best in life,
How sweet their days might be!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

John Roger Rokey, son of Bro. and Sis. Ruth Rokey, has been sent to Amarillo, Texas, for six week's training with the Air National Guard. Bruce Hohulin, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Laura Hohulin, has been inducted into the army.

Bro. Ira Rokey spent several days in the hospital, following a tonsillectomy.

A blessed Sunday evening was enjoyed by many when Bro. Ben Maibach ministered to us. Among the many teachings expounded, he challenged, "Dare to be a Daniel; dare to stand alone."

Steven Nohl and Ed Fehr have completed their training at Ft Polk, Louisiana, and expect to be transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

We welcome Larry and Sis. Sandy Guingrich and their two children to Goodfield. They have recently moved from rural Sparland, Illinois.

Roy and Sis. Corine Roth and family have moved to Lamar. They plan to return again in the summer, when the house they have purchased will be vacated.

Ron Heinold, who has been stationed at Amarillo, Texas, with the Air National Guard, will finish his technical training at the Air Force Headquarters in Peoria.

Clarno Meece passed away February 23. He is survived by his wife, the former Eloise Stoller of Gridley; two sons; and a daughter.

Sis. Carol Hohulin is home again, following a stay of several days at the hospital.

Our first monthly sewing meeting for World Relief was well attended. It was quite impressive to see how much could be accomplished in a few short hours, as busy hands were making bandages, cutting, sewing, and knitting. We meet in the dining room of the church.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Mrs. Ben Manz

We were blessed to have Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse minister to us.

A dear friend and faithful attendant, Elsie Dotterer Morehouse, 86, passed away March 7. Her husband Charles A. died in 1957, and their only son, Paul was killed in World War II. Funeral services were conducted by Elder George Sinn of Latty and Bro. Joel Souder of Leo.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

Somehow our dear, loved friend Jake Kaufman, in his car failed to clear the tracks in the wake of a

Southern Pacific freight train. This is a tremendous shock to all of us, a grim reminder to all that we must be ready for death at all times, lest we be suddenly hurled into eternity! We can just trust God, who does all things well, to be a Fortress of strength and comfort to dear Sis. Clara and her family.

From our Zion's Harp we sing, "Jesus like a magnet raises our faint spirit to the skies!" Yet though we had a **thousand tongues**, we never could express our thanks to God for His blessed Spirit who again reached down and "drew us to the skies", during the recent visit of our dear Elder Brothers Schrock and Leuthold. In our sacred Communion service we were again led to Calvary and our Saviour's anguish. "How often do we go to the cross, how often do we think of what the Saviour has done because of **our sins, our transgressions?**" we were asked.

The week previous to their visit, Bro. Henry Sabo and his wife from Mansfield spent several days in our midst. We were blest with an especially wonderful fellowship; even the little children were included in Bro. Sabo's loving words. I think we'll always remember them sitting on Bro. Sam Feucht's living room rug, little faces attentive to the **words of life** directed especially to them. The Saviour paid particular attention to the little ones; surely love shown to children by His humble followers will help lead them to His Way.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Sunday, Feb. 6, marked the Sunday for Communion Services at Leo. The following elders were present: George Yergler, La Crosse; Theo. Beer, Milford; George Sinn, Latty; and Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton. Bro. David Bertsch was ordained elder in the Leo church. Later in the day, several brothers visited Elias Souder and Albert Frautschi, who were patients in the hospital. This will be a day to be remembered by them, as communion was served in the small chapel at the hospital. We must all be very thankful to our God that he so has willed it and protects us so we can worship our God to the dictates of our conscience. Both Elias and Albert are at home and able to attend church services.

Our friend, Herman Conrad, has been on the sick list, but is better again. He is Rose, Diana and Adella Conrads' brother.

Wm. Lantz, brother to David Lantz, spent a few days in the hospital, but is home again.

Sis. Mary Troxel is staying with Sis. Cora Levy. Cora is feeling better but is not able to be alone.

Timothy Todd is the name given to the fourth little son of Ernie and Dean Stoller. We are looking forward to the time when he will be able to sing in a quartet with his brothers.

My husband Elias with his family wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts, thoughts given and prayers offered for him, through his illness.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

Norene Koehl

A baby girl, Marcy Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Ernie Kellenberger Jr. on Feb. 12. She has a sister, Kerri Sue, and two brothers, Scott and Steven.

On March 4, a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Floyd Schmidgall. Welcoming their brother, John Henry, home are Pamela, Kayla, Jody Kim, Danny and Tommy.

Those who were hospitalized were Bro. Alvin Nohl, Sis. Stella Moser, Sis. Mabel Schmidgall, and Pamela Dogotch. They are all home now, recuperating nicely.

Bro. Neil Schmidgall and Alvin Nohl Jr. were home on leave for two weeks, after finishing boot training. They reported back to Ft. Sam on March 5. We enjoyed them with us, and pray that God will guide and protect them while they're serving this duty.

Bro. Noah Gerber and his family visited with us one Sunday. We thank him for bringing God's word to us in all truth.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

Elder Brother Sam Anliker ministered unto us Feb. 20. Sam was here to read the minutes of the elder meeting.

On February 26, Douglas Edward Farney was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie Farney. Grandparents are Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney.

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

The passing of our elder, Bro. Joe A. is keenly felt. Now we truly realize how much we needed and depended upon him. At his last visit here he said he had a warm feeling in his heart for us at Champaign. We too have a special warm feeling that we have known Bro. Joe and have been privileged to have him as our elder. We cherish his memory. Surely the "bread" he has cast upon the waters will continue to return unto us for many years to come in a rich harvest of souls.

Bros. Earl Kilgus, Remington; Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; and Walter Koehl, Fairbury, were God's instruments to wonderful blessings for large groups gathered at the Sunday services. Their touching exhortations to repentance surely went a long way to break any hold that Satan yet holds on the listening heart.

Bros. Joe Schrock, Congerville and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, taught our Wednesday evening Bible Classes. There is usually about forty gathered for these classes, which makes for nice evenings of blessings and fellowship. There is room for more—our friends and their friends are urged to join us.

The earth awakens. The grass, the trees, the flowers spring to new life. That which was "dead" is alive again. Our Lord Jesus Christ was once dead, in the grave, and all seemed lost. Then Easter morning, the empty tomb. He is risen! Today, this same Jesus comes, living in the heart, springing forth in new life.

MILFORD INDIANA**Marguerite Hoerr**

Bro. Ernest Krauter has made sufficient recovery from a stroke to be dismissed from the hospital and has returned to his home. His general health is good, but he has a partial paralysis; his gift of speech has not returned. We look back to the sincere prayers he has offered in our church assembly for the welfare of the church and its members, and we are thankful for his active part in our services. We can now show our thanks by offering prayers, individually, for his comfort and well-being.

An epidemic of flu has hit our community; the last few Sundays have found many of our members and friends absent from worship

because of illness. Our Sunday School attendance among the younger classes has been cut in half.

We were privileged to entertain the Francesville Bible Class and its teachers during the month of February. The same Sunday we were doubly blessed, as Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty was our guest speaker.

Two groups of ladies are using the church dining room for sewing projects for World Relief. Our beginning is small, but we hope to be faithful and diligent in this work.

OAKVILLE, IOWA**Martha Steiner**

Bro. Harry Bucher and his wife from Valparaiso visited us on Thursday evening, February 10. We were richly blessed by Bro. Harry's message from God.

Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott, Bro. Henry Kilgus from Forrest, and their wives spent Sunday, February 13, with us. We were certainly edified by the word of God.

Bro. Fred Marti and his wife from Lamar were with us on Sunday, February 27. We truly enjoyed a blessed day.

We bade farewell to Bro. Steve Gerst, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst, on February 13, as he was leaving our congregation to start his time with the armed forces of our country. We wish him God's blessing.

Friends Gerald and Bonnie Wagenbach have named their baby son Jeffrey Jay.

Mary Susan was born to Friend John Jr. and Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach on March 1. She is welcomed by three sisters and one brother.

Elizabeth Rocke, daughter of Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna Rocke, has been in the hospital with a combination of illnesses. She is now home and will need much rest.

Bro. Paul Butiofer of Elgin, Iowa, Bro. Ed Lanz and Bro. Harvey Heimiger of Oakville conducted the services of our monthly gathering in Iowa City. We welcome everyone who desires to attend.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**Carlton J. Lanz**

A little boy, James Edward, was born on February 25 to Bro. Emery and Sis. Muriel (Lanz) Fellows. His maternal grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Elsie Lanz. Also born was a little girl, Janet

Carol, on March 7 to Bro. Gene and Sis. Ellen (Zahner) Kupferschmid. Her grandparents are Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid, and Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Zahner.

Bro. Joe A. Getz has gone to his reward! His death to us perhaps might seem somewhat untimely, yet we must believe that God knows best. It indeed brings sorrow to our hearts to have to part with brothers and men like him—we need them. The fine qualities, he possessed, his high ideals and his strict observance in keeping engagements etc. made him respected and beloved by all who had known him. We mourn his passing.

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We extend sincere best wishes and congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Allen Paul Cordrey, who exchanged nuptial vows on February 12. Prior to her marriage, the bride was Miss Sandra Lee Mawer; the groom is the son of Bro. Donald and Sis. Naomi Cordrey.

Bro. Raymond and Sis. Carol Cordrey have been blessed with the arrival of a baby daughter, on February 25. A sister and two brothers also welcome the new baby.

Our prayers continue for those who are sick and have been in the hospital. We are thankful for the recovery of Sis. Mary Sauder (Mrs. Wm.) and little Marvin Beer, who are both attending church again. Sis. Betty Gilliom has returned home and is regaining her strength, after undergoing major surgery recently. May our Heavenly Father continue to shower His love on each of our shut-ins, during their lonely hours.

We also welcome back Sis. Elizabeth Griffon, who was missing from our congregation for a number of months, as she convalesced at the home of her daughter in Lake Milton, Ohio.

What is Easter?

Easter is promise of tomorrow,
The sweet oblivion of all sorrow.
Easter is faith and eternal life—
The death of pain—triumph over
strife.

Easter is hope—a victory won
As man lives again through God's
own Son.

“ . . . God forbid that I should
glory, save in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, by whom the world
is crucified unto me, and I unto the
world,” Galatians 6:14

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As we think of the approaching Easter season, we are reminded that the death on the cross of our dear Lord and Saviour was for one purpose—OUR SOUL'S SALVATION! Truly this came to mind in a recent sermon, when we were reminded that if we ask often enough, earnestly enough, and sincere enough, God will surely hear our prayers. We were asked, "If you could have the one thing you desired most in this morning hour, what would it be?" "If you are not a child of God, it ought to be salvation", we were told. If we are not a child of God, we are condemned already, under a sentence of death. We know His death on the cross can not save us from this penalty unless we have our names recorded in that great Book as having been born again . . . Those of us who have found this great salvation, is it not a wonderful faith and confidence to be able to say, Death is but the Gateway to Life Eternal"? This is certainly shown to us in the words of the hymn, "The Death of a Christian", which we sang at the close of the service.

When a Christian dies, precious is the prize!

Lasting joys for days of sorrow,
Rest from conflict on the morrow
Follows when he dies, follows when he dies.

A Christian's demise breaks all earthly ties.

When the night of death is over,
Spring eternal he'll discover.
When a Christian dies, glorious dawn will rise.

It seems we have had a number of our group absent with various illnesses; we trust that all may soon be well and back with us. We miss every one.

Bro. and Sis. Carl and Louise Rager recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were pleasantly surprised when spending a Sunday in Toledo with their son and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Walter and Sharon. May the Lord bless them with many more happy years of marriage.

"Grandma Kick", as she is known to many of us, recently celebrated her 87th birthday, and wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors who remembered her. She is the mother of Sis. Thelma Kipfer, and has been staying with Bro. and Sis. Albert and Thelma. Her health has not been as good in recent months, and therefore she has not been able to assemble with us. We trust the Lord will continue to bless her and her dear ones who care for her.

Bro. and Sis. Sy and Velma Fulkerson have had word from their son, Terry, of his safe arrival in Schwabach, Germany, which is near the Swiss border. He writes his travels included jet, airplane, boat and bus. He described the town as small, but settled in a beautiful spot surrounded by mountains. May the Lord remember him during his separation from his family and loved ones.

How often we receive a blessing when we visit the sick, the aged, the widows and widowers. This we found especially so, when we were to visit a dear sister recently. It makes one wonder why we don't do more often those things which can bring us great joy and blessing, beside being a command from our Lord.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA
Lillian Pfister - Delores Messerli

Life is a story in volumes three: the past, the present, and the yet-to-be. The first is finished and laid away; the second we are reading day by day. The third and the last of the volumes is locked from sight; God keeps the key. May our lovely Lord grant us, Thankfulness for the past, Courage for the present, and Hope for the future.

No talent, no self-denial, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

Our beloved sister in faith, Gerry Messner, wife of minister Harold Messner has been confined to complete bed rest. We are hoping she will soon be her usual energetic self again. We know with God's help all things are possible. Her address is Gaylord, Minnesota 55334.

It was a real joy to have our lovely aged sister, Ida Miller, as-

semble with us on Sunday March 6, as she hadn't been with us for several Sundays, and we always miss her.

BELOVED BROTHER IN CHRIST, . . . CONCERNING THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN MISSION FUND.

Bro. Schrock has been treasurer of this for many years. At the conference, I was appointed to take over this work. Although it was announced at the meeting and is in the memorandum, unfortunately many of our brethren are not aware of this change, and consequently are forwarding their contributions to Bro. Schrock at Burlington, Iowa. This requires that he countersign them, mail them to me, where they have to be resigned again and then deposited in the bank here. Then I acknowledge each contribution. It is not only a delay, but requires duplication and the possibility of losing some of these funds. Checks should be made payable to the Apostolic Christian Mission Fund, sent to me at either my home, preferably, or at our church in Detroit. Individuals may request specific payment of their funds or a portion thereof to a particular work, but in general we apply it to the general fund. Withdrawals are made after the elders who serve on that committee give their approval, or have given their approval in the past. The monies in this fund are used to carry on the work in the Orient, in Alabama, and San Antonio, or wherever it is felt that the elder brethren can support the work. . . . Ben Maibach."

Time is edging ever closer to conclusion. In eternity there is no chance to change. A friend is dear to our hearts. Here we have a nice day. The sun comes up. Breath is given. If it was too late, if the gate, the beautiful gate was beyond ever reaching, how sad. Ah soon, how soon approaching night.

Because it shines with God's love, **The Silver Lining** is good to send your loved one . . . But once this way we pass. Now we have them. Go, seek that one that walks eternity's edge . . . We cannot count the cost, should they slip away.