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WHY READ THE BIBLE

Bro. Fred E. Grimm, Taylor

Dear bro. . . . One morning . . . I woke up early, and a voice seemed to say to me "Write an article about the Bible." I prayed to the Lord and said, "Dear Lord, if I am to write an article on the Bible, please tell me what to write. I will hold the pen, but will Thou place in my mind the things I should write. I will give Thee all the credit. I will have no credit for it, for I can do nothing without Thy help." I took out my pen and began to write . . . I didn't have to think of what to write. The Lord revealed it to me as fast as I could write, and finally He stopped and I stopped writing.

What a valuable book is the Bible. No doubt all who will read this are convinced that it is the word of God and it is the only source of instructions available to us which is entirely reliable. We all believe that God is the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is contained in them. Therefore, he created us, and could we think that such a wonderful, great God and Creator would create man without giving him thorough instructions of His holy will? The word of God has been preserved down through the ages for this purpose, to make available to us as to how we are to live if we wish to spend eternity with Him, in perfect joy and bliss.

Many of our brethren and friends spend much time reading the Bible, and our brethren pray to the Lord for grace and guidance to do His holy will But we occasionally hear that by some this is greatly neglected. The word of God is our spiritual food, and how can we live and grow spiritually when we do not partake of this bread of life? Does not our experience in our earthly life prove that we must eat regularly and have a balanced diet, or we may become ill and possibly approach death? So is it with our spiritual life! We must partake of the word daily or the spirit becomes weak, and as we neglect the word the spirit within us may die.

A faithful brother and elder, who is now departed from us and as we believe is with the Lord, gave this interesting illustration to us in a sermon many years ago. He said, "The Bible is like a carpenter's blueprint. He builds the house according to the blueprint, and so he goes to it several times a day to read the instructions, so the house may be correctly built. We are building a spiritual house, and we need to refer to the Bible every day, because it is our spiritual blue-

and pray for forgiveness and for grace to do better in the future And what a consolation it is that our Lord Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Heavenly Father and is our high priest who liveth forever (a priest after the order of Melchisedec), who makes intercessions for us to the Heavenly Father. If we pray fervently each day for grace and help, the Lord will not forsake us.

In prayer we talk to God. By reading the word, our Lord speaks to us. How wonderful it is that we have this two-way means of communication with our Lord!

LOOKING OVER THE DIVIDE

A mist or a sheet of rain is thin when the blue shines through.

Beautiful Home Is Ahead!

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed **them** unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen"

print, and only by regularly consulting it can we rightly build our spiritual house." This made a great impression on me, a young brother at that time in my early twenties. I have thought of this dear brother's advice numberless times, and it has encouraged me to follow his instructions to read in the Bible every day to find out His will. Even then, I feel that I often err, but the word reminds me of it, and I flee to our merciful Father in heaven

Already in the old testament, God gave the faithful instruction to the faithful ones, as to how important it is to daily read the word of God. We could give countless examples, but let us refer to instructions given by God to the faithful servant, Joshua, when Joshua was about to lead the children of Israel into the promised land of Caanan. Read Joshua, chapter 1 verse 8: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Sometimes people make remarks like this: "This is in the old testament, and we're living in the new." This is true, but God does not change in as important things as this. The "book of the law" of the old testament was for them the same as the Bible is or us today. Sometimes the people are misinformed and claim the law is no longer for us. It is true that Christ fulfilled the law, but he did not abolish it. We are fortunate people if we will give heed to the instructions God gave to the people of the old testament. It is true that the ceremonial law which taught them to bring animals as a sacrifice, and

that various foods were forbidden to be eaten, and the becoming defiled by touching dead bodies, etc., have all been eliminated by Christ's death and resurrection. It is true that He and the apostles have given us new teachings, but everything contained in the ten commandments has been restated by Christ and the apostles, with only one change, and that is the day of worship.

We read sometimes today that the Catholics changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, but this is wrong. They have made many other changes with which we cannot agree, but it was Jesus Christ who changed the day of worship. Saturday is truly the Sabbath of the Jews, and it was a commemoration of the finished creation. God made the earth and all that is here in six days and rested on the seventh day and called it the Sabbath (Saturday) . . . But Jesus Christ arose from the grave on the first day of the week, which is Sunday, and the apostles began immediately to use this as their day of worship. It is the commemoration of the finished redemption, which replaces the commemoration

of the finished creation. Christ made it plain on the cross when He said, "It is finished", found in the gospel of John 19, verse 30. We are following the examples of Christ and His apostles to worship on Sunday, or more properly called, **The Lord's Day**. The Jewish Sabbath is definitely on Saturday, and we may be slightly in error when we call Sunday the Sabbath, unless we plainly understand it to be the Christian Sabbath. People like the Seventh Day Adventists accuse us of sinning by not keeping the Sabbath (Saturday), but they are entirely wrong. This was for Jews only. We, in the day of grace, follow the Lord and the apostles' examples to gather on the resurrection day, the first day of the week, or the Lord's day (Sunday).

There is another scripture that shows the importance of reading the word. It is Psalms 119, verse 9, "Wherewithal shall a young man" (or anyone) "cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word". Verse 11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee". We can't very well hide His word in our heart if we don't read it. In the new

testament we read in II Timothy 2, verse 15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Our Lord Jesus tells us how important the word of God is. In Matthew 4, verse 4, He said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". Only the most important sayings of the Lord are recorded in the Bible. In the gospel of John, chapter 21, verse 25, we read, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." From this statement it is very plain that the things which are written in the Bible are of greatest importance. So if it was found important enough to record the 4th verse in Matthew 4, where Jesus plainly said that **We shall live by every word of God**, it must be important for us to read His word, the Bible, every day, so that our spirit may live, and not die and end up in eternal destruction.

(To be continued next issue)

BRO. GEISTLICH AND HOME

Monday, Sept. 17 (1866). On the ocean . . . I noticed several times a passenger beside me, who had a nice photograph of someone. I presume it was his beloved one, which he looked at eagerly. At last this became interesting to me, taking from it a lesson, thinking that I too shall have such a desire for Jesus my beloved one, with whom I am eternally united and obligated, and spiritually carry His picture and image deep in my heart . . . We only shall be concerned as to how we can become more like this image of Christ.

Today a longing came over me for the church . . . There is no doubt that our churches and assemblies are appreciated far too little. Those that can partake or enjoy them continuously, appreciate the assemblies most when they have them no more. Therefore, we have the important admonishment: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.

Tuesday, Sept. 18. Weather rainy and stormy. This morning we saw the coast of England. As it was very foggy and rainy, and a strong wind blowing, being about one quarter of a mile from the coast, we barely missed hitting a large rock, which are numerous in the channel. If the merciful God had not watched over us, all could easily have perished, but the good Shepherd saved us.

Thursday, Sept. 20. On the sea. Weather fair. If the faith and love through the Holy Spirit are working together we can overcome the world and all the obstacles we meet in our daily life. With our ship of faith, we sail through sorrows and death into that eternal haven of peace . . . After landing here in the harbor, we took a train into Bremen. From there we took a train to Vegesach, arriving at 7 o'clock. The brethren here were filled with joy . . .

Friday, Sept. 21. Bro. Legemann read the 145th Psalm. These words became very important to me, which reads: "The LORD is nigh

unto all them that call upon him . . . He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them." God can and will not forsake His children.

Sunday, Sept. 23. Vegesach. This morning I felt very much burdened, but after a vigorous prayer to God, I felt somewhat better. I read several chapters in the New Testament, in Hebrews chapter 5, which was especially important to me . . . How the Son of God had many heavy hours, sorrow and pain until He had ended this life's journey. He had to call and pray, with voice and tears, to His Heavenly Father. I could feel many times on my trip how true God is in all His promises to them that honor Him. O how good is it if the Lord can, in His love and grace, reveal Himself to us and fill our hearts with light and love. Whosoever says he knows God, must also show it with his works here.

Wednesday, Sept. 26. Frankfort, Germany . . . From here we went to Heidelberg and then to Flins-

bach, where there was great joy among the dear brethren as we arrived.

Thursday, Sept. 27. I was very glad among the dear brethren, who came from all directions, from Neuhoef and Willenbach. All rejoiced in my safe return. To whom must I be thankful for it all? To my dear God and Father in Heaven . . . I am unworthy of all the good the Lord did to me.

Sunday, Sept. 30. At Strasburg, France. Today I felt fairly well. This forenoon we held a members' meeting. In the afternoon we had a funeral, burying the late Sis. Krutemann. Many brethren went along

to the grave. With the help of the Lord I preached the funeral sermon. We sang the 104th hymn at the grave.

Tuesday, Oct. 2. At Basel, Switzerland. Today we arrived in Basel. This evening there was church. I was very glad to see the dear brethren at Basel again face to face.

Wednesday, Oct. 3. Today is the day when I can see and greet my dear loved ones again. We left Basel . . . for Zurich . . . Many brethren were at the depot and greeted us with a hearty welcome. O how sweet it is to meet again. In the evening we had church . . .

Thursday, Oct. 4. Today I am again in Zurich . . . here is undoubtedly a glorious church, which the Lord has chosen and gathered to be His, whom He loves. I was greatly delighted in the spirit here at Zurich. This afternoon we left for Meilen, my earthly home, on a steamboat.

Now I am again in my earthly home. Praise and thanks be to God, who made all things glorious . . . So God would end His great work in us. How will it be, in that glorious Heaven, when we are united in great joy, and have gathered around the Lamb, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEWARE THE DANGER

Henry Souder Jr.

Mighty efforts are made to move in space. Count-down and blast-off, man soaring skyward. He must conquer many mistakes and obstacles.

Our flight is to the city of God. Above the raging torrents we follow a path to cloudless blue. Hazards that would surely ground are pointed out in our detailed instruction.

Compounded trouble would soon follow, if we did not pay attention.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;"

Pride of wrong sends the soul away from God. Once saved grown darkened is shown in sharp outline by the almighty searchlight of God. Amongst the flock that is trusted and loved they would if they could destroy viciously.

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

How far out is the last star? Where is the path of the last beam of light? How deep are the bars of eternity? Ageless will be the anguish that finds no answer to any cry.

Only in the Lord Jesus is perfect assurance. Perfect love casts out fear. His word has keeping power.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh

with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Sad, heart-rending, is eternal farewell. Sad will it be to the unsaved to see the company they must depart with.

Enoch uttered his words many years ago. The Father has in His mind the day and hour the Lord will come. Time **must** pass. We, all of us, will be at judgment day. How shall that be when Jesus is really in sight as Judge? There will be order in this court. Swift, sure, examination. Just, perfect, deserved decision.

" . . . But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."

Forewarned is forearmed. False theories can't forewarn. They are like idols. They can't move. They never have done any good at all.

Some walk away from God. The Scripture points it out plainly: "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit."

Avoid them, another passage says. Drifting too far from shore, until too late? How little the day!

The hour hastens. How much a humble move to return would gain:

eternity, joyous bliss, loved ones in the for ever.

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Building, praying, keeping, looking. God charts the course. The ship soars closer and closer to destination.

Something good to be done. Building, on the job-in the home-at church. (Why entertain tear-down thoughts?) Praying in the Spirit. He provides our words; He keeps our words at His home. Here is power to soar.

Keep . . . a hiding place from tortuous thoughts and tired thinking. In His love are the bright

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lights of home. The shining atmosphere, the brilliant glow of sweetness scatters the frown.

Little mistake, graded, the mark is somewhat less than perfect. Then a lovely look to our Lord. He has promised mercy unto eternal life.

"And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire: hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

There is a compassionate heart of tender love . . . And there is His desire to save one even in the fire of sin. We are happy that the scripture shows this care and concern of Jesus. There is a detailed description, a way where the heart is willing and humble. Such passages as I Corinthians 5, some of II Corinthians 2, and here show God's tender care. The church is given the caution of the Scriptures.

We want all there. For some, it

is just what is needed to gain and attain, the greatness of the mercy of God, holding at all costs. The joy of looking at Him and being with Him goes far beyond our richest dreams.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,"

(That day, if we make it through, we shall see . . . and be eternally in His presence to praise.)

"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Isn't it worthwhile to do all we can for each other?

From Bro. Ed's Newsletter:

There is a supposedly true story about a man who was lost in the

Canadian backwoods, and came across a crowd of settlers gathered around a fire listening to an orator. The orator was trying to "prove" that there is no God, no heaven, no hell, and no eternity. When the orator stopped, this man stood up and spoke. "My friends, I'm not going to make a long speech, for I am very tired; but I'll tell you a little true story. A few weeks ago I was walking along the river not far from here. I heard a cry of distress, and saw a canoe drifting downstream and nearing the rapids. There was a single man in the boat. He knew he was near the falls. I heard him scream, 'Oh if I must lose my life, have mercy on my soul!' I plunged into the water, reached his canoe, dragged him to land and saved him. The man I heard praying to God to save his soul when he thought no one was near, is the man that just addressed you."

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Dianne Emch

The last Thursday night in May marked the end of our Bible Class sessions until June 23, when they resume during the summer term.

Our speakers during the month of May were Bros. Joe Schrock, Josh Broquard, Joe Kaisner, and Ed Alt. May God bless them for their efforts.

At the close of each school year we elect new officers. Those elected for the 1966-67 school year are Bros. Marvin Hodel and Wayne Drayer, as president and vice-president, and Sis. Susan Rapp as secretary. We wish them God's blessings in their new duties.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

May 1 . . . Our visitors today came from Bluffton. They were Bro. and Sis. Feichter and Mrs. Staffer. They are sisters to Bro. Harry Frauhiger. He is in New York in the hospital recuperating from his operation. We were very glad to have them in our midst, and we thank them for the visit. It is remarkable how members can live so far apart, and yet in the spirit can be so close together. When we met, it only took a few minutes to get acquainted. It seemed we knew each other all our lives. It is a wonderful thing when the hearts are filled with love; it is the greatest

gift that a soul can receive in this life.

Paul, the apostle writes in one of his letters, If we would give everything we have to the poor, if we would give our bodies to be burnt, but would not have this love, it would profit us nothing. How fortunate are we that we can speak a language the world knows not, the language of love. If we want to enter into rest, we have to know how to speak this language. We have to learn it in this life and time not only learn it, but also practice it everyday.

Death claimed one of our friends, Emil Buehler Jr. His parents were members in our church, for many years. He started to come to church after being absent for many years, and there was hope that he may make headway. Bro. John Bahler, our elder made a special trip from Rockville to talk to him and to tell him how important it is to be on the safe side; he was concerned about Emil. Soon after that, Emil stayed away, and we did not see him anymore, until we went to see his body in Schlemm's Funeral Parlor. Last Saturday his remains were turned over to mother earth. There he will sleep until that day.

If only our many friends, who are up in years, would pause for a minute and think, "What would happen to me if I would be called suddenly?" They all stand on slippery ground, unless they turn and seek

the Lord while He yet can be found.

Sunday the 8th . . . today we went to the house of God, in the hope and trust that He would bless us. We were few in number, but the Lord remembered us. He filled our hearts with heavenly gifts. We could feel that He was among us with his love, His peace and His mercy. He is just as much concerned over a few as He is over many, because He purchased all His children with the precious blood of His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us never forget from whence we came and where we are going.

One thing we have to keep in mind, that our hearts have to be filled with brotherly love if we want to reach that promised land of which we have heard today. Faith and hope and love adorn heart and mind of all true Christians, but faith and hope will pass away when we from believing go to seeing. There we have to hope no more; we do not have to believe anymore, because we believed here in this world and time.

We must not only love our friends, we must also love our enemies. It is hard to love enemies, but it can be done with the help and grace of God. If we only love those that love us, and hate those that hate us, we are the same as the world. God in His love carries all mankind. He feeds the good and

the bad. He lets the sun come up over righteous and unrighteous, and lets the rain come down over good and bad. Jesus gave His life for His enemies.

A contractor bought three neglected houses in my neighborhood. They are built together. He intended to remodel them. He made a very good beginning. He put a new roof on; he put new windows in; he shingled the houses in the front all white . . . but there he stopped. For months, nothing was done. When they will be completed, nobody knows. Here are three houses. Nobody goes in or out. There is no light, no heat, no water. The outside looks good, but the inside is useless; I see them everyday.

It made me think, What would it help us if we would look good on the outside, but our hearts would be dark and cold. The Lord does not enter into a dark and cold heart. We must see to it that our hearts are filled with oil, and our lights are shining bright. We often have sung a hymn, Watch and pray that when the Master cometh, be it morning, noon or night, He can find a light in every window . . .

It would indeed be sad if we would make a good beginning or would reach a good middle but would not be able to come to a good end. We could not tell someone else to finish it for us; it is entirely up to us. If we watch and pray, surely the Lord will give us strength and grace, so we can bring our house of faith (which we started to build almost fifty years ago) to a blessed ending.

I often think of David, the servant of God. He loved the Lord from little on. The Lord loved him; He called him a man according to my heart. I wish I could be called the same. David only made two big mistakes in his life, one when he counted Israel, which cost him seventy thousand. The Lord in His mercy felt sorry, and He told the angel, It is enough; put away your sword.

The other big mistake he made was when he killed Uriah, the reason we know. The prophet, Nathan came to him and compared him with a rich man that had everything he wanted, yet he was not satisfied. He went and took what the poor man had and that was close to his heart. David got very angry, and he said the man that did this thing surely has to die. I think he was surprised when Nathan told

him, You are the man; you did this thing. You are worthy of death. David repented, but the Lord punished him for this. Let us walk carefully, like the poet says in that hymn, in order to avoid punishment.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, May 25 . . . we were blessed in rich measure through the word of God. We were reminded of the times we are living in. The brother did not add anything unto it, nor did he take anything away. It was the pure word of God, proclaimed in the strength and power of God. I for one do not believe that in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah the people were lower than what they are now. The Lord has mercy on the millions of people in the world.

Bro. Harry is still in the hospital. We hope and pray that he will soon be with us again.

Sun., the 22nd . . . today we had many brothers and sisters from Rockville visiting us; it was a blessing to have them in our midst; we thank them. Especially do we thank our elder brother, John Bahler, and Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl for bringing the word of God unto us. (We are indeed fortunate that we have shepherds that are willing to serve us with the bread and water of life. They will be rewarded in heaven.) Precious words were spoken by them; if we do what we were told, we have nothing to fear. The Lord will stand by us until the end of the world. Let us not grow weary to do what we can in the name of the Lord. Soon the day will be at the end, and the righteous will then celebrate the year of jubilee.

In the morning hour, we were warned not to listen to the strange voices that surround us daily, and tell us to go here and there. They try to get us mixed up so we should lose the narrow path. In the afternoon, we were told of the mercy of our heavenly Father, how glad He was that his son which was lost was found. He knew everything, so He did not ask him any questions.

Bro. Harry Frauhiger is back in school again, after spending seven weeks in the hospital. I hear he is getting along very nice. We thank God for that; He is always good to His children.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

While gaining their educational knowledge, we trust our children will not put this ahead of their spiritual growth. Ron Banwart, son of Arthur and Madeline Banwart, has graduated from Northwest Missouri State College, and will teach at New Market, Iowa, this fall. Eli Wirtz, son of Fred and Sis. Hulda Wirtz will graduate from University of Iowa June 10, and plans to enroll in law school. Our high school graduates this spring are: Beverly Mogler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler; Pat Banwart, daughter of Art and Madeline Banwart; Dennis Fehr, son of Sis. Nima Fehr; Linda Gerber, daughter of Eli and Pearl Gerber; Gloria Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger; Arlene Anliker, daughter of Elmer and Agnes Anliker; Harlan Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Alice Metzger; and Wayne Banwart, son of Bro. and Sis. Albert and Betty Banwart.

Our Bible Class enjoyed having their school friends gather with them for an evening of singing and a tour of our new church. We will have our open house on June 19, and dedication is planned for July 3.

Ron Schafer is slowly recovering from a knee injury received sometime ago. Sis. Lena Grimm is improving, after a lengthy illness of flu and complications. Brent, son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Evie Bruellman is hospitalized for ear infection.

Our Father

That we may know true humility,
Teach us to accept correction,
yes, and reproof.

(That we may know gladness,
Let us bear without complaint
the salt of tears,
Mingled with food and drink.

That we may know the happiness
of receiving His blessings,
Let us know the great happiness
of giving.)

(That grace may be shared to us,
Let us stand before Him

with an open heart, that it
may be filled with His love.

That we may live in faith,
Let us believe wholly in
The substance of things hoped for;
the evidence of things not seen.)

That we may know the fullness
of joy,
Lead us to eternity with Thee.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer are the parents of a baby girl, Donita Sue, born May 19. Bro. and Sis. Vernon Bucher of La Crosse and Sis. Emma Furrer are the grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted on May 26 for Lena (Oberlander) Dallinger. She was a sister of Sis. Rosie Stoller and Bro. Albert Oberlander.

We were richly blessed recently, when Bro. Loren Stoller of the Latty church spent a day with us. In the morning he reminded us of the necessity of setting our sights on heaven, and not looking back or taking our eyes from the goal. He compared our life's journey to a man walking behind a plow. If he for even a moment takes his eyes off the mark, the furrow becomes crooked, and many are the rounds it often takes to again make it straight.

One of his points in the afternoon was that "the reason the bad gets so bad is that the good gives up too quickly." How often are we prone, rather than to admonish a brother or sister, that we feel we would rather not get involved or think it is up to our elder to take care of it. As Bro. Loren brought out, our shepherds do not enjoy being hated anymore than we do, and if it were not for the support and prayers, our shepherds could not do their job. They need each one of us to do our part, and their work will be much easier. We must remember, we each have a job to do, and may we, with the help of God, do it to His name's praise and honor.

Our Sunday School is joining the Remington Sunday School this year for Vacation Bible School, being held June 6-10.

JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

During May, most beautiful weather here in Japan there is usually, but these days were very bad and miserable, which we ever had before. Anyway, the Lord is blessing us every day.

Our sister, Atsumi Takai and her husband have newborn baby girl, and mother and daughter are all

fine. I wish the Lord's Father give her strong faith and knowledge for teaching her child for glorifying Him.

I went to the country church at Shioda, instead of Sis. Asakawa, for about four weeks, and found it a very difficult place and also difficult way for the Ehnles, who will move there and shepherd our sheep there. We need your daily prayer.

As you know, we Japanese people are more dramatic, more realistic and formal. So people real like more religious atmosphere. (When you study Shinto and Buddha, then you probably could understand what I would like to say. Even Buddhism is different between Japan and other countries, like Burma, Thai and Vietnam.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We have had a wet cold spring, which has hampered the farmers in getting in the crops. We had a freeze that killed most of the fruit and injured many of the trees. Warm weather has now come; everything is pretty and green and the crops growing, so we have only to think that perhaps these are proving times, when we must learn to wait on the Lord and be thankful for everything He gives. We have had such an abundance for so many years, so perhaps may have to do with less one of these years.

Sis. Lena Bach, who is visiting in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Bro. John and Sis. Louise Joos and Mary Lou, observed her 91st birthday early in May. She was pleased with all the cards from her many friends, and wishes to thank each one for remembering her. We are thankful that she is enjoying fairly good health and has been able to come to church to worship with us. May she enjoy many blessings in her sunset years.

Bro. Silas Leuthold became very ill and spent several days in the hospital, where he underwent a number of tests. He has recovered nicely and is about his duties again. Sis. Delores Baer had nose surgery recently, and is also recovering, able to be about again. Sis. Marie Eberle and Larry, Barry Streitmatter and Sharon DeWolfe are all at home again, following an auto accident, and well on the road to recovery. Sis. LaVonne Kieser and small son, Wesley, were involved in an auto accident. They were not

seriously injured, but little Wesley's face had a number of cuts, which required a few stitches. They are healing nicely. Don Streitmatter is home convalescing from an emergency appendectomy. We are thankful that all are recovering so well.

A son was born May 27 to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Jacqueline (Stahl) Rumbold. Myron Herman was welcomed by a little brother Brian.

Bros. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, LeRoy Huber of Eureka, Harvey Grimm of Sabetha, and Henry Sabo of Mansfield were all with us one Sunday recently. We were privileged to sit in heavenly places and listen to precious teachings. We heard much of the Lord's return. Are you ready? Am I? We also heard how a kernel of grain must die before it sends up new shoots, which in turn produces a whole ear of grain. Likewise, our natural body must be dead to sin, and we walk in newness of life, striving daily to help our fellowman.

As our body of members assembled to partake of the Lord's supper, we were reminded how the loaf contains many grains, and as it is broken, as the Lord's body was broken for us, our own self will should also be broken, submissive and esteeming our brother higher than ourselves. We should surely feel it a privilege to share this feast with our loved ones, and trust that we can be closer bound together.

Bro. Larry Endress was permitted about three weeks at home, to help his father put in the crops, before being sent to Viet Nam. Marvin Eberle had a short visit at home before being sent to Germany, but Eugene Rumbold didn't have the privilege to get home before going to France. His parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl went to see him before he left. Sam Martin Jr. has been inducted into the army and is receiving training at Ft. Sam Houston. May the Lord be near these young men as they face new experiences, and may they feel the Lord's nearness at all times.

Our churches are havens where we can gather and find fellowship, comfort, solace and peace. For those who cannot assemble together, may they find comfort talking with Jesus in prayer. He likes simple prayers straight from the heart, and is willing to listen to the most humble plea. He is ready to help all those who are willing to listen.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a large barn of Bro. Nathan Martin. Several sows were burned, when they ran back into the barn and could not be driven out. There was some hay and dairy equipment lost.

Many young folks are graduating from various schools: grades, high school, college, nursing etc. We congratulate all and wish them success, as they venture toward new goals. Many lessons are learned in life and many goals won, but the most important school of learning is the School of the Cross, and the greatest achievement gained is when the roll is called up yonder, and our names are numbered among the victorious.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. Frank Lambert, from Witchita, ministered unto us May 29. We thank him for his inspiring message.

Bro. John Heinold and Bro. Will Jacob are home from the hospital, convalescing from heart ailments. Thanks be to God for His great love and tender mercy, which he has bestowed unto us. He has answered our prayers. We pray and trust that He will continue to be merciful and watch over us.

O Lord, Our God,

In whom we live and have our being.
We pray for thy presence now and in the hours ahead.
Help us to find rest in Thee.
Grant that as the mystery of sleep draws near
We may forget everything but Thy fatherly care.
Remove from the mind any worry or undue concern
With the assurance that thou art awake and watching.
And wilt care for us.
Then in the morning when we awaken,
Be thou near to guide us through the day,
Safely upon the way to recovery of health and strength.
To this end bless the physician and the nurse in their work,
And give us the courage and peace for which we pray.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the brothers, sisters and friends of the truth, for cards, gifts and the prayers that were of-

fered for us during our stay at the hospital and while convalescing at home. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness. John Heinold and Will Jacob.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Edison Gutwein

We have so much joy to report this month. God now has six more converted children, as these were baptized: Evelyn Pelsy, Kathy Gray, Suzanne Cook, Carol Albrecht, Virginia Von Tobel, and Frederick Gutwein. These most willing elders were with us, Noah Schrock, Joe Waibel, George Yergler and Irvin Lehman. One of the converts said, "I not only pray when I kneel and bow my head, but when I walk and sit."

There were also five from our congregation who graduated from high school: Charlene Anliker, Vicky Bucher, Gordon Gutwein, Allen Pelsy, and Roger Ward. At church then, on a Sunday evening gathering they were each presented a Bible. We all wish God to be their Guide, and Good to be their Goal.

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Diane (Gutwein) Vogt gave a hearty welcome to a baby girl, named Lily Liana.

Sis. Angela Von Tobel was in the hospital a couple weeks, suffering from a fall on her front steps. She and we all will be thankful when she can assemble with us at church services again.

We were asked to tell why the church means so much to us—It is God's house, and whom do we love more than Him? No words can explain the "Love of God" and "How Great Thou Art".

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

At this writing, Sis. Katherine Grawburg is still hospitalized. Our prayers go out for her recovery and for His grace and strength to sustain her through these trying days.

Jill Steffen, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna, was hospitalized with bronchitis, but is better again.

On May 15, Elder Bro. Geo. Sinn united in Holy Matrimony Sis. Kate Oesch and Bro. Carl Wheeler. May God bless them in this new life together, and may he abide in their home and hearts, binding them in a threefold cord not lightly rent apart.

There have been two births this past month. On May 24 a son, The-

odore Grant was born to Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen. A little sister, Renee welcomes Teddy, too. On May 29 a daughter, Angela Marie was born to Darrell and Mary Schutte—their first child. Her grandparents are Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte.

Congratulations to all our graduates of '66. They are Susan Schutte, Donna Steffen and Kenneth Oesch.

Dear Graduates:

This is a big event for you, your first bridge, and you have crossed it! Now, what does the future hold for me, you ask?

There are decisions to make, burdens to bear, heartaches to carry, and happiness and joy, grief and pain to experience. There is love to be shared, and a longing to find peace of mind.

If you ask Christ Jesus to dwell in your heart and guide your footsteps through life, then the bridges you must cross will be only the ones He chooses for you.

With this thought in mind I close my letter: Oh, that my Saviour were your Saviour, too. In Christian Love, Loretta.

June 5 was the Sunday set aside for Open House, to welcome all our friends and family to our new edifice of worship. The visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Beer and Ben Maibach. Bro. Ben held the services and spoke a very inspiring sermon. We should not feel justified by the number of members of a church, but rather seek to serve God with a pure and obedient heart, fellowshiping with others of the same faith and mind.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Bro. Erwin Wieland has been hospitalized and has had an operation, but he is now home and doing fine. Sis. Ellen Wackerle had minor surgery, but is doing well.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Carol Broquard have become the parents of a baby daughter.

Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford was with us, and Holy Communion was held. We all had a very blessed day. It was wonderful to once again partake of the bread and wine, to remember the great sacrifice that our dear Lord and Saviour bore for us all, a sacrifice we should have borne for ourselves. He took our place, and now all we have to do is give

our lives to Him, and let our Saviour use us as His instruments for His purposes, if we only repent and live for Him.

Dear friends, it is so simple, to give our Lord your heart and live for Him each day.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Shut-ins: The following have been hospitalized during the past month, Sisters Mrs. Claren Gehring, Edna Gerber, Mrs. John Baumgartner, Martha Heyerly, Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Joel Gerber . . . Wishing you a speedy recovery, and hope you will be able to fellowship with us soon.

Births: May 14 a son, Lonnie Ray to Bro. and Sis. Phil Moser. May 17 a daughter, Peggy Lou to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Pfister. May 19 a son, Kenyon Gene to Bro. and Sis. Ron Kaehr.

Mark 1:15 "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." The following dear souls have yielded to the call, Connie Isch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harry Isch, and Stanley Biberstein.

Wedding: June 5, Sis. Linda Fiechter and Bro. Michael Dubach were united in marriage by Bro. John Yergler. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Walter Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Leonard Dubach. The marriage vows which were spoken—are the things you promise to do. With faith and God's blessing to guide you . . . Your marriage depends upon you.

Engagement: Friend Betty Steffen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Steffen, has announced her engagement to David Smeltzer.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Funeral services for Sis. Mary Rieger Armbruster, 77, were held May 17 with Bros. Elias Somerholder and Ronald Nelson officiating.

Sis. Mary was born in Morton and passed away at her home in Burlington after a lengthy illness. Her husband, Jacob, preceded her in death in 1959.

Survivors include two sons, Walter and Robert of Cherokee, Okla.; three daughters, Lillian Norris of Oklahoma City, Helen Howig of Mission, Kan. and Alma of home (who tenderly cared for her mother for several years); four brothers

and three sisters.

Bro. Clarence Yackley and family of Phoenix stopped off here on their way home from a visit east, and had evening services, which we enjoyed very much. Bro. Clarence also had short services in the afternoon at the Memorial Manor Rest Home in Cherokee for Sis. Lydia Ott and Fredericka Schif, who are residents there.

We are happy to announce that three of our friends, Mrs. Mrytle Rathgeber and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frieden have received peace and are anxiously waiting baptism.

Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, assisted by Bro. George Lambert of Wichita, officiated at the funeral services for Sis. Dora Kraft Diel, June 6. Sis. Dora, age 53, passed away at the Kiowa District Hospital, following a lengthy illness of cancer.

Survivors include her husband Earl; three daughters, Charlotte Meyers of Anthony, Kan., Joyce Strait of Enid, Okla. and Connie Starks, Manchester, Okla.; six grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Our visitors the past month have been as follows—Bro. Henry Manz from Junction, Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville, Bro. Verlin Stoller from Fort Wayne.

Another friend has found it worthwhile to turn to the Lord in repentance. She is Georgia Cawley, the daughter of Dallas and Sis. Madolyn Cawley. May God yet call many more sinners to this new way of life while the day of grace is still open, before it is too late.

Birth: Timothy Scott, the son of Richard and Janet (Wiegand) Knecht. He was born May 24; this is their third son.

Little Brian Wiegand has recovered from pneumonia and is now at home with his parents, Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand.

Vacation Bible School will start June 6 and last two weeks. May each and everyone who have a part in this worthwhile program receive a blessing. May each child learn many good teachings during these two weeks.

It makes no difference if we go to a church of our faith where we have never been before: how a Christian can feel the love of those we meet, having the same beliefs and the same experiences. What a

wonderful fellowship we have! It does lift us up in spirit to know God does yet lead His people, no matter where we are. The most important thing is if we can stay true and faithful, with God's help, until life's end, and then meet our loved ones who have gone on before, there to be forever with our Lord and Saviour, in all eternity.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

At this time of season we have many empty benches and await with eagerness the winter visitors' return. The Lord willing, June 19 is the date arranged for our elder, John Bahler, to fulfill the will of God in the proving and possible baptism of Friend Billie Klopfenstein. We pray for her, and for many unconverted.

Many older brethren are called to a place of rest, having fought a good fight of faith. Who now will seek the Lord and ask to take their place? It is not always the friend who cheers us on our way. Many times God reaches down and plucks a great sinner right out of the devil's grasp, opens his eyes, and gives him the opportunity to serve the Lord. **What joy resounds in heaven!** So the next time you have to decide between right and wrong, look unto the Lord. The door of grace is still open, but once it starts to shut, you will no longer be able to choose. The spiritual food will be gone and you will not be able to withstand evil. When you go to church again, seek for the hidden meaning, you will find the doors of understanding opening for you to go through, and only then can you become a child of God.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

We were so thankful to be served Holy Communion May 22. Assisting our elder, Bro. Roy Sauder were Bros. Leroy Huber and Silas Leuthold. We thank the Lord and these brethren for their messages and labors of love.

Ron and Mary Hermann are the parents of a baby girl. Robyn Lee was born May 11. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lydia Hermann.

John and Kathy Brewer are the parents of a baby boy. John Franklin was born May 25. Maternal grandparents are Wade and Sis. Marge Fehr.

Ron and Mary Ann Herman are the parents of a baby girl. Julie Lynn was born May 29. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorene Herman.

Adolph and Lydia Roecker announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Ruth to Jerry Hoerr, son of Sis. Frieda Hoerr.

The following engagements were announced to our congregation:

Sis. Laurretta Haerr, daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Lena Haerr from Taylor, to Bro. Bruce Schafer, son of Amos and Sis. Marie Schafer.

Sis. Norma Hinrichsen to Bro. Fritz Pfaffmann. May the Lord shower his blessings upon them all.

Sis. Joy May Plattner and Bro. Jim Hohulin were united in holy matrimony on May 29. Parents of the couple are Bro. Walter and Sis. Hannah Plattner and Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie Hohulin.

Bros. Phil Sauder and Dan Koch were also guest ministers.

Our congregation was saddened by the sudden death of our dear sister, Elizabeth Koehl, who died several hours after she was involved in a car-bus collision in Minnesota, on June 3. She was the widow of Bro. Chris Koehl, who was one of our ministers for 21 years. Surviving are four sons, Bros. Edward, Edwin, Adolph and Jack; two daughters, Sisters Margery Koehl and Thelma Dogotch; one brother, Bro. Adolph Massner; two sisters, Sisters Bertha Moser and Julia Grimm; 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. One son preceded her in death.

Emilie Langjahr died May 16. Her husband Carl survives. Funeral services were held at the Wilton Mortuary, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Lydia (Dolly) Schafer died June 5. Surviving are her husband, Elmer and one daughter, Becky Sue; three sisters, Sisters Priscilla Bitner, Barbara Pfister and Persida Elberhardt; six brothers, Ted, Walter, Joseph, Fred, Bros. Lester and John Bitner. We're thankful to hear that she repented and could say she was at peace with her God,

before she passed from this life to eternity.

The last Hymn Sing for this season was held June 5, with the Prairie Choristers as our guests. Their opening hymn was No. 172 in the Zion's Harp, "Be True!" This is surely our wish for all God's children.

Note of thanks: Thank you so much for your love and kindness during my convalescence, and may the Lord bless everyone. Sis. Rose Barth.

Sis. Laura Koehl wishes to thank everyone who remembered her in prayers and for all their deeds of love shown to her during her convalescence.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis. Louise (Ruben) Scharlach is slowly improving at the hospital, after becoming seriously ill at home.

We have had visitors from Milford, Fairbury, Cissna Park, Rittman and Latty. Amongst them was Bro. Loren Stoller, who reminded us of the importance of prayer, which makes me think of an explanation one lady gave of her understanding of the meaning of "Pray without ceasing."

I get up in the morning, and the first thing I do is to wash my face. As I do, I ask the Lord to wash sinners in the blood of the Lamb. Then I put on my clothes, and as I get dressed, I ask the Lord to clothe me with humility. As I sweep my floor, I think of the lady in the Bible who lost a silver coin and swept until she found it, and I ask the Lord to sweep this old world and win men to Himself. Then I eat and ask the Lord to feed me on the Bread of Life. I polish the grate and ask the Lord to keep me always bright and shining for Him. Then I sleep, and ask the Lord never to allow me to sleep about spiritual things. So I just pray without ceasing.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley and Bro. Jim Ringger, Bradford, and their families. The parable of the Good Samaritan was read and proclaimed.

It was interesting to note the place of refuge and the road to destruction. How often we too have not recognized the Lord or the Good Samaritan, and gone the wrong road. How thankful when we have gone to the inn or the

church and found the right road.

How often we find we are not as earnest and sincere as we were when we first found the Lord, as we were reminded recently. May God give us all new grace and faith daily to regain and keep that first love.

We were happy to have Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke and Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka, and all who accompanied them.

Funeral services were held June 7 for Sis. Percy Clauss, 70, Bro. Irvin Lehman officiating. Surviving are three brothers, Bros. Alva, Sam and Silas; six sisters, Lydia, Caroline, Nettie, Sis. Anna, Verna and Margaret.

We have five high school graduates, Elaine and Wayne Steffen (Ray), Norma Schini (Albert), Barbara Wasner (Arthur), Coleen Clauss (Robert), Deborah May (Hollis). They are entering varied professions. May God lead and direct each one's path, so their lives may be to His honor and glory.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay J. Bertsch

The Two Prayers

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong, and kneeling at my knee
He prayed, with tear, "Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy, wise and strong; I'm sure you can."
Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins, and prayed with low bowed head,
"O God make me a child, like my child here . . .
Pure, guileless, trusting Thee with faith sincere."

During the past month we were happy to have had with us our ministering brother, Clarence Yackley, and many others from Phoenix and California assemble with us . . . Ministering Brother, Glenn Hackenjos and others from Portland visited with us here in Tucson. We always welcome any who wish to visit or worship with us—and count it a blessing when they do.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Lillian Pfister - Delores Messerli

Everyone is paid by the master he serves. Life here is full of pay backs. Eternity is full of pay backs, with no take back. Romans 6:23

On May 22, Elders Leo Moser and

Paul Fehr graciously commemorated our Lord's command to observe Holy Communion. The Minneapolis members shared with us.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Bernadine Miller have a new baby boy, born Memorial day.

The church is truly a haven of rest in this perilous journey on life's troubled sea. We bring our burdens, leave them and come away strengthened and also encouraged. Attending church together strengthens our family ties, helping make a fruitful life. Godly fellowship is one of life's greatest assets.

A blessing that is shared is not halved, but doubled.

When alone we have our own thoughts to watch; when in the family, our tempers; when in society, our tongues.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Even though we had a heavy freeze several weeks ago, there will be a short crop of strawberries. They are beginning to ripen, and will be on the market about June 14. Rain is badly needed at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stoller of Haviland, O., were visitors here on May 19 and spent a short time with this reporter and family. They made a trip out to the country church and were impressed with the height of the West Virginia Hills.

Albert Durig aged 94, passed away on May 15, after a brief illness. He was the last member of his immediate family. He leaves one son and two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on May 17, and interment took place in Northview Cemetery.

Virgil Frei, who has been a patient in the local hospital and the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, is now at home and slightly improved. His sisters, Hazel and Pearl are caring for him.

Dan Witschey is in fairly good health and able to visit with his sister, Della, and take short walks, as is his custom when well enough to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riggensch and daughter Bonnie spent the week of June 6 with their daughter Betty and family in Alfred, N.Y.

Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Gus Weltz and Mrs. Elza Ritz attended serv-

ices at the Monroe Church on May 22.

We are looking for a good crowd at the country church on June 26. At this time we do not know who the ministers will be.

There will be another service at the country church on Sunday, July 31, and we do not know who the ministers will be on that day either, but we are assured there will be speakers, and a day of fellowship together will be enjoyed.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Fred Ramsier and Simon Bachman, who passed away recently, and also to all others who have lost loved ones.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

For many of us, the coming summer months mean vacations, family trips, sight-seeing, and opportunities to acquire new friends. I am always filled with awe and thankfulness that we are received into hearts and homes of those whom we have perhaps never met before—we merely give our names and mention the congregation we attend, and immediately the love of Christ flows from heart to heart. Such fellowship the world can never offer nor hardly understand! Let us use each opportunity to strengthen these Christian friendships, and not pursue worldly attractions.

Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf observed their silver wedding anniversary on May 10. May the Lord continue with them in the years ahead as He has surely blest them in the past.

Bro. Jesse Emch of Girard visited our congregation and left us with many good thoughts. He exhorted us to be diligent in our service to the Lord, for perhaps by our way of life we can be instrumental in drawing even one soul to the Lord. He emphasized we should not withdraw from the world, but should without hesitation confess our belief in God.

Dennis Fritz, son of Harold and Esther Fritz, has been in the military service for several months. He is serving aboard the USS Fremont. We wish him the Lord's guidance, as we do all our young people who are being asked to leave their homes and families.

Bob Wells has returned to his duties with the Marine Corps. Let us remember him in our prayers, as he expects to be sent overseas

shortly, and perhaps faces trying and difficult days. We daily pray for all our servicemen. Those living and serving in foreign and strange lands surely need an extra measure of grace. Bob is the son of Sam and Margery Wells, who often worship with us, and the grandson of Sis. Marie Fritz.

Again this month several from our congregation were in hospitals, but are now progressing satisfactorily. Sis. Louise Kay Graf and Sis. Marie Dakovich underwent surgery. Christine Collins, daughter of Hank and Marjorie Collins, was hospitalized overnight for observation, following a fall at her home.

Walter and Ethel Ritzman welcomed their second daughter, Joyce Marie, on May 25. Christine is Joyce's older sister. Bro. Forrest and Sis. Marie Ritzman are the paternal grandparents.

Bro. Robert Stoll of Girard spoke to us, and urged all to spend our energy and determination on the salvation of our souls—and the souls of our loved ones, rather than on earthly matters.

John and Martha Palitte were accepted into our brotherhood, following their testimony before the congregation. We are thankful for each one who enters the service of the Lord. "Work for the night is coming—when man works no more".

The engagement of Sis. Louise Kay Graf and Bro. Glen Riggensch was announced recently. Bro. Glen is from the Rittman congregation. We wish the young couple God's guidance as they plan their future together.

Bob and Barbara Ritzman and daughter, Laura, have moved into a newly-purchased home at 3745 Dean Drive, Barberton, Ohio. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

BERN, KANSAS Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

High school graduates this year are Jerilyn Isch, daughter of Elmer and Eldora Isch; Louis Jon Meyer, son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer; and Lynn Meyer, son of Fremond and Ruth Meyer. Grade school graduates are Mary Lehmann, Deanna Esslinger, Mary Isch, Marcia Meyer, and Ada Jean Strahm.

We were happy to have Maretta Rokey back with us, after spending

a week at the KU Medical Center.

Our congregation partook of Holy Communion, which we found very impressive. Communion was served by our elder, Bro. Lester Hartter, assisted by Elder Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha. We also thank Bro. Gene for ministering to us in the afternoon.

Sis. Waneta and Bro. Eldon Plattner became the parents of a girl, Beth Renae, on June 1. She has a sister, Angela to welcome her home.

Sophia Meyer McClanahan is repenting, which makes us all rejoice.

From the Fall of 1965 to this writing, the first part of June, we have not had a good general rain. This makes us realize that we are entirely dependent upon the Lord for every blessing.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Robert Hueni

Bro. Dan Germann recently left the home of his daughters, Sisters Mildred and Florence Stoller in Latty, to take physical therapy in St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka. Your prayers in his behalf will be appreciated.

Vacationtime is here again. May God watch over each of His children as they seek for physical and spiritual refreshment. I am reminded of the following poem written by Sis. Benthia Annis:

Omnipresence

If we seek Him, we shall find Him
Anywhere that we may be—
In a quiet sanctuary
Or upon the farthest sea,
In a little country garden
Where the honeysuckle grows,
Or upon the super-highway
Where the traffic comes and
goes.
Even earth turns into heaven,
Every cross becomes a star
When we seek our Heavenly
Father,
And then find Him where we are.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Dorothy Taeger

As we journey through this pilgrim land, with all of man's devices to take our minds off of the good things that God has brought us to know. . .

We often wonder, just how far could we journey down this narrow path that God has put us on if it weren't for the body of Believers, our church, to provide for us a haven of refuge.

Let us look into this body of believers that we are, and have been made a part of, to see what God has provided for us. Within this household of faith we can meet and greet God's children. We can escape from our earthly cares; God can speak to us directly through his servants. These are: convictions for the sinners, consolation for the convicted sinner, comfort for the sorrowing, a providing of joy that the people of the world cannot understand, and a closeness that can only be felt by a family that has but one goal in their hearts and minds.

Let us not forsake the blessed opportunity that we have of assembling ourselves together at every church service that is held, for the Lord said, **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and the rest will be added.**

We were thankful to have our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock serve us Holy Communion at our Wed. evening services.

This renewing of ourselves spiritually is always uplifting to God's children.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers the past month were Bros. Harold and George Gramm, Floyd Schmidgall, Elmer Witzig, Walter Koehl and Silas Leuthold. Bro. Silas assisted in the proving and baptism of Fred Wahl, son of Ida Wahl, and Kathleen Braun, daughter of Bro. & Sis. Herman Braun. It was a time of rejoicing, and we had many blessings and sincere teachings through the efforts of these visiting brothers. May God bless them one and all, and give us grace to take the words to heart and strive to be more faithful in our calling. We heard that it isn't going to matter what we accomplish in earthly things, but the only thing that is going to matter is how we stand with our God at the end of life.

Bro. Steve Kaptain has been quite sick at the hospital and is now at home again, but is still very weak. May God be with him in his affliction.

Bro. Tom Schifferer was home on leave for twelve days, and has returned to his base in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Sis. Rose Schmidgall had a fall in her home, hurt her right arm and her back, but is slowly improving.

Sis. Rose Haumiller also had an accident in her home and broke her arm. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Charles Leuthold passed away at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, after a long illness. May God comfort his bereft family here, brother and sisters.

Marie Anliker, wife of Melvin Anliker passed away very unexpectedly from complications, after major surgery. May God be a comfort to Melvin in his lonely hours.

Born to Bro. and Sis. Herman Braun on May 8 was a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

Majorie Wewetzer, wife of William Wewetzer, has had major surgery and is getting along as well as can be expected. We hope she will soon be able to return to her home and family.

One of our sisters was sick and in great pain, and her son gave her this poem. She said she read it over and again, and got so much comfort from it that she would like to pass it on to others.

IN HIS STEPS

"The road is too rough," I said;
"Dear Lord, there are stones that
hurt me so."
And He said, **Dear child, I understand;**
I walked it long ago.

"But there's a cool green path," I said;
"Let me walk there for a time."
No child, He gently answered me.
The green road does not climb.

"My burden," I said, "is far too great.
How can I bear it so?"
My child, said He, **I remember its weight;**
I carried my cross, you know.

"But," I said, "I wish there were friends with me
Who would make my way their own."
Oh yes, He said, **Gethsemane**
Was hard to face alone.

And so I climbed the stony path,
Content at last to know
That where my Master had not gone
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new friends
The burden grew less sore,

As I remembered. . . long ago
He went that way before.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We are happy to have Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville give us such an inspirational message Sunday, May 22. May God bless his efforts and love.

Sis. Lydia Wiedman has resigned from her post of teaching Sunday School, which she has done for many, many years. Sis. Ruth Meyer has taken her place.

Harvey and Janice Schieler are the parents of a new baby girl, Stephanie Hope, born May 17.

Bro. Dan Walter, who had been making his home with his son, Sam and his wife Sis. Ruth, passed away, after being ill for 7 years. He was born in 1874, and married Hannah Kyburz, in Kansas. Surviving are 5 sons, 3 daughters, 52 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren.

Sis. Kate Zehr had the misfortune of falling, receiving a fracture, and is in Fairbury Hospital. Also, Sis. Lizzie Kilgus is in the hospital. May God grant them recoveries.

Farewells were given for Bro. Terry Zimmerman, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Margaret Zimmerman, who was called into service.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger
Robin Kupferschmid, wife of Bro. Dean, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace in her new walk of life.

The Lord's presence was felt in our midst, when Holy Communion was served recently. Bros. Silas Luthold, George Gramm and Josh Broquard assisted Bro. Henry, who has not been feeling well for some time.

The same evening when Communion was served, lots were cast for a brother to assist in the ministry. This duty has fallen upon Bro. Perry Zimmerman. We hope we can all support him in prayer so he, and Sis. Dorothy together, may take courage to carry this added responsibility. To us, this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our sight, to know there are young brothers capable of carrying on His work.

Sis. Mary Ebach was hospitalized, following a stroke. She is making a good recovery, and has again returned to her home.

A small group spent an enjoyable

evening of singing in the home of Bro. Julius and Sis. Katherine Miller. She is still confined to her home since her auto accident last fall.

Bros. Wendell and Art Gudeman showed their slides to a large group from Fairbury and Forrest here at the high school, on a Saturday evening recently. Bro. Wendell stayed over and spent Sunday in the two churches. Thank you, brothers.

Sis. Pat Ebach, who was involved in an auto accident, has been dismissed from the Fairbury Hospital and is convalescing at home.

Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington ministered to us.

Sis. Matilda Bach is a patient at Fairbury Hospital, where she recently submitted to surgery.

What the Church Means to the Believer

To be able to go to the house of worship and enjoy the fellowship is one of our most precious heritages. It gives rest to the weary, comfort to the sorrowing, strength to the weak, and joy to the burdened.

Yes, we can read the Bible in our homes, and we can see the wonders of our Maker in the miracle of the change of seasons, in the rainbow, the sunrise, and the sunset. . . . But for the reviving of our spiritual life, we need the fellowship of those of our like faith. Let us cherish the precious love and faith found in our church.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

How thankful we are for the ministering brothers who come to visit and spiritually feed us. In this past month we have been blessed by the messages of Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford, Bro. David Bertsch of Leo, and Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction. May the Heavenly Father be their rich rewarder.

It is through these visits that our Christian fellowship and friendships grow. Surely much joy and spiritual benefit is experienced by all who take time to visit and fellowship with our church circles. We surely could experience this again, when a number gathered at our Ft. Wayne church on "Mother's Day" evening for our monthly singing, with the Latty brethren in charge of the singing. However we know that all joy and happiness would not be good for us, and God lets sorrow befall us. Here again,

our Christian friendships can be a great comfort.

This past month we were thankful that God permitted us to attend the funeral services of a beloved one, Bro. Lewis Bahr, in Sabetha, and safely brought us home again. Enroute to these services, we stopped in Taylor for the funeral services of Bro. Bill Heimer, a young brother in the church and the father of seven children, who was taken so tragically and swiftly from this life. It was indeed quite an experience for me to be present for both of these funerals, so close together! Back in 1950 I accompanied my parents to visit relatives in Kansas, and after leaving Uncle Lewis in Sabetha, we spent Sunday in Taylor. It was this day I first met the Heimers. We were again privileged to meet and enjoy our Christian fellowship at the Sabetha church dedication, and later that day in the home of Uncle Lewis. . . . And now, their deaths came a day apart. . . . But how thankful we are, when those that are taken from this life have prepared themselves while they were yet able. Not one of us knows when our time will end here on earth, and how sad it will be if we have not answered the call of the loving Saviour.

Men complain they haven't time — no time to help someone in need, no time to accept an invitation, no time to think, no time to read, and no time even to PRAY! . . . But they satisfy themselves by thinking the Lord surely must understand, they just simply didn't have the time, later on perhaps. Then comes their dying minutes, and they still feel they haven't the time. Death comes, and it is too late! Because, then there is no more time. May not one of us be found lacking the TIME to pray and finding of our soul's salvation.

Our congregation was saddened by the loss of a dear sister, Sis. Anna Sinn, who was taken so quickly from this life into eternity on Saturday morning, May 28. She had just entered the doctor's office for a return visit for the treatment of a sore spot on her leg, and in a few minutes the breath of life was stilled. Death was attributed to a blood clot. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, May 31, with Bros. Loren Stoller of Latty and Orville Ringger of Bluffton in charge. May the Lord comfort the bereft family.

On June 5, the engagement was announced of Sis. Ilene Kammerer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Andrew and Laura, of Millford, to Bro. David Pulver of Ft. Wayne, the son of Bro. and Sis. Lester and Florence. May the Lord be with them, direct them as they make their wedding plans, and may He shower His blessings upon them.

Plans are being completed for vacation Bible School, to be held the week of June 13-17, from 6:45 to 8:45 in the evening.

In closing, I'd like to mention our "fathers". The third Sunday in June has been designated as "Father's Day", but it seems we do not hear as much of this day as of "Mother's Day". Surely we think of our fathers and want them to know, too, how much they mean to us and that we appreciate their Christian examples.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand--Edith Tanner

Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman are the parents of a son, Benjamin Louis, born May 17. He is welcomed by one brother. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Louis Bauman and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf.

Olivia Kay is the name chosen for the new daughter, born May 22, to Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm. She is the namesake of her two grandmothers, Sis. Ollie Feller of Cissna Park and Sis. Kathryn Grimm of Marton.

The engagement of Sis. Norma Hinrichsen and Bro. Fritz Pfaffman of Peoria has been announced. A July wedding is planned.

Gary and Karen Wiegand are the parents of a son, Robert Lee, born May 11. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Wiegand and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser of Marton.

Steve Nohl, son of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Pearl Nohl left for duty in France. We wish him Godspeed.

Bro. Frank Woertz is convalescing at the hospital, following surgery. We look forward to having him assemble with us again.

Thank You Note: I wish to thank everyone who has so kindly remembered me with gifts, cards and prayers. May God richly bless all of you. Norma Bauman.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

We thank the following minister-

ing brethren who came for the proving and baptizing of Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean Ricketts of Topeka: Clarence Yackley, Wayne Miller, Robert Young, Harvey Grimm, Gene Marti, Joe and Merle Kaisner, Sam Anliker, Roy Wernli, Carl Hartman, and Al Langhofer.

Bro. Loren Strahm is in the hospital again, but expects to be released soon.

Our church is engrossed in the second week of Bible School. Many have been involved in some way—teachers helpers, students, transportation, serving lunch, prayers offered by brethren each morning at school. Today we had in our lesson how Jesus was the comforter—what effort He put forth! He raised Lazarus from the dead—how comforted Mary and Martha were . . . how filled with love Mary was when Jesus returned to their home later, and she showed it by giving her best, anointing His feet with costly oil. Her gift was criticized—but the Master was pleased. We do not have Jesus with us in person today to show our love to Him, but He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Each one has a "gift" they can give: a bride can be showered with presents—but no matter how "big" a present is, if all the gifts given were the same, they would not be as useful as varied needed "smaller" gifts. What good would a coffee-pot be without a way to open the can of coffee! All gifts of love are important. Remember how pleased Jesus was with the widow's mite?

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

On Sunday morning, May 29, God was invited into our midst—to enthral us in rapture—truly we were held spellbound in a deep joyous feeling of God's nearness, as Elder Bro. Gene Marti spoke to us. **To Him that overcometh, his name shall be written in the book of life.** He gave so many vivid examples of apostles and other men of old who were able to overcome. Are we able to overcome? Only with untiring effort and God's help can we. Bro. Gene also reminded us that the three things that bound the apostles together as a unit are the things needful for a child of God today—first, lay aside all things which separate us from God;

second, rise up; and third, follow Jesus.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Evelyn Marti have purchased a farm and have moved to their new location.

Randy Somerhalder, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna, was hospitalized for medical attention. Leonard Braker injured his arm in a corn planter. He spent some time in the Lamar Memorial Hospital and in the Springfield hospital. We are happy that they are both home and improved.

Memorial Day morning, we lingered at the cemetery. It was so peaceful. In the quiet, pleasant coolness of the early hours friends moved about, paying tribute to those who have gone to their eternal resting. As we placed a bouquet of roses on our father's grave, our hearts were flooded with fond and precious memories of our dear loving father. The roses were from his favorite rose bush which he so tenderly cared for. Yes, we are ever grateful to our God for such loving Christian parents who leave for us such a wonderful Christian heritage.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch

"Why the Church means so much to me"

When I became convicted of my past life of sin and started to repent, I can always remember that first Sunday I went to church . . . How nice the brothers and sisters were to me. They took care of me and encouraged me to go ahead with my salvation. How different the sermons seemed. The ministers just didn't preach the same, it seemed to me. The hymns we sang now meant something to me. I realized that many prayers spoken by the ministers and brothers was for my benefit. Everything now became alive and real. I had something to live for.

And now today, what a joy to assemble with the believers . . . To meet and greet one another in our most precious faith, to feel the love flow within our hearts, to sing those beautiful hymns together, and then that precious word of God. Sometimes it stirs my heart to rejoicing. Sometimes it encourages me to bear my cross without complaining. Then again it admonishes me, telling me when I am doing wrong, and reminding me that I must prayerfully fight to keep the

vows, that I made to God, before the body of believers.

To gather together in church reminds me of one big "family gathering", where we can sit together in heavenly places. Yet I feel this is only foretaste of the greater joy that awaits me, if I but remain true and faithful to life's end. When I review my past life of sin and think how fortunate I am, no wonder the church means so much to me!

We thank Bro. Joseph Kaisner, Forrest, and Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, for bringing the word of God to us. They impressed it deep into our hearts, how our lives are swiftly passing by. Time keeps moving; we cannot stop it. Eternity is drawing closer!

Also ministers Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern, and Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita, visited us the same Sunday morning. We all then went to the Gridley Church for afternoon services and to hear the testimonies of Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean Ricketts. It was most certainly a day of blessing.

William "Bill" Emch, son of Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch, has graduated from Feed Technology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. He has accepted a position with the Quaker Oats Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We all wish Bill God's guidance and success in his new undertaking.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller

Our friends, George and Sharon Keysor, have surrendered to the Lord in repentance, giving us all thankful hearts to rejoice with them. Also our friend Guss Schlatter was proved and baptized this past month. Guss (son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elsie) is serving his time in the US Army, and is now taking the Saviour with him wherever they might send him.

Neal Genber was in the hospital, due to a lawn mower accident. He is now recovering, and we are looking forward when he can again worship with his class in Sunday School. Neal is the son of Bro. Roger and Sis. Eunice.

Bro. Merrill Laukhuf was chosen to assist in the ministry in our church. May the Lord strengthen him and his wife, Sis. Dolly for this important work, and may he feel the prayerful support of every member.

Build a little fence of trust around today;

Fill each space with loving work and therein stay.

Look not through the sheltering bars upon tomorrow;

God will help thee bear what comes of joy or sorrow.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Bro. Paul Leuthold is much improved, after being hospitalized with complications of the flu. There were many folks ill with the flu. Sis. Marjorie Mogler had major surgery, and is recuperating very well. Ray Wulf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, broke his leg in school.

Earl Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer is home on furlough before his further assignment of duty, in Viet Nam. May it be the Lord's will that peace could be restored, that all these loved ones could be reunited with their families again.

To Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Knobloch, a daughter, LaNea Beth was born on June 5.

Folks were sorry to hear of the sudden and sad death of Sis. Elizabeth Koehl of Peoria. She was well known here, as they lived in this community before moving to Peoria. We share our sympathy with her family.

Several from here attended the funeral services of Bro. Fred Feucht of Peoria. He had many relatives and friends here.

Announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Bro. Dennis Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger and Sis. Shirley Koehl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Koehl. A July wedding is planned. We wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Kenneth Leo Moser was taken home to that Great Beyond on May 12 after undergoing brain surgery May 4. He was only ill about a month, which was first thought to be flu. He spent two weeks of this time in the hospital. Bro. Kenneth and his wife had found their Saviour in the past year. Before his surgery, he felt he was to meet his Maker.

Born June 25, 1923 near Lester, he was the son of Samuel and Sis. Pauline Maurer Moser, and married Donna Dell Cunningham on March 24, 1945. His wife, Sis. Donna, survives along with one daughter, Beth and one son, Don at home; eight brothers: William, Otto,

Sam Jr., Martin, Karl, Adolph, Louis, and Harry of this community; two sisters, Mrs. Christine Benson of here and Mrs. Louise Tolvstad of Elgin, Ill. Bro. Leo Moser held the funeral services May 14. Interment was in the church cemetery, with brothers of the deceased as bearers. His parents preceded him in death.

It is a great teaching to us of our uncertainty, that he should meet his Maker when he was so young and needful, and being the youngest of a family of 11, after his mother attained the age of eighty. We know Bro. Ken's lot of pain and sorrow is now over, and what the Lord does we feel is well done. We know he will be missed in our congregation, and much more in our Sunday School. May the Lord share his love and sympathy, that time and faith may ease the sorrow for all his loved ones, especially his wife and family.

We feel, through his death, two souls have found it needful to turn their back on things of this world and seek the Lord as their Saviour while grace is yet to be had, Melvin and Wilma Tanner Knobloch. May the Lord grant us grace, that we may all be able to bear the cross we are called to bear.

Our Sunday School has been considering coinciding with the school term. So our session closes now, and we held our annual Sunday School picnic June 5. We will assume again this fall!

Our Bible class will have their Youth Fellowship gathering at Morris June 12. The classes of West Bend, Winthrop and Elgin, (Ia.) are also to be in attendance. We feel these gatherings are a great teaching to the children, as well as the teachers. It does give us an idea what is on the mind of the children today.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

June is graduation month in our community. Five of our church friends, Max Beer, Judy Beer, Linda Beer, Susie Price and Ruth Martin graduated from high school. We offer our congratulations and wish them God's blessing in all their future plans.

Graduating from Grace College was Sis. Ilene Kammerer. Ilene received her degree in Elementary Education. We have further reasons to offer her our best wishes, as her engagement to Bro. Dave Pul-

ver was announced recently. Ilene is the daughter of Bro. Andy and Sis. Laura Kammerer and Dave's parents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence Pulver of Fort Wayne.

Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy to Bob Kitson of Ligonier. Our sincere congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness go to both of these young couples.

Three of our hospital patients have been dismissed. Sis. Louise Rapp, Sis. Naoma Beer and Fred Wuthrich are all at home and making satisfactory progress.

Linda Levy is still hospitalized, but is making progress daily. Our last report from her relatives was that Linda has received over 300 cards from her many friends.

We regret to say Ron Steinmayer's condition remains the same. He is still hospitalized and remains in a coma at this time.

Three of our younger girls were admitted for tonsillectomies. They are Beverly and Janette Zimmerman, daughters of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Nancy Zimmerman, also Brenda Martin. Brenda's parents are Gerald and Garlene Martin.

Doris Armbruster, wife of Elmer Armbruster, was hospitalized for surgery recently.

Little Lynn Graff, daughter of Bill and Kay Graff, has been seriously ill, but we are happy to say she is improved and will soon be home with her parents again. Many prayers were offered for her recovery.

John and Susie Graff are parents of their second child, a little boy.

We were favored to have as visiting ministers, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Bro. Bob Beer of Mansfield.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Otto Schaefer

We were all blessed when Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, helped our elder brother, Paul Fehr serve our congregation Holy Communion on May 15.

Best wishes to Sis. Shirley Koehl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl, and Bro. Dennis Kellenberger of Lester, whose engagement was announced on Sunday, May 15.

Kathy Koehl and Wayne Fehr of West Bend, were united in marriage on May 28. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. E. O. Koehl.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Spohr are the parents of a new son, Byron Charles; he has two brothers and two sisters to welcome him.

Bro. Neil Schmidgall and Alvin Nohl Jr. have been home on leave from the service. Alvin has been sent to Viet Nam. Bro. Neil took sick, and was hospitalized a few days before he was to leave for Viet Nam.

We would like to dedicate this poem to them.

Draw near to us, dear Saviour,
To hear our fervent plea
For those who serve their country,
Wherever they may be.

Oh shelter and protect them
On land, sea, in the air,
And give to them assurance
That Thou art everywhere.

Relieve the ill and wounded
And make this war to cease,
That we and all Thy children
May live again in peace.

We should all remember them in prayer.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Again, the mighty works of God was shown in our congregation.

Bro. Mathias Paluska, age 78, passed away, having suffered a heart attack. Funeral services were held May 9. Surviving are his wife, Emma Strunk Paluska, two daughters and five sons. Bros. Russell Rapp, Don Sauder, Joe Zimmerman and Francis Rother officiated.

Funeral services were held May 14 for Verelda Rocke Meyering, age 41. She was a daughter of Sis. Emma Rocke and the late Bro. Jesse Rocke. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband; a daughter and a son; also three sisters, Mrs. Wm. Huette, Mrs. Ivan Steiner and Mrs. George Stimeling, and a brother, Bro. Wayne Rocke.

Sis. Louise Belsley, 77, passed away after a lingering illness. Burial services were held May 23. Bros. Henry Grimm and Jos. Zimmerman officiated. Surviving are two sisters, Lydia Getz and Emma Zimmerman, and two brothers, Joe C. and George Belsley.

Funeral services for Arthur Rassi, 58, were held May 31. He was a son of Sarah Rein and the late Christian Rassi. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Mischler Rassi, a daughter & a son. He also leaves his mother and eight brothers to

mourn his loss. Bro. Russell Rapp officiated.

Sis. Ruth Domnick fell, breaking her arm.

Little Julie Moser, daughter of the Robert Mosers, is convalescing at home after having a kidney removed.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Emma Stieglitz were badly bruised and shaken up in a car wreck.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield, Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction.

Bro. Earl Feller of Cissna Park was here one evening to discuss the "Home for the Handicapped".

We were thankful for the safe return of Bro. Arthur Heiniger, who accompanied the recent shipment of stock to Haiti.

Bro. Walter Schupbach has been added to our Sunday School staff.

Bro. Philip Beer of Milford was a guest teacher.

The Apostolic Christian World Relief has just completed another shipment of animals to the island of Haiti. Eight cattle, 2 Hampshire pigs, 4 goats, 7 rabbits, and 300 chicks were assembled by Cornell University of New York, and trucked to Miami.

On May 26, these animals and 20 boxes of veterinary supplies were loaded into a C-46 transport plane, operated by Southern Air Transport. Alan J. Grout, doctor of veterinary medicine, and Arthur Heiniger of Morton accompanied the shipment. Mr. Heiniger has submitted the following report of his trip:

First, the animals were loaded into the plane; then our luggage, and we last of all. In a rain storm four hours later, we landed in Haiti, 700 miles away. After clearing customs, the animals were loaded onto three trucks, and we began the 80-mile and 4-hour trip over rough and muddy roads to the hospital. By 11:00 P.M., we had unloaded, fed, and watered the animals; they were in good condition.

On Friday and Saturday, Dr. Mellon and his wife Gwen gave us a very thorough tour of the hospital. We saw the children orphanages, schools for the small children, workshops for the boys and girls, the ceramic shop, the carpenter shop, and the sewing rooms. The tuberculosis ward is about two blocks away. They also showed us

the dairy barns, the pig and rabbit pens, the chicken-yard, and the beef farm, where about 160 head of beef cows are tended. Four beef cows are butchered each week for the hospital and the staff.

On Sunday, Elvin Devore and his wife showed me the clinic, the schools, and other buildings on the ground. (Editor's note: This place was the second recipient of good.)

The two heifers were getting along very well, and on Sunday evening the Guernsey gave birth to a heifer calf, while we were there. The people were quite thrilled to have this extra heifer.

Dr. Grout left the island on Sunday morning and returned to New York, while I stayed until Monday and went to Miami, and then to Morton. All the people with whom we came in contact on the island are very appreciative of the efforts of the Apostolic Christian Church. They wish to extend to us many thanks for making these animals available to them. I talked to many of the native Haitians, and they are quite sincere in trying to help themselves, but so many do not have anything with which to make or get a start. Shipments of this kind, although small, will eventually help them to help themselves.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. James Hoerr from Peoria and Bro. Harry Bucher from Valparaiso.

We enjoyed an evening in Iowa City with Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville. Bro. Schrock's experience in working with college students enabled us to realize the many dangers that confront the young people who wish to further their education. Nevertheless, faith in God and our precious salvation will conquer all evils.

Services in Iowa City have been discontinued for the summer months. The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday evening in October, at 8:00 p.m. CDT.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris Kuntz are the happy parents of a son, Michael Alan, born on May 16. Grandparents for the first time are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kuntz and Bro. and Sis. Orttie Rocke.

Lynn Renea Massner, born on May 24, is welcomed by three brothers and a sister into the family of Bro. Eric and Sis. Norma Massner.

On June 5, our Sunday School junior and senior Bible classes were host to the Bible classes from Taylor, Pulaski, and Burlington. An enjoyable day was spent in fellowship at church, followed by a picnic and singing at the park in Burlington.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. Lewis Bahr passed away on May 15 at the Sabetha Hospital. Funeral services were held on May 18. Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse and Bro. Eugene Marti conducted the services. Bro. Joe Aberle had the prayer at the cemetery. Bro. Lewis is survived by his wife, Sis. Fanny; two daughters, Viola Wenger and Sis. Marie Hartter; one son, Bro. Willard Bahr, all of Sabetha; and eighteen grandchildren. He will be missed by them and our whole congregation.

Those hospitalized this month were Sis. Elizabeth Marti and Bro. Roy Wysong. Both have again returned to their homes.

On May 15 we sang a farewell song for Bro. James and Sis. Jean Metzger. They have been living at Lawrence Kansas, where he has been attending Kansas University. On graduation he will be employed in East Peoria, Illinois as a pharmacist. Bro. James is the son of Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger of our congregation. Sis. Jean was formerly from Princeville. We will miss their assembling with us.

We are again holding our family singing worship every other Sunday evening. By alternating with our neighboring congregation of Bern, it makes just once a month in each church. Our mid-week services have been discontinued for the summer.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

With these words from the word of God, ministering Bro. John Dapper, from Maywood, closed his meditation while visiting here.

We had a blessed Sunday during the Memorial week end, when Bro. John Dapper and some of the young members came over from California. At the church supper we were pleased to see brethren from the Tuscon congregation. Bro. Noah Herman gave us this illustration of our life. It is like a book. We

turn the page as each new day dawns, and on that page is written the good and the bad. We are given the chance to bury the bad in a sea of forgetfulness. Upon death, the book is closed, and if we haven't taken this opportunity, we will have to face the judgment of God.

Our shut-ins are: Sis. Ora (Henry) Schrenk and Sis. Hulda (Joe) Heinold. Sis. Lillian (Richard) Messner is in the hospital, after having major surgery. Our prayers are that God's healing hands will be upon all of our sick.

As the camel kneels down to get rid of his load, so should we end our day by kneeling before God and giving him our load.

The camel kneels again in the morning so the guide can place his burden on him for his travel in the desert. We should once again kneel down in the morning, so the Lord can place our load on our backs for our day in the world.

The beautiful part about this is that He will never burden us more than we can stand, and we can always get rid of our load in the evening, when we kneel to pray.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

Bro. David Stevig, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Stevig, has returned to his home in Phoenix, for the summer. He has lived at and attended USC for 3 years, as a pre-med major. Next year he plans on entering Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. We will sincerely miss Bro. Dave, who so faithfully worshipped and fellowshipped with us.

Del Meyer, son of Bro. and Sis. Velmer Meyer, Sabetha, has completed his 4-year-duty in the Navy. He was stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station for the past few years, and attended church here. His friendship will be missed by all.

June 4 was the wedding date of Roy Vintch Jr. and Christel Emme. We wish them God's blessings in this undertaking.

Bro. Glenn Hackenjoes, from Portland, ministered unto us this past month. We thank him and all our visitors who come to worship with us.

Cynthia Preiss, daughter of Sis. Rose Preiss, received her doctorate in Chiropractic from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, this past month. We wish her the best in her coming internship and practice.

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

Bros. Nathan Steffen and Al Schietlin, Elgin, and Harvey Heiniger, Oakville, were wonderfully used of the Lord to bring the precious word to attentive hearers at Champaign at our Sunday services. Our sponsors, Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman also served, and also taught the last two Wednesday Bible Classes of the school year. Heartfelt thanks to the brothers for their Christian love.

God's blessings to these newly engaged couples: Bro. Roger Musselman and Sis. Nancy Rinkenberger, Pulaski; Bro. Byron Schrock and Sis. Mary Rinkenberger, La Crosse; and Bro. Ted Staker and Sis. Mary Sauder, Tremont. We look forward to having these couples with us a year or more at Champaign, as the brothers complete their courses at the University.

Another long school year ends, and to most the change in routine the next few months is much welcomed. Among those receiving degrees at the University of Illinois are Bro. Dave Koch, Steve Wiedman, Allen Leman, and Bob Beebe. Sisters Debbie Rocke and Kay Baumgartner have completed their courses at Illinois Commercial College. Sis. Eldora Kaufman is a graduate nurse at Burnham Hospital. Bill Blunier graduated at Mahomet High School. Our prayers go with the graduates, as they commence to their next milestone.

Bro. Jim Heiniger escaped serious injury in a bad automobile accident. Also Johnny Simpson, age 5, has recovered nicely from recent injury.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**Mary Young - Margaret Rudin**

Bro. Merl Bucher and his family visited our congregation. We are always glad for visitors, and thank them for their effort.

After a lengthy illness our brother, Solomon Farney passed away May 24 at the age of 68 at the Iroquois Hospital (where he was a patient for five days). He suffered much affliction the last few weeks. Surviving beside his wife Sis. Kathryn are two sons, Bro. Dale and Bro. Gerry; and five daughters, Sisters Loretta Baumgartner, Twylla Beer, Nancy Hauptli, Laverne and Myra Farney. Bros. Joshua Broquard and Ezra Feller officiated. Our sympathy is

extended to the family over the loss of their husband and father.

Many from here attended the wedding of Bro. Larry Knapp and Sis. Rosella Kuntz at Gridley, Ill., June 5. Larry is a son of Sis. Helen Knapp. May God richly bless them in the future. They will make their home at Gridley.

Bro. Bert Gudeman is hospitalized at this writing. May the Lord be with the sick, and comfort those that care for them.

We are so thankful our dear friend, Sam Drayer found grace and favor with God to repent. He has been announced for proving. We wish him the much needed grace in his undertaking.

Two weeks Vacation Bible School has started. There is an enrollment of 236 pupils. The theme is **How Great Thou Art**. May the efforts of those that teach these precious little ones not be in vain, that good seed can be sown and bring forth good fruit. We expect the program on Friday 17 to tell us what they have learned.

School is out, and we extend our best wishes to our graduates. As they go on to a school of higher learning or other occupations, may they put God first in all their undertakings. "So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:4,5

We were just now informed that Sis. Rose Stoller passed away, June 7 at the age of 96 years. She was our oldest member. She had made her home with her sister, Ida Rocke for the past 17 years. Sis. Ida and her daughter, Sis. Lorene faithfully took care of her. She hasn't been able to attend church for 4 years. She leaves to mourn 3 sisters, Sisters Ida Rocke, Emma Klopfenstein and Nettie Stoller; three brothers, Bro. Emil, Bro. Jake and Albert, all of Latty. Her services will be held Thurs. afternoon, June 9.

O what is ninety? He finds that life runs in a cycle.

And as a child he is again;
But if in God he lives a hundred,
Long life will not have been in vain.

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

The engagement of Bro. Byron Schrock to Sis. Mary Rinkenberger of La Crosse was recently announced.

Byron's parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock, and Mary is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger. Sept. 4 has been chosen as their wedding date.

Visiting ministers during the past month were Bro. Bob Pohl from Burlington, Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville, and Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont. Their ministries were a great blessing, and we're grateful for their labors.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Gerri Schrock became the parents of Joan Lynette on June 7. Joan is their first child.

We have three new high school graduates this spring. They are: Teresa Grieder, daughter of Paul and Fern; Bonnie Grusy, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie; and Barb Zimmerman, daughter of Mahlon and Kathryn. We wish them God's blessings and guidance in all their future endeavors.

Our annual vacation Bible School was held evenings, from June 6 through June 17. We are certainly thankful for the tremendous effort put forth by the teachers to instill in the hearts of our children God's love and plan of salvation.

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, N. Y.**Mrs. Lawrence Farney****Mrs. David Schamback**

Sis. Edith Schwartz has been a patient in an Akron hospital, where she underwent ear surgery.

We are happy and blessed to have had with us over a recent week end Bro. and Sis. Rudolf Graf, when he assisted Bro. John Widrick in serving the Lord's Supper in Holy Communion. We are surely grateful to Bro. Graf, for both his help and the inspiring messages he gave us.

We are happy to have with us at present our young friend, Floyd Graves Jr., who has been stationed for the past year in Korea. After a month's leave, he will report to Ft. Lewis in Tacoma, Washington.

We have resumed our mid-week services, which begin at 7:45 on Wednesday evenings, alternating between our two churches.

June 8 — We have again lost a faithful and beloved sister. Sis. Minnie Virkler Farney, wife of Bro. Philip, died Monday evening. She had been a patient in the hospital, where she had undergone surgery for cataracts on both eyes. In ill health for some time, she became suddenly worse on Sunday. She is survived besides her husband by a

son, Perry; two sisters, Sister Martha Steiner (her twin), and Mrs. John (Lovina) Lehman, and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Thursday from the Croghan church, with burial in the church cemetery.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

Our elder brother, Joe Waibel spent Sunday, May 22 with us. He and our minister, Bro. Ben Maibach served communion to our congregation. We received many blessings from his speaking; we could feel the love he has for us. May God ever be with him.

From Bradford, visiting us in June was Bro. Roy Ehnle and his family. We all received many good teachings from his ministry, and hope God will continue to bless his efforts.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Gary and Mary Ann Maibach

Several weeks ago, a very interesting thought came up in a conversation with a friend here at Ft. Sam. This thought was that we poor mortals are so prone to worry and fret over things in our future which may be "bad", but not even occurring and may not that we often lose sight of the marvelous blessings we have enjoyed and have showered upon us every day. Here at Ft. Sam, especially when orders are imminent, we often find ourselves wondering "where" and "when", but we surely also have many blessings past and present which we can never forget. Our precious fellowship here and at home, the blessing of brothers in the ministry who travel so far to serve us, the countless prayers uttered by loved ones for us, and so many others. May thoughts of these blessings and thankful hearts be ours, and may we ever have grace from God to put all in His hands.

In the last weeks, many more brethren and friends have received orders. Bros. John Hartman and John Guingrich are attached to Medical teams and will soon depart for Viet Nam. Earl Meyer also has orders for Viet Nam. The last few classes receiving orders have gotten heavy quotas for Europe, mainly Germany, so many of our group have left recently for there. Our prayers are extended for all those who have left, that they may have grace for their every need.

Bringing us God's word in rich measure during the past weeks were Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix on May 8, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest on May 21, and Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria on May 28. These brothers were all accompanied by their wives or others of their families, and we were also privileged to be visited by many from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. May God bless all who made the effort to visit and serve us.

We would once again urge anyone, who knows of a brother or friend soon to be inducted, to inform someone down here so we can arrange a contact. Send the information to anyone down here, or to one of us in care of the church apartment, (414 Queen Anne Ct.) San Antonio, Texas 78209.

Correction: The telephone number of the apartment is TA4-9803. The wrong number appeared in the last issue.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin Manz — Mrs. Ben Manz

Our dear aged sisters, Naomi, Priscilla, and Lydia Rehklau, have moved to a rest home in Toledo. Their address is: Imperial Rest Home, Dorr and Eileen St., Toledo, Ohio 43615. They appreciate receiving mail.

The Lord willing, provings will be held Saturday night, June 11 for Bill Schlatter, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter; and Sam Schlatter, son of our ministering Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter.

We were recently blessed with the addition of two brothers to our congregation; Bill Schlatter, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter, and Sam Schlatter, son of our ministering brother, Ben, and Sis. Esther Schlatter. Provings and baptisms were conducted by Elder Bros. Joe Waibel of Bay City and George Sinn of Latty. We had a refreshing day, and are reminded anew of the time when we made our covenant and were added to the fold.

Our mid-week services are being resumed for the summer, and will be held on Thursday evenings, at 8:00 o'clock.

Take Time

Take time to talk with God
A little while each day . . .
To thank Him for the sun, the rain,
The flowers along your way.

Take time each day to give
Some stranger word or smile;
A cup of water in His name
May cheer a lonely mile.

Take time. Let not the seed
Of love be choked with tares,
Who knows but you may entertain
An angel . . . unawares!

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

As we pay tribute to our fathers on the third Sunday of this month, so we also are thankful for the love and protection of our Heavenly Father, as He watches over us.

I trust in God wherever I may be,
Upon the land or on the rolling sea,
For come what may, from day to day,

My heav'nly Father watches over me.

He makes the rose an object of His care;

He guides the eagle thru the pathless air,

And surely He remembers me.

My heav'nly Father watches over me.

The valley may be dark, the shadows deep,

But O the Shepherd guards His lonely sheep,

And thru the gloom He'll lead me home.

My heav'nly Father watches over me.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Kathryn Beer have felt the protection of our Heavenly Father, when they were recently involved in an automobile accident while on a visit to Milford. Although the car was badly damaged, both Bob and Kathryn were surely grateful to escape with minor injuries.

We are indeed happy to welcome both Sis. Lillian Them and Sis. Elizabeth Koroknay back to our church services again. They had been confined to the hospital, followed by many months of convalescing in their homes. We pray God will continue to bestow His blessings on them.

We also extend our welcome to Sis. Ruth Bollinger, formerly from the Girard congregation, who is now residing in our Church Home in Mansfield. Her love and friendliness have already been felt as she has worshipped with us.

Congratulations to Dick and Evie

Durkin, whose baby daughter was born June 1.

It is always a blessings and joy when loved ones from other congregations visit us, and we can spend our time together in love and fellowship. All are always welcome, and we thank those who have worshipped with us. We appreciated the messages brought to us on May 8 by Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction.

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

A reminder, of the reunion to be held at Taylor on July 23, to the servicemen and their families that were at Ft. Sam Houston from Jan. 1, 1963 or later.

Please contact all brothers and friends in your church and let us know how many plan to come for Saturday, and how many plan to stay for Sunday. Registration will be at 1:30 P.M., and supper at 4:00 P.M., CDT. It is important to know how many to plan for. Please contact Norman Haerr, Taylor Mo. 63471 before July 1.

We were glad to have Bros. Albert Wuthrich and Noah Schrock visit us this past month.

It was announced to the church that Russell Henning has found peace with God and hopes to bring his testimony before the congregation in the near future. It is encouraging to see one that was not brought up in our faith to also seek for and to find this way of salvation that many of us have found and is so precious to us.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Laurretta Haerr, daughter of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr, and Bruce Schafer of Chicago, son of Bro. and Sis. Amos Schafer of Peoria. The wedding is planned for Aug. 7.

Our two Bible Classes, accompanied by the teachers and parents were guests of the Oakville Bible Class on June 5. They enjoyed the day very much.

Sandra Kolthoff, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Rosella Kolthoff was united in marriage to Jerry Lillard of Maywood, Mo., on May 28 at the home of her parents. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their life together.

Bro. Raymond Haerr was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He will take his internship at Pontiac, Michigan.

Sis. Susanne Cottrell and Cheryl Hodel graduated from Quincy (Ill.)

High School. Sis. Susanne received a scholarship from Adams Co. Health Improvement Ass'n. and has been accepted at the Blessing Hospital School of Nursing. Cheryl has also been accepted at Blessing Hospital for a course in practical nursing.

Bro. Bill Cottrell spent two weeks with his parents, Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell. He finished his basic at Ft. Sam Houston and will now have ten weeks of medical training. Bro. LeRoy Yackley is also in medical training.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:5. We would like to share with you the sorrow that has come to us in the death of our son-in-law, Bro. Bill Heimer.

As he and Leslie Puls Jr. were driving a well, the pipe in some way came in contact with the high line, and death must have come instantly to both of them. We will never know how it happened, but we know the Death Angel was waiting for them. They were found by Bro. Bill's five sons.

Bro. William R. Heimer Jr. was born Oct. 27, 1929 and died on March 14 at the age of 36 years. He was the son of William R. and Dallas Heimer of Quincy, Ill. He was married to Naomi Sutter on Dec. 24, 1946.

He felt the need of a Saviour, and in March 1949 he and Naomi with seven others were proved and baptized.

His faith was very precious to him, especially after two unsuccessful back operations, when he bore constant pain for almost five years. He was respected and loved by many, as was shown by the large number that came to pay respect to him at the funeral home and at the church service.

Bros. Art Gudeman and Noah Schrock conducted the service. Bro. Noah said it was not often that he officiated at both the baptism and the funeral, as he did this time.

Bro. Bill is survived by his wife, Sis. Naomi, and seven children, Bro. Stanley, Deborah Ann, Kent, Bobby, Rodney, Mary Beth and Curtis; also his parents, one brother and three sisters. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda Naomi.

Leslie Puls is survived by his wife and five sons, his mother, two brothers and five sisters. He had worked for us for the past five years and will be greatly missed.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

Young folks in our congregation graduating from high school at this time include Sue Rehklau, Bob Fetter, Jim Newman and Don Reineck. Whether they go on to college or seek employment now, we hope that the Lord will bless them in their future endeavor.

Emil Frautschi passed away May 22 at the age of 79. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Emil faithfully cared for his sister for many years, Sis. Mary Frautschi. (Sis. Mary died 4 years ago). Funeral services were May 25, with Bros. Rudolph Graf and Theo Beer officiating.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Sharon Herman

We thank Bros. Leroy Huber and Roy Sauder for the messages they shared with us last month. May God bless them for lending themselves in our behalf.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Mary Jane Leuthold are the parents of a new daughter, Gwen Susan, born on May 28. This is their first child.

The forthcoming marriage of Sis. Mary Sauder of our congregation to Bro. Ted Staker of Morton was announced last Sunday. We wish for them God's richest blessings.

On June 7, Bro. Ernest Musselman passed away at the age of 87. Since late last year, he had been living at the Rest Mor Nursing Home at Morton. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the family, but especially to his daughter, Sis. Ida of Tremont, and his sons, Bro. Carl of Tremont and Bro. Howard of Peoria. Bro. Ernest lived in our community for the greatest part of his life, and served our church by being a trustee for 15 years, a Sunday School teacher, and by serving on the Aid Committees.

Bro. Richard Steiner is presently hospitalized with back trouble. We trust that it may soon be corrected.

A piece of good advice from a dear soul—When downcast and discouraged, one of the surest remedies is to do something for someone else.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Announcement has been made of the planning of Sandra Bertsch and Lillian Winzeler to give their testi-

mony of their experience in turning to the Lord.

We Rejoice in the Lord that another soul is seeking the Lord in repentance. This time it is Steve Bollier, son of Velma and John Bollier. We rejoice for every soul that can turn to God while the door of grace is still open.

We received many spiritual blessings from the visit of Henry Wackerle, accompanied by his wife, Ida, from Bay City, when he ministered to our needs on Sun., May 28.

Joel Souder is feeling better and able to attend church services.

Cora Levy is one of our shut-ins. She is able to be about in her own home.

Connie Thornton was honored with a wedding shower at the Fellowship Center. She and Edward Frautschi are to be married in July.

William Klopfenstein showed his pictures of his trip in behalf of the World Relief Program, Sun. evening, June 5 at the Fellowship Center. Announcement has been made for a clothing drive in behalf of the same cause.

William Lantz, brother of David Lantz, passed away. He leaves to mourn, his wife Viola; four brothers; David, Henry, Fred and Albert; and one sister, Ida Malcolm.

Sunday morning . . . bright and beautiful in spiritual clime. We grow richer in the friendships that span over the last divide. We learn the ways, when triumphantly we shall enter the city of God.

Sometimes a blessing exactly fitted for the need comes in those first strains . . . a little before time is well worthwhile.

We breathe deep in spiritual air. We draw deep from clear flowing spring. We learn deep, and find inwardly fitting the life of that city of Tomorrow.

Learn that life of Tomorrow.

And when one thinks of midweek
glow
Or bright, gold Sunday morn.
Full joy! the heart sees heav'n's
rainbow,
And saints in white adorn.

For love from heart to heart doth
flow

And bread from God is giv'n
For us who in His stature grow,
For rest, to those who've striv'n.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Bro. Al Aberle, Tremont and Bro. Leroy Hartman, Peoria, each spent a Sunday here. Bro. Ben Fehr, Roanoke was here one Sunday afternoon. Bro. Harvey Grimm, Sabetha and Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville held services one Sunday evening. We are indeed grateful to each of them for coming.

Three of our young men, Dale Endress, Roland Rumbold and Bro. John Guingrich, were home recently and spent some time with loved ones before leaving for a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Our hearts were saddened as we bid them farewell, humbling trusting God will watch over and protect them, till we meet again, if it can so be His will.

Sharlene Kieser, 3½-yr.-old daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser, submitted to major surgery. She was a very sick little girl, but, thanks be to God, is making a very satisfactory recovery.

Jeffrey Lynn is the name chosen for the new baby son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz. The baby's grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm of Taylor and Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz. Jeffrey is their first child.

At a meeting last evening, Bro. Marvin Leman was chosen to replace Bro. Ellsworth Stoller, whose term in Sunday School expired. Bro. Ed Guingrich replaces Bro. John Tanner as trustee. Sis. Lottie Stisser will replace Sis. Martha Jane Siebenthal as a primary teacher. We wish them God's grace, that each can carry out their duties faithfully.

Bro. Nate Stoller has been quite ill with flu.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg

Mike Sinn was in the hospital for hernia surgery. He is home now and recovering.

Sis. Carrie Massner has gone to Phoenix to visit her sister Sis. Lillian Massner who has had surgery. Sis. Mary Reber, another sister, is also there with her. Lillian is a former resident of Ft Scott.

Sis. Dorothy Sinn has gone to Sabetha, to help with the work and the care of her new granddaughter in the home of Bro. and Sis. Eldon Plattner.

Samuel Pfister, 81, passed away June 4 at the hospital, where he had been a patient five days. He was born at Tremont, April 25,

1885, the son of Jacob and Sophia Rommel Pfister. He came to Kansas in 1900 with his parents. Surviving are a brother, Bro. Jacob Pfister, Ft. Scott; and Sis. Sarah Buckley, Sabetha; and Sis. Lydia Farney, Kiowa. Bro. Samuel Huber, Burlington, officiated at funeral services June 6.

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bible School opened on Monday, June 6, and we are happy to report the attendance the first day was 116 pupils. We feel this is very good for a small community.

Susan, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Hulda Stoller, is our latest convert, having recently repented, and has received peace with God. We wish her grace in her new walk of life.

Wedding: On Sunday, June 5, Bro. Larry Knapp, from Cissna Park and Sis. Rozella Kuntz, from Gridley, were united in marriage, Bro. George Gramm performing the ceremony. Larry is the son of Sis. Knapp, from Cissna and Rozella is the daughter of Bro. Raymond and Ss. Lydia Kuntz, Gridley. The new Mr. and Mrs. Knapp will make their new home in Gridley.

Our annual election was held on Wed. evening, June 1. Retiring officers are, trustee, Bro. Alvin Ringger; Sunday School teachers, Bro. Ralph Schlipf, Bro. Ralph Klopfenstein (the latter having moved to Chicago); usher, Bro. Emil Schlipf. Our newly-elected officers are as follows: trustee, Bro. Sam Witzig; Sunday School teachers, Bro. Ray Ringger, Robert Gramm; usher, Bro. Roy Zimmerman.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Gloria Volk are the parents of a baby girl, born May 23 at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. This is the first grandchild for Bro. Ralph and Sis. Kathryn Klopfenstein, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. John Volk, of El Paso.

Guest speaker on Sunday, June 5 was Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott. Bro. and Sis. Bahler were here to attend the wedding of Bro. Larry Knapp and Sis. Rozella Kuntz.

We are glad to report, Bro. Barnhardt Ringger, who underwent major surgery some time ago, is home again and though slowly, steadily improving.

Sis. Joanne Stoller has returned from a several months' vacation in Europe.

The choral group from Morton were our guest singers at our last Song Service for this season. We truly enjoyed their beautiful singing, and hope they will sing for us sometime again.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

The engagement of our daughter, Sis. Mary Rinkenberger, to Bro. Byron Schrock, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther of Congerville has been announced. May God's rich blessings be their portion.

Roger Hitz gave his testimony of true repentance and was baptized. May God give him the much needed grace to live for him.

Our dear friend, Eli Stoller was admitted to the hospital for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he will be back with us soon.

Sis. Mary Gudeman (wife of Bro. Arthur) suffered injury. She is recovering slowly.

Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott spent a Sunday with us. We thank him for his messages, and wish him the faith and courage to continue on.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry have a new baby girl. They have named her Julie Lynn. She has one sister.

Our beloved sister, Anna Wittmer passed away at the San Pierre Hospital May 28, at the age of 80 years. She had been ill for over two months. We wish her rest. She was converted at the age of twenty, at Morton, and lived in the community of La Crosse since 1915. She made her home with her sister, Sis. Ida and Bro. George Yergler for many years. Surviving are her two sisters, Sis. Marie Troxel of Kalamazoo, Mich, Sis. Ida Yergler; and two brothers, Bro. John, Eureka, and Edward of Valparaiso. Funeral services were held May 30, by the La Crosse ministers.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

In our recent election, Bro. Ray Banwart was chosen to serve as trustee, replacing Bro. Garth Steffen, and Bro. Sam Feucht as treasurer, filling the office Bro. Bob Fischer vacates. Bro. Paul Rumbold is the new Sunday School superintendent, and Sis. Virginia Cooper was elected to teach the

youngest class, formerly taught by Sis. Nilah Fischer. Our sincere thanks to you who have served so faithfully, some for several years.

Sis. Clara Kaufman from Silverton has moved to a rest home in Albany for the near future. Her ad-

Letters from her friends are a real source of comfort and encouragement to Clara, and to all others who are shut-ins or residents of rest homes, we can surely believe. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

Visiting ministers were Bros. Harold Messner and Elmer Schmidt, of Winthrop. We thank them for their inspiring messages.

Everett Olson, after submitting to surgery, is convalescing at home. dress is: Mrs. J. S. Kaufman, 805 E. 19th St., Albany, Oregon. c/o Sunset Manor Nursing Home.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 6, for Bro. Simon Bachman, age 73. He had enjoyed moderate health until his sudden death. He is survived by his wife, Clara, and five sisters.

Also stricken with a fatal heart attack May 11 was Bro. Fred Ramsier. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Emma, three sons and three daughters. Writers often draw an analogy between death and a person on a journey on a boat, dropping from view on the horizon.

I watched a sail until it dropped
from sight
Over the rounding sea—a gleam of
light,
A last, far-flashed farewell, and
like a thought
Slipt out of mind, it vanished and
was not.

Yet, to the helmsman standing at
the wheel,
Broad seas still swept beneath the
gliding keel;
Disaster? Change? He left no
slightest sign,
Nor dreamed he of that dim
horizon line.

So shall it be, that day, when down
the tide

Our dear ones vanish. Peacefully
they glide

On level seas, nor mark the
unknown bound.

We call it death — to them 'tis
life beyond.

New births this past month include: a son, Mark, to Bro. John and Sis. Marg. Zollinger, on May 16; a daughter to Kenneth and Norma Jean Spence; twin daughters, Jan and Jill, to Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene Miller, on May 23; a son, Tod, to Bro. Edward and Sis. Shirley Zollinger on June 2; and a son, Jeffrey, to Bro. Edward and Sis. Marilyn Trent on June 2.

The engagement is announced of Ned Spangler to Gail Maibach. Ned is the son of Don and Sis. Louise. Gail is daughter of Tug and Sis. Alma.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Roger Moser has been taking advantage of his being stationed at nearby Ft. Devens and has spent his week-ends here with his parents, Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Emma Moser. He was at Ft. Sam, earlier.

A son was born March 29 to Raymond and Judy (Mitchell) Hany. He was named for his father and his grandfather—Raymond Arnold. Grandparents are Mrs. Lester Mitchell and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Hilda Hany. Sis. Louise Aberle is his great-grandmother.

In a recent tape recording to his parents, Bro. Dale Zahner briefly described conditions in Viet Nam and also things that confront him. Admittedly, all is not pleasant; however, Dale was not complaining. At one time on the tape, he told of a case when he saw three men fall, and went to the rescue of one who, if he not had been given aid, would have bled to death. Rushing to his side while still under V.C. action, he gave the wounded boy the medical aid needed and, in recognition for this heroic and humanitarian deed was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. At one point later on the tape, we could detect a slight break in his voice as he spoke of boarding his 'good ole 707' (jet) for home. Bro. Dale is the only child of Bro. Walter and Madelene Zahner.

Memorial Day is a national holiday. It is the day set aside by our government when the nation

honors its dead. Many of us know it also as Decoration Day, and truly it is just that. There are few, we believe, that permit this day to pass without making a visit to their cemetery where loved ones lie, and place a wreath or flower on some grave in memoriam. This is a privilege and a part of our solemn duty. Years are passing, when at some later date others will care for, and decorate our graves. This cannot be otherwise, for it is an imposition upon man, by God, that death is inevitable to all—young and old alike. I can well recall when, perhaps, sensing her time was not long, she said, rather sadly—while on a visit one evening to the cemetery—"When I'm gone you won't forget my grave—you'll visit it, won't you?" This was my dear mother—now in her grave twenty-seven years on August 12.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Once again our nature world is attired in much beauty. In this area, we behold many wooded hills, which lend a special touch of splendor in the early summer. The leaves on these trees are of many shades of green, from dark to light. God has given us so much for which to be thankful.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Sis. Louisa Butikofer.

Louisa, daughter of Fred and Rachel (Schneider) Sutter, was born on a farm in Marion township, Clayton County, Iowa, Oct 24, 1889, and died at her home in Elgin May 12, at the age of 76. Her entire life was spent in the Elgin community.

On Nov. 2, 1910, she was united in marriage to John Butikofer, who preceded her in death. To this union eight children were born: Lawrence, Elsie (Mrs. Wm. Torkelson), Lewis, Mildred (Mrs. George Schupbach), Eleanor (Mrs. Orlando Loftsgard) and John Jr., all of Elgin; Helen (Mrs. Herman Schupbach) and Eunice (Mrs. James Schlee) of Postville, who all survive her. On April 16, 1931, she was married to Lou Butikofer. To this union, one child was born, Oma Lee (Mrs. Lowell Strong) of Arlington, Mass., who survives her, as does her husband Lou. She is also survived by two brothers, Wm. Sutter, West Union, and Eli Sutter, Taylor; one sister, Madie Blunier, Roanoke; three stepsisters, Esther Moore and Celia Butikofer of Elgin,

Bertha (Mrs. Herman Hinderman, Fairfax, Minn.): one stepbrother, Will Frieden, West Union. One brother, Dan Sutter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, by Bros. Uriel Gehring and Paul Banwart. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Sis. Celia Butikofer is home from the Postville Hospital, where she spent a few days due to a leg fracture. She fell outside of her home. She will be wearing a cast for about nine more weeks, but is getting along real well. She is being cared for by her daughters, who change off from week to week; Mabel, Mrs. Torsgard from St. Olaf is there at present.

Sis. Evelyn Pulfer had an appointment at the Mayo Clinic this week, in regard to her leg cast. An X-ray disclosed a good healing, and accordingly her cast was removed. It was approximately twelve weeks ago that she experienced the break. We are happy for her that she is able to walk normally again.

We rejoiced over the testimonies and baptisms of our two friends, Dale Moore and Floyd Frieden. Elders Noah Schrock and Paul Banwart officiated at the event. May those new converts ever feel the nearness of our dear Saviour, who is always willing to help us if we are sincere in our faith and walk of life.

Among our high school graduates this spring there were two of our Sunday School pupils, namely Mickey Schupbach, son of the George Schupbachs and Floyd Frieden, son of the Edwin Friedens.

In the eighth-grade graduating class, there were three of our church, Audrey Pulfer—daughter of Paul Pulfers, Timmy Butikofer—son of Paul Butikofers, and David Metzger—son of the Erwin Metzgers.

Sis. Mary Metzger is working at the Good Samaritan Home on week ends. She will complete her practical nursing course at Mason City this coming July.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

... "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it..." Psalm 127:1.

Apostolic Christian Church
of America
1226 Naylor-Lloyd Road,
Girard, Ohio

Community Open House—June 19,
2-4 P.M.

Out-of-Town Open House July 10
Dedication, July 17

Church History

Some time shortly after the Civil War, a small group of members and friends of the Apostolic Christian Church began meeting in homes in the Girard-Youngstown area.

In 1874 the group was organized as a congregation, and a one-story frame church building was erected at 29 W. Wilson Ave., Girard, at a cost of \$1,600. With some additions and remodeling, this building was our place of worship until we moved into our new church, January 16.

Description

Ground breaking for our new church took place on Sunday, June 20, 1965, at 1226 Naylor-Lloyd Rd., about three miles northeast of the old location. Our new building is of brick, concrete block and exposed laminated wood arches. The structure, which is of a conservative contemporary design, was built for approximately \$85,000. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 175. Other facilities include Sunday School rooms, nursery, kitchen, and dining-room with a seating capacity of 75.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman

Sis. LaVina Leman—wife of Bro. Wilmer Leman, who was in the hospital, is home again and reportedly doing well, after having an operation.

Our friends, Kenneth and Judy Knepp are parents of their first child, a little girl, Cisna Rae, who was born May 4.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Leman are on a trip to Canada. Their son Scott and Bro. Jack Leman accompanied them.

Sis. Bina Bertsch, who fell some time ago, is still in the Eureka Hospital.

On the Wings of Prayer

Just close your eyes and open your heart

And feel your worries and cares depart—

Just yield yourself to the Father above

And let Him hold you secure in His love—

For life on earth grows more involved

With endless problems that can't be solved,
 But God only asks us to do our best,
 Then He will "take over" and finish the rest—
 So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
 There's always one door that is open to you—
 And that is the door to "the house of prayer",
 And you'll find God waiting to meet you there,
 And "the house of prayer" is no farther away
 Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray—
 For the heart is a temple when God is there,
 As we place ourselves in His loving care—
 And He hears every prayer and answers each one
 When we pray in His name "Thy will be done"—
 And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
 Are lifted away on **The Wings of Prayer.**

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
Julie Dapper

"Greetings be to you, our brethren, To our sisters in the Lord." Hymn No. 7, Hymns of Zion.

Since our last report, we have been richly blest with the visits of Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farny, Phoenix, and Bro. Glenn Hackenjos, Portland. Both Bros. Farny and Hackenjos, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, extended unto us many precious instructions and promises, which will certainly help to sustain us as we walk the **Narrow Path** of life.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thankfulness for all who take their time to assemble with us, even though we are unable to acknowledge each one by name.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Christine Leman — Jeanne Steffen

During the month of May, Ft. Wayne congregation was in charge of services. Inspiring messages were brought forth to us from God's word. Their efforts were appreciated by all of us.

Bro. John Isch has left us for the summer months. He will be working in a hospital near Rockville.

Sis. Kathy Grey, a student nurse at Indiana University, has also left us for the summer months. She will be going to summer school and

also working at the hospital in Knox, Ind.

We are happy to have Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Honnegger with us for a few months. They are living in Indianapolis and attend church here regularly.

IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE

The entrance to eternity is beautiful in Jesus' path. How beautiful to look forward to the home so bright and fair. Listen to these words at departure time; one after another tell of glory and home.

"I shall soon be with Jesus. Perhaps I am too anxious. Can this be death? it's better than living! Tell them I die happy in Jesus."

"Rest, happiness and peace for ever."

"Oh! how beautiful. The opening heavens around me shine."

"How bright the room; how full of angels!"

"Glory to God. I see the heavens open before me."

"I shall receive the crown of glory."

"Is this dying? Is this dying? No, it is sweet living."

"Do you see that bright light? Do you see those angels?"

"We shall meet ere long to sing the new song, and remain happy forever in a world without end."

"I see Jesus."

"I am on the borderland. All is well; all is well. Is this death? If this be death, then it is pleasant to die."

"If this is death, there is no valley. This is glorious. I have been within the gates and I saw the children . . . Earth is receding. Heaven is approaching. God is calling me."

"Oh, but is it so beautiful, so pleasant, so delightful! I see no river of death. God lifts me up in His arms. There is no darkness; it is all light and brightness."

A certain little girl, lovely and intelligent, began to fade away. She had lost her mother too early to fix the loved features in remembrance. She would ask a very dear friend, "Now tell me about mamma." When the oft-told story had been repeated, she would gaze for hours on mother's portrait. The hour of departing time came. All at once a brightness, as if flashed from the throne, beamed upon the colorless face. The eyelids opened. The lips parted. The little hands waved upwards. She looked into the

far above. "Mother!" she cried, with surprise and transport in her tone—and passed with that breath to her mother's bosom.

"Eternity rolls up before me like a sea of glory, and so near. Oh! that blessed company of redeemed sinners, and the glorious Jesus! What a Saviour, and He is mine. Oh! what a speck of time is the longest life to prepare for that blessed world."

A list of the service addresses available, on hand, is planned for July. The plan followed is to print large lists once every four months. Changed addresses are planned on in-between months. If you are in the service, does the **Silver Lining** have your correct address? Is the zip code there? If you are at home and have a loved one in service, do we have that address? Is it correct? Zip coded? We are willing to send any address in the service without charge.

GOSPEL HYMNS REVISED

Unless something holds up the work, the July-August area approximately is the date given to us . . . Would you be interested in picking up any hymnbooks ordered? Books can be picked up at the following places: Grabill, Bluffton, the Paulding-Latty area, somewhere in the Morton-Eureka area. If someone from Kansas would be willing perhaps this locality could be added. For those picked up in Indiana, unless exempt, have a 2% Indiana Sales tax. Gospel Hymn Publishing Co. Inc., Box 74, Grabill, Ind. 46741.

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THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

[A Model Church]

How beautiful that church must be
Where watchful is the porter,
While prudence has the oversight
And patience the exhorter.
Where harmony conducts the praise,
And reverence the worship,
While loyalty ascribes to Christ
The undisputed Lordship.

Humility prevades the place,
And piety sweet smileth;
While purity her fragrance breathes;
And gentleness glows nigh us;
Simplicity adorns the walls,
And grace all captivating—
Benevolence is prominent,
While zeal is operating.

Here mercy wears her diadem
And meekness conquers friction;
While truth exerts its influence—
Joy adds her benediction.
Here righteousness is placed on guard,
And faith is ever active,
While goodness evermore abounds,
While Christ is all attractive.

O Lord restore thy Church to this
Her primitive position;
And let us taste on earth the bliss
Of this divine condition.

Bro. Henry Beer made available beautiful lines.

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