

# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

OH LAMB OF GOD,  
IF MEN WILL SEE  
THY SACRIFICE ON  
CALVARY, COULD  
THERE BEHOLD THE  
THORNY CROWN  
THAT DREW THY BLOOD TO TRICKLE DOWN,  
AND SEE THINE ARMS EXTENDED WIDE,  
UPON THE CROSS; THY HANDS, NAIL-DRIVEN  
BY CRUEL BLOWS IN HATE APPLIED  
COULD HEAR THEE PRAY, THEIR ACTS FORGIVEN  
AND THERE BEHOLD  
AND UNDERSTAND  
GOD'S WAY FORETOLD  
AS HE HAD PLANNED  
IF THEY WILL KNOW  
THY RIVEN SIDE.  
ITS CLEANSING FLOW  
OF CRIMSON TIDE.  
AND SEE THY FEET,  
NAIL-PIERCED, TORN,  
TO MAKE COMPLETE  
THY ANGUISH BORNE,  
O CHRIST ABOVE,  
IF MEN WILL SEE  
THY GIFT OF LOVE  
TO SET US FREE.  
THEY WILL CALL  
ON BENDED KNEE,  
YIELD THEIR ALL  
IN LOVE TO THEE.

# THE SILVER LINING



# HEAVEN

If there would be such a city in this world, there would be very few people that would not pack their luggage, travel for miles and pay a big entrance fee to get in.

It is a city beyond human imagination — no death, no more tears, no sorrow, no parting, no more pain or sickness. Who wouldn't want to go to such a city? Yet we have the promise of this city with beautiful mansions, if we only unload our luggage of sin, confess our wrongs, make restitution, repent and be reborn out of water and spirit. We can then inherit this beautiful city, free of charge.

Let us get a glimpse of that city as the Apostle John describes it.

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God".

"And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of stones . . . the twelve gates were twelve pearls . . ."

Now, let us enter (in faith) into the city through the pearly gates, and check the beauties there. The streets are of pure gold . . . beautiful mansions; and most of all, Jesus is there, making it a place beyond comparison. What an experience it will be, to talk and walk with Jesus and see Him face to face, to look upon the nail-pierced hands and the wounded side. That is not all—there is God, the Father.

Take a few moments and think about how great God is. Human imagination cannot grasp it at all. He is the one that made the earth out of nothing, put the sun, moon and stars in rotation (they never lose a second of time). This great God will be right in the midst of it all. That is not all. Won't it be wonderful to meet many of the old prophets, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, David, plus multitudes of others? Check over the dear ones that have left you behind, awaiting your coming. What a joy that will be! My wife's mother told her, "I will meet you at the gate."

There is a story about a small girl whose mother was very sick. The little girl was taken to some friends home, so that the mother could rest. After the little girl left, the mother

died, so the child stayed with the friends until after the funeral. When they brought the little girl home, the first thing she did was go from room to room, looking for mother. When they informed her that mother died, she began to cry and say, "Take me away, take me away; I don't want to be here without mother." Mother is the one that made it home. So it would be in heaven without JESUS.

Will our happiness be disturbed by the absence of perhaps some of our dear ones? Not in the least! God would not permit such in His plan.

Will our family circle be broken? In God's plan, all tears will be wiped away, no more remembrance of former things. There is a chance that those that will not find their name written in the Book of Life will remember those that are in heaven. Abraham had a conversation with the rich man. You will find that Abraham had no sympathy for the rich man, even though he was mentioned as a son, possibly a Jew.

Now what of the joys in heaven? Heaven is a place of unspeakable joy. It is a happy reality. Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Isaiah writes, ". . . the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy . . ." They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Now let's consider Paul. He saw things, when he was taken up into the third heaven, that he could not tell. Can you imagine what he saw? He said he would rather be absent from the body and present with the Lord.

If we would get only one glimpse in heaven, we possibly would have the very same opinion. We would have more of a longing for heaven than what we do. How about the ones who are at rest, waiting for that great day? No doubt they are already in the presence of the Lord. Oh what a joy that will be! Human tongues cannot utter the words.

The Lord had some very consoling words for the murderer on the cross—"To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

When Jesus manifested His divine glory to the three on the mount, His disciples recognized Moses and Elias, even though they

had never seen them before. How many testimonies have we read of loved ones crossing the river, speaking of meeting dear ones who had gone on before?

There is a clock in France of the ninth century. Above this clock are words that translated in English read, **Of all these hours, fear only one.**

My dear friends, what price are you placing on your soul? Are you selling it for the transitory pleasures that the world has to offer, or will you place on it the price that Jesus does, who gave his life for you, that you might have eternal life with Him. He has paid the price for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

Remember, you are the controller of your soul. You set the price. Hell is terrible to talk about. Today is the day; tomorrow may be forever too late. Where will you spend eternity? This question can only be answered by you.

Will you be in that number, when the saints go marching in?

**Elias Souder**

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### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Marge Zeltwanger**

God, my life's Creator,  
Grant me grace and favor  
Not to live in vain.  
Lord, Thy love so holy  
And Thy Spirit lowly  
In my heart shall reign.  
Thy likeness let me possess;  
With Thy care and Thy direction,  
Bring it to perfection!

This beautiful hymn was always one of my Grandfather Pfleederer's favorites, before the Lord called him home. I had to think of this hymn when Bro. Theo Beer ministered to our congregation recently. He challenged us to become more like Christ each day, as so quickly we approach the evening hours of our lives.

We were all pleased to see the smiling faces of Bro. Silas and Sis. Pauline Laidig when, after a long absence, they were recently able to attend church services. We thank the Lord for this and pray He will continue to lay His healing hand upon them.

We were again reminded last week of the power of God, during a recent snowstorm in our area. Often it seems when men think they are the busiest, it is then that God reveals Himself in a mighty way, and reminds us anew that all things are under His divine control. May we ever praise God for the protection He affords us.

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Louise Akel**

**Victory**

All is well! Oh Lord, let not my soul be lulled to sleep.  
There's joy and love; help me my sacred watch to keep.  
The fiery darts have disappeared and all is calm.  
I thank Thee, oh my God, for the protection of Thy strong and mighty arm.

There will never be an end here to making mistakes. Even in the interpretation of the Bible one may ask, "How can a mistake be made if we have the Holy Spirit within us?" The Spirit of God never fails. Every word is true that comes from heaven. It is only when we lean to our own understanding or read worldly literature that we are influenced by a different power that is very strong. If we try to analyze or define the Bible, we might picture of our own imagination. It is a minister's duty to depend solely upon the Holy Spirit of God, the fountain of life, whose waters are pure. Be like-minded (we all should know the same things). Stand fast, watch and pray. Let us pray that we shall never come under the severe sentences that start with, "Oh foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you . . .?" May the peace of God, that passes all understanding, be with us all.

We are enjoying the company of many visitors, some for a short duration, others for the season. It is nice to go to church and notice the different license plates on the cars parked outside. We enter with joy, expecting to greet those who traveled so far to be with us.

### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

**Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich**  
**Mrs. Edison Gutwein**

This is the month our dear Grandma Pelsy will be 106 years old. She can stay in her home, and has two of her daughters to care for her so faithfully. She is blind. A much younger neighbor man is having trouble with his eyes; he keeps saying, "That poor Grandma, that poor Grandma".

Here are 106 words that she has said on recent visits to her "You didn't come to see me for a while; I don't feel hard, but I get lonesome. You had nice church today, didn't you? Who served dinner? It's soon my turn; I'd like to; Martha can take care of it. I think it's always

The second printing of **New Gospel Hymns 1-6 Revised** is planned. Completion will be a number of months away. (The first printing of 4850 is all sold.) We have a number of orders for the second edition. If you are interested, please send your order early.

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It is nice to have dinner at church. I like everything in the Bible; we need it so badly. I have some crosses, and guess you have some too. Bring your children; I wish them dear ones the best in all things and hope they can reach a good end. Give my hearty remembrance, and I thank you and I thank you for coming."

Our dear Bro. Sam and Sis. Tillie Geyer have been companions for 50 years in health, and now he in sickness; we pray for God to give them strength for each day. In asking him if he had much pain, He said not, but awful itching of his skin—and asked what feels the best for it, he said, "When company comes and holds my hand."

Another Golden Anniversary was enjoyed by John and Sis. Lydia Pelsy and their families, and we wish them an eternity of all happiness.

Heaven has sent someone new to the home of Bro. Robert and Sis. Norma Pfleederer, a daughter Lisa, who has three sisters, Lona, Linda, and Lorene, and a brother, Larry.

Lewis Albrecht was hospitalized with a knee injury. We give him our get-well prayer.

After our Wednesday evening services, we were to have our yearly voting, and the prayer was that we are thankful for young brothers who are willing to serve. Those who were chosen to help with this our precious faith and church were: Bros.: Ben Anliker, Edison Gutwein, Wayne Huber, Ronald Vogt, Elmer Anliker and Willis Gudeman. Bro. Chris Wuethrich asked to be relieved of his part of serving on the Personal Property Committee, which he so faithfully did for many years.



We have sweet memories from the pulpit, as Bro Harvey Grimm gave us these words: "A precious moment is here again, that we can bow before Thee with thanksgiving." May God richly bless him and others that came.

Closing — Is it fair to say "gimme" so many times a year, and not "thank you" so many times?

### JAPAN

#### Yoshio Yamazaki

We had so many blessings when our respectable Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Bro. Ben Maibach visited here in Japan on Oct. 21 to Nov. 7, and we had fine fellowship as you know. We had special meetings in Tokyo and country churches. It was really blessed meetings, undoubtable.

Mr. Saburo Utsuki, probably most American brethren know about him, was baptized here in Tokyo church by Bros. Kellenberger and Maibach when they were visited here. It is really wonderful that our Father accepted our long-time prayer, and also we really thanked God for He answered our prayer. Mr. Saburo Utsuki visited in the U.S. with his daughter, Yoshiko Utsuki, who is our sister in faith, and had very wonderful experience through our brotherhood in America. This was our hope for a long time. Mr. Utsuki repented and baptized because he was coming to our church services, since more than 10 years. We believe that he will become very fine brother in our congregation and help us more and more according his long experience and faith in God.

A day before the elders went back to the United States, we had brother's meeting until 2 o'clock A.M., and we discussed about many important matters for the Lord's work. We are really thankful to God and really appreciated that He sent such wonderful brothers to us. Some day we will have more good Christians be full in our Apostolic Christian Church here in Japan. Our friend, Miss Haruyo Suzuki, has been coming quite faithfully since the brothers were here.

We are having several young people who are really interested about spiritual salvation, faithful to come to the church services. In the country church at Tamabata, Hisato Inoue, who is Bro. Akito Inoue's young brother, became very fine and faithful church attender,

and it seems to me he really believes of Christ, the Saviour. Our hope and prayer is he will become our faithful member some day as soon as possible.

Mrs. Lawrence (Domnick Rapp of Morton) visited our Sunday services on 22, Jan 1967. She was on her way home from Vientiane Laos where she was visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bellamy.

This week, Mr. and Mrs. Zolton Szabo from Regine Canada visited our three churches in Japan. They are very fine couple; he told me they have three children in Canada.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

#### Velta Laukhuf

In the sunny south, this January was the warmest January on record, with temperatures far above normal. Due to this condition, the creations of God were magnificent, with all the flowers, green grass, plants and the singing birds. The abundance of the citrus fruit crop is one of the best in years. This is only possible through the blessings of the Almighty God.

We had many visitors from various churches that stopped to worship with our congregation here in Sarasota during the past month. On February 1, a church picnic was held, with a large number in attendance, and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you note: We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who remembered us, during our illness and surgery, with fervent prayers, card and gifts. May God richly bless you all. Love and greetings. Sis. Clara M. Virkler and Sis. Velta Laukhuf.

### TAYLOR MISSOURI

**Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer**  
Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, (Kansas) and Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville.

Sis. Emma Dee (Robert) Hoerr submitted to surgery, and 2-yr.-old Becky Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Huber, was a medical patient for several days. They have both returned home and are recuperating satisfactorily.

Sis. Betty (George) Hoerr had surgery on her foot, and Sis. Kathy (Paul) Haab also had surgery. Both are reported to be making satisfactory progress.

A daughter, Dawn Leigh, was born to Bro Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr on Jan. 20. They also have

a son, Shondel Lee. The grandparents are Bro. Roy Wysongs, Sabetha, and Rudie Haerr's, Taylor.

A son, Stacy Don, was born to Donald and Elaine Hoerr on Jan. 23. They have a daughter, Lori Ann. The grandparents are Henry Holdels and Bro. John Hoerrs.

Bro. William Cottrel has asked to be released from the ministry, because of his health. Bro. Noah Schrock was with us on Sun., Jan. 29, and gave Bro. William permission to do so for the present; the church accepted it with regret and a prayer that his health will improve so that he can again resume his duties.

In looking back, we wonder what prompted the pioneer families to leave their homes and established churches, to find new homes and start a new church community. They must have had the courage and faith to believe that the Lord would help and sustain them in their undertaking. They faced many hardships and privations that the younger generations have not had to experience.

Nearly fifty years ago, the first families that came to this Mississippi River bottom came because land was cheaper here. It was hard work to clear and develop the land, and since it had earlier been flooded, the levees were built higher, which put a high tax on the land, bringing a heavy financial burden on them.

The first ones to come in 1918 was the Bro. Andrew Yackley family from Hancock; in 1919, the families of Bro. Otto Gerst, Bros. Ben and Joe Wiegand and Ezra and Leslie Gerst, all from Oakville, Bro. Charlie Koellings, Peoria, and John, Dan, Rudie and George Hoerr, Morton.

Services were held in the homes; when no minister was present, they had Sunday School and at times read sermons of our ministers of some of our other churches.

In 1926, Bro. Edward Grimm, who had been a minister for many years at Elgin, Ia., moved here with his family, including Bro. Will and Sis. Marie Butikofer and Eli and Elizabeth Sutter.

A month after coming here, 1-yr.-old Joel Butikofer and 2-yr.-old Edward Sutter died the same day of what was diagnosed as bronchial pneumonia. Since there was no church or cemetery, the little boys



were buried in the lawn of their Grandfather Grimm's home.

That spring of 1926, a plot of land, about 20 acres, was purchased by the members and friends, about ¼ mile north of Taylor. The small family home was converted into a church. First services were held on Sunday, July 4, with seven families of members and some friends, a total of about 30 or 40 people.

In 1927, Bro. Fred Frieden and family came from Elgin Ia., and in 1928 Rudolph Hoerr and family moved here from Morton.

In 1930 there were fourteen converts, which brought new courage to the small flock. As the years passed, the congregation slowly grew in number. The children started bringing their friends to Sunday School, and as they grew to the age of accountability many of them repented along with our children.

Again looking back, we can see a purpose in those pioneers leaving their homes and coming to a strange community. Through their coming, many have heard of the way of salvation through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and one soul is worth more than the whole world.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

**Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart**  
We enjoyed the visit and teachings brought to us by Bro. Albert Wuthrich (on his way to Sis. Ida Miller's funeral).

Art Banwart had an appendectomy, but is able to assemble with us again. Byron, two-year-old son of Leonard and Helen Anliker, has returned after having major surgery in Iowa City. Sis. Lilly, wife of Bro. Nathan Mogler, has been in Iowa City with their son, and has an appointment for further treatment. Sis. Amy Banwart, wife of Ervin Banwart, is recovering satisfactorily from major surgery at Rochester. Bernadine Jurgens and Bro. William Metzger are in the hospital at Emmetsburg. Reports on Bro. William haven't been very good. Bro. John Gerber, who resides at the rest home in Algona, had the misfortune of falling and breaking his wrist, which has added to his failing health. Lena Metzger, wife of Sam Metzger, has been missing from our assembly, because of pneumonia. She is improved. Terry, son of Dean and Liliias Banwart, is recovering satisfactorily from a tonsillectomy.

Bro. and Sis. Dwayne and Lucille Schmidt are the parents of a new

baby girl, Gail Ilene, who has needed medical attention.

Most of our converts have been announced and are anxiously awaiting baptism.

An open house was held at the home of Conrad and Sis. Christine Schmidt for the 40th anniversary of Chris and Sis. Ida Schmidt, of Humboldt Iowa. May they continue to enjoy the Lord's blessings.

Leo Freiden has been hospitalized with a heart condition, and is much improved.

Warren, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernst and Edith Kellenberger, is in the hospital with an injured thumb.

#### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

**Doris Graf — Jeri Minger**

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." St. Mark 10:7-9

May God's blessings and love abide in the new home of Bro. and Sis. Emery Minger, who were married Jan. 29. They are the children of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Minger, and Bro. and Sis. Erwin Wieland of Bay City. Emery and Rhoda's new address is: 417 N Stoneman—Apt D, Alhambra Calif 91801.

Announcement was made Sunday, Jan. 22 of the engagement of Bro. Virgil Graf and Sis. Marilyn Dotterer. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer of Phoenix, and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf of Altadena. May the Lord protect and bless them in their future life together.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Christine Pearson and her family, in the passing of her husband, Walter. Funeral services were held by Bro. Carl Kinsinger.

We want to thank all our visitors, who came to visit and worship with us, especially Bro. and Sis. Al Scheitlin, from Elgin, Ill., and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller, from Cissna Park. Al and Ezra ministered to the congregation.

We welcome Sis. Joyce Minger back into our congregation. She has been living and working in Peoria.

A small family gathering was held on the 40th Anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf. They were married Jan. 1, 1927, in Akron, and have been blessed with seven children, and five grandchildren.

#### BERN, KANSAS

**Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner  
Mrs. Morris Edelman**

Visiting ministers were Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend, and for evening services Bro. Frederick Knapp from Congerville. Our congregations thank them for serving us.

Sis. Marlene Esslinger is not going to Bern High School, but is attending a special school at Marysville, Kansas, about 45 miles from home. We are glad she can be home week ends and attend church.

Hospital patients were Sis. Amanda Meyer and Sis. Loreen Strahm, who have both been dismissed. We're happy to see them back in church. Kyle Strahm, son of Bro. Alpha Strahms, had a tonsillectomy. Sis. Leah Bauman is still hospitalized. Elder Bro. Lester Hartter missed one Sunday, due to inflammatory arthritis, but was back again in church.

Sis. Lila and Bro. Joe Rokey became parents of a son, Michael Alan, on January 21. He has two brothers and three sisters; his oldest brother Joe, stationed in Erlangen Germany, will be glad to make his acquaintance when he gets home.

Bro. Morris Edelman was chosen to serve as a trustee and treasurer of our church. He takes the place of Bro. Roy Rokey, who has served two terms.

The Bible Class and Sunday School teachers met at Bro. Leonard Baumgartners' for an evening of fellowship.

Two announcements were made of engagements this month: Bro. Wayne Strahm, son of Bro. Ephraim Strahms, to Sis. Claudia Ohlsen of Wichita, announced on Jan. 22. Bro. Allen Rokey, son of Bro. Roy Rokeys, announced to Sis. Glenda Grimm, daughter of Bro. Nathan Grimms of Sabetha, on Feb. 5.

For next month, Sis. Esther Moser will take over the duties as Silver Lining correspondent.

#### DETROIT, MICH.

**Ruth Knochel Ruth Gudeman**

Here in Detroit, our small congregation is increasing. We are very happy to have three new converts. Friend Ann Wieland, oldest daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda Wieland and Friends John and Martha Gleichman, originally from Kansas, have found grace to repent. We hope many more of our friends can find it's worthwhile to be fol-



lowers of Christ.

Sis. Lorene Maibach, wife of Bro. Ben, was hospitalized this past month for major surgery. She is now at home and recuperating satisfactorily.

### ELGIN, IOWA

#### Mrs. George Butikofer

Last Sunday evening, a group from our church assembled at the Clayton County home to hold services. We felt as though we were received with eager anticipation by the folks who reside there. They always seem especially eager to participate in the singing segment of the service. Bro. Paul Butikofer read from the eleventh chapter of Luke, and meditated thereon. Two of the verses contained therein are as follows:

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Two faces have been missing from our usual church assembly. They are those of Andy and Florence Braker. This is by reason of illness. Florence informed us today that they were now both getting stronger, for which we are very thankful. She had surgery a few months ago, and her husband had a heart attack some time later . . . trust we will soon see them among us.

Our church auditorium is in the process of being painted (on the inside), and quite soon wall to wall carpeting will be laid.

This year I shall thank God not for abundance

But for the trust that He has imposed in me;

Not for the good times, but for those that try men's souls;

Not for an easy life, but for a full one;

Knowing that what God brings to pass is well done.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

#### Martha Stoller

#### Carolyn Zimmerman

Bro. Andy Koehl and Sisters De-lores Kiefer and Laura Kachelmuss were surgical patients, and Sis. Louise (Sam) Zimmerman, medical, at the Fairbury Hospital. All have

returned to their homes and are making a satisfactory recovery.

Sis. Rose Tyler suffered a fractured shoulder in a fall in her home. She was hospitalized for 11 days as a result of the fall.

Sis. Matilda Bach has returned to her home, following surgery at Carle Clinic in Champaign.

Three baby boys were welcomed into their homes this past month. Bro. Bill and Sis. Susan Kupferschmid named their second son, Mark Evan.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer named their new son Timothy Martin. He has two sisters and three brothers.

Bro. John and Sis. Beverly Eisenmann chose Daniel Lee as the name for their second son. He also has one sister.

Bro. Albert Wuetrich was with us for Wednesday evening services recently.

Our Sunday worship service was cancelled the Sunday following our recent snowstorm. The heavy snow equipment was in use in clearing the highways, and was not available for clearing our parking lot before Sunday. Many who were able to get out attended services in Fairbury, where we received a warm welcome. Thank you, Fairbury!

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

#### Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Our first month of 1967, January—already flown by, also brought us one of the largest snowstorms in many years. However, we are still thankful to have had several mild winters. Between trials and tribulations we still had many blessings for which to be thankful. God always provides graciously.

The last of the monthly singing was held on Jan. 22. The Peoria Adult Chorus sang several beautiful selections, as they were our guests for that evening.

Our mid-week church service had to be cancelled this week on account of slippery, freezing weather and roads.

Wedding: On January 28, the marriage was solemnized of Sis. Jane Funk to Bro. Larry Bertschi (of Tremont). Sis. Jane is the daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violet Funk, Gridley, Ill. Bro. Larry is the son of Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bertschi, Tremont. The couple are attending school at University of Illinois, Champaign. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their life together.

With the sick:

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein has returned to her home, after spending sometime in the hospital for treatment and observation. We are glad she is recuperating, with rest, nicely.

Bro. Orlyn Miller, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Esther Miller, had an unfortunate tractor accident, which fractured his arm in several places. He was hospitalized and has a cast, which he will have to have for some time. He has been released. Sis. Eunice Kammerer fell on Jan. 16 on the walk of our home and fractured her right leg. She also is in a cast, for six weeks, and is still in Methodist Hospital, Peoria.

Sis. Anna Schlipf is recuperating in the Apostolic Christian Home, on Galena Rd., Peoria. Anna had suffered a severe case of pneumonia, which hospitalized her for several weeks. We are thankful she has sufficiently recovered to be moved to the home.

Sis. Emma Yergler has not been able to assemble with us for some time, having been layed up with a back injury. We wish her a rapid recovery.

Sis. Joan Aupperle underwent ear surgery Jan. 31, in Methodist Hospital, Peoria. She is recuperating, and was released Feb. 1.

We wish all our sick and injured much patience and a rapid recovery.

Captain Dennis Stoller of Ft. Bliss, Texas arrived Fri., Feb. 3, in Peoria, and is attending the American Dental Convention, which is being held in Chicago, Feb. 5, 6 and 7. Dennis is the son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller of El Paso, Illinois. Dennis expects to be discharged from the Armed Service in August, the Lord willing.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk became the parents of a daughter, born Feb. 3. The little miss has two sisters and one brother to welcome her in their home.

Visiting ministers here were Bro. Albert Wuthrich, from Pulaski.

### Prayer

Prayer is like sugar; it makes life sweeter.

Much prayer in the home makes home, sweet home.

Family prayers make the home ties stronger.

Prayer removes bitterness from life.



Prayer asks the Maker of rain, who causes showers of blessings.

Isaiah 55:12; "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr  
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Wilma Young, in the loss of her father.

We received most welcome moisture in January. We were 18 inches below normal for 1966. We've had some "spring" temperatures, and sharp dips; there has been much flu, colds, virus and pneumonia around.

... Talked to Sis. Dorene Metzger yesterday (the 5th). Eldon and Shawn are expecting to be released soon. Shawn is able to pull himself up now and take a few steps. The wound on his face still swells some at times, and the shock treatments have gone as far as they can (where the nerves were severed); any movement from now on will have to be done by Shawn. Eldon is making better progress getting in and out of bed into the wheel chair, and no longer has pain.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker brought out in his message yesterday afternoon that we should be reasonable . . . be able to sit down and "reason together" as the apostles mentioned—to be humble and not unreasonable. Our annual church election was held, with the following now serving: Church Board — Lloyd Kraft, Roy Bahr, Sam Kraft; Building Aid—Frank Beyer, Rudy Bahr, Ephraim Young; Personal Property Aid—Al Grimm, Ivan Beyer, Andy Young; Cemetery Board — Sam Kraft, Rudy Bahr, Lloyd Kraft; Church usher—Rudy Bahr; Church parking—Al Grimm; Bible School Supt. — Sam Huber; Silver Lining reporter and ass't.—Eileen Bahr and Dorene Metzger; Sunday School Supt. Eldon Metzger; Older Bible Class—Eldon Metzger, and Roy Bahr, substitute; 9th and 10th—Ivan Beyer; 7th and 8th—Lloyd Kraft; 6th—Wilma Young; 4th and 5th—Mary Huber; 1st, 2nd, 3rd—Eileen Bahr; pre-school and kindergarten—Doris Bahr.

I'm glad to get new ideas for the primary grades. Recently my class enjoyed this: After we read the

story of King Nebuchadnezzar from Egermeier's, we "illustrated" and then colored (on plain paper) the story, simple stick figures and drawings—one picture of proud king Nebuchadnezzar in his garden; the big tree in his dream, the tree being cut down, the stump left, the king down on all fours—like an animal, and then the king thanking and praising God.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Susan Rapp

"The Word is help for the hopeless and hope for the helpless" was in the closing prayer of our Apostolic Christian Bible Class on Jan. 5. Bro. J. B. Schrock answered our questions concerning spiritual matters.

Bro. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury spoke on Acts 26, on January 12. He mentioned that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written (St. John 21:25). We should believe that the words that are recorded are actually very important.

The attendance that evening was 89. Because of semester break, the next meeting was held on February 2.

#### LATTY, OHIO Susie Lanz

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) After giving the testimonies of their faith, Delores Riggenbach, Connie Schlatter, and Jean Ann Stoller were added to the fold. This blessed event took place on February 5. We wish them God's grace as they walk on in their new life. We pray that many more may surrender their heart to the Lord while there is yet time.

A daughter, Jana Lynn, was born to Bro. Jack and Sis Mary Gerber on February 2. Also to welcome the new baby is another daughter, Jackie.

On the sick list this month were Sis. Clara Sinn, Bros. Ulrich Kipfer, Rudy Wenninger and Danny Sinn. May God grant them a speedy recovery.

Dave Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella has received orders for service in Viet Nam. Also Alan Stoller, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen, began his train-

ing in California. We pray that God will protect them and give them comfort in their lonely hours.

THO'T: "Faith that goes forward triumphs."

#### LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Vander Woude, a daughter, January 2, named LaVonne. To Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a daughter, Jean Lois, January 29. Jean is suffering from pneumonia and had to be hospitalized for a few days. Bro. and Sis. Wm. Gerber have a daughter, Joni Lynn, January 13.

Preparations are being made for our Easter program, as Easter is so early. May we truly understand what Christ bore for our salvation.

Ray Wulf was hospitalized for several days. Bro. Ernst Knobloch was absent several Sundays because of flu and cold. Ernest Feucht is hospitalized for observation. Bro. Chris Kellenberger is seriously ill and is undergoing tests at Rochester.

Several from here attended visitation and funeral services at Winthrop for Sis. Ida Miller. She was well known here.

David Moser, son of Bro. and Mrs. Adolph Moser, left for the military services and is taking his basic at Ft Lewis, Washington.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer  
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Bro. and Sis. Lyle Zeltwanger are the parents of a new daughter, Jean Lillian; she has two sisters and a brother to welcome her.

Pfc. and Mrs. Mark Kellenberger are the parents of their first child, a daughter; she has been named Jennifer Lynn.

Sis. Verna Schaefer, Sis. Clara Miller, John Griener, Alfred Luthi, and Douglas Wulf have been hospital patients the past month. We pray that they all will be well soon.

Sis. Martha Allenspach has been moved from a "Home" in the cities to "Glen Erickson Home" in Benson, Minn. I'm sure she would appreciate a visit.

**Treasures in God's Storehouse**  
Are you craving for LOVE that will stand every test?

In John 3:16 it is manifest.

Do you need an ANCHOR to steady you?

Hebrews 6:19 will give it to you.



If you long for a PROMISE in deep despair,  
Read Psalm 91; you will find it there.

If it's JOY you want for heart and mind,  
This in John 15:11 you'll find.

Do you cry for STRENGTH, in temptation to sin?  
Read Revelation 3:10; it will help you win.

If it's COMFORT you seek for your heart that's sad,  
Matthew 11:28-30 will make you glad.

If it's PEACE you crave in moments unrest,  
John 14:27 calms the troubled breast.

Well stocked is God's storehouse—  
His Holy Book;  
There are treasures untold for all who look.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Mohrman of Lausburg, Minn. will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday February 26, at Lausburg Church basement from 2-5 p.m. No cards have been sent. Hosts are the children.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer**

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We were pleased to have Bro. Noah Schrock minister to us one Wednesday evening, the first of the year. As he opened the Scriptures to one of Apostle Paul's letters, he said that when he received a letter he first looked to see who it was from, to whom it was addressed, and then concentrated on the contents. The Apostle Paul's letters were mostly directed to believers. He gave us many teachings that we should follow. As the apostle said he had not yet apprehended and must die daily, so must we. He was still striving for perfection, until he could see the end was near, could lay his armour down and say he had fought a good fight of faith and now is awaiting the reward. So shall we all strive daily to do our best, for Satan is very sly and ready to deceive the very elect. "... God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Barney Ringger, who was called to rest. Sis. Betty Herrmann and family attend our congregation. It is a comfort to find such passages as found in I Thess. 4:13: "... I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

We have had several shut-ins and hospital patients, but are glad to report all are on the mend. Douglas, small son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty Stahl, had surgery but was as good as new in a few days. The infant son of Bro. Verle and Sis. LaVonne Kieser was hospitalized for a few days with trachial bronchitis. Sis. Doris Christ is convalescing in her home, following leg surgery. Bro. Ben Streitmatter is able to worship with us again, following surgery. Brother Christ. Elsasser is home again, after receiving treatments at Mayo's Clinic. Sis. Marie Seidel also underwent surgery at Mayo's, and is at home recovering. Bro. Joe Stoller went to Chicago, where he submitted to ear surgery. He had to wait a couple days until the doctors could get to the hospital, due to the severe snowstorm. Sis. Mary Menold had gone with them and was able to lend her aid to the nurses while there, since some nurses were unable to get to work. Bro. Joe is at home and recovering nicely. Sis. Lydia Seidel is able to be up for short periods of time, following a severe heart attack. She is resting at her home.

May all the afflicted place their trust in the Lord, who helps to carry their cross and will never leave them alone. Sometimes afflictions bring us closer to the Lord, and we can truly count our blessings when health is again restored.

We have truly felt the pangs of winter as the biggest snowstorm since 1900 hit our area, blocking roads. Our little village was isolated for a time, until roads—leading from all directions were ploughed open. Many motorists were stranded in their cars, spending the night in their cars, while others took refuge in homes along the highways. The following Wednesday we couldn't have church, as a severe ice storm hit our area. It was truly a winter wonderland, and even though it caused much inconvenience, we were very fortunate the electricity didn't fail.

Bro. George Kieser has received word that his grandson, Robert Souder, is now stationed with the Armed Forces in Germany. Eugene Rumbold has recently written to his parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl, of his 3000-mile trip with four other boys stationed in France. They feel quite fortunate to be able to visit other countries and see how other people live. They enjoyed a tour of Denmark, Germany, Holland and Belgium.

While our boys are doing their part in the armed forces, many here at home are trying to do their bit to alleviate hardships and suffering to those in war-torn countries, by gathering several times each month to sew garments, comforters, quilts and many other items. There are several groups, and there is something for everyone to do, so all should feel they have a part. Some who are unable to go away do knitting and sewing in their homes. A large shipment is soon ready to be taken to a distribution point, and we feel sure there is a blessing in the efforts of those who take an interest in this worthy cause.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

**Anna M. Waibel and Sisters**

Funeral services were held for Bro. Andrew Nussbaum, 81, on Thurs., Jan. 12. He was born at Fairbury, to Bro. Nick and Sis. Emma Nussbaum, & came to this community in 1900. He was minister of the gospel in our church for 20 years. Many memories linger in our minds of his presence with us.

He was in the hatchery business 50 years (which they celebrated recently). He was married to Sis. Emma Troxel in 1911; she passed away in 1918. In 1933 he married Mary Bahler, who passed away in 1958. He is survived by one daughter, Esther; four sons, Edward, Marvin, and Robert of here and Jack of Frankfort, Ind.; two brothers, Jess and Arthur; and six sisters, Ruth, Clara, Cynthia and Sisters Eunice, Martha, and Ida.

Philip Knochel, 80, passed away at Crescent City, Ill. He is a brother to Sis. Mary Bahler of here and to Bro. Fred Knochel of Bay City. He leaves a son and a daughter, neices and nephews and friends to mourn.

Our annual church meeting was well attended. Some new Sunday School teachers were selected and other subjects discussed and decided upon. May all the decisions made



be to the honor and glory of our Lord.

The 26th of January was the beginning of a really bad rain-sleet-snow storm, which lasted for 3 days, with lots of damage to shrubs, trees, telephone and electric wires. Many of us were without heat and lights for hours, others for days. It will be weeks until all telephone wires are repaired. There was no heat at church, so services were held in town at the Fellowship Hall.

Bro. Walter Bahler and Bro. Richard Stoller and their wives flew to Arizona and California but due to weather conditions at O'Hare Field in Chicago could not return home that way, but took another flight to Indianapolis and Lafayette and arrived home Monday night.

Bro. Ben Braker's awnings in front of his new Gambel store fell down, due to sleet and broke all of his big plate glass windows . . . He could have them replaced the next day. There was not too much damage inside.

Bro. Harold Waibel and Bro. George, his father, are recuperating after surgery. His mother, Anna, was at the hospital the same time, for observation and tests.

### TUCSON, ARIZONA

**Jay J. Bertsch — Noah Herman**  
**MY GOD IS NOT DEAD!**

How could they say my God is dead,  
When by His hand I'm gently led?  
He listens daily as I pray,  
And points me to a better way.

He hears the frailest voice that cries.  
And gently wipes the tear-dimmed eyes.  
To those in need, He lends an ear,  
And in providing, casts out fear.

If we in sickness on Him cry,  
I'm sure His child He'll not deny.  
To those in sin who seek His face,  
He sweetly saves them by His grace.

Who then can say, "My God Is Dead"?  
Such foolish words so lightly said.  
He lives! He lives forevermore,  
For us to worship and adore.

Our ministering brother, Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, delivered a wonderful and inspiring sermon to us recently. I am sure everyone present received a blessing. Ministering Bro. Richard Schupach of Phoenix also assembled with us. We

are always glad when people come to be with us. There are several winter visitors staying in Tucson; for that we are grateful.

Mrs. Ruth A. (Bertsch) Griffith, formerly of Tucson and daughter of Bro. Jay Bertsch is recovering from heart trouble at the Altus AFB Hospital. She's been hospitalized since January, and must stay until March 6. The time goes so slow for her, and anyone wishing to send her a card of encouragement should send it to her at 813 West Cypress St., Altus, Oklahoma 73521.

Tucson has been having wonderful warm and sunshiny weather the past few weeks. Scarcely any moisture has fallen. The early mornings get rather chilly, with the temperature around 46 to 48 degrees—then as the day progresses, the temperature gets up to around 77-79. It is amazing how one part of the country can be so different at the same time.

Again we extend a warm and hearty welcome, for all to assemble with us whenever out this way.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Delores Messerli**  
**Carol Ann Messner**  
**In Memory Of Mother**

Just at the evening's close,  
God sent an angel fair;  
Only one word He whispered, **Come,**  
And our dear one hastened there.  
She left us for her heavenly home,  
Without a thought or care.  
In Jesus presence she will wait,  
For us to meet her there.

We loved her, but not enough  
To hold her soul to earth below.  
The willing gifts our hands would give  
The wealth of earth were all too few.

He loved her, and in the  
Goodness of His love  
Sent angels to her side  
Who gently closed her eyes in sleep,  
While He opened wide the gates of  
Heaven.

In tribute to Sis. Ida Miller,  
written by a niece.

Our dear aged Sis. Ida Miller closed her eyes in death Thursday evening, January 5. She had been readied for the night, only to close her eyes in death. Ida Wutrich, born Nov. 18, 1873, was taken into the fold at the age of 17. She married Bro. Mike Miller in 1897. They

lived in Pulaski before moving to Winthrop in 1924. In 1947 they observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bro. Miller preceded her in death. Surviving are: Sis. Carrie Messner, Sis. Esther (George) Messner, Sis. Florence (Walter) Messner, Sis. Pearl (Archie) Liemann, and Bro. Carl of Winthrop; Bro. Noah and Richard of Minneapolis.

Bro. Albert Wutrich conducted the service. He read Proverbs 31:10, and truly no more fitting words can be found to tell of our dear one's life. She labored and walked side by side with Bro. Miller, our first minister at the Winthrop congregation. Their doors were always open to guests. Other visiting ministers for the day were Elder Bro. Paul Banwart, Bros. Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber.

Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse ministered to us on Sunday. He reminded us of the greatest loss we would feel from the death of Sis. Miller. "She will not be here to pray for us anymore."

Open House was held in observance of Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry Messner and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt's 25th Wedding anniversaries. We wish them God's blessings further on the road of life together.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Schmidtgall announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice Kay, to Mr. Samuel J. Boe of Minneapolis.

Our annual meeting was held, with Bro. Donald Messner being put in as Sunday School teacher.

### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

**Marlene Mosher**

Sis. Emma Wackerle has suffered a fall, but is doing fine. There are also other older brothers and sisters that cannot always worship, because of illness and also because of the winter we are having. We wish each and every soul the grace and blessings of our dear Saviour, even though we can't gather together in the house of worship. Let us all make an effort to visit these loved ones, and to keep them in our prayers.

Bro. Henry Meylan has underwent surgery, but is doing just fine.

Bro. Emery Minger of Altadena and Sis. Rhoda Wieland have been joined in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. Bro. Emery is the son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Frieda Minger of Altadena. Sis. Rhoda is the



daughter of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Weiland. Even though Bro. Emery and Sis. Rhoda had many anxious moments previous to their wedding, with the bad winter weather we have been having, they got on their way. We hope they will have a very happy life together with each other and with their Lord.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber**

“Material things can never satisfy our immortal soul”.

Births: Bro. and Sis. Vernon Geisel are the parents of a daughter, Shawn Lou. Bro. and Sis. Leon Gerber are the parents of a son, Bradley Wayne. Bro. and Sis. Gene Baumgartner are the parents of a daughter, Dana Lynn. Bro. and Sis. Arlin Gerber are the parents of a daughter, Jami Alane.

Shut-Ins: Sisters Aldine Heyerly, Clara Fiechter, Marjorie Reimschisel; Bros. Sylvan Gerber and Alvin Fiechter.

Weddings: On January 21, Friends Shelia Moser and Kent Sprunger were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Nelson Moser, and Mr and Mrs. Adrain Sprunger. Jan. 6, Friends Lester Frauhiger and Ann McClure were united in marriage. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Herbert Frauhiger, and Mrs. Earl Harvey.

May your hearts be bound in oneness

With a love that will not die;  
In your joy and in your trials,  
May you find God standing by.

Engagements: On January 8, the engagement of Sis. Rebecca Aschliman to Bro. Perry Isch was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Robert Aschliman and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Isch.

On January 29, the engagement of Sis. Janice Ringger to Bro. Robert Sutter was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ray Ringger, and Bro. and Sis. Harry Sutter.

God bless you on your engagement—And may His grace be in your hearts. . .

During the past month, two friends were added to the precious fold, Marsha Steffen and Steve Aeschliman.

“Serve the LORD with gladness. . .”  
Psalms 100:2

Show your love for God today  
By helping someone in need,  
And as you serve Him, you will find  
That you are blessed indeed.

Funeral: Service was held on Feb. 6 for Bro. Herman W Kipfer, age 62, who died after an illness of three years. Surviving in addition to the wife, Gladys, are two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Nondes) Costello and Mrs. Elim (Karyl) Smith; four sons, Jay, William, Ned and Thomas; three brothers, Albert, Martin and Carl; four sisters, Frances, Freida, Esther and Irene. Elder John Yergler officiated the service.

New college address: Lonnie Frauhiger, 427 Perry St., Vincennes Univ., Vincennes, Ind. 47591.

### ALTO, MICHIGAN

**Myrna and Loretta Steffen**

On Dec. 29, Susan Schutte and Roger Root were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Ben Maibach. Susan is the daughter of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte.

We heard the testimony of Donna Steffen on January 17. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Geo. Sinn were with us. Bro. Joe reminded Donna in her proving that there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ. On Sunday, the 18, he meditated further on this subject (Romans 8) “. . . For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. . . .”

In this weary old world where changes are so swift that the foundation of our whole society seems to be trembling, we are happy to see loved ones turn to our Lord. Let us never cease to praise him, because we have received a kingdom which cannot be removed. Our peace is more precious than all the treasures of this world.

Our congregation met recently to pack clothing for World Relief. We are so richly blessed in this country . . . thankful we are for the opportunity to share with needy ones.

The believer says, **There is a God, and He has revealed Himself to me.**

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME,  
EUREKA**

**August Mueller**

The year 1966 is behind us. The saying goes, Forget what is behind. Paul the Apostle tells us to forget what is behind and reach for that which is ahead of us. It is a blessed

thing to forgive and forget the shortcomings and the trespasses.

How fortunate are we that we can call to our Heavenly Father at any time and at any place. This privilege was granted unto us through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We can never thank Him enough for coming down to this earth to show us the way to His Heavenly Father. He is a merciful Father. Where would we be if it were not for His mercy? Jesus Himself said, Be merciful like my Father in heaven is merciful. In the Old Testament, the people had to go up on a mountain to sacrifice. They had to kill animals and use the blood. How easy it is in our days to call unto the Father and to tell Him our troubles, He gave us grace to repent; without grace it is impossible. The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He promised that they should possess the land of Canaan, a fruitful land, and so they did. Jacob had twelve sons and one daughter. Joseph was sold, ere the famine hit the land (it was so ordained from the Lord, so he could feed the house of Israel). The famine lasted seven years. Jacob was forced to send his sons to Egypt to buy food for his household. The time came that Israel moved to Egypt with his whole household. They prospered; they multiplied. Four hundred years they lived in Egypt. The Lord sent Moses and Aaron to take His people out of Egypt.

They were glad they were free from bondage, but soon after they started to complain. They even had in mind to return to Egypt, which was very displeasing in the eyes of the Lord. The Lord was very good to them; He gave them everything, but they kept on murmuring and complaining until they provoked Him to anger. Then the Lord destroyed them by the thousands, but His covenant He did not break. The Lord fulfills every word.

Sun., the 15th, Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville was here with his wife. He had a short sermon about the heavenly home which awaits all that stay true and faithful. We are indeed fortunate that we have ministers to show us the heavenly way.

When Joseph sent his brothers home, he told them, Do not fall out on the way. It was a long journey. In those days I believe there were plenty wild animals running around, looking for something to eat. The



Lord was with them. It is a pleasure to go someplace, when you know that the Lord is with you. He leadeth His children through this dark world and time. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. The Lord is good. How lovely, oh Lord, are the feet that proclaim Thy word, and how fortunate are we that we have ministers and elders that are willing to serve the congregations with heavenly food and drink.

Abraham was a man of God. He was called a friend of God. He did what the Lord told him to do without asking any questions.

We had a blessed evening. A group of singers were here from the church, and it sounded beautiful. . . . Singing praises unto the Lord. He gave us a start to love Him with all that we can love Him, and He gave a voice so we can praise Him. How often do we wish to be with those that grow not weary to sing that new hymn, which only those know that stayed true and faithful till the end.

When Abraham went to meet and greet those three men, they did not tell him who they were. Two of them went their way to Sodom. Lot was living there with his wife and two daughters. Abraham started to ask the Lord if there were fifty, would you destroy. Then the answer was no. Abraham kept going down. Finally he was down to five. When he was told that there were not even five the Lord went His way, and Abraham went home. If they would have repented surely the Lord would have given them time to repent, because He is merciful and longsuffering. He does not have pleasure in the death of a sinner.

Last night we had the singers here from Eureka. It sure is a precious thing to sing praises unto God our Heavenly Father. What a day that will be when, those that lay in the graves will come forth to receive the reward for the work they did in the time. They lived here. After we have done everything we are told to do, Jesus tells us we should call ourself an unprofitable servant, because we only did what were told to do.

The members and friends in this Home mourn the loss of a dear old lady, Mrs Francis Shoff. She passed away at 10:30 Sunday morning, in the Eureka Hospital. No longer will we see her smiling face or waving

hand. She reached close to 88 years. We all will miss her at the table.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

God's power revealed in the clouds—a tremendous freezing rain storm hit our area in late January at the same time that Chicago received their crippling snowstorm. Ice was measured as weighing up to seventeen times the weight of the branches to which it clung. Many trees were riddled of huge limbs, and power lines and poles were flattened. Many people were without power for several days, some for more than a week.

Even so, it was a beautiful sight. What was wrought in just a few hours of quiet rain as freezing temperature far excelled the most costly Christmas display of a month earlier. The experience humbles us to God's magnificent power and how dependent we are on his divine providence.

That Sunday we were without a minister at church, but still enjoyed a blessed day in singing, fellowship and listening to tape recordings of previous services.

Services every Sunday are working out well. Attendance is good. Bro. Bill Zbinden has been chosen to welcome and introduce ministers and make other announcements. Bros. Bob Blunier and Bob Simpson will assist.

Bradford is scheduled to send a minister on Feb. 26, Taylor on March 12, and Francesville on March 26. Goodfield and Cissna Park cover for the first and third Sundays of each month.

Many thanks to Bros. August Bolliger, Tremont, and Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park, for their ministering visits in January.

Sis. Diane Belsley, Eureka, and Bob Kaiser, Morton, have been announced to be married. God bless their undertaking. Both are students at the University here.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

A careless word may kindle strife;  
A cruel word may wreck a life.  
A bitter word may hate instill;  
A brutal word may smite and kill.  
A gracious word may smooth the way;  
A joyous word may light the day.  
A timely word may lessen stress;  
A loving word may heal and bless.

Our annual meeting was held; brothers and sisters were elected for a new term. May each do their part according to the will of God.

Bro. Fredrick Knapp was our guest minister. We are always encouraged thru visitors.

Our friends, Roger and Verna Knapp became parents of a baby girl, born Jan. 15. She was named Sheri Sue. A daughter, Sue Ellen, was born to Bro. and Sis. Sam Bauer on Jan. 17.

Our sisters, Mary Hari and Mary Maul, had to be hospitalized. Mother (Sis.) Lena Feller had to go to the hospital again. May the dear Lord ever be at their bedside.

The Cissna Park area has termed the ice and snowstorm of January 26, which continued until the next evening, the worst experienced. Many trees were broken, also light and telephone poles were affected. The entire village was without electricity about 18 hours, and some of the rural areas were without electricity for six days. Families moved in with others that had some kind of heat. Some of us went back to using old-fashioned cook stoves. Those that were fortunate to still have them. Many of us used candlelight. There have been crews of men working night and day; things are coming back, but most rural areas are still without telephone service. Again we could feel grateful, as we still have our homes.

Funeral services for Sis. Mary Freidinger, age 76, were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel Gudeman Jan. 29. She was in the hospital for 6 weeks, following a stroke. Her husband, Bro. Louis survives; also the following children: sons, Arthur and Harry; daughters, Velma Schmidt, Ruth Eberhart, Una Baier, Eva Jean Newlin, Mary Lou Conlin, Sisters Viola Barth and Vera Yergler. Our congregation will miss her. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Due to the storms, the funeral was postponed a day. Our church was without heat and lights but a generator was brought in and hooked up long enough to have the funeral services.

Bro. Adam and Sis. Lizzie Knapp celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Jan. 15. May they be blessed with many more happy years together.

We had our first annual collection for the Silver Lining fees (very successful), and wish to thank our readers for their wonderful cooperation. We are sure our editor will



appreciate this very much. We welcome our new subscribers.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp**

Rebecca Sue is the name given to the first child born to Vernon and Judy Wagonbach Wettstein. Little Rebecca was born on Jan. 27.

Mary Wettstein has been hospitalized for observation and tests. Also in the hospital is her brother, Danny Wettstein, due to injuries received during a fall.

During the past month we were thankful to have as visiting ministers the following: Bro. Leroy Hartman from Peoria, Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville, and Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka. They left us with many inspiring messages and exhortations.

It is easy to lose interest in a church in which you have nothing invested.

### CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, N. Y.

**Mrs. Lawrence Farney  
Mrs. David Schamback**

Shut-ins: Sis. Dorothy Herzig has spent sometime in the hospital, suffering from a heart attack. Sis. Carolyn (Mrs. Bernard) Virkler, Bro. Robert Beyer and Bro. Carl Virkler are recovering from major surgery. Our young sister, Susan Hirschey, is able to return to school on a half-day schedule, after an attack of viral pneumonia.

Kendall Virkler and Judy Dosztan were united in marriage on January 8 by Bro. John Widrick. Ken is the son of Bro. Theodore and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler, and Judy the daughter of Mrs. William and the late William Dosztan.

Sis. Ada Hofer, 77, wife of Bro. Benjamin Hofer, died in the Lowville hospital Jan. 30, where she had been a patient ten days. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son and four daughters: Edwin Hofer; Laurene Robinson, Amilda Brodish, Helen Petzoldt and Lois Ferguson; fifteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and a brother, Bro. Ezra Lehman. Funeral services were held in the Virkler Funeral Home, with Bro. John Widrick officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss**

Our visiting ministers were Bro. George Wagenbach of Princeville and Bro. Harry Bucher of Valpar-

aiso. We received God's word in rich measure. May God bless them and all our ministering brothers who so faithfully serve in this worthy cause.

In so many other places we have had record snowfalls, and we could see again how helpless man is to withstand or hold back what God plans. With all the marvelous inventions in our time, switches for this and for that, there is no switch to do anything about the weather. They just have to stand by helpless and take it as it comes, and how well it is this way. What a confusion it would be otherwise.

The Chicago church could not have services on account of the snow, so Bro. Albert Fisher came and ministered unto us the past two Sundays. We enjoyed having him and Sis. Margaret in our midst, and thank him for the God-inspired messages brought to us. He read about the pool of Bethesda, and invited and encouraged the friends to come to the Pool, the blood of Christ, and be healed of the disease of sin.

The family of the Alfred Hughs—their daughters, Sis. Marie (at home), Mrs. John (Lucille) Fuqua Jr. of Los Angeles, Mrs. Dwight (Alice) McConnell of LaGrange and son Perry of Westchester, Illinois, their eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, had the opportunity to rejoice with them in observing their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many good wishes were extended by members and friends.

Sis. Mary Leuthold fell on the ice and injured her knee. We miss her and wish a speedy recovery.

Martha, wife of Reuben Moser, of 408 Morgan St., has been at Sherman Hospital for a few days. We wish her a speedy recovery, and we hope she will soon be able to return to her home.

THANK YOU, one and all for the lovely cards and good wishes on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We deeply appreciate all that was done to make it a day of much joy, and may God bless you. Alfred and Martha Hugh.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Cathryn Wettstein--Salome Walters**

January 18, in the evening, Sis. Verna Martin and Bro. Richard Hartter were united in marriage by Bro. LeRoy Huber. They will live on a farm south of Eureka. May God's blessing be with them always.

January 28, five of our friends

were given the opportunity to give their testimonies before the church. They were Melvin and Marjorie Stoller, Eli Fisher, Carolyn and Milton Leman. Bros. Joshua Broquard, Eugene Bertschi and Leroy Huber performed their duties in this. The next day they were all baptized. Quite a few visiting ministers were in the audience for the occasion. We hope they will return soon and be our guests on the pulpit.

Sandra Mooberry and Ervin Knecht were married Jan. 22, in Eureka. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Fred and Emma Knecht. They will live in Eureka.

Phylis Kupferschmid and Chris Miller have announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Chris and Betty Miller of Congerville. A February wedding is being planned.

January 11, our annual business meeting was held. A new trustee was put in, also two new Sunday School teachers. Trustee—Bro. Lester Martin. The teachers are Bros. Jack Prather and Arthur Wettstein.

Hospital patients were: Sis. Viola Leman, Bro. Vernon's wife, was a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital. Bro. Lloyd Schumacher was a surgical patient in Peoria too. Sis. Mary Rocke (Miss) was a patient in Eureka Hospital, but has recovered, so that she is again at the Home.

Wedding engagement—Sis. Diana Belsley and Bro. Robert Kaiser. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. and Helen Belsley; he is from Morton.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

**Joyce Huber**

Our mid-week services have been changed from Thursday evenings, to assemble at church on Wednesday evenings.

We have had much snow. We were reminded that God's word is compared to snow, in Isaiah 55. The snow comes down from heaven; it may seem cold, but when it melts it maketh it bring forth and bud; and so with the word of God. It may sometimes seem cold, but when it melts in our hearts, it accomplishes that which the Lord pleases.

We rejoice that several have let the word of God melt in their hearts. In addition to Duane and Arlene Kilgus, also in repentance come Herman and Marie Kilgus, Richard and Colleen Walter, Jim and Wua-



nita Walter, and Carol Bazzell. As Isaiah continues, vs. 12 says. **They shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace.**

One Sunday, the heavy snowfall had drifted and closed the parking lot for the Forrest church, and so we were glad that many of them assembled with us.

At an annual meeting, Bro. Sam Zehr was re-elected trustee, & Bro. Wayne Steffen was elected an usher to replace Bro. Amos Meyer, whose term expired.

James 5:15 says, **The prayer of faith shall save the sick**, and as Bro. Merle Kaisner returned to church after back surgery, he acknowledged the prayers of faith for his recovery.

In the home of Bro. and Sis. Josh Broquard, their daughter Doris was married to Larry Cottrell of Chenoa, with the bride's father—our Elder Bro. Broquard, performing the wedding ceremony. They are making their home in Bloomington, and we trust the Lord's blessings upon them.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

As I think of this date, February 6, my thoughts wander a little, as today is the 40th wedding anniversary of my parents. Surely they have many things to reminisce, some which have brought them much joy and gladness, and some that have brought sadness, but we surely are thankful for every year, or even day, the Lord shares our dear ones with us.

God has called another loved one from our midst. Bro. Dan Blume went to rest in the arms of his daughter, Hilda Grote, on January 10. How wonderful that she could be with him those last minutes, before his passing from this life into eternity! Funeral services were held on January 14, with Bros. Norman and Verlin Stoller officiating. We extend our sympathy to his family and especially to his daughter, Sis. Lillian Pfister, and her family of our congregation.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Minerva Stoller and their family to our congregation. They recently moved here from the Latty community. May the Heavenly Father richly bless them in their new home and their presence in our little church. Their new address is R. R. 1, New Haven, Ind. 46774. We would like to report the change of address of Bro. and Sis. John and

Marty Pence to 1018 Rivermet Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46805.

David Levy, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lillian, left on February 1 for the service. He does not have his permanent address at this time.

Hospitalized were Paul Stoller, young son of Bro. and Sis. Lyle and Lois, 8 days for a bronchial infection, and Stella Scharlach, as a medical patient. Both are home again, and we trust the Lord will continue to bless them with better health.

Altho I was not hospitalized, I can say that I have experienced what it is to be deprived of the use of all our body we so often take for granted. I was on crutches almost a week, due to a badly sprained ankle. And am still finding I must be careful and still have it bandaged after 4 weeks. However, thru this experience I have learned many things.

I have come to realize and appreciate more the neighbors we have, who put themselves to my needs first, in many ways. It was our neighborhood "saleslady", who came to our door the morning when I couldn't walk and was in so much pain, putting aside her sales, that took me to the doctor. Later she got lunch for us, and then cleaned up my kitchen—While I sat on a chair with my leg on pillows and ice! That very afternoon our next-door neighbor came over with the question, "I hope you don't think I'm nosey, but when we saw you on crutches, we just had to know what happened, and is there anything we can do?" From across the street came another dear neighbor to see what she could do, and offered to come get lunch for us the next day, which she did. I certainly appreciated these kind thoughts, as it is rather difficult to do much with crutches in each hand and no weight bearing on your leg. The daily visits of our neighbors helped to pass the time, which went so slowly, when I'd think of all the things I should be doing and couldn't!

I experienced, during this time patience, a greater appreciation of good health, and a greater appreciation of my family, for they had to bring me things I needed and, no doubt, they were often interrupted to do something for mother.

I shall never regret the hours spent with the children that otherwise I did not have time for, for it meant a great deal to them and also gave me a closer communion with them. For this, my being handicapped was a blessing! I am afraid

in this busy time we are living in, we sometimes neglect to give time to our children that they so greatly need.

This brings to mind a message we heard recently of good fathers and parents, and of the closing remarks that went something like this—A group of business men were gathered and were discussing what they were getting their sons for Christmas. Most of them were getting big, expensive gifts, but the last one said he couldn't afford a gift such as the others were giving, but he was giving his son a note something like this. "One day each month this year, I will spend with you. . . . Which gift do you think was appreciated the most?"

I would like to thank those who remembered me with visits, cards, thoughts, and prayers, for all were greatly appreciated, more than words can express. Mary Eisenmann.

#### LAMAR, MISSOURI

**Marie Marti**

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25

Faith! Why is faith so important in our spiritual lives? Faith is not merely praying upon our knees at night or coming from darkness to light. It is the endeavor, the strength to serve, a chain that binds us to the eternal and the faith that moves is giving our whole self to the will of God. Where there is faith, there is love, there is peace, and there is God. Where there is God, there is no need.

Bro. Virgil Frieden and Sis. Evelyn Marti, have been chosen as Sunday School teachers to replace Bro. Dale Marti and Sis. Ruth Banwart, whose terms have expired.

Fred Frieden spent several days in the Carthage Hospital for medical attention. He is home again and feeling much better. Fred and Ruby Friedens' 3-year-old grandson, Dale Frieden Jr., passed away as a result of quick pneumonia. His parents, Dale and Pat, live in California. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Bro. Ed Hohulin visited us and gave two inspiring messages. He especially addressed the youth, our future Church. We thank him for the warnings and encouraging words.

At our regular singing Sunday night, we were pleased and encouraged to have several from Ft. Scott



and Morris join us in singing hymns to the honor and praise of our dear Lord. Our singing is the first Sunday in each month. Ft. Scott has invited us to their monthly singing, which will be the third Sunday in every month.

### LAMONT, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Stephen Schrader

As we have again started our journey through another year, we can see and experience how time passes relentlessly. With each passing day events take place—new souls start their journeys on this earth and other loved ones depart this clime—and still we know that He and His love change not: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8

Our dear sister-in-faith, Katie Fankhauser, wife of Bro. Pete suffered a cerebral accident (stroke) January 16 and has been hospitalized since that time in Newman Memorial Hospital, Emporia Kansas 66801. She has suffered partial paralysis, but has improved slightly. We place her in the Great Physician's hands, and pray that His will be done. She and Bro. Pete observed their 63rd wedding anniversary January 13.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Dena Sauder have also enjoyed a long wedded life—they observed their 60th wedding anniversary on February 6. A number of their children helped them celebrate the event. Bro. Chris Sauder and Sis. Katie Sauder Fankhauser are brother and sister

Bill Emch, son of Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch, is presently visiting with his parents and relatives, while awaiting induction into the Army on February 16. Bill, who holds a degree in Milling Technology from Kansas State University, has been employed by the Quaker Oats Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We would wish the Lord's protection for him in the future days.

We are happy to report that Timmy Anliker, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean Anliker, is now walking again and progressing nicely, following an accident in which his pelvic bone was broken.

It is certainly heartening to see how well Eldon, Dorene, and Shawn Metzger are on the road to recovery, following the car accident in which they were involved. Truly the Lord's protecting hand was extended over them. It is this reporter's pleasure to see them often as she goes about her hospital duties.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

#### Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Our community was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Sis. Sadie Hauter, 65. She was the daughter of the late Wm. and Anna Jacob Getz. Surviving are her husband, Chris, and son, Miles, a foster sister, Virginia Getz Miller, and a foster brother, Philip Beyer of Bay City. Bro. Roy Sauder conducted the funeral services January 20.

Funeral services were held January 24 for Sis. Louise Rein, 86. She was the daughter of George and Magdeline Freidinger Rein. Surviving are two brothers, Bro. Charles and Bro. George Rein, and four sisters, Sis. Sarah Rassi and Sis. Emma Glaser of Morton and Sis. Lydia and Lena Kuntz of Burlington, Iowa. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated

Funeral services were held January 19 for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Rassi. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rassi, and Great-grandmother Sis. Sarah Rassi. Bro. Russell Rapp conducted the services.

Bro. Otto Baum is home recuperating, having had eye surgery.

Bro. Al Koehl is a patient in the Methodist Hospital. Joe Staker is critically ill at this time. Sis. Lydia Miller (Mrs. Caleb) had major surgery.

Sis. Marie Steiner and Bro. Daniel Kauffman were united in marriage Wednesday evening, February 1, by Bro. Russell Rapp. Bro. Robert Grimm of Goodfield was a visiting minister.

Bro. Karl Schuon was elected to serve with the board of trustees.

New arrivals—a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Slagel. Grandparents are the Russell Mowerys and Raymond Slagels of Fairbury. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schmidgall. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Stoller of Gridley and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Schmidgall of Morton.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

#### Emily Tanner

#### Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Mrs. Carl W. Weess announced the engagement of her daughter, Carla Jean, to Gordon A. Aupperle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Aupperle of Marquette Heights. Carl's father is the late Carl W. Weess.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Everly announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ann, to Jack E.

Pfaffmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pfaffmann.

Sis. Marie Steiner and Bro. Dan Kaufman were united in marriage on February 1, in Morton. We will miss Sis. Marie. She attended our mid-week church services regularly. We wish them both God's grace and much happiness together. They will be making their home in Morton.

The former Suzanna Thomas, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Anna Thomas, and her husband are living quite a ways from home. Their address is Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Weaver, 424 Jefferson NE, Apt. No. 3, Albuquerque New Mexico.

At our business meeting, a trustee and a Sunday School teacher were elected to take the place of the brothers who served so faithfully for a few years: Bro. Howard Herman as trustee, taking up the vacancy of Bro. Walter Knepp. Bro. Robert Joos was selected Sunday School superintendent, to replace Bro. Wilbur Hoerr. Bro. Charles Hemmer is the newly-elected Sunday School teacher. May the Lord grant these brothers grace and love in their hearts, to perform their duties as He directs them.

Bro. Gottfried Witzig and Bill Lubitz are hospital patients. Bro. Louie Ehnle has also been absent from our assembly for a number of weeks, due to ill health. We miss these beloved brethren.

Sis. Ora Wittmer died January 9. She had been at Bel Wood Nursing Home for 2½ years. She was a Peoria resident 40 years. Her husband, Benjamin Wittmer died in 1946. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Annabelle Keller and Mrs. Jeanette Laws; four sons, Walter, John, Robert and Lester Wittmer; one brother, Elcel Kyes; 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Jacob Meier died January 15. He had been in the hospital six weeks. He was a Peoria resident 46 years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Pauline; two sons, Paul and Bro. Jacob Francis; four daughters, Sis. Julia Messner, Mrs. Katherine Brooks, Mrs. Pauline Millinger and Mrs. Ethel Jacobs; 25 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons.

Sis. Caroline Haefli died January 16. She had been a Peoria resident most of her life. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Theophil; three sons, Bros. Ernest, Robert and Richard; two daughters, Sisters Helen Mangold and Frances Koch; one sister,



Sis. Pauline Clauss; and 24 grandchildren.

Bro. Leroy Huber came to visit our congregation and to assist Bro. Roy Sauder with the memorandum of the recent Brotherhood conference. May we humbly adhere to their love and exhortations, and may we all strive for a pure and upright heart, so that when the Master comes, we will not be found wanting.

There was a good attendance at the February Hymn Sing. It was really a blessed evening. The Peoria Adult Choir sang a few selections.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey**

With these words from the book of Genesis, "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone" Bro. Roy Farney announced the engagement of Sis. Marilyn Dotterer to Bro. Virgil Graf of Altadena. Sis. Marilyn has been teaching school in California. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer, Phoenix. Bro. Virgil is the son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, Altadena. They plan to be married on Palm Sunday, March 19. We wish them God's blessings in this most important step.

We want to welcome Sis. Lois Heiniger, from Oakville, into our congregation. She is working in the Good Samaritan Hospital here in Phoenix.

We enjoyed having Elder Bro. Ezra Feller and his wife here for a short stay. Bro. and Sis. Will Feller accompanied them.

Ministering Bro. Noah Herman and several others from the Tucson congregation assembled with us one Wednesday evening.

Elder Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold from Princeville arrived here in Phoenix and plan to visit with us for about one month. We are enjoying all of our winter visitors.

Sis. Judy (Louis) Messner was called suddenly to Peoria at the death of her father, Bro. Jacob Meier. Our sympathy is extended to her and her family.

We welcome back Bro. and Sis. Ernest Elsasser, who have been visiting in Illinois for several months.

Hospital patients this month were: John Somerhalder, son of Bro. John and Sis. Charlene Somerhalder, for tests and observation, and Bro. Carl Blumenschein, surgery. John is back in school, and Bro. Carl is recuperating well.

Our shut-ins are our aged Bro.

Sam Farney, and Sis. Lillian Messner.

We rejoice that the Lord is still calling unto repentance. Our dear friends, Clarence and Jerry Beyer, have answered that call. Our prayers are for them in their new walk of life.

The snowstorm in the East even affected those in the West. Bro. and Sis. Conrad Gerst and their two small children were visiting Sis. Roletta's family, Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney. They had plane reservations during the storm, and were unable to fly home for several days. We were happy for their added stay, but they were relieved when they finally arrived home safely.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

**Mrs. Edward Unsicker**

Sis. Clara Kaufman has gone to stay at the Fairview Nursing Home in Fairbury for awhile. She writes that she is enjoying the fellowship there so much! We can be especially thankful that God has provided homes where our older and infirm folk can worship with those of like mind and be encouraged in faith. However, we do miss Clara very much.

The last few consecutive Sunday evenings we've been gathering to listen to the tapes of the Brotherhood Conference. As I think of the profound concern expressed by our leaders, one phrase reverberates in my mind ". . . choose you this day whom ye will serve" Joshua's ancient advice has become really "up-to-the-minute", hasn't it? May God give us grace to choose with our whole heart!

Perhaps parents of teens, particularly, welcomed the conference discussion about today's colleges. May God help us to keep our eyes open. Only last week we were shocked by an article in the paper describing an "enthralled audience of fifteen hundred (students)" listening for over two hours to one of the nation's leading proponents of unrestricted drug use. The responsibility of truth rests squarely upon parents, believing parents. . . And how grateful to God we are that our elders have also offered themselves as counsellors. Through the mercies of God, may our young people be kept from the perils of the last days—disobedience, love of pleasures, blasphemy, pride, and moral corruption, as described in II Tim. chapter 3. As today's darknesses closes in, you young people are more

than ever challenged to put your light on a candlestick that it "giveth light unto all that are in the house" —Matt. 5:15. We know this is not always easy—but the strength to do so is born of faith—simple faith, a gift from God, given through the reading of His word.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

We were happy to hear the testimony of friend, Roger Hartter, on Jan. 15, and we now accept him as a brother in faith. Bro. Lester Hartter was here to help Bro. Eugene Marti in this good work. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville; Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend and Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita. Bro. Roger not only was with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, but has also joined the Lord's army. He has now returned to Texas for six months, to finish out his time in service.

Sis. Carol Metzger and Bro. Douglas of Rockville were united in marriage by Bro. Eugene Marti on Jan. 22. Bro. Douglas has been attending the U. of I. We were happy to hear the word that day, as brought by Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville and Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita. We thank them for their visit.

Sis. Mary Maurer fell, while working at the A. C. Home, and broke her hip. She is at the St. Anthony Hospital in Sabetha.

Bro. Jonathan Bieri had a heart attack some time back. He had been in a hospital at St. Joseph, Missouri. He is now at home at 609 Grant, Sabetha, where he is slowly improving. He would appreciate mail.

Friends Charlotte Lehman and Fred Aberle announced their engagement recently. Parents of the couple are Sis. Irene and Bro. Andy Lehman and Sis. Liseten and Bro. Ben Aberle.

The engagement of Sis. Glenda Grimm and Bro. Allen Rokey of Bern was also announced. Sis. Glenda is the daughter of Sis. Lois and Bro. Nathan. Bro. Allen's parents are Sis. Lucy and Bro. Roy Rokey.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Josephine Schaefer**

**Mary Jane Leuthold**

We experienced a blessed Sunday when Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke ministered to us. We received many good teachings, and we pray that God will continue to empty his servants, that His word might come



forth, and not just merely man's wisdom.

Bro. Arnold Rassi has been chosen by the congregation to serve as trustee.

There is hardly, if ever, a month that goes by that there are not some among us who must suffer the afflictions of the body. May God ever be near those dear souls who lie upon sick beds. Sis. Lenora Kahler and Friend Lena Knapp are hospitalized; we hope and pray that good health might soon be returned to them. Bro. Adam Maurer was hospitalized after injuring his hand in an accident, but we are glad to report he is coming along nicely.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Linda Schaefer, daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Frieda, to Roger Ziegenhorn, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Delma of Peoria.

On Saturday, January 28, Bros. Silas Leuthold and Roy Sauder assembled with us, and we heard the testimonies of Velma Steiner, Helen Woerner, Laina Greiner and June Sauder. On Sunday they were baptized. May God grant each of them grace and wisdom to do His will, and wish them many blessings in their new walk of life. We rejoice with them, and pray that many more might yet be gathered.

Sis. Louise Aberle wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all for the cards, gifts and prayers that were offered for her during her stay in the hospital.

#### APOSTOLIC PIONEER

Adolph Herzog was born in 1862 in Schoftland, Switzerland. He spent his boyhood days there in a home with a thatched roof. His father, who was a school teacher, died when Adolph was a teenager, and he then went to live with an uncle who was a lawyer.

After he completed his schooling, he entered an apprenticeship in city administration. Later he spent some time in the Swiss army, and at the time of his marriage was working in a bank.

In 1887 he married Adele Wirz, who also lived in Switzerland. Her father was a minister of our church, and it was then that the first contact with the church was made.

For two years after their marriage, they operated a flour mill in Switzerland. It was in 1889 that they came to the United States and settled on a farm near Tremont. Here they found work in a feed-mill

owned by Bro. Jake Berchtold. It was during the time they were working for the Berchtolds that they repented and were baptized.

He was a well-educated man and had a very beautiful penmanship. He used a feather, and his writing was treasured by many people. It was he who completed many of the marriage licenses of the couples who were married in our Tremont church. He also wrote out the dinner lists, and hanging in our church dining room, we have an early dinner list in his handwriting.

In seeking out information for this article, I was impressed by the good report everyone had of him. I never had the opportunity of knowing him, but I have been inspired by hearing of his walk of life. I was told that he was a man of godly order, filled with love so abundantly that it could be clearly seen by all. Even his neighbors made the remark, "If all men were like him, there would be no war." He was well thought of, not only in the church, but by his neighbors and the friends of the truth. His favorite book was the **Bible**; he lived by its teachings, and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He was a strong pillar in the church, serving for many years as a trustee and Sunday School teacher. It is still evident today that he was loved by his pupils. He was a very interesting speaker, and taught the children with love and patience.

One sister told me that one of her Sunday School teachers once complained to him, because the children couldn't answer the questions. In the presence of the children, Bro. Adolph admonished him to have more patience, and they were comforted, for they had been trying to do their best.

His wife, Sis. Adele, was confined to her home for many years, but she, too, was always willing to lend a helping hand and offer encouragement and sympathy to those in trouble. Even though she was unable to attend church, she knew all of the children and could call them by name. Very few ever left their home without something—a small gift for the children and food for the adults. On the many occasions when various groups from church came to sing, they would always request that one more hymn be sung yet, and then one more, and it was only with reluctance that they bid them farewell.

Bro. Herzog passed from this

life in 1937, at the age of 76, and his wife, Sis. Adele, in 1953—at the age of 87. He was laid to rest with the testimony that he had been a good believer and had always met the children of God in true love and fellowship. Bro. Mangold had the funeral service, and for his text used, ". . . Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . ." (Rev. 14:13)

I am sure that Bro. Herzog would want all the honor and glory to go to God, but it is always a comfort when we can testify of those who have passed on before, that they have fought a good fight and have kept the faith.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

On January 22, our congregation was blessed with a visit from Elder Bro. John Bahler and Sis. Julia. With them came Bro. Corbin and wife, Sis. Virginia, and three of their children. We heard godly teachings, of how we should live so we can present ourselves spiritually clean before God, when our Saviour comes to claim His own.

Bro. Steve Kaiser from Milford is back at his army base in Maryland, after spending some time at home during the Christmas season, and again when called home due to the illness of his father. We pray with Bro. Steve that his father may be blessed by God with an early recovery.

#### AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

What will it profit, when life here is o'er

Though great worldly wisdom I gain,  
If seeking knowledge—I utterly fail  
The wisdom of God to obtain?

What will it profit, when life here is o'er,

Though gathering riches and fame,  
If gaining the world—I lose my own soul  
And in Heav'n unknown is my name?

Mrs. Olga Trostle and Ronald Palitto gave their testimonies before the congregation on the evening of January 7. Once again we heard how, after accepting Him into one's life, the Lord is able to comfort the restless spirit and give meaning to living. We are truly the losers in life if we live all our years without the Lord. Bro. Noah



Schrock, Oakville, and Bro. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, were present and assisted in the provings.

Sunday, January 8 was a full and blessed day for us. The word was brought to us through the efforts of Bros. Schrock and Leuthold. The parable of the Good Samaritan was expounded in a new and meaningful explanation. . . . We are the traveler going from Jerusalem to Jericho. The thieves or robbers are the Devil who attacks us on our journey. The Good Samaritan is the Lord who takes pity on us, binds our wounds—in reality saves our lives. The Lord leaves us at the inn, or the Church, to be cared for until He returns. "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." We were further encouraged to be ever hopeful in our spiritual life, as the Lord has reserved unto Himself the final judgment upon all—when I I come again, I will repay thee. St. Luke 10 verses 30 to 37 relate this parable in which we are told to be as the Good Samaritan—"Go, and do thou likewise."

Following the afternoon services, Mrs. Olga Trostle and Ronald Palitto were baptized by Noah Schrock. We joyfully welcome them into our congregation and the vineyard of the Lord. Each one of us in our daily walk of life can be a living sermon for the Saviour.

Holy Communion was also held January 8. Bro. Schrock reminded us that the observance of Holy Communion is first and foremost a time for remembering the Lord's suffering—but it is also a time for self-examination. Corinthians I—chapter 11 tells us how the Lord's Supper should be conducted, how we should prepare ourselves for this blessed act, and the penalty for entering into this observance lightly.

Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones of Joseph Knopp Sr. Joe passed away January 13 at the age of 65 years. He leaves his wife, Clara; daughters Mrs. Robert Huff and Mrs. John Ashworth; son, Joseph Jr., and four grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters.

Sincere appreciation is expressed by our boys in the service upon receipt of a letter or package from someone at home. One serviceman expressed the thought that "Mail from home is all I have to look forward to"—let's remember our servicemen with a letter or a card.

During the past month, several

from our congregation were in hospitals. Eddie Graf, son of Carl and Kathy Graf was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. Sis. Juliet Graf spent some time in the hospital undergoing tests and observation. Sis. Elizabeth Kraus entered the hospital, after suffering injuries in a fall at her home. Bro. Philip Webber also underwent observation and various tests while in the hospital. Bro. Herman VonGunten was also hospitalized.

The memorandum of the annual Brotherhood Meeting was read to the congregation recently. Once again we were reminded of the policies and beliefs of our church—surely we should all strive to include these ideals in our daily walk of life—only thus can we hope for the blessings of God. The invitation was extended to interested children of God to attend a Brotherhood Meeting sometime, to witness the divine inspiration which guides these meetings.

A thought left with us by one of our visiting ministers—"Unless you repent, you shall not see God . . . you shall all perish. Then what is more important in life than preparing for eternity? That should be our foremost aim in life each day."

#### GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch

"O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 117)

Friend Leonard Van Huesen, husband of the former Grace Hecker, of Wadsworth, Ohio, was stricken with an illness (while in Girard to attend the funeral of his wife's brother, Herbert Hecker). He was taken to the hospital and had surgery. Before he was released from the hospital, it was found necessary for surgery of another nature. We are glad to report that Leonard is getting along quite well. It is so nice to have them with us in our community during his convalescing, and we all welcome them to make Girard their home.

Bro. Carl Emch is home convalescing, after being in the hospital for back surgery. Sis. Doris Jean Riehl is home again, after spending two weeks in the hospital for tests. Bro. Ernest Hafely is in the hospital. We wish all a speedy recovery and God's blessing.

Sis. Louise Deislinger, who was our second oldest member, was called home January 30, at the age of 92 years. The funeral was February 2, from Weller Funeral Home, Youngstown. Services were by Bro. Joe Ramsier, Rittman, assisted by Bros. Jesse Emch and Robert Stoll. Sis. Louise was a Practical Nurse and seamstress. She was converted at the age of 15 years. She was a faithful Christian for 77 years.

Throughout her years of nursing, she was in many homes and helped to care for many mothers and babies. There were times when she received little or no pay for her services. She was a welcome guest wherever she went, and now we feel sure she is welcome in her Heavenly Home.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, for evening service we were glad to have four elder brothers: Noah Schrock, from Oakville, Silas Leuthold, Princeville, Noah Bauman, Rittman, and Rudolph Graf, Akron; also Bro. Fehr from Eureka. We believe the messages brought to us by Bros. Silas Leuthold and Noah Schrock were God-inspired; all present could be greatly edified. May God bless them in their labors as shepherds. We invite them to come again.

#### FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

##### The Serviceman's Prayer

Thou, O Heavenly Father, who art in Heaven, humbly do I beseech thee in prayer. I come before Thy throne of grace on bended knee, to ask of Thy grace, mercy, and understanding. I am in this place, not by my will or own doing, but by the law of our country. I strive each day to do what is pleasing to my earthly commander as well as to Thee.

I am so often tempted and tried. With Thy help and protection, O Lord, may my light still shine, as I walk the pilgrim path. I pray for those stationed on foreign soil and in much danger. Help them through their hours of loneliness and despair, comfort them, shield them, and make their way bearable.

I want to thank Thee for calling me out of sin and darkness unto this marvelous light. . . . That I could enjoy the wonders and love of Thee, O Father, but remember those who have not yet tasted Thy holy word; prick their hearts before the door is forever closed. . . .

I look forward to the final day in the service, when I can once again



be united with my family and loved ones, but if it is Thy will that I should not return again on this side of the grave, may I look forward to spending eternity together with Thee. May Thy will always be done. In Thy most precious name I pray. Amen.

We were privileged of hearing spiritual food and strength expounded unto us by dear Elder Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris, on the week-end of the 8th; Bro. Ed Aeschleman of Union City, on the evening of the 11th; and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott, on the week-end of the 22nd.

The Lord's children must continually be reminded of the Christian's path of life. May God's holy word cling in our hearts and add spiritual oil to our burning and shining lamps. Once our lamp has been lightened, the Lord's spiritual fuel keeps it glowing.

Bro. Dale Zahner of Oakville and Fred Beutel of Tremont have finished their tour in Vietnam and are now assigned to Co. A-1 in MFSS, here at Ft. Sam. Bro. Roger Hartter of Sabetha has also completed his time in Vietnam, and is now stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. While some came home, others must leave. Dave Klopfenstein of Latty has left for his new duty station in Vietnam. Dave's friendship and smiling face will be missed by us all. We pray he will accept his cross, and the Lord will be his Shepherd and companion.

Fred Beutel of Tremont has been stricken with malaria and is hospitalized at Branke General Hospital. Cards and letters will be greatly appreciated by him. Please send his correspondence to 504 Elmhurst Apt. 6, San Antonio Texas 78209.

### Get To Know Your Brother Better

This month I have chosen Bro. Roger Hartter of Sabetha.

Roger:

My parents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie (Bahr) Hartter. I have four sisters and seven brothers. I have been in the service since August 5, 1965. It was real hard to leave home for two years, but I feel it was in the Lord's divine plan, and that He has surely blest and watched over us. I appreciate this wonderful fellowship we have, and that we can gather together and worship in peace. Right after I finished my medical training at Ft. Sam, a number of us were sent to Vietnam. We

didn't know what was ahead of us, and we could only put our trust in the Lord and have faith and courage that He would see us safely through the trying times ahead of us.

I was stationed at An Khe, along with Fred Beutel (Tremont) and Steve Aeschliman (Bluffton). We were there 6 months, and then Bro. Larry Endress (Bradford), Bro. Neil Schmidgall (Morris), and Alvin Nohl (Morris) were sent to An Khe. We could truly thank the Lord that we could be together so far from home. We couldn't always be together, but when we were, there were moments we will always cherish. Even though there were still many lonely hours, the Lord was with us, and we returned home to our loved ones—a reunion never to be forgotten. It is only a foretaste of greater things to come, when we can be reunited in heaven with our Lord. I encourage all the brothers and also the friends who have the service ahead of them yet, to go to God in prayer, as prayer availed much.

### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our enjoyable and blessed time was spent Sunday, Jan. 5, when about fifty young people from our near by congregations visited our church. All enjoyed a dinner and get together at the Fellowship Center.

Jane and Max Hettrick have been added to our group of converts. Jane is the daughter of Francis and Otto Bertsch.

Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton and Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty helped to make a wonderful, uplifting Sunday. John and Loren ministered to us. Because of the ice and snow causing no heat in the Latty church, Loren & others came from there. Truly our cup was filled and running over with blessings. They spoke on the wonders and greatness of God, how He manifested Himself to the children of Israel at the Red Sea and to Joshua. Also told to us was how one can become Christ's mother, sister or brother—by doing the will of His Heavenly Father.

We have several in the hospital. Bro. John Bollier Sr. was home for a little while, and became critically ill. He is at Parkview Hospital.

Our friend, Kathryn Hochsettler is also there undergoing tests and x-rays.

Sis. Marylin Kipfer spent a few days at the Lutheran Hospital.

Sis. Cora Lery remains in the

same condition at the Crow's Rest Home in Ft. Wayne.

This little verse came to my attention this week, and was often quoted by my dear brother who has gone to be with the Lord.

For when the One Great Scorer  
Comes to write against your  
name,  
He writes not that you won or lost,  
But how you played the game.

On the material side, the crops may wither, the savings dwindle, the mites be few, yet if the spiritual is the path of the shining light, the sunset is beautiful.

Sisters Maryann and Mildred Fischer & others were with us Jan. 21, to demonstrate and tell of the poverty and great need in foreign countries. There were others here from Alto, Toledo, Bremen, Milford, Bluffton, Latty, Junction and Ft. Wayne. Some slides were shown, and much was said of conditions in these places. We were told of various projects and ways in which we might be able to help these needy ones.

Many things can be made, such as comforters, quilts, blankets, baby quilts and clothing, layettes and sewing kits. They are very much in need of soap, both homemade and toilet soap. Christmas bundles for boys and girls (ages 3 to 16) are wanted. We have instructions and directions for making the various things. There were also some cash projects. All things must be in before July 1.

Mary Souder

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Loris Kieser

Bros. Dave Kieser and Art Baurer were our welcome guests one Sunday recently. We thank them.

Sis. Lyola (Jim) Ringger is recovering, after having surgery.

Dan Endress and his wife, Sis. Lois have both been hospitalized during the month.

We have had several snowstorms here in our area. One day when the visibility was very poor, David Knobloch—son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys, and Gary Endress, son of Dan and Sis. Lois ran into a snowplow. I am happy to report their injuries were very minor.

A daughter, Marina Louise, was born to Jordan and Sharon Elsasser. Marina has a year-old brother, Michael.



**BURLINGTON, IOWA**

**Verna Woodward  
Elaine Eisenmann**

Burlington has certainly had a winter this year! In the past few weeks we have had over 14 inches of snow. Schools and factories were shut down, and vehicles could not run—it surely makes us realize that our Almighty God can still stop the world if it is His will. However, we continued with our regular services, even though the attendance was quite small because of inclement weather.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger visited us last month for evening services. We were happy to have him with us. He had been at the Oakville congregation for provings and baptisms, which some of us witnessed that week end.

Bro. Ernie Anliker is back at home now, after having surgery at the Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. We hope he will soon be back among us.

We are thankful that Sis. Joyce Pohl has recovered from recent surgery and is back with us.

Bro. Gust Scheitlin from the Oakville congregation spent last Sunday with us; however, he did not feel well enough to preach to us, as he has just recently come home from a long stay in the hospital. This was the first Sunday he had been to church since his illness.

We recently elected Bro. Kenny Scheitlin as trustee, to replace Bro. Paul Wagler whose term has expired. Bro. Kenny will serve a three-year term. Bro. Dick Taeger has been elected as secretary of World Relief, to replace Bro. Ernie Anliker. Sis. Dorothy Taeger's term has expired as Silver Lining Reporter, and Elaine Eisenmann was chosen to assist Sis. Verna Woodward, who has one year left.

**FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**

**Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg**

At our annual business meeting Jan. 12, new Sunday School teachers elected are Sis. Ruth Banwart and Bro. Martin Hohulin, replacing Sis. Lillian Fischer and Bro. Harold Kraft (whose terms expired).

Bro. Harold Kraft is a new trustee; Bro. Dan Sinn's term expired.

It was agreed upon to hold a singing hour at church each third Sunday evening of the month, inviting the Lamar congregation to join us. Lamar has invited us to join them in their singing the first Sunday of each month. We know it pleases God

to make melody in our hearts to Him, and we trust he will bless our efforts.

Two little lads, Darrell and Dale Castleberry, ages 8 and 9 have come to make their foster home with Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn. Surely God will bless Gus and Ruth for this kind and helpful deed.

Albert Hawkins, husband of Friend Lydia Hawkins, has been hospitalized for some time, and has now had surgery. He is doing as well as can be expected.

Sis. Ruth Banwart has enrolled the second semester at Pittsburg State Teachers College, and lives in a room near the college.

"Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer, and prayer and its answer drive away trouble and perplexity."

**ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**Carlton J. Lanz**

At our annual business meeting, two brothers were named, one—Wilbur Schneider, for Sunday School superintendent, and secondly, Clinton Webb to serve as trustee. The present treasurer, the usher and the auditor were renamed to another term.

In a body cast for the past six months resulting from a fall from a silo, Bro. Daryl Luginbuhl is now able to be out and on crutches, getting around real well. His time of confinement, no doubt, has been quite a test, yet he bore it well. Bro. Leonard Luginbuhl, also a victim of a fall, is presently hospitalized with a spinal fracture. His recovering progress seems to be good, but slow. He has expressed himself as being exceptionally grateful to all, for the many kind offerings and cards of sympathy and encouragement. At one point, his pains were almost unbearable.

Bro. Keith Kloter and I, for a few days, visited our soldier brethren and friends at Ft. Sam. For those who might be interested, the apartment used by our boys, when off-duty, is on the second level. It consists of four rooms: a living room, bedroom, utility room and kitchen. The living room, used most, is rather cheerful—several chairs, a day bed and other furnishings are there to make it so. In the bedroom, next to it, aside from a double bed are luggage cases, racks hanging with clothes, and Army suits—overhead are blankets. Against one of the walls stands a freezer. This is used to store ice cream, cakes, cookies

and other freezable edibles. Some of this, undoubtedly, is sent in by homes of the boys stationed there. In the utility room is the shower, and a shelved cupboard where towels and various toiletries are kept. Lastly, we saw a fairly well equipped kitchen, which is used often when the boys are in. Drinking glasses and dishes are mostly of plastic or Melmac, thus holding breakage to a minimum. On the shelves, not heavily stocked, stood jars of golden yellow honey and several other familiar food items purchased with money from a fund supported by those using the apartment—or perhaps occasionally from an outside donation.

Desirous to visit the big Army Brooks Hospital nearby, Bro. Ernest Herman, assigned to a certain work there, arranged this and took several of us on an abbreviated tour through this large institution. The president had visited here not long ago, and according to reports, the security to protect him was great. Riflemen and security guards were on roofs and all over.

The big sprawling cemetery we visited, a little farther on, was worth the few minutes we spent reading inscriptions on some of the stones, headstones in every direction and in line any way one looked. Military personnel and members of their families from every conflict this country has ever been in are buried there. New graves, ten, twelve or even more, we saw, are opened at a time and stand that way in readiness . . . One reminds himself how positive death is. In one of his recent sermons, Bro. Sam Aeschliman reminded his hearers of this when he said, "I and you will face the grim Reaper . . . don't think there is one here who will not face the Living God!"

**I.A. CROSSE, INDIANA**

**Joanie Heiniger**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, for our loving Bro. Otto Fritz, who has gone on to a better home. Bro. Otto, who was 69, passed away Saturday, February 4. He was married to Pauline Sinn Heinold, who preceded him in death in 1964. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Sylvia Banwart; two sons, Ralph and Otto Jr.; two step-daughters, Emma Luthi and Sis. Leona Heinold, two step-sons, Charles and Aaron; one sister; one brother in Germany and one brother, Ervin of Kouts; grandchildren and great-



grandchildren. Bro. George Yergler and Bro. Arthur Gudeman held the service. He will be missed by all, especially to the loved ones that were near and dear to him.

The annual meeting was held Jan. 24. Elections were held for those whose terms expired. Bro. Gilbert Nuest was elected to replace Bro. Jack Nuest; Bro. Roland Meiss was re-elected as treasurer, Bro. Aaron Heinold was elected to replace Bro. Harvey Banwart on the Building Aid; Sis. Esther Bucher was elected to replace Sis. Melva Bucher on the dinner committee; and Bro. Kenneth Bucher was elected as another song leader. Our sincere thanks go to those who served, for all their untiring efforts during their term of service.

Another year has quickly past;  
Still I'll hold memories that last.  
As God blest us from day to day,  
We went along this pilgrim's way.

While sorrow mingled with our joy,  
Our talents best we did employ;  
Let's thank our living God on high,  
For His loving presence ever nigh.

The things that seemed worst at the  
time  
Could prove most blessed and  
sublime.  
In days to come let's then recall  
How He provides the best for all.

Lord, help us learn more patience  
still,  
While Thou dost bring out good  
from ill;  
We know we'll never suffer loss,  
If we bear the burden of our cross.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

##### Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Bob Kaiser is hospitalized at Elkhart General Hospital, following a severe heart attack. We are most happy, to report God has seen fit to help him along the road to recovery and he is making satisfactory progress. Many prayers were offered for his recovery, and we will all be very thankful when he is able to be back in church.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Elmer Rassi, whose mother, Nancy Siss, passed away recently, following an illness of three years. Services were conducted by Bro. Theo. Beer.

We are missing Sis. Anna Homan, who has been unable to assemble with us lately. Anna is another one of our aged members whose pres-

ence is enjoyed by all of us. She is always ready with a smile and cheerful greeting, and we'll be happy when the weather becomes less severe and she'll be among us again.

Heavy snow has hit our community twice in this past month, closing schools and many public gatherings. Roads are open once again, but high banks of snow along the sides are still evidence of our big snowfall. Children are overjoyed when conditions such as this exist. The adults are only too thankful if they can keep their homes warm, and if they have well-stocked cupboards and freezers when such weather hits. When icy lines shut off electricity and our central heating plants fail, it makes us aware more forcibly of the many comforts and blessings God provides that we take too much for granted.

The Senior Bible class and its teachers have been happy recently to welcome Kent Beer back, after an extended hospital stay. When God sees fit to answer our prayers and grants complete recoveries to those who have been sick, it is with thankful hearts that we go to Him in prayer again.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

##### Mrs. Gus Weltz Miss Della Witschey

We are in a grip of severe winter weather here, as this is written on February 7. Temperature was down to two below zero, with quite a bit of snow.

Misses Blanche and Elizabeth Heinzman have both been hospitalized, but are back home and being cared for.

Mrs. Sidney Smith was a hospital patient the past few weeks, but has fully recovered and able to be out again.

Mrs. Robert Witschey, Mrs. Walter Witschey and daughter of Charleston, W. Va., were recent guests of Dan Witschey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach spent a week, the first part of February with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Giles and Mr. Giles and family, in Alfred, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., were recent guests of relatives here. They were accompanied home by Joe Witschey, who had spent several weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. J. . Froelich is able to be out again, after having spent some time at home.

Dan Witschey remains quite well, and on good days is able to get out and walk around in the neighborhood.

Easter comes early this year.

May we consider the following words for meditation and prayer: Our Lord laid hold of the world, not by fine speeches, but by his blood, his sufferings on the cross. May we all who bear Thy Name, by gentle love Thy cross proclaim, Thy gift of peace on earth secure, and for Thy truth, the world endure.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA

##### Martha Steiner

Corbin Dean is the name given the baby boy who came to live with Bro. Harold and Sis. Annette Massner. He was born on January 9, and got his new parents when he was less than one week old. His grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Orttie Rocke and Bro. and Sis. Adolph Massner.

We had a blessed week end, when Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Illinois, came to help our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock in the proving and baptism of four precious souls: Jerry and Bonnie Wagenbach, Elizabeth Rocke, and Edra Gerst.

Bro. Gus Scheitlin is now recuperating at home. Others in the hospital this past month were Bros. John Wegman and Will Rauhaus.

Sis. Lois Heiniger is now living in Phoenix. Her new address is 1829 E Thomas Road Apt. 38, Phoenix Arizona 85016.

Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Martin and their two daughters have moved from Oakville to Winfield. They will continue to attend the Oakville church.

Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville was our guest minister at our January meeting in Iowa City. The college students were given an opportunity, in the course of the evening, to ask questions.

**THANK YOU LETTER:** We wish to thank everyone for the many nice cards, lovely gifts and flowers given us for our fiftieth wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will long be remembered. Bro. Joe and Sis. Ann Eisenmann.

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

##### Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Karlene Wheeler and Douglas



Farney, son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie. Sis. Karlene received a whip-lash injury to her neck in an automobile accident. Her condition has improved sufficiently for her to return to work. We hope she will soon be fully recovered. Doug entered the hospital last month with pneumonia. He was released, but had to enter again, as he has another case of pneumonia. He is still at the hospital at this time, but his condition is improving, and we hope to have him home soon.

We have another dear soul repenting. Steve Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy, has joined our group of new converts. We wish him God's blessings in continuing what he has started.

The engagement of Sis. Claudia Olesen to Bro. Wayne Strahm of Bern was announced.

Last Sunday, we enjoyed the fellowship of the Burlington congregation. A picnic supper was held in the shelter house of one of the local parks. Singing and services were held in the evening. It was certainly an enjoyable day for all.

Bro. Sam Anliker was here to read the minutes of the Conference. May we ever live according to God's teachings in His holy word.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

We thank God for His word brought to us by Bro. Leroy Messner of Winthrop.

Now residing in a nursing home is Sis. Martha Allenspach. Her new address is Erickson Nursing Home, Benson, Minnesota.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome for visitors to assemble with us. Our address is YMCA, 1845 E Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### Heart Gifts

It's not the things that can be bought that are life's great, rich treasure,  
It's just the little "heart gifts" that money cannot measure . . .  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word, a sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures from the storehouse of our God . . .  
They are the things that can't be bought with silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold . . .  
They are the priceless things in life, for which no one can say,

And the giver finds rich recompense in giving them away.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY Lafayette, Indiana Suzanne Bucher

We have returned to school for another semester. We have set new goals, to learn more, to do better this semester. This is much the same as in our spiritual life. It seems that, although we strive for perfection, we often fail and fall short of our goal . . . But our God is forgiving when we seek Him. If we ask His help, He will give us aid to live in accordance with His will.

Our hosts for the month of February are Remington and Ft. Wayne.

### ALABAMA Lynn Klopfenstein

Mrs. Annie Blankenship, mother of Sis. Alice Kelly, passed away January 19. She is survived by four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Blankenship lived for several years with Sis. Alice, and many of our visitors had occasion to meet her. Bro. Hale conducted the final services.

Hospitalized recently: Bro. Wesley Long, Sis. Retha Chambers, Mrs. Tommy Craig Jr., Mrs. Barbara Nolan, Norman Graham, Mr. Curtis Kelly.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Goode have moved to the housing project in Athens, after living many years in the country. Many delightful song and worship services have been held at the Goode home. Bro. George Kelly and family recently moved to their new home in Tennessee. This is about 3 miles from their former home. Bro. George and others spent most of the fall and winter in remodeling and building on to the house, as well as installing the modern conveniences which the family has been without for many years. May the Lord bless these folks in their new homes.

Sp. 4 Hans Peter, from Portland, and stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville for 10 months, left December 30 for Viet Nam. Hans is sorely missed. His singing and friendship have made an impact on all of us.

The Brevity of Life: Mr. Massey, operator of a used car business very close to the Athens church, died suddenly of a heart attack—age 38.

A son, Christopher Lynn, was born January 22 to Winfred and Eunice Kelly.

A meeting was held Friday night,

January 27, at the home of Mr. Luther and Sis. Virginia Arnold at Phil Campbell, Ala.

Ladies' meetings have been held at the homes of Mary Pack, Ruby Moss and Louise Lou Allen.

On Feb. 9, the Athens' Youth Meeting was held at the Athen's Rest Home, where the young folks sang several favorite hymns, and then distributed a valentine favor to the patients.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Sara Aeschleman

We enjoyed having Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville visit our congregation, and hope he will come again soon.

Weds. night, Jan. 25, at mid-week services our friend, Donald Bowald, gave his testimony of repentance before God and many witnessses, and was then baptized by Bro. Eugene Bertschi. The following Friday, Bro. Don left for the service. May the Lord be His rewarder in the future days ahead, and grant him grace and strength to be true and faithful until we meet again.

We are so glad for our two friends, Jim and Leoda Burd, who are seeking the Lord in repentance. May God's blessings rest upon them, as they now strive to serve Him.

Funeral services were held for our friend, Ed Hangartner, who died suddenly at work of a heart attack. He was 60 years old. His wife preceded him in death. Bro. Joe Zimmerman had the services.

### Hold Fast to the Right

When the sun begins to set  
And night is drawing nigh,  
All our trials that we've met  
Are buried with a sigh.

Then we fall upon our knees  
And ask Him to forgive,  
For all our words and deeds,  
For all we said and did.

And another day ends.  
Maybe it will be the last  
That we see of all our friends,  
If to the right we don't hold fast.

Written by  
Sis. MaryAnn Hoffman

### RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

We ought to be thankful that God did not increase the complexity of salvation in keeping pace with an ever-increasing complex world. Much rather, the plan was changed



from the difficult Mosaic law to the simple one of repentance, forgiveness of sin, and baptism. Although we can confess ignorance in many areas of the technological world because of the great deal of education required to understand it, such is not true of understanding God's word. The teachings of God are hidden from the wise and prudent, but revealed to babes, those of low estate and humbleness of heart.

O woe to all who here His word  
d disdain  
Who proudly, boldly walk the  
sinner's way,  
Whose only thought is gold and  
honor gaining,  
Who think the Christian foolish in  
his day.  
How the Avenger, then Himself  
revealing  
Shall recompense what everyone  
hath done!  
How foolish then shall seem their  
earthly dealing,  
Who here upon the scorner's path  
have gone.

Choosing the Christian's path, we welcomed Bro. Galen and Sis. Cheryl Indermuhle into our membership. Seeking the Lord in repentance are Bonnie Neiman, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Delphine and Margaret Marty, daughter of Bro. Fud and Sis. Irma.

A daughter, Joy, was born to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Hope Gasser on Jan. 17.

Hospitalized this past month were Bro. Alvin Winkler, Bro. Raymond Marty, Bro. Charles Marty, Howard Beery, Delbert Winkler, Bro. Joe Maibach, and Sis. Lydia Steiner.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Mr. and Mrs. John Isch

The Remington congregation served us in January, and the Wolcott church provided ministering brethren for our services this month. As always, we sincerely thank them for their unselfish efforts. We well realize that it does require an effort to come so far for such a short visit.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God . . ." How good it is to gather together with dear brethren and be reminded of our common goal. "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

We continue to hold our little

quiet gatherings in this large city twice each month. How much we appreciate all those who come to visit us, for where there are only a few, each new face adds so much to the size of the congregation.

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

#### Ruth Dapper — Julie Dapper

The Lord again has given his counsel and His will; He came to live among us, His promise to fulfill. Zions Harp Hymn 138, Verse 1.

The presence of the Lord was certainly felt when Bro. and Sis. Al Scheitlin from Elgin, Illinois, were in our congregation, on January 15. Bro. Scheitlin gave us many encouraging words, which will certainly aid us in our walk on this earth.

Our congregation is always appreciative when we are privileged to have among us ministers and elders of other congregations. It truly inspires our hearts, and we know that the faith and love is the same on the East coast and in the midwest, as we have here on the West Coast. On February 5, Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller and Bro. and Sis. William Feller of Cissna Park assembled with us. Bro. Ezra certainly was inspired and brought us many wonderful teachings to encourage us to remain true and faithful, so that we can meet our Saviour when our time has ended on this earth. We thank all those who have come to visit us, and trust the Lord will richly bless them.

We are glad to have our dear Sis. Eva Fuhrer back in our assembly; she had been in Ohio visiting her family.

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January 12

Dear Mr. Souder,

I am one of Mrs. Sam Schladen's sons, and would like you to know that Mom will be 94 years old on January 18 this year. She has been a member for 72 years. She enjoys fairly good health, is of a sound mind, and reads her Bible without glasses almost constantly. Next to the Bible reading comes the reading of the Silver Lining, which is her inclosed subscription. She knows many of the members that write in, or at least to whom they once belonged.

Mom lost her dear husband, Sam, a year ago last May (who was also a dedicated member for 62 years). She is living only for the day when they can again be reunited in heaven. If a Christian's object is to try to have the mind as that which was in Christ, in my opinion she has come close to attaining that. I know we should never be judge of the good or evil, but I feel as if I have entered a sacred place when I sit to talk to her. It is good to have such a mother.

She lives with a devoted and loving daughter, son-in-law and grandson. She visits by telephone with her friends and family, who all live close by. We occasionally take her, in a wheel-chair, to the new church in Girard, into the fellowship she and her husbands' spirits so long have loved.

She tells us many stories of the different churches and how the

church in Girard got started . . . of her childhood in Youngstown, when the streets were cobblestone . . . how muddy they were in the rainy seasons, when they would have to get on the streetcars which were pulled by horses . . . Paul Schladen

#### What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised  
 Skies always blue,  
 Flower-strewn pathways  
 All our lives thru.

God hath not promised  
 Sun without rain,  
 Joy without sorrow,  
 Peace without pain.

God hath not promised  
 We shall not know  
 Toil and temptation,  
 Trouble and woe.

He hath not told us  
 We shall not bear  
 Many a burden,  
 Many a care;

But God hath promised  
 Strength for the day,  
 Rest for the laborer,  
 Light for the way,

Grace for the trials,  
 Help from above,  
 Unfailing sympathy,  
 Undying love.

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#### EASTER GLORY

There was a glorious dawn  
 On that first Easter Day  
 For Jesus who arose  
 From the tomb wherein He lay.  
 He was glorified at last,  
 And paved for us the way,  
 And proved that, for all trials,  
 God, in Heaven, will repay.

Jesus first appeared to Mary  
 And caused her to rejoice,  
 And then to His disciples,  
 Who loved to hear His voice.  
 He led them out to Bethany  
 Where they were by Him blest,  
 And after He instructed them  
 Went to His Heavenly Rest.

He sitteth on His Father's right  
 And has a great desire  
 That we with Him might also be  
 And to Heaven's joy retire.  
 For us He intercedeth  
 And guides with watchful eye,  
 That we may live to meet Him  
 In glory by and by.  
 From Sacred Poems  
 By Bro. Henry Kipfer

#### Rapture

(See I Thessalonians 4:16, 17)  
 HARK the Shout! There's no  
 mistaking!  
 All the powers of death are  
 quaking!  
 Round the earth the graves are  
 shaking!

Speaks the Voice! The earth's  
 receding!  
 Saints who sleep first proceeding  
 Upward, where the heaven's  
 cleaving!

Oh the Trump! The Lord's  
 descending!  
 Angel hosts with joy attending!  
 Myriads to the clouds ascending!

Changed! Vile body of our  
 mourning,  
 Instant is thy great transforming,  
 To the glorious One conforming!

Swiftly flying, soaring, racing,  
 Caught into His vast embracing,  
 Saints their Lord at last are facing!

Holy intense love inflaming,  
 Souls in ecstasy exclaiming!  
 His redeemed the Lord is claiming!

"I am Martha Allenspach's daughter, Mrs. Roy Buhrlé, from Excelsior, Minnesota . . .

Grandma Allenspach is in Benson, Minn., Erickson Rest Home. I'm sure she would enjoy some mail from her people . . . She feels fine, is just getting a little older (will be 81 in March).

She gets a lot of company from Morris and Hancock, which is wonderful.



## ROAD TO CONTINUING CITY

"... Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." Beautiful life from home shines. Glorious radiance. This route is to the city which hath foundations.

After death, Jesus arose. His life gives us glimpses into the home of forever. The verbs, the action tell. He comes near . . . He went, with them. See how we shall be?

"But their eyes were holden that they should not know him." The scene is so much what we are here. We see after we believe. We shall see with sight. We shall fully know.

He speaks. Talking, conversing, fellowship is part of home.

"And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" How perfectly, in detail, noticing every footstep, Jesus sees. How tenderly does He meet us in our conversation. He knows how to do things.

"And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?" Things may run counter to the way our thoughts would lay them out. Jesus meets us. He draws our cares and concerns to where He can explain. He cares for us.

"And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him. Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:" That was the right road, the love of Jesus. The road is the trust of the Proverbs, the promise of the psalmist. When we are concerned about Jesus, He makes the unknown way known.

The conversation continues. "And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done."

Days are not the same. There was a third day.

The hush of the funeral day would be still. Common is the polished stone. Engraven are letters of someone dear. There is arrangement of the bearers, the placing. Then quietness. Listen. LISTEN! There are voices, happy, alive, never to die. There is His voice. He died for us, and that glorious third day He arose.

"Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;"

The message of hope needs not only be heard, but lived. Whispering hope, oh how sweet. "And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive."

Body there? There was His body there, but not anymore. He is alive. Death's gloomy mausoleum and filled-in earth will be past.

Alive! Forever opens. Alive, beautiful, beautiful forever.

"And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not."

He said seek and ye shall find. How amazing is His ability to meet our feeblest effort. He leads us so we can follow. He leads gently, for He knows. Time and again, we are gently directed.

These two found an unseen home opening. "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

Ought not? Ought not we be made conformable to his death? Set our affections where He is? Death holds no terror; fear can be cast out. Home shines in our window. Dawn. Enter into glory. Enter. Sweet home.

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." There is

beauty in the scripture. It is a book with power. It gives good feeling. It tells about Jesus. We drink deep. We feel the radiance of His personality. We live in the very life of home. City, oh city glorious, whose home-dwelling, occupation glow in perfection . . . And surpass our fondest dream.

"And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them."

Joyous together. With them. Fellowship in heaven opens. Our Lord shows what life after death is. Abide. Await. Tarry in time, but abide in eternity. What a holy abide. What a day, when face to face He Himself will come, to us.

Home is the beauty of knowing, the joy of being. "And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight." Took, blessed, brake, gave. This is life.

The glory of His life is our hope. Our fleshly body, like Adam, is limited. The spiritual body is part of that marvellous new city. He commands. Footsteps are above the limits of time and space. Heaven is as close as its entrance. The time of a thousand years as one day. Best of all is His life. Love is a dream welcome. No distraction can even slightly shadow its satisfaction, in perfect city.

"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

While He talked . . . while He opened . . . That holds the beauty and wonder of the Ages of Ages.

And how happy the heart with privilege to be in His presence, at home.  
Your editor