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WHAT THEN?

[Let us not judge. If someone dies, let's keep from this. A child of God can cast all care on Him. How do we know the inner thoughts? How do we know like God knows? God is beautiful in mercy, and He uses it; He loves too, wherever He can. We do have a very solemn hour for work. Souls are on the broad way, hastening to an end. Christian, work, for the night is coming! What a beautiful day to shine with light. **Friend, come now; do not wait.**]

The second hand of the clock drives on. One hundred years, 10 years, tomorrow will come. How will it find us?

Day and night is the difference between salvation and lost forever.

A certain good woman neared death. With the brightest, sweetest smile and a far-away look, as if she were gazing off in the distance, she said in soft tone, **I didn't know it was so beautiful.**

Sobering, saddening is the sadness, where hope is not apparent. A man was once saved and happy. Then he fell away. He trampled on the word of God. Here are some of his words near death: I know the day of grace is past, gone, gone, never more to return! . . . I have crucified the Son of God afresh, and counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing! . . . Oh, what a terrible thing it is! Once I might, and would not: now I would and must not." The day of times exit, he refused prayer, and died in the evening.

Science falsely so-called is soon seen for what it is. A certain man near death saw. He was heard to say four words: "So it is so."

Susie lived in West Virginia. She was a very sick young girl of 17. Maggie was her cousin. Maggie had died two days before, but the news was kept from her. Susie spoke of a band of angels all round her. Then: "Yes, there's ma—I'm coming ma," and then, "O, Maggie". Mother had gone when she was a babe; but she knew her. She had not known of Maggie's going; she saw her.

There is danger in delay. Tomorrow, to repent, will it ever come? Two young people were under the sound of the gospel, Madge and her brother, David. Madge became convicted. Her brother persuaded her to delay, he said a few years. Madge became deathly sick. The doctor said she could not live. David went in by her bedside, knelt down, and commenced to pray to God to save his sister. He urged his dear sister to pray. There was no response; she was too sick to make the effort. Her soul slipped away, without showing any evidence of salvation. The strain was so great for the young man that his reason gave way.

An unbeliever neared eternity. Death came at 12:00, in the evening. At about fifteen till, he exclaimed, "I am in the flames—pull me out, pull me out!" He kept repeating. Bodily strength failed; words became more faint. A man put his ear down close to catch his departing whispers. The last words he could hear were, "Pull me out; pull me out!"

A certain man had taken some correct steps on Zion's journey. Then he married a woman who was decidedly irreligious. She pushed through the omission of family worship. She influenced him to leave the beauty of prayer. He gave up. This man told a minister he was lost forever, and that he knew the very time and place the Spirit took its final departure. Years later, looking his wife in the face, he exclaimed, "O Martha, Martha, you have sealed my everlasting damnation!" and died.

Little children are innocent. Jesus gathers them into His bosom. Little Willie was 6 years and 6 months old. About midnight, when the question was asked, "Where are you going, darling?" he answered, "Home". "See! see! they are coming." . . . "Where's mama? " I like mama." . . . to Aunt Minda, who sat near him he said, "I like you too," and pulled her down to kiss her. Then after a pause, he lifted both hands

high above his head and looking upwards he exclaimed, with angelic sweetness in his face and voice, "I like you too," then closed his eyes and fell asleep.

A certain young woman, Orphie, who loved her Saviour, was nearing her time's end. Mollie was nearby. She called to come closer and said, "Mollie, I hear the sweetest music." Again her features lighted up with the very light of heaven, and she said, "Oh, can't you hear them singing? Do listen."

There is comfort, so much comfort, when we rest in our Lord's promise. Jesus loves the little ones, and he loves you and me. A certain little girl was a lovely little flower. Her time was fading away. She was afraid. "Don't let me die," she said; "don't let me die. Hold me fast. Oh, I can't go!"

"Jennie," she was told, "you have two little brothers in the other world, and there are thousands of tender-hearted people over there, who will love you and take care of you." She cried out again despairingly: Don't let me go; they are strangers over there."

Then . . . her little hands relaxed their clinging hold, lifted themselves eagerly aloft. Her face was turned upward, but it was her eyes that told. They were filled with the light of divine recognition. They saw something plainly. They grew brighter and brighter. Her little hand quivered in eagerness to go, where strange portals had opened upon her astonished vision. "Mamma," she said, "mamma, they are not strangers. I'm not afraid."

A Christian dying said, "How beautiful it is to be with God!" Another saint with glorious view was heard to whisper, "How beautiful God is."

Today, hear His voice.

The Bible: ". . . it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment". Every person should prepare to meet God, for the time of one's departure is very uncertain.

Support The Bible Funds

There is a golden opportunity to invest in returns that will meet us in everlasting habitations. The Bible is God's word, an everlasting spring and living power. God has said that His word will accomplish His purposes. Just think, in confidence after prayer, we may step to our mailbox with our giving. Far countries and unknown peoples benefit from the light. Go ye, and do.

The following is from a letter from our Bro. Henry Grimm Sr., Morton: "There has been some concern in regard to supporting the American Bible Society. . . After writing . . . we received a letter from them. . . . The answer is in our favor and feel we can support same.

From the American Bible Society: "Thank you for including a copy of "Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers in Ameri-

ca", and the list of contributors to the American Bible Society for 1966. Since your tally . . . is close to our receipts . . . , it would appear that your churches have been fairly consistent in designating credit to the Apostolic Christian Church.

Be assured that the American Bible Society is not producing translations for the Roman Catholic Church, and does not plan to deviate from its historic position of translating, producing and distributing the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment. Please also convey to your churches and members the fact they may specify where each gift should be used."

From a letter from Bro. Noah Schrock to Bro Henry Grimm: ". . . I finally got around to answer your valued letter of Mar. 27 and noted the enclosed letter. . . I also feel

relieved and assured that our donations to American Bible Society are not involving us with world Christianity. . . ."

From our brotherhood's instructions: We prefer you mail your remittance direct to the Bible Society of your choice, but please mention it is a contribution from the Apostolic Christian Churches of America. Either send copy of your letter, or report the amount of your remittance to Henry Grimm Sr., 111 Edgewood St., Morton Illinois, so we can keep our records complete.

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World Relief Activities

Our almighty God has again shown his almighty power by allowing the tornadoes.

April 21, 3:45 p.m. Classes were being dismissed at Belvidere High School, when from one of the school buses a student screamed, "A tornado is coming!" The cry was oft repeated in northern Illinois that afternoon. Tornadoes buffeted seven communities, leaving 56 dead and almost 40 million dollars damage. A tornado is a whirling wind, accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud, very violent and destructive, in a narrow path, often for many miles over the land.

The might and power that God unites in this phenomena can only be comprehended in visiting the sites where the funnel cloud touched the ground, literally devastating everything in its path. It is only a miracle that many more were not killed.

The approaching tornado has the sound of a loud, thundering freight train, and in the space of only a few minutes everything is again quiet. Families emerged from the relative safety of their basements only to find the house gone. Over 400 homes were totally destroyed. Debris was everywhere, especially

in the rural areas where whole fields were covered with pieces of wood and metal.

Many lost all their earthly possessions. Those of us close to the tragedy could only thank God that we were spared. The prophet Nahum in chapter 1, verse 3 explains that "the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm. . ."

Farmers lost their entire homesteads; there were families of five or more children with the house a total loss, or where one of the parents were killed.

From Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka:

The Holy Scriptures tell us, Whatsoever you wish men to do unto you, do it also unto them, also to Love our neighbor as ourself. In this day of modern transportation, our neighbor can live much farther away than in days gone by. It was with these thoughts in mind that a group of us decided to visit the storm-struck areas in our state.

As we rode through the streets of the greatest damage, an unforgettable picture was formed in our minds. This picture, which was now a true and sad reality of the power

of a tornado, was a pitiful sight. Homes were completely destroyed, stores, schools and other buildings damaged. Cars were thrown around and mashed like tin cans, and old and large trees were uprooted. A man was riding in his car, which was picked up, swirled through the air, over a motel, and yet able to crawl from the car, living to tell the story. One told us two buses were lifted on top of one house, and this house was still standing, though the homes on either side were destroyed.

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ed. Some children were killed in a damaged school, and many more injured. This locality counted 30 or more dead, with some still missing. Our hearts truly went out to those who had lost loved ones, as well as to those who were suffering severe injuries and to those who were homeless. It was a reminder to watch and pray, that we be found ready at all times.

Bro. Dan Steiner Jr., Tremont:

We went to the home of a man and woman who have folks living in Tremont. This home was several miles north of Barrington, Ill. These homes were built on 5-10 acre sites, mostly wooded areas. This home was a total loss, and the garage and a small building were completely

gone. Many of the trees and bushes around the lot and house had to be cut down, as there was nothing left but the trunk. We spent much of the day picking up boards, shingles, and sticks that were scattered all about the lot. . . . In the immediate area there was 4 or 5, other houses completely destroyed, and many others were damaged in various degrees. Before returning home we drove into the town of Lake Zurich. . . . There about 30 houses were completely destroyed, along with a school badly damaged and would probably have to be torn down and built over. A person is certainly made to realize the power of God through wind, as much of this damage shows, big trees broken up and twisted in all directions, houses completely gone

to the foundation.

Words from the World Relief Committee:

Most of the loss on homes is covered by insurance. Clothing, furniture, food, tools and all personal items in most cases were not covered. For this, plus hospital and medical costs, it was recommended that a plea be made to all churches by the Relief Committee to consider a special collection. All contributed will be distributed directly.

It will be greatly appreciated if the contribution from your church be forwarded by June 12 to Apostolic Christian Church World Relief Treasurer—Herman Kellenberger, 614 Addison St., Elgin Ill. 60120.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME EUREKA, ILLINOIS

August Mueller

How fortunate are we that we can call the Creator of heaven and earth our Heavenly Father. He is the King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords. Beside Him there is no other God. He alone has the power to turn the world.

A man was walking along the street, and he heard something. As he went to see what it was, he found a lamb; probably it was crying for the mother. The man took it home, and fed it. The man took the lamb to the animal shelter, where it will be taken care of; they in turn will put it someplace. It is my wish you could see the lamb, so humble and willing to take care of anything that comes along.

Many sheep are taken to the slaughter house to be slaughtered. Our Lord Jesus also was taken to be slaughtered (but He arose after three days). He did not open His mouth. He was willing to give His life so we could live for ever and ever. Our Lord Jesus, like His Father, knew that He had to come into this world to save all that believed on Him. In Thee, Lord do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in thy righteousness. Lord thou Creator, glorious is thy kingdom; in all the world we sing of Thy great fame. The hosts of heaven with all the true and faithful eternally shall praise thy holy name. Thou are exalted there in heaven's splendor, and kings and powers shall to Thee surrender.

When Joseph sent his brothers home to bring his father, whom he did not see for many years, he told them, Do not fall out on the way. Good advice for God's children: not to think more of themselves, more than what they are entitled to. Even the disciples came to a point, which one would have the most to say in heaven, but Jesus had the answer all ready for them. He picked up the small child and told them, Anyone who wants to have something to say in heaven has to become little, like this child. He never was a respecter of persons.

There was a king over the people of Israel. The Prophet Alijah met him and told him that the Lord picked him out to be king over Israel. His name was Jeroboam. He made Israel to sin. His name is mentioned after his lifetime; it is added, who made Israel to sin. Of Israel going to Jerusalem to sacrifice, he was all ready: he said, Here are your gods; they helped you to get out of Egypt. I had two golden calves made; they are your gods. So he separated them from God. A man of God came up from Judah to tell that wicked king what was in store for him, and Jeroboam did not like to hear it. He stood by the altar to burn incense. He told his guards, Hold the man (because he had in mind to punish the man, perhaps even to put him to death). The Lord stopped him right there. His hand was dry; he could not use it anymore. He asked the man of God to pray for him, so the Lord would restore his hand back again. The Lord granted his wish. The time came for Jeroboam to die,

but we can not find any place that he was buried with great honor. Probably the dogs ate him and the fowls of the air, of which there were plenty in those days (some fowls are known for feeding on dead bodies). When Jeroboam sent his wife to the prophet, he told her, Your son will be the last one to have an honorable burial; he told her that none will be buried anymore.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

Easter came, with a flood of sunshine and beauty. Bro. Ben Maibach and family were here from Detroit. We heard the word spoken in great power. How nice it would be if it could penetrate the stony heart and allow Jesus to enter. The receiver must welcome it, or it is in vain. A nice program was given by the children. Sis. Joyce Troxel had charge. Bro. Richard Sutter and visiting Bro. Keith Butler aided the middle class. Visiting Bro. John Baumgartner led the older class in singing, and also recited the meaning of Easter to all. It was a blessed day. A picnic was held by a lovely stream. Bamboo reeds rustled in the wind, and the children spied a dead snake in the water, which occupied a great deal of their attention. A very large cake was donated by a bakery. Bros. Bob Huber, Bud Klopfenstein and Bob Yergler prepared the charcoal fire and set-up the tables, as they usually do. It was wonderful to share the fellowship.

Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, and Bro. Al Schneider from Rockville were our ministering visitors this past

week. We rejoiced to have them in our presence.

At present, there is a drought condition in the central part of the state.

History of Ft. Lauderdale Church

After assembling occasionally in homes about ten years ago, Bro. John Bahler, Bro. Ben Maibach Sr. of Detroit, the Pfister family from Mansfield and a few others rented the Business and Professional Women's Club Bldg. at 401 S.E. 21st St., which was used until 1964. Bro. Godfrey Schatter was minister; later Bro. Matt Wackerle of Bay City bought a home and ministered here. Our ministers now are Bros. Harry Sutter and Wendel Gerber. Our church was dedicated Feb. 2, 1964. The address is 850 N.W. 46th Ave. We welcome all.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Early in April we were privileged to have Bros. Joe Kaisner and Perry Zimmerman from Forrest visit us. We received many precious teachings and thank them for their efforts. Bro. Ben Fehr from Roanoke was with us another Sunday. May the Lord bless the dear brothers who are so willing to lend themselves for the benefit of our soul's welfare.

Emma Wieland, wife of Henry Wieland, died suddenly and unexpectedly, early on the morning of April 2. She was laid to rest April 4, with Bro. Dave Kieser and other local ministers holding services at the funeral home.

We laid to rest a dear friend April 18. Marie Schick passed quietly from this life April 15, after an illness of about two weeks. She was a faithful friend, and in a visit with her a few days before her death, she said how thankful she had been to be able to get up every morning and do her work, and especially on Sunday to be able to go to church. She was 84, lived alone and did her own work. Her husband, Jacob preceded her in death in 1961. Among her survivors are a son, Herbert; two daughter, Marian Pulcher of Detroit and Irene Kirk of Peoria; a sister, Mrs. Lena Besserer of Peoria; and five grandchildren. Local ministers held the service; she was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette (Rumbold) Graham welcomed a

daughter April 12. Deann Kay was welcomed by a brother, Bruce, and twin sisters Darlene and Doreen.

We were all quite surprised on April 23 when we had quite a snow-storm. The flowering trees, shrubs, and tulips had a heavy covering of snow, with freezing temperatures. Much of the fruit was frozen, but we hope some was spared. It was a beautiful, unusual sight, with the snow covering the green grass.

We are truly thankful to have Bro. Larry Endress in our midst again. Larry has been in Viet Nam for the past ten months, and we are thankful to God that he could safely return home to his loved ones.

Friendship

Many friendships are so dear that words cannot express the feeling God puts in the heart. It is, therefore, that this is written depending upon the Lord for words.

The sister of whom I speak was a very patient, understanding and upright soul. It was always a comfort how she put God FIRST in her life. Through close fellowship with this precious sister I learned, that for true, deep friendship to grow, many trials are needed to be endured and temptations overcome. Much giving and taking had to be done, but the blessings reaped were very numerous, and thanks be to God for this.

A radiance glistened from the face of this sister. One felt she was walking close to the Lord, because she was such a good example by humbly submitting herself unto the Lord. Her conviction was that it is much wiser to shun this world and deny the carnal pleasures, accepting the narrow way of the cross, and thereby attaining that blessed end in heaven.

One particular, fond memory of this dear sister was the long visits we would have often late into the night, speaking of those things pertaining to faith and our soul's welfare, strengthening each other. During one of the visits, we both realized that we had been fighting somewhat the same spiritual battle. It was so good to confide in someone and to confess those burdens pressing hard. It seemed that, after that evening, the bond between us became so very much tighter. We did not have to fear being honest with each other, or hide our convictions. It was easier to stand firm for our convictions when we helped each other. We also rejoiced that we

could openly confess our faults and weaknesses to each other. Realizing our own imperfections truly proved to be a blessing—at times perhaps the chastisement given hurt, but by the grace of God and through much prayer we had our eyes opened many times.

We also felt free to express ourselves to each other. There wasn't much we couldn't tell each other or seek advice about. I didn't always receive the answer I wanted, but God gave her the wisdom to tell me what was needful, and for this I am thankful. Every child of God needs admonishment, and we can rejoice if one loves us enough that he warns us where we fail. This is true love. It is the soul who admonishes, corrects and has patience with us that we love best. To those we feel attached, because it is certain they are concerned, truly love, and want us to reach heaven. This is the soul we are humbled being near. A friendship like this is strange to the world, but to us it is love, joy and strength. How comforting to know one is praying for us. It is much to be thankful for when we are too grieved to utter prayer, when only sighs and groanings can be heard.

This sister's patience and humility was impressing to many. She rejoiced to meet the older sisters in faith, and her heart delighted in hearing them tell of their life of faith. She was also concerned for the less fortunate and sick. It was her desire to be faithful and obedient in small things, as well as great. Hymn 179 in the *Zion's Harp* had special meaning to her (also 76 in *Hymns of Zion*).

Speaking of these hymns brings to mind the many visits with several sisters we were especially close to and how we would sing hymns and praises unto God. One time we sat at the foot of a mountain waterfall and sang hymns, while the water gently rolled over the fall and down the stream. We shared many experiences such as this. Before this sister moved away, we journeyed through a wooded pasture, with a little stream running through. At the top of a hill we rested, and again couldn't help but praise God with our voices. As we sat on a log beholding God's glorious creation, knowing this was somewhat a parting, I turned to glance at our precious sister and beheld tears flowing—tears of love. This love is truly a gift of God bestowed upon us. This love is fruit brought forth in an up-

right soul who loves and obeys the Lord.

As it was God's will that these close bonds of affection should be knit, it was also His will they should be somewhat broken. The bond of Christian love can never be broken as long as each remains true and faithful. It was only God's love and mercy that developed those close ties of affection, and why the parting had to be is not to be questioned, for God's will is well done. We must humbly be content and trust God is still providing and will continue to do so if we do our portion on this earth by being obedient to Him.

It is not my desire to bestow honor upon any human. Only obedience to God and God dwelling in the heart could bring forth fruit so abundantly. Thanks be to God for the blessings sent through this sister to many. The fruits of the Spirit were so evident in her journeying, and it should be encouragement for all of God's children to strive harder for perfection.

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

Everyone loves gifts: Bro. Chris Lee Wuethrichs received a gift from God, a little baby—Kelly, who has a sister—Kitty, and three brothers—Ken, Kevin and Chris Lee Jr.

God is with us in the sunshine, and also when shadows come. Sisters Emily Anliker and Maxine Novotny, and Wayne Putt had to be in the hospital, and are so thankful when they can return home again to their loved ones.

We are living in a land of "Good-byes". Joe Stefan and his wife, Sis. Theresa were on a trip to California, when a heart attack came to him. He had to say "Good-bye", after God gave him "peace", which he so much wanted. He then said he was ready to go and to tell his church back home, "I love them all". Another message he gave was to tell his friend, Emil Gutwein that he hoped they could sit together in heaven, like they did in church. That is now Emil's desire; he started walking on the road to heaven. Bro. Wendell Gudeman gave these words to our dear Sis. Theresa, "You will not be alone, there will always be someone by your side, your Saviour, who will be your comforter." The dear daughter, Bro. and Sis. James Gutwein and the grandchildren will never forget the strong arms that often embraced

them . . . But they all look forward to meeting him again.

We were asked to write about "Friendship". It can be of someone on earth or in heaven. We just told of one in heaven, and I happen to have the same birthday as Joe did, so before they left on their western trip, we had them and some others at our home for a birthday supper. We then all attended Wednesday evening services, and the joy that Joe had in standing in the hall and heartily shaking hands with everyone that passed. Then with outstretched arms he took his little great-granddaughter in his arms.

It is each person's desire to try and follow the teachings of their parents. It is three years now that God so suddenly called my father to his heavenly home. "Friendship" was one thing he strived for. As we attended the funeral of dear Bro. Gus Meiss at Cissna Park, someone told me that Bro. Gus and my father never saw faults in anybody, so really it makes us want to follow in their footsteps. It is eight years that loving mother was called so suddenly, and father would always tell his children not to grieve too much. His teachings here again will never be forgotten.

Mother always enjoyed to do things in the "House of God". If people lived far from the church, she was happy to do the cleaning for them. Our last visit to her was unexpected, and she was at the sewing machine, making a quilt-top for the less fortunate people. Her grandchildren will never forget the things she always gave to them.

Mother wasn't so well some of her years, but there never was nothing but "Friendship" in my father and aunts in helping her. I had to quit school to help care for the baby, and can remember my tears going in the wash water, but all things work out for the good, as I then accepted God's loving call.

Never was a shirking word spoken by father in the winter months. when he walked to the church to start the wood fire at midnight, then would lay on the bench until around 4 a.m., put more wood in the furnace, then go home and do the chores, and be back to church again around 8 to put more wood in. He was then dressed for church and would stay until services, getting the snow shoveled or other little things.

Closing—Friendship is the noblest virtue.

REMINGTON, INDIANA
Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis Elsie (Sam) Kilgus is recuperating from a gall bladder operation.

Sis. Ida Nussbaum will be home this week end, after surgery.

Sis. Anna (Erwin) Bahler is still in a Bluffton hospital, hoping she can come home soon. We are always thankful when all the sick are home again, and trust the Lord will grant all that is needed for each one to bear their lot.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ben Braker and his family, as they were called to Missouri April 22, due to the death of his mother.

Emma Stoller was called to Ft. Wayne April 15, where her sister, Lydia Schott passed away after a lingering illness. Emma was very faithful to go out and see her regularly.

The Waibel families were sorry to miss Bros. Henry Kilgus and Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest and all who accompanied them, as they assembled with our congregation here on April 30. We trust all were richly blest, as we were as we met our relatives at Fairbury, from Morton, Peoria, and Forrest, after postponing it two different times due to snow and sleet. Hearing Bro. Robert Pohl from Burlington, Ia. was enjoyable.

The community had another heavy snow April 23. There has not been much spring weather yet.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA
Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Birth: On April 12, a son, Scott Allen, to Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Longenberger.

Engagement: April 30, the engagement of Sis. Janice Gerber to Bro. Kent Ringger was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger.

Shut-ins: Sis. Mary (John) Moser and Bro. Kenneth Schaefer.

Funerals: On April 21, services were held for Bro. Joel Gerber, 81. Death was due to a heart attack. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Magner, a stepson, Myron Colbern; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Jacob Schippers; a sister, Mrs. Orel (Elizabeth) Gilliom. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Orville Ringger officiated the services. On April 28, services were held for Bro. Joseph Gerber, 95. Surviving are seven sons, Lewis, Fred, Roy, John, Henry,

Lawrence and Norman. There are thirty-one grandchildren and forty-nine great-grandchildren. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

Faith: We have the God-given ability to believe, to have faith in God. Christ has told us, "According to your faith be it unto you." What a wonderful promise in those words.

During the past month, we added two dear souls to the precious fold—friends John Aschliman and Patrick Dubach.

Without the outpouring of God's Spirit, we could not have fruitful lives.

To Bluffton subscribers of the **Silver Lining**: Anyone wishing to contribute to the Silver Lining for 1967, please send or give your contribution to your reporters during the month of **June**. If anyone desires to subscribe to the paper, please see your reporters. Thank you.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Gudeman — Ruth Knochel

Our elder brother, Joe Waibel, spent a Sunday with us, reading and discussing the memorandum. We enjoyed his brief visit, and appreciate the time he spends with our congregation.

Bro. Joe Kaisner and his wife visited their son, Hartzell, and family. Bro. Joe ministered to us during a midweek service.

Our small congregation is increasing. Added to the family of Bro. and Sis. Jim and Vi Barton is a baby girl, Holly Sue. She will be welcomed home by three sisters and one brother.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

April 23 was a dark, cold day, with several inches of snow on the ground. In our small church there was a warm feeling, as love flowed from heart to heart. Five dear souls were added to the fold: Marilyn and Morris Rokey, Darrell Stoller, Richard Strahm and Maretta Rokey. Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha, assisted our Elder Bro. Lester Hartter with the provings on Saturday evening, and also with baptismal services Sunday afternoon.

Ministering Bros. John Rokey, Congerville; Loren Strahm, Gridley; Al Langhofer, Wichita, and many other visitors shared the blessed day with us. May the Lord ever bless our new brothers and sisters and keep them in the hollow of His

hand; this is our wish and prayer.

A group of members and friends visited the A.C. Home to sing hymns. This hour of song and fellowship is always enjoyed by the residents.

Bertha Liechti turned her ankle and fell, breaking a bone. She gets around in a walking cast. Bertha is employed at the A.C. Home. It will be 6 to 8 weeks' "vacation" before the cast will be removed.

Neil, 19-year-old son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter is hospitalized with broken ribs and serious back injuries, due to a motorcycle accident.

Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, ministered to us Sunday evening, April 30. Bro. Wackerle was accompanied by Sis. Ida and Bro. and Sis. Fred Knochels. They were enroute to Phoenix.

Sis. Pearl Meyer's son, James, was home on a few days' leave, enroute to Ft. Bliss, Texas.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

We were sorry to have Bro. Robert and Sis. Margaret Haas leave us and move to Morton. May God bless them in their new home. In tones of deep affection, Our ways part here we say Yet go in one direction and in the self-same way . . . And are links of one great chain.

We had in our midst recently at the Bible Study Bros. Joe and Alvin Schrock. It was a blessed evening. May God bless them for their efforts in teaching and preaching the precious word of life.

Tornadoes brought death and destruction in our surrounding area; here we were spared, for which we thank God from all our heart. So far the death toll is 56 persons, and property damage will run into the millions. It is sad to see the homes demolished, beautiful trees uprooted, so many left homeless, and some of the scenes they say look like a war zone. Yet it is a touching demonstration of the great power of God, and shows us that nothing can withstand His might and His hand, no matter how well constructed. It takes only seconds to twist and tear things apart and reduce them to ruin. The only Safety Shelter is in our Lord and God, and we can place ourselves in Jesus' hands and there abide forever.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Julia Wewetzer have returned from Lynchburg, Virginia, where they visited their son Jim and family, and while there

they welcomed a new granddaughter, Beth Ann, who was born April 20.

Sis. Emma Gudeman passed away after a long and painful illness. The funeral was May 1; Bro. Arthur Gudemann officiated. Many friends and relatives attended. Sis. Emma and Sis. Bena have always made their home together, and we wish Sis. Bena God's comfort in the lonely hours ahead. She tenderly and tirelessly, along with other members of the family, cared for Emma. May God bless them for their deeds of love.

Finally from hottest smelter,
Faith receives its seal and shelter
As the gold that's purified,
For the greatest joy of heaven;
Having suffered much and striven,
God's belov'd are glorified.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Susan Rapp

We read I Corinthians 15 on April 6 with Bro. J. B. Schrock, and learned in this thought-filled chapter the importance of the resurrection and also the importance of associating with those of pure minds.

The next Thursday evening, Bros. Jim Ringger and Roy Ehnle from Bradford visited us. Bro. Ringger read St. Luke 23:1 and said, "If we continue to go in our own way, God will finally let us." Bro. Ehnle told us to work hard in school and to make the best of this opportunity, because the Bible says, **Whatever thou doest, do it as unto the Lord.**

Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, visited us on April 20 and read St. Mark 3:31-35, and told us to put first things first by making sure that doing the will of God is the first thing in our lives. Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka, spoke a few words and prayed with us.

We enjoyed dinner with a group of Purdue students who accompanied Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington on April 27. Bro. Edwin spoke on the General Epistle of Jude, which speaks of the last times, and also referred to Titus 2. Bro. Edwin concluded his message mentioning the men and women who will walk from one end of the earth to another, seeking one more day of grace, and told us to ask ourselves, "Will I be one of them?"

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

Hospital patients: Sis. Emma Leuthold, Bro. Ted Gerber, Infant

Robbie Metzger. Bro. Edwin Knobloch is in Rochester for observation. Bros. Wilhelm Nester and Dennis Kellenberger received painful injuries in farm accidents. Bro. Emil Knobloch is much improved, after receiving injuries to his legs.

We were granted a privilege to receive Holy Communion April 16. Elder Brothers Eugene Marti of Sabetha and Leo Moser served. We want to thank God and them for making it possible.

Several from here attended the funeral services for Sis. Anna Banwart of Elgin, Ill. She was a sister of Fred Metzger. We know her trials are now over.

We are very thankful to God that His love has drawn two couples, Orlan and Mary Kellenberger and Roger and Janet Knobloch unto repentance. These loved ones have turned their backs to the ways of evil and are seeking their soul's salvation. May the Lord grant them much grace in their new stand in life.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Ezra Knobloch, a daughter, Melody Ann, April 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roeman, a son, Leslie Lee, April 17.

To all graduates who now stand on this threshold in life: Best wishes for the future. Whether it be employment, higher education or the service of country, do ask God to go with you. Do remember the love, advice and warnings of your parents, and put your trust in the Lord. Then He will surely care for you.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, and Leo Moser, Lester. Bro. Moser assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr to serve the Lord's Supper. It was a blessed day for all.

Roger and Judy Hemming are the parents of a son; they have named him Troy Roger. He has a brother and a sister at home. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Carl Joos.

A daughter has been born to Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas. She has been named Heidi Anne. She has four brothers to welcome her. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Carl Joos.

Bro. Ray Luthi has met with a farm accident and has been hospitalized. We pray that Bro. Ray will soon be well again. Also hospitalized this month was Mike Sch-

midgall, son of Don and Virginia Schmidgall.

Sisters Millie and Mary Ann Fischer, their parents, and Anna Beckley visited us on the week end of April 15. We thank them for their efforts to encourage more to partake in this World Relief Project. May God bless them for the same.

Let us all try to do our part.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

Our congregation was blessed with a number of visiting ministers. Bro. Delbert Indermuhle, Sardis, Bro. Lorentz Emch, Girard, Elder Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, along with Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf, Akron, visited us on Wednesday evening, April 12. We heard many good teachings and again were encouraged to travel on the straight and narrow path toward our goal in heaven.

A daughter, Cathy Ann, was born April 24 to Bro. Dale and Sis. Jeanette Stoller. At home to welcome her is 2-year-old Gregory Dale.

On April 12, a son, Daniel Merle, was born to Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie Hartzler. At home to welcome him is one-year-old Betty.

Recent engagements: Gaylord Beery, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Martha Beery, to Cheryl Ann Ecker, daughter of the Charles Eckers.

Arthur Beery, son of Howard and Sis. Lucille Beery, to Eileen Snyder, daughter of the Guy Snyders.

Sharon Steiner, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, to Barry Romich, son of the Ben Romichs (Jr.).

Dan Richard Saurer, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurer, and Brenda Joyce Sidwell, daughter of the Earlea Sidwells.

Joann Saurer, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurer, to Ronald Christian, son of the Ralph Christians.

Marriage: Rodney Howell, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Rowene Howell, and Mary Sprang were united in marriage at Ft Bliss, Texas. May God bless them as they walk life's pathway together.

Friend Ben Saurer was announced for proving recently. We can also rejoice with him that he was granted grace at the Eleventh Hour.

Those who were hospitalized the past month were: Sis. Wilma Steiner; Bro. Herman Ingold.

Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Hassig spent the winter with their son in California. We are happy to have

them back again. Sis. Sarah Tanner spent a few months with her daughter in Phoenix, and visited on her way home in Bern.

Sisters Josephine Sauders and Emma Bucher are home again, after spending some time in Florida.

Friendship

As we sing in one of our hymns, "There are friendships that we cherish in our daily walk of life, friends among the aged and youthful, friends who live from us apart, find a place within my heart." I think of these words often, and how true they are. In our daily walk here on earth, it helps so much to have a friend. The road seems not so lonely, the mile not quite so far when traveled with a friend.

To have the friendship of the aged is a priceless treasure. From those who have traveled this way before, we can learn much and have a friendship never to be forgotten.

"Friends who live from us apart find a place within my heart." The friendship's that we have, the world knows not of, the sadness at parting, the joy and happiness to meet again. Oh what awaits us in heaven, where love and friendships will be forever.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart

We enjoyed the ministering of Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha. Thanks for the visit.

The heartfelt sympathy of our entire congregation goes out to Bro. and Sis. Joe and Marcella Steiner of Tremont and her parents, Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber and family of here, in their recent sorrow. How comforting to know there is One above whose help is ever near. Her mother, Sis. Emma remained to spend some time with Sis. Marcella.

The past two months, quite a few folks from here have enjoyed gathering for mid-week church services with the college students at Iowa City. In March Bro. Earl Banwart, and in April Bro. Noah Gerber lent themselves to minister unto them.

The engagement of Barbara Potts of Wolcott and Robert Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, has been announced.

In the fear of the Lord and with the approval of the Iowa elders, a Bible Class was initiated at the ISU at Ames, Iowa, with teachings of the Old Testament by Bro. Elmer Banwart.

We were happy to hear Mary,

daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler, was discharged by the doctors at Iowa City, after a recent check-up there.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli

Carol Ann Messner

O may we all united stand
By holy tie and sacred band,
As members of Christ's body
here,

Led by Thy Spirit true, sincere,
With one accord.

Elder Brethren Leo Moser and Paul Fehr served communion to our congregation. Anew we make our vows to the Lord by taking the Holy Sacrament.

We were reminded to show our love one for another. The most feeble member is often the most important. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." I Cor. 12

Sis. Florence Messner was in the hospital for observation.

Michael, son of Bro. Mike and Sis. Joyce Messner, is hospitalized for surgery. May he soon return to Sunday School.

On April 29, Janice, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Millie Schmidgall, was united in marriage to Sam Boe of Minneapolis. May God add His blessings in their new life together.

Bro. Adrain and Sis. Dorothy Kellenberger spent a week end with relatives. They had been at Rochester for observation. We often hear of loved ones in the faith being at this great medical center. Winthrop is a short drive away, on good highways. Our congregation welcomes visitors.

Steve, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk, has arrived in Germany.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Sis. Lill Kempf has passed away. We are very sorry to have her gone from our midst; there is a very big hole left with her passing. Lill was a very dear sweet sister, and friend to all, with always a smile for all. We will all miss her very much, but she has gone on to a better reward than she had or ever could have obtained here on this earth.

Sis. Linda Andryewski has been in the hospital with a very bad kidney infection, but is doing better.

There is such a strong feeling of late that we are in the latter days.

Things seem to be in such a turmoil most of the time. We are keeping such a fast pace we sometimes forget during the week that we should live for the Lord each minute of each day and let the Lord lead our deeds and what we say. Let us all try not to forget the true way of life, and let us be careful not to let our own will take over, because we are very far from being good judges of what is good for us. Especially let us not judge others. Each one of us are far from being perfect. Let us let the Lord lead the way and try with His help to live closer to his bidding each day. We will find that things will go better for us if we put all of our trust in Him.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber
"Only One Mother"

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but **ONLY ONE MOTHER** in the whole world.

Do we need to be reminded of our mothers by a special day, or do we think of them daily, and remember them often, with little deeds of love and kindness and visits, whether in person or through letters? We enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship and remembering, when we gathered for a Mother's Day Program on May 7, to pay tribute to our mothers.

Our monthly singing was held April 9, with the Leo brethren in charge. We surely enjoyed the special numbers by their young people, and I am sure the Heavenly Father will not forget the voices raised in song in His honor, when all the young people present joined together to sing "Anywhere With Jesus" and "O For A Thousand Tongues"!

Bro. John Bollier of the Leo congregation was our visiting minister. May the Heavenly Father ever bless him for his willingness to serve us.

We were happy to have our friend, David Levy home for a two-weeks leave. David recently completed three-months training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri, and will continue with six months' further training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, for which place he departed on May 4. His new address had not been received by his parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Lillian Levy, at this writing.

We surely were happy and thankful to have Bro. Raymond and Sis. Mary Pulfer recovered enough from their accident of two months ago to be able to assemble with us again for the first time this past Sunday. May the Heavenly Father continue to bless them with improving health.

We were again reminded of the power of the Almighty God, when recently tornadoes caused much damage in nearby communities. As we have been asked to help those in need, may we all give willingly of the riches the Lord has blessed us with. Surely it was the "Hand of God" that spared our brother, Gene Stoller, as he and another trucker had come into the truck terminal on the edge of Oak Lawn, shortly before the tornado struck. This other trucker was met by his wife, and wanted to take Bro. Gene to a restaurant a block away, on their way home . . . And, after saying "no" to them three or four times, the couple was persuaded to go on, so they could reach their home before the storm got worse. Our brother waited for several others to come in and, then, joined them at another restaurant, several blocks on the opposite side of the truck terminal. Later, it was learned that the first restaurant was completely flattened by the winds! Doug, the oldest son of Bro. Gene, had passed thru Oak Lawn just a half hour before the tornado hit, and had traveled the highway that was later closed to traffic due to the destruction and damage of the winds. How little we know what lies before us, and surely it behooves us to ever be ready to meet our Maker, if He should call us from this life!

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Joanie Heiniger

We are always glad and thankful when others see fit to seek their soul's salvation and turn their hearts to the Lord. Three more have found their deep need for their soul; they are Glenn Pfeifer and Dennis and Diann Bucher. We wish them much grace from God in this important undertaking.

We were sorry to lose another young family in our little congregation. Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane Nuest and their two daughters have moved near the Wolcott community.

A daughter was born recently to Carol and John Ailes. This is their third daughter. Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz are the maternal grand-

parents, and Sis. Lydia Marti is the maternal great-grandmother.

Bro. Nathan Steffen and his family spent Sunday with us. He stressed our need for living a life for the Lord, so we may be found among those who will be worthy to enter therein.

Sis. Lea Frank and Sis. Leona Bucher both submitted to surgery this past month, but are able to assemble with us again.

Another dear soul has gone to her resting place. Sis. Marie Troxel passed away April 27. She has spent the past years with her daughter, Ruth, at Kalamazoo and has been in failing health for some time. She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters and three sons; Mrs. John (Ruth) Brewer, Mrs. Lloyd (Anna) Schnabel, Walter, Robert and Phillip; also two brothers, John and Edward and a sister, Ida Yergler.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen Schrader

The long period of dryness seems to be broken at last. We are so thankful for the moisture we have received.

The condition of our shut-in, Sis. Katie Fankhauser remains about the same. She spends some time each day sitting up. Her daughter and granddaughter, Sis. Edna and Sis. Janice Frieden of Lamar were to visit her recently.

Our friend, Ronnie Isch, has experienced forgiveness, and now has received peace from God. We rejoice along with his parents, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Julia Isch, for as the Apostle Paul wrote, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1, 2.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Roy Lasure passed away on April 28, following a brief illness. She was a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lasure of Canton, Ohio. Her husband and two daughters survive.

Services will be held at the country church on Sunday, June 25. As in former years, the service will begin with a song service at eleven o'clock, with lunch served at noon; the afternoon service will begin at

one o'clock. At this time we do not know who the minister will be, but plans are in the making for one or more speakers. All friends of the church, as well as all visiting members will be welcomed.

Joe Witschey has returned to Wadsworth, O., after a few days visit here with relatives. His health is not too good at this time.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth Witschey and Mr. Dan Witschey, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., and Mr. Joe Witschey of Wadsworth, O., were dinner guests of Miss Della Witschey recently.

Mrs. John Witschey has been able to return to her home after a several days stay at the hospital; she is slowly improving.

Mrs. Robert Witschey of Charlestown, W. Va., was a recent guest of the Dan Witschey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg, W. Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 23 at the home of a daughter here. They are the parents of two sons, two daughters and fifteen grandchildren. One son and one daughter are deceased. He is the son of the late Emma Riggenbach Barth and John Edward Barth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Durig observed their 43rd wedding anniversary, and the 48th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig, on Sunday, April 23, with a dinner at Well's Inn in Sistersville. Sisters and brothers of the two couples were the invited guests.

We have had heavy rainfalls and cool weather here the past week of April and first part of May. Unusual cold weather for the season has damaged much of the fruit.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Marie Neihouser

We were richly blessed on March 25 at the Saturday evening English service, when Bro. Akito Inoue from the Tamahata Church was our guest minister. He told us of a personal experience, of being forsaken by a friend, and then related it to Jesus on the cross being forsaken by the Heavenly Father. We have reasons to be forsaken by our friends, but He, the sinless one, had no reason—only wishing to do the will of the Father in heaven.

Early the next morning, an Easter Service was held at a river near the Shioda Church, where Matthew 28 was read and meditated by

Bro. Willis Ehnle and Bro. Akito Inoue. When the women went to the tomb they were very sorrowful, until they had learned that the Lord had risen. Then they departed quickly to tell the good news. We often wonder if we are as enthused about telling the joyous news.

During the school vacation, March 28, 29, and 30, our "Shuyokai" fellowship meeting was held at a mountain near the country churches. Sunday School classes were held for about 10 children present, while the adults were assembled together for meetings. Transportation and working hours often make it impossible for members and friends of our three churches to fellowship together. We received a great blessing from this opportunity to be together, and trust that many friends gained a better understanding of the truths contained in God's word.

During the month of April, we were happy to have several visitors here in the country. Bro. Akira Utsuki, one of our Tokyo church ministers, so willingly shared God's word with us on April 23. Other visitors were Sis. Atsumi Takai and daughter of Osaka and several soldier brethren on "R & R" from Viet Nam: Larry Endress, Neil Schmidgall, John Hartman, and Bill Cottrell. Their visits were indeed a blessing to us, and it is our prayer that they can feel the Lord's nearness in their various positions in life. Bro. and Sis. Wm. Grimm from Morton visited the Tokyo church.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of our dear elder brother, Fred Grimm. The precious teachings of God's word he brought to Japan in 1960 will long be remembered by our Japanese brethren and friends. Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Louise and her family.

"... Thou are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5:27 was the portion of scripture read and meditated on April 16 by Bro. Willis Ehnle, our minister here at Shioda. Bro. Willis reminded us that, although Belshazzar kept his word by giving Daniel the gifts he had promised, he neglected to serve the living God and was found wanting. How wonderful it is if we can find out our condition and do something about it. We were also reminded of another judgment, one concerning believers and the use of our talents, as Jesus is our Saviour and our Judge. We must ask God to help us do only those

things pleasing to Him and strive for perfection.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

On April 16 our elder Bro. Rudolph Graf was here and shared with us the memorandum from the brother meeting.

At the same time, Bro. Walter Rager was elected as our new Sunday School superintendent for a term of five years. He replaces Bro. Ben Schlatter, who has resigned after serving faithfully in this capacity for 22 years.

On May 7, Joe and Lydia Fetter gave their testimonies before the membership and were baptized and added to the fold. Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman and Bro. Ben Schlatter (of Junction) were with us for the day. We enjoyed their inspiring messages.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay Bertsch — Noah Herman

Our friend, Jack (Ezra) Sutter has repented and found peace with man and God. He's hoping to be baptized in the near future.

Phoenix Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Joe Beer came down one Sunday, bringing with him the adult Sunday School class. We were happy to have them, and hope they return soon.

Bro. and Sis. Walter Bertsch spent a week with his brother, Jay Bertsch, and assembled with us on Sunday.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can visit with us.

In reading the article in the Silver Lining, a wonderful brother came to my mind (who has long gone to his reward). I was taken into the Peoria church in 1930 by Elder Brother Emil Schubert. It seems as though some people have a talent to speak with immortal words rolling out. Bro. Schubert was such a man.

We who were privileged to be his audience never will forget such sayings as these. Speaking of harboring evil thoughts, he would say we can't help it if a bird lights upon our head, but we should not let it make a nest there.

When the people would become a little restless in church, he would tell how in his hometown, when they would walk to church on Sunday, the closer they came to the church, the quieter they became in reverence to God's holy house of worship. In speaking of his hometown, he

said the first time he attended services of our denomination, he shook hands with the minister, whose hands were very rough and strong. He thought within himself, what will this man be able to tell me; but he said when the service was over, he found that he did not preach with his hands, but by the Spirit of God.

We loved him then and we love him yet. Never will the image of this stately man of God vanish from our memories. I'm sure I speak for others, too. Bro. Noah Herman.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Sis. Leah Abersoll, 61, passed away after a long illness. She was the daughter of the John Abersolls, the first family of our faith to settle at Wolcott. Surviving are five sisters, Sis. Ella Pelsy, Francesville; Sis. Anna Gudeman, Ft. Wayne; Sis. Leona Nussbaum, Fairbury; Josephine Gudeman of Miami, Florida; and Sis. Ada of Lafayette, with whom she made her home. Funeral services were conducted April 9 by her cousins, Bros. Irvin Lehman and LeRoy Hartman.

We had a blessed week end on April 15 and 16, when we heard the testimonies and welcomed into our Brotherhood, through baptism, our dear young brothers, Jim Reuter and Darl Schieler. Bros. George Yergler and David Bertsch were here to assist Bro. Lehman.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Orville Ringger, Bluffton; Elmer Bucher, Francesville; and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill.

As we so often experience in life joys and sorrows, so has it been our portion again this past week. Our dear young friend, Charles Oberlander, 19, was home on furlough from the Air Force, and met with a fatal accident only a few miles from home. Surviving are his parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Virginia; one brother, Allen of Wolcott; and two sisters, Judy McGill of Wolcott and Wanda Hysong of Lafayette. Bros. Irvin Lehman and Sam Kilgus conducted the services. This has indeed caused great sorrow to us all, but may we put all trust in our God, knowing all things have a purpose, and that some time we shall understand.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Visitors are very welcome to our small congregation. We were greatly blessed with a number of them during the past few weeks.

Ministering Bros. Al Schneider and Ernest Luginbuhl and their wives came April 19. We thank them for the words of life, inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.

Bro. Henry Virkler of Naumburg made a special effort to visit us, during a brief break in his studies, on April 16.

On May 7, Bro. Fritz Paffman and his wife, Sis. Norma of Peoria, who were east on business, stayed over an extra day to worship with us.

All who came to Union City leave with us new strength and courage, for which we thank God. In His infinite wisdom, He knows how to keep the light of hope from failing for those who truly know Him.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed. . . ." From Proverbs 31.

Yet another soul has been called by the Lord, and there is another empty place in our congregation. Sis. Marie Fritz passed away April 6 at the age of 86 years. She was the widow of Robert Fritz. For several years she had made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Sam and Margie Wells. Sis. Fritz leaves five other daughters, three sons, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and one brother. A daughter and a brother preceded her in death. Services and burial, on April 10, were in Cleveland.

Margaret Graf and John Gallagher were united in marriage on April 8. The newlyweds are living at 1014 Saxon Avenue, Akron, Ohio. Our sincere wishes for the Lord's blessing as you travel life's road together, Margi and John.

Wayne Wells, son of the Sam Wells, has left for a tour of active duty with the National Guard. We wish Wayne the Lord's protection, wherever his duties may take him.

Sis. Eva Emery was hospitalized for major surgery.

Bro. John Bahler of Rockville visited us. We are glad for his visit and hope he will return soon.

Only one life, so live it well
And keep thy candle trimmed and bright;

Eternity, not time, will tell
The radius of that candle's light.
S. M. Miller
BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA
La Verne Roth
Millicent Frieden

Saturday evening, May 6, the members gathered to hear the reading of the memorandum. Serving us were visiting Elder Bros. Roy Farney of Phoenix and Gene Marti of Sabetha. It was impressed upon us to take careful consideration of the content and seek to do only the Lord's will in applying it to our everyday lives. This should be an opportunity for each of us to be a testimony unto others.

The following day, Sunday May 7, Elder Bros. Roy and Gene each delivered inspiring messages, which added spiritual blessings for our strengthening. Following services was a member meeting, consisting of the selection by the congregation of another minister. Bro. Raymond Roth had this solemn duty placed upon him. We feel the Lord was speaking to every heart, as for many months we have awaited this decision. Bro. Ronald Nelson was given the position of a deacon, and Bro. Eli Somerhalder was made an ordained deacon. May God lead and direct these brothers in their tasks.

Bro. Ron and Sis. Lois Allenbach are parents of a little girl, born April 29. She was named Elaine Marie and is welcomed home by a sister, Amy and a brother, Randy. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Allenbach.

Funeral services were held May 3 for Sis. Lydia Ott, age 82. She had been in failing health for a number of years and passed away in the Kiowa District Hospital. Her husband, Bro. Sam, preceded her in death in 1955. Survivors include five daughters, Sis. Laverne Roth and Mrs. Esther Hood of Kiowa; Sis. Minnie Farney of Phoenix; Mrs. Erma Wood of Guymon, Okla.; Mrs. Julia Hobbs of Oklahoma City; two sons, Bro. Arnold of Burlington and Bro. Marvin of Kiowa; one sister, Sis. Minnie Schupbach of Burlington; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

We've had a number of hospital patients, including Sis. Laverne Roth, Sis. Esther Hodel, Sis. Florence Guthrie, Sis. Kathryn Miller, Sis. Martha Roth, and Linndy Frieden, 8-month-old son of Bro. Larry

and Sis. Millicent Frieden. Once again the Great Physician has healed the mortal body, as all except Sis. Martha and Sis. Esther are up and around again. God has always promised us a helping hand—if we just grasp it.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS
Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Walter Steffen—Milford, Lester Huber—Francesville, Don Sauder—Roanoke, James Ringger—Bradford, Leroy Hartman—Peoria, and Joe Schrock—Congerville.

April 16, Bros. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Roy Sauder of Peoria and Gene Bertschi, Roanoke were with us. They assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in serving communion to us. It was indeed a blessed day for all. Also, this day a new minister was selected by the congregation. These duties fell on Bro. Marvin Schmidgall. May God help him in this important work of preaching God's word in its truth and sincerity.

Among the sick—Sis. Clara Zimmerman (Bro. Lawrence's wife), a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Nathan Fehr, medical, also in Eureka Hospital.

Several cars, full of people from the church, went to help clean up the damages left by the tornado in the Belvidere and Oak Lawn, Illinois area. It is almost unbelievable what power the wind does have, and yet we have to believe that God does permit such things to happen in various parts of the country.

Plans are underway to have Daily Vacation Bible School, as soon as the grade schools are done with classes.

FORREST, ILLINOIS
Martha Stoller
Carolyn Zimmerman

Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr with their children, Debbie, Terry and Jay, from Rockville, have recently moved here. We welcome them into our community and wish them God's blessings in their new life. Bro. Gene is employed at Honegger Farms. Their oldest son, Dennis, will finish his school term in Rockville before joining his family here.

Bro. Dennis Koehl was called into the service and is stationed at Ft Sam.

Surgical patients the past month were Sisters Mary Ann Plattner and

Ruth Metz. Both have made a satisfactory recovery.

Friendship

We know that in Jesus we have the perfect friend. Jesus, having walked this earth, felt our need of personal contact with our fellowmen. So it will lead us to the conclusion, that those living in Christ, our brothers and sisters in faith, can give us the nearest thing to this perfect friendship.

Such a friendship will be so lasting it will endure past the grave and give us a longing to be again united with each other in heaven. Jesus said, ". . . that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3.

Friendship must stand tests, not to be put aside if this friend be chastened or rebuked—"A friend loveth at all times . . ." Prov. 17:17.

Friendship must not be two-sided, that is to say, a friend to the face and a foe to the back. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

There must be a feeling of refuge in sorrow and a sharing of pleasure. ". . . having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:" I Peter 3:8 . . . Having the feeling of trust that you can unload your cares and fears, knowing they will be kept only to himself, and receiving in return the uplifting of the spirit that was sought after. "Bear ye one another's burdens . . ." Gal. 6:2

During the illness and passing away of our little son, we had certainly found these traits in many of our believing friends.

"This cross is too great!" we cried, "More than our backs can bear, So rough and heavy and wide, It seems that nobody's here to care."

Then a Friend stooped down and whispered,
And helped us up by the hand,
And softly said, I know. I care—
And someday we'll all understand.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg
Our elder, Bro. Samuel Anliker, spent a Sunday with us and shared the contents of the conference report. May we all strive harder to stay on our narrow path of life, and abide by the warnings and admonishments given. Our shepherds are truly concerned for their flocks, and we can be helpful by being more obedient.

Sis. Ella (Joe) Banwart was hospitalized a week for examinations and medical treatment. We were happy she was able to attend services again last Sunday.

Sis. Clara Marti, who has not been too strong, has been assembling half days, for which we are thankful. She is staying in her own home again alone.

Bro. Joe Muhlbauer has returned home from the hospital. He did not have to have surgery, but medical treatment. He has also been back to church the past two Sundays.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Sinn have moved to town from their farm home. Their new address is 1710 E. Wall St, Ft Scott Kansas 66701. Their son, Lester, and family have moved to the farm home.

Sincere sympathy is given to Sis. Carrie Massner and Sis. Mary Reber, in the passing of their youngest sister, Sis. Lillian Messner at Phoenix. Sis. Lillian formerly lived here, and visited quite often.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

We were privileged to have the Lord's Supper, served by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker.

Sis. Esther Kraft is at the Newman Hospital for observation and tests.

Bro. Dan Kraft was home for a short while, and then was taken to St. Joseph Hospital at Wichita. He is scheduled to have surgery in a few days.

Funeral services were held May 3 for Samuel Dornes, 68, son of Bro. George Dornes.

A World Relief organization meeting was held at Sis. Lydia Bahr's home last week. Several of the sisters have been busy making soap, having used over a case of lye, and are waiting on another case of lye. Some are planning to card wool. Others are making quilts and the various other articles. The teenage girls took 10 garments to sew from the cutting room at Newton.

A Bible School meeting was held recently, and we plan to start Bible School May 31.

We had a most welcome rain (over 1 inch) this past week end, which will help the crops. More is needed to fill the low ponds.

"One of the great temptations of this day is that some forget or deny dependence upon God, relying in-

stead upon their own cleverness and power. Suppose a spider spun a large, intricate, beautiful web which he suspended by a single thread. As time went on, he added to and perfected the web. Then one day as he was going around, he came upon the all-important strand by which it hung. He had forgotten both the origin of the strand and its importance, so he snipped it off. At once his whole house collapsed. Modern man is like that, when he severs his ties with God and imagines himself to be self-sufficient. God is always the source of strength and security.

The Psalmist long ago exhorted the people of his generation and of ours to acknowledge our dependence upon God. He said, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). Then he proceeded to indicate how God forgives, heals, redeems and renews us. No one else can do those things for man; God alone can supply these deeply spiritual needs. **The Lord is the strength of His people.**

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Next Sunday we pay tribute to our mothers. How grateful we are for our Christian mothers who have taught us the ways of the Lord from our youth, who made our homes Christian homes, where God dwells and the Spirit of Christ rules, where around the table we had our daily devotion. Our homes, where the love of God is ever present, is a place where we are ever understood and loved, where we are ever met with the gentlest of forgiveness, where we may unburden our soul to sympathizing ears, where mother's love is shown in a way that means the most to the ones she loves, and where daily problems are met in a Christian spirit. Yes, we thank God daily for our loving Christian mother.

A devoted Christian mother in our community has gone to her reward. Sarah Braker, age 76, passed quietly away April 22. She was born in West Bend, April 10, 1891. When Sarah was 11 years old, her father, Bro. Charles Banwart, moved with his family to the Lamar community. Bro. Banwart, an Apostolic Christian Pioneer in our church, was one of our early ministers of the gospel.

Sis. Sarah was married to Bro. Sam Braker in the Lamar church. She is survived by 9 children: Bro. Fred, Bro. Lester, Bro. Ben, Bro.

Raymond, Oscar, Leonard, Sis. Edna Somerhalder, Sis. Bernice Frieden and Sis. Alice Marti, 11 brothers and sisters, 42 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Many miles were traveled to pay last respect to this mother, grandmother and sister, as all the children, all the 11 sisters and brothers, 40 of the grandchildren and 12 of the great-grandchildren were able to attend the services, conducted by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Perry Zimmerman.

Sis. Sarah was happy and pleased to be remembered by so many on her last birthday. She had written this thank you note for the Silver Lining: "I want to thank all for the birthday letters, flowers and gifts. Receiving over 60 birthday letters was a surprise and was greatly appreciated."

A message from the family: "Would also like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who assisted during her illness and after her passing, for every expression of sympathy in the loss of our dear mother." The Sarah Braker Family.

The mutual love between Christ and his members is so clearly revealed when he tells them, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (St. John 15:13), and "... I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." St. John 15:15 "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." Prov. 27:9

Friendships become more worthwhile when they become spiritual. There is warm, tender fellowship in the deepest things of the soul, close communion in the highest thoughts. There are many Christian friendships that we cherish. I am thinking of the kind of a friend to whom one may pour out all the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain, knowing that the gentlest hands have taken and sifted it, kept what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blown the rest away. That's the kind of friendship always experienced with our loving father and mother.

Friends are one of God's great gifts. A friend gives us confidence for life; he remembers us in distress and in gladness. He can praise us and we are not embarrassed; he admonishes us, and we are not offend-

ed. He can be silent, and we understand; he can forgive much and forget much. He can be a true strength to us by listening to our needs and by giving wise counsel. He is there when we need him. As we write this, we can think of specific friends who so easily possess these qualities. Life is sweeter, stronger because of our friends—whether they be far or near. To have them close is best, but if they are far away they are still there to think of, wonder about, to hear from, to love, and share spiritual experiences. On my desk is a note from a friend who lives many miles away. I read it often. It goes something like this in part, "I may not be able to tell you every day that I wish you happiness, because I may be far away, or we may be very busy; but that makes no difference—my thoughts and my wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy comes to you will make me glad." Yes we are so grateful to our dear Lord for our many valued Christian friendships.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

My husband, Bob, and I have just returned from a most pleasant visit with members of our family in Philadelphia, Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorothy Beer and their two children, Michael and Betsy. We are enroute home at this time and the Milford news is being written from a hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mishler Funeral Home for Esther Miller—wife of Theodore Miller. Their home was in Ft. Morgan, Colorado. Esther was the sister of Bro. Mike Zimmerman and Sis. Anna Stieglitz of our congregation. Bros. Theo. and Henry Beer conducted the services.

Another of our servicemen has returned to us, having completed his tour of duty in Germany. Bro. Glenn Price Jr. was a welcome sight to us all, as he congregated with us once again. We are grateful for his return.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Madeline Zimmerman received the welcome news of a new grandson, Joel Raymond, born to their son Ray and his wife, Diane of West Virginia. Joel was also welcomed by his sister, Molly.

Fred and Diane Weisser are happy parents, as they welcome a new little girl into their home. Little Kathy has three older brothers. Her grandparents, Herman and Gwen Weisser are especially happy, be-

cause she is the first girl to be born into their family tree.

We add two new names, Joyce and Bob Beer to our list of converts. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth and Bob is the son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor. The decisions all of these young people have made has given new joy and life to our whole church. We are thanking God each day for them.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services were held for Bro. Jos. B. Belsley, 74, on April 9. He was the son of Jos. and Lydia Gerber Belsley. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Marie Schmidgall Belsley and three sons, Richard, Kenneth and Glenn. Bros. Russell Rapp and Roy Sauder of Peoria officiated.

Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont brought very inspiring messages to us the past week.

A number of brothers and friends spent several days helping clear the debris from the farms which were destroyed by a tornado in Belvidere, Ill.

Sharon Getz, 11, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Getz, had the misfortune of being struck in the eye by a stray golf ball. After spending a number of days in the hospital, she recovered without permanent injury to the eye.

Bro. Dave Wick is quite ill at the Restmor Nursing Home.

Sis. Dena Woerner (Mrs. Carl) plans to reside at the Restmor Nursing Home.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas of Elgin, who have moved here. Their address is R R 1, Morton Ill. 61550.

A son, Ronald William, was born April 9 to Bro. Don and Sis. Patricia Fite Bertschi. The maternal grandmother is Sis. Edna Hirstein Fite, and the paternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bertschi. Bro. Don is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, 6648 Tower Dr., Alexandria Virginia.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We are sharing the great concern of our dear Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Banwart for their son, Don, who lies critically ill in the hospital, because of injuries sustained in a car accident.

For all who are praying with burdened hearts for dear ones who have come into trouble, and especially for the salvation of those who do not

yet know the Lord, may I share encouragement received today from our elderly sister, Rose Knapp—"God listened to Abraham when he pleaded for Sodom; He listened to Moses when he pleaded for Israel; and He will listen to us when we earnestly pray for others." Yes, as Paul said, we rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep, by God's grace remembering that our dear Saviour, the Son of man, "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper and their five boys are very happy living at their new farm near Molalla, Oregon. They are about 30 miles from Portland and 18 miles from Silverton, close to the Cascade foothills.

Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen's son, Joe, is recovering well from a mild attack of rheumatic fever, but will have to remain quietly in bed for a time yet. Pretty big order for a 9-year-old! Garth and Connie have recently moved, also, to a larger home than they had previously. They have requested that the Silver Lining print their address (not listed in the telephone book), along with a warm welcome to any visitors who may be traveling through Portland: Garth Steffen, 12602 SE Ramona St., Portland Oregon. Phone: 761-4531.

All the rest of us in the Portland area likewise welcome any of you with our whole hearts! We have such loving memories of many visitors who have stopped in years gone by, greatly enriching our precious fellowship. I doubt that we will ever be able to appreciate this instant recognition of kindred hearts enough. Our dear Saviour said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We were happy to have Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City in our midst on a recent Sunday. We thank him for lending himself to bring us the word of life.

Sis. Edna Steiner was in the hospital during this past month. She has recovered sufficiently to again return to her home.

Also hospitalized for a short time were Sis. Tillie Aberle and Bro. Roger Aberle.

Sis. Mary Aberle was released

from the hospital and is now at the home of her son, Bro. Alpha and Sis. Irene Aberle.

Friends Aaron and Hulda Moser have turned to the Lord in repentance. They have been announced and, if the Lord is willing, will have the opportunity to bring their testimony before the congregation this next week end.

The engagement of Karen Strahm to Jim Pinkerton of Wichita was made known recently. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm of Sabetha.

Bro. Roger Hartter has been stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, since his return from Vietnam. He is to receive his discharge May 8. Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter flew to Texas and will accompany their son, Roger, home. We welcome him into our midst again and thank the Lord for His protection throughout Bro. Roger's time of service.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Our congregation was blest by visits from ministering brothers. First was Bro. Joe Stoller from Princeville; then, on the following Sunday, Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke. The next Sunday brought Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville. We are thankful to each of them.

We are happy to have Randy Ehnle and Sis. Lois Endress home from the hospital and in our midst again.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Evie Stoller in the death of Ellsworth's mother, Sis. Magdalena Stoller of Latty.

We have been getting rain in abundance, and our farming in this area is running behind. We are thankful that we have been spared any severe storm, however, as many severe storms and tornadoes have hit in our state.

A Note of Thanks: We wish to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, gifts, food, flowers, and especially for your prayers in our behalf. Each wish helps to make a day more enjoyable while one is hospitalized. It was greatly appreciated. Your least ones, Danny and Lois Endress.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward
Elaine Eisenmann

Sunday, April 9, was a blessed day here at Burlington. We were privileged to hear the testimony of

Bill Obermann, and then to witness his baptism. We truly welcome him into our fellowship. Bro. Bill is the husband of Sis. Rosella (Massner) Obermann.

In the evening, Bro. Noah Schrock was with us to serve Holy Communion. This impressive service should renew us in spirit to go forward in our lives of faith with a singleness of mind—to reach our goal of life eternal with our Lord, who gave His all to make it possible.

The following Sunday we had as our guests about 45 members of the Prairie Choristers. Our hearts were lifted as they joined voices to praise our Heavenly Father. We all sincerely thank them for a day of much blessing.

Bro. Leroy Huber was with us on Sunday, April 30. We were impressed with his admonition that we should not quickly judge one another, for which of us is without fault? Our lives are like a garden which must be constantly tended, to keep out weeds or undesirable traits.

We have enjoyed very much using the new **Gospel Hymn** songbooks at a number of singings.

I wash the dirt off little feet,
And as I wash I pray,
"Lord, show her the words pure and true,
Of walk in narrow way."
I wash the dirt from little hands
And earnestly I ask,
"Lord, may they ever yielded be
To do the humblest task."
I wash the dirt from little knees,
And pray, "Lord, may they be
The place where victories are won,
And orders sought from Thee."
I scrub the clothes that soil so soon,
And pray, "Lord, may her dress
Throughout eternal ages be
Thy robe of righteousness."

Ere many hours shall pass, I know
I'll wash these hands again;
And there'll be dirt upon her dress
Before the day shall end,
But as she journeys on through life
And learns of want and pain,
Lord, keep her precious little heart
And cleanse from sin and stain;
For soap and water can not reach
Where Thou alone canst see.
Her hands and feet, these I can wash—
I trust her heart to Thee.

Jesus, My Best Friend

Every day, my Best Friend and I
Together walk another mile,

And I learn to know Him better
As we talk a little while.
I tell Him of the trials
And the burdens which are mine.
Then in love He quickly answers,
I'll help bear that cross of thine.
Sometimes I cannot see Him
For teardrops in my eyes,
And when I tell Him of my troubles
He is quick to sympathize.
When I am tired and weary
And complain when I should not,
He reminds me of my blessings
And how fortunate is my lot.
When I say that I am sorry
To have grieved that heart of
Thine,
He forgives in mercy, saying,
Be more careful, friend of Mine.
When He talks of heaven fair,
I feel a surge of joy within,
To think that someday I'll be there,
Where eternal life begins.
Mansions are prepared up there;
He's told me o'er and o'er,
And there is one awaiting me
With a welcome open door.
There is a fountain on the way
Where I often drink and rest.
It springeth from the Book of Life
For the weary and oppressed.
Before I reach the golden gates,
Death's valley I will see;
This mortal robe is changed
To immortality.
**So do not fear the sting of death;
I've removed it long ago,
And now, my friend, keep treading
on;
Your trials soon will end below.**
—Henry Kipfer

We should always be thankful that we have Jesus as our true friend—a friend that will never let us down.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Sis. Louisa Lance is convalescing, after being in the Youngstown North Side Hospital for surgery. Those hospitalized at this time are: Sis. Lena Deislinger, who has been in the St. Elizabeth's Hospital for several weeks and is still on the critical list. Friend Robert Emch has been in the North Side Hospital in Youngstown for several weeks. Friend Joe Aaron is in the North Side Hospital. Bro. Paul Metzger is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Sis. Marie Emch was confined to her home for three weeks with lung congestion. We wish all a speedy recovery and commit all to God's hands.

As we think of those who were in

the path of the recent tornadoes, let us pray for them. Then let us pray that God will move us to respond liberally to the invitation that has gone out to the churches from the World Relief Committee.

We heard a wonderful sermon some years ago by the late Bro. Joe Kloetzle on humility. He told how we need to get down on our knees to smell the lovely fragrance of the lily of the valley. So too, we must be humble to receive the spiritual blessings from God. Bro. Joe was always thinking of the fold and their needs, and whenever possible he would visit the sick and aged.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

This is the month in which a day has been set aside especially for mothers. We all have been so blessed with kind and loving mothers. It must have taken a great amount of wisdom for the Lord to create a good mother. A recipe for a Christian mother's heart is as follows: 1 cup fragrance as a flower, 1, majesty as a tree; 1 cup gentleness as morning dew, 1, calm as a quiet sea; 1 cup beauty as the twilight hour, 1, as the starry night; 1 part rejoicing as the rippling brook, 1, grace as a bird in flight; 1 part tender care as an angel, 1, faith as the mustard seed; 1 cup patience of eternity, 1, depth of a family's need.

God fashioned a creation, And this masterpiece we call her Mother.

Visiting ministers—much spiritual food and love were brought when Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington came on the week end of April 9, and also on the week end of April 20, when Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont was here with us. We can never appreciate the closeness and binding of love among our church members throughout our country.

New Orders: Orville Eberle of Princeville and Rich and Kathy Haney of Rockville have been reassigned to Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina; Russ and Sue Gerber of Bluffton have been reassigned to Ft. Meade, Maryland; and Dale Zimmerman of Forrest to Ft. Lewis, Washington. The young friends will be missed by all, but we pray that our divine Lord will guide and direct them where He so sees fit.

New Serviceman: Bro. Dave Koch of Tremont and Bro. Denny Koehl of Forrest have begun their basic training. We are expecting Bro.

Denny Binkele of Peoria very soon. We welcome our new brothers to the small fold here.

Bro. Roger Hartter of Sabetha has finally reached this goal; he has finished his service term and has returned home. We will truly miss him in our gatherings.

We have moved to a new apartment, in the same apartment house. The new apartment is much larger and more convenient. Our address is: 504 Elmhurst, Apt. 4, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Our telephone number remains the same: TA 49803. We want to thank our Lord for the love showered upon us.

We want to extend a special invitation to any visitors. If anyone is vacationing in the immediate area, we would be very happy to have you stop by.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

When anyone is absent, whether young or old, he is missed by the others . . . And two of the little ones were missed at Sunday School, when they had to spend time in the hospital recently. Jerry Roberts, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley, was a patient because of a virus. Kristi Oesch, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Katherine, suffered a fractured elbow. We are thankful they have again attended Sunday School.

We are happy for the two young couples who recently welcomed baby sons into their families. On March 27, Timothy William was born to Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue Beer; he has a sister, Judy and a brother, Steven. Richard and Helen Bricker are the parents of John Andrew, who was born May 4; he has three sisters and a brother who are all excited at his arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Custer of St. Louis are parents of their first child, Stephen Jon, born on April 6. The new mother is the former Judy Durkin of Mansfield.

Our sympathy to Sis. Katherine Oesch (Mrs. John), whose mother, Sis. Magdaline Stoller of Latty was taken to her heavenly home on April 21. Sis. Stoller was a frequent visitor in our congregation, and those of us who are older remember when as a young woman she made her home in Mansfield. We shall all miss her loving and friendly presence.

On April 22, Robert Arthur Sauder and Carolyn Jean Dotson exchanged wedding vows; we pray the Lord will be a welcome guest

in their home, and bless their life together. Bob is the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Wilma Sauder.

We were indeed blest on Sunday May 7, when Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman delivered inspiring messages, during both morning and afternoon services. We thank all who have visited us and extend a hearty welcome to come back.

She could not give her children gold,
So she gave them faith to have and hold.

She gave them love and a listening ear,
And told them God was always near.

She could not give them worldly things,
But what she gave was fit for kings,

For with her faith and books and sod

She made each child aware of God.

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my . . . mother." St. Matthew 12:50.

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

Willis Feller is a patient in Porter Memorial Hospital, recuperating from injuries received to his shoulder, while at work. A wedge fell 140 feet and struck his shoulder.

We are happy to hear that Dennis Bucher and his wife, Diane have given their hearts to the Lord. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." These words were proclaimed by Bro. Harry Bucher in his inspiring message.

A Pattern for Living

Avoid all unkind criticism, gossip, fault-finding. Give others the benefit of the doubt! ". . . man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." I Samuel, 16:7. They must not weigh us down, these tragic things. How can they, if we find a heart that rejoices and sings some part of every day?

"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works . . ." Titus 2:7. Life makes so many demands on a woman's heart, and of a woman's hands. Oh, I seldom have

time for slipping away from my duties in some quiet corner to pray, but like meadowlarks that soaring sing, I must talk to the Lord, as if were on the wing. Do acknowledgements hold less of gratitude if sent in the midst of preparing food? Are petitions less fervent, if one only asks as one works for strength, for finishing tasks? "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" II Tim. 4. She found for herself a robe. She was mother, friend, wife, even in odds and ends of busy days, and tangled works of life.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

We welcome Sis. Judie Bittner, from the Roanoke congregation, into our community. Her new address is 308 N 4th St, Apt B, Alhambra, Calif. 91801.

In the hospital were Sis. Christine Pearson, Sis. Marguerite Mott, and Patti Schwartz. We are happy to report that all three have returned to their homes and are recovering nicely.

Lucy and Dick Griffith of Carmicheal, Calif, welcomed their first son, Robert Talmadge, on April 7. He is the grandson of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf.

A son, David Andrew, was born to Bro. and Sis. John Klotzle, on May 2. Sis. Helen Klotzle and Bro. and Sis. Alfred Hoffman of Rockville are his grandparents.

April 30 was the 89th Birthday of Bro. John Paternoster. He has not been able to worship with us often, due to illness and near blindness, but is very alert in mind and spirit. He is truly a wonderful inspiration and example of faithfulness to all of us.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Visiting ministers for the month were Bros. Leroy Huber, Eureka; Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Art Bauer and Joe Stoller, Princeville; Walt Anliker and Vernon Leman, Eureka. How thankful we are for their exhortations and encouragements to walk more closely to our Lord.

Sis. Elsie Knapp has been hospitalized again. Also on the sick list is Peggy Knapp, daughter of Bro. Fredrick and Sis. Marge. She has rheumatic fever and must remain in bed for six weeks. We wish them and their families much patience and courage through their convalescent periods. To our joy, Sis. Ida Nussbaum has been assembling

with us half days for the past few Sundays.

On Wed. evening April 26, our congregation enjoyed the blessings of partaking of the Lord's supper. Bro. Henry Kilgus assisted our elder, Bro. Leroy Huber in this important service. It is humbling to be reminded of the sufferings of our Lord.

Our Bible Class entertained the Taylor Bible class one week end. It's a wonderful experience for our young folks to become acquainted with each other in this manner.

Great joy has come to our congregation. Three precious friends have seen their soul's deep need for a Saviour and have turned by faith to Him in repentance. They are Penina (Mrs. Clarence) Miller and Don and Carolyn Ott. The latter are the son and daughter-in-law of Clayton and Sis. Margaret Ott. We wish them much courage and God's abiding peace. How wonderful is the knowledge that Christ is still calling and receiving sinners unto Himself.

"Thought": The man who humbly bows before God is sure to walk upright before men.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

On April 9, Friends Louise Hirschey and Philip Beyer were united in marriage by Bro. Robert Beyer. Louise is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Hirschey, and Philip the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert Beyer.

Funeral services for Bro. John Merz, 83, were held on Sat. afternoon Apr. 22, with Bro. Robert Beyer officiating. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Clara; two sons, Milton of Newburgh, New York, and Paul residing at home; and a daughter, Anna of Syracuse N.Y.; two sisters, Sis. Ella Zahn and Mrs. Ed Lindstruth. Burial was at the Naumburg cemetery.

We are happy to report that our dear friends, Amy and Mark Virkler, children of Bro. and Sis. Clayton Virkler have received "Peace" and are awaiting proving and baptism.

Our friend Virgil Sturtz has been transferred to Ft. Sam Houston.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Sis. Mary Traub was hostess to Bro. and Sis. Bob Pohl of Burlington, Iowa. Bro. Bob gave an inspiring message on abiding in the true

vine, Jesus Christ, and to memorize God's words to draw on in time of need, as Jesus promises: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka May 7, ministering to us that we ought to take the Bible in the morning; and the verses we read may be just what is needed to sustain us that day; and that "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God".

Sis. Annie Sohn wishes to thank everyone for remembering her during her surgery and recovery. Bro. Alex and Sis. Mary Stoller are both hospitalized. Sis. Joan Stoller has returned home, after surgery.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Bob Grimm

We were shocked and grieved by the death of our dear friend, Ronald Heinold. He died in the Eureka Hospital at 12:40 a.m. April 17, as a result of a car accident the night before. Ron was 21 years old, and the son of Howard and Vera Miller Heinold. He had two sisters, Mrs. Glenn Beverly Joos of Deer Creek, and Vickie at home. Also surviving are both of his grandmothers, Mrs. Katie Heinold and Mrs. Anna Miller, both of Goodfield. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Bob Grimm and Ed Hohulin on Wed. April 19.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Pete and Janet Meiss on April 15. His name is Curtis Lee (their 2nd child, and 2nd son).

Sis. Marie Goetzinger is the grandmother of a baby boy, born to her daughter, Mrs. David Gail Tolley. He was born on April 29 and has been named David Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Binkele just returned last week to Norfolk, Va., They were home on leave for about three weeks. Jerry is to leave for Viet Nam on June 6, at which time Ann will be returning to her parents, Bro. and Sis. Ben Hohulin, until her husband is back, which should be sometime in October.

Sis. Elizabeth Hartman is entering the Methodist Hospital the 2nd week in May for surgery. We surely wish her well.

SIMPLE WORDS

When Jesus walked upon the earth
He didn't seek out kings;

He talked with simple people
Of doing friendly things.

He didn't praise the conquerors
And all their hero host,
He said the very greatest
Were those who loved the most.

He didn't speak of mighty deeds
And victories. He spoke
Of feeding hungry people,
And cheering lonely folk.

I'm glad His words were simple
words,
His lessons—ever true;
The things He asked were simple
things
That even I can do!

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Our visiting elder on April 22 and 30 was Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, who assisted Bro. George Gramm with the proving and baptism of our friends Dale and Vicki Schlipf, who gave their testimonies of repentance and receiving peace with God and man. It was touching and impressive to hear of their experience. Bros. Jesse and Joe Schrock of Congerville also were visiting ministers on that day.

Sis. Emma Grusy has been absent from our congregation for some time. Our latest report is that she is slowly improving. We miss her in our assembly.

We are glad our sister, Clara Funk is able again to assemble with our congregation. She is recuperating from recent surgery.

Sis. Martha Schlipf returned to her home, after a two-weeks stay in St. James hospital, Pontiac, having had tests and treatment for ulcers of the stomach.

Gary, son of Bro. and Sis. Carlton Klopfenstein, is improving, after being in with scarlet fever.

Norma, the nine-year-old twin daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Helen Zimmerman has returned home from the hospital, after suffering a kidney infection. She will not be able to finish this school term. However she will be tutored in her home.

Our congregation will be happy when all our sick and shut-ins can soon assemble with us again. May God grant all their health again.

Sis. Martha Stoller returned home, after spending some time in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman and family, near Elgin.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Wilma Zehr are

the parents of a new son, Eric Paul, born to them on April 22. Eric Paul, was welcomed by two brothers, Jan and David.

We wish to thank all the loved ones from the various churches, for many cards and gifts I received since my last surgery, also for other times I was in hospital. May God bless you. Love, Clara Funk.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Mrs. Ben Manz

We were pleased to hear our Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, who brought us the word of life from St. John 21 and exhorted us to the faith as shown by the disciples, who were fishing all night with no catch and upon casting their nets where He directed, immediately the net was filled.

Careless soul . . . Oh PREPARE to meet thy God. These words of an old song came to me as our dear Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton spoke to us of Lazarus, who heard the Lord's command to arise, though he had been dead for four days. Bro. Sam had asked, "What can we say when we meet our God, unprepared?" We who are prepared must PRAISE HIM and be a light to others, lest we become a stumbling-block and grieve our precious Saviour. The brother read to us from St. John 11 and the 150th Psalm.

This gentle month of May being the month of mothers, I have a special request from a dear mother of our congregation that another invitation be extended to everyone, and especially to the young people, to visit our church for the regular monthly singings. We'd be most pleased to greet you here the third Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Won't you come sing with us? Remember too, that we are now on Daylight Savings Time, so by Eastern Standard Time it is 6:30 p.m.

LATTY, OHIO

Susie Lanz

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17) Another dear friend, Bill Rager, has been able to heed God's word and begin a new life. We wish him God's grace in this most important step of life. He is the son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie. Our prayers never cease to go out for our friends, and hope many more may answer God's calling before it

is too late.

On April 15 in the bride's home, Elder Bro. George Sinn united in marriage Diane Weiland and Ron Gerber. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clem Weiland, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gerber (grandson of Bro. and Sis. Jesse Jesse Gerber). May God bless their marriage with much happiness.

Funeral services for Sis. Lena Manz Stoller were held on April 23 by Bro. Sam Aeschliman, assisted by Bro. Noah Bauman from Rittman and Bro. George Sinn from here. Surviving Sis. Lena are her husband, Mike; four daughters, Sisters Josephine Stoller, Delores Riggenbach and Ann Plummer, from Latty and Sis. Kathryn Oesch from Mansfield; three sons, Bro. Elsworth, Bradford, Jethro and Bro. Kenny from Latty. It is hard to see our loved ones pass away, but harder to see them lay and suffer. We can be thankful Sis. Lena can go to her eternal "HOME" and will no longer suffer.

Sisters Delores Riggenbach and Louise Laukhuf were hospitalized. May God again restore good health to them.

God did bless us with His word, proclaimed by six visiting ministers. On April 9, Elder Bros. John Bahler, Sam Aeschliman, Silas Leuthold, Joe Waibel and Noah Bauman were with us. On April 30, the word was delivered to us by Bro. Floyd Weiland. We truly enjoyed the visits and teachings brought to us by these dear brothers.

Let us always thank the Lord for our Christian mothers and for the blessing of their influence.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

After many months of planning and working, April 30 was the first Sunday we used our new Sunday School classrooms and kitchen and dining room. We really appreciate our new facilities and will enjoy using them each Sunday.

Sis. Hattie Schrock (wife of Elder Bro. Noah) was in the hospital for surgery, but is now able to assemble with us again. Sis. Louella Anliker (wife of Bro. Richard) was in the hospital.

Bro. Noah Gerber and his wife and several others from West Bend were with us for evening services at Iowa City this month. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Noah expound the word of God, and trust that all who were present received a blessing.

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

Sis. Lillian Reber Messner, age 51, passed from this life, in her home, after an illness of one year, on May 2. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Richard Messner; two children, Gary and Patsy; five brothers, Bill—Texas, Dave—Missouri, Benny—Kansas, Joe—Calif. and Dutch—Phoenix, and five sisters, Mary, Emma, and Carrie—Kansas, Clara, Calif., Lydia—Elgin, Ill. Funeral services were held May 5, with Bro. Richard Schupbach officiating.

A poem given to their mother by Patsy and Gary a few days before her death seems a fitting tribute to Sis. Lil.

Never too hurried to stop for awhile
And lend folks your help through
the year,
Never too worried to have a sweet
smile
That's sure to bring somebody
cheer;
Always forgiving in just your dear
way,
Thoughtful in all that you do,
Doing and giving your best day by
day—
No wonder so many love you!

Visiting ministers were Bro. Raymond Banwart (with his family) from Ft Scott, and Bro. Henry Wackerle (with Sis. Ida) from Bay City. Bro. and Sis. Fred Knochel accompanied Bro. and Sis. Wackerle.

Bro. Ernest Elsasser submitted to major surgery and is in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix. We pray that God's healing power will be with him.

Our shut-ins are Bro. Sam Farney and Bill Roth, son of Bro. Harry and Rachel Roth, who has been shut in for several months with rheumatic fever.

Friends Herb and Shirley Mohrman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Clyde Mulch. They plan to be married on May 19. We wish them God's blessings in their new life together.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst**

Funeral services were held April 12 for Harley Leman, age 27, who was fatally injured in an auto accident April 8. His mother sustained multiple fractures and is still hospitalized, but steadily improving.

He was the son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Luella Bright Leman and is survived by his wife: his mother; one son; and a sister, Sis. Shirley (Melvin) Hohulin of Portland. His father preceded him in death last October. Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiated at Harley's funeral service.

Bros. Joshua Broquard and Edmund Kloter were with us on Saturday evening, April 22, and again on Sunday, to assist Bro. Bertschi in the baptisms of Jim and Leota Byrd. Sis. Leota was formerly of Fairbury and Bro. Jim is from Roanoke. They lived in Fairbury several years.

Marriage services were performed for our friends, Marjorie Bowald and Larry Moritz on May 6. On May 7, marriage services were performed for our friends Barbara Leman and Jim Ely.

On April 30, Bro. Edward and Sis. Lea Frank of LaCrosse visited our congregation. Several others from their community accompanied them.

Bro. John Leman has returned from the Mayo Clinic and is again able to attend services with us.

Sis. Bina Bertsch has been able to return home, after a stay in the hospital.

Sis. Anna Pfister is now a resident at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

New residents in our area are Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, who is a student teacher at Roanoke-Benson High School, and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Linda Steffen. Bro. Wayne is associated with Bro. Roy Luginbuhl in SPAFAS.

We have two new converts, our friends Anna Beckley and David Hodel.

Lonely for Dad

The Lord giveth and the Lord
taketh away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I want to thank you for giving such
wonderful ones,
For I remember their ways as I
remember your Son's.
They weren't perfect as He; I'm not
thinking that.
It's the great love in their hearts
that I'm looking at.

This last one you gave me said
much through his ways;
Peace and love he practiced each
day.

"A Beautiful Life" was the song he
loved best,
And this he did live and now he can
rest.

I'll miss him, I know, for he was
always so near
With his helping hand and an
attentive ear.
He brought us much joy and shared
most of our tears;
We thank you dear God for all of
those years.

Please help the ones he has left
behind
To be patient, thoughtful, loving
and kind.
Do this, my Father, so that
someday we
May reach the place that's been
prepared by Thee.

Mrs. James Moser

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**Carlton J. Lanz**

With the passing of our dearly
beloved Bro. Fred Grimm, of Tay-
lor, we think of the hymnwriter's
words:

They're gathering homeward
from every land, One by one! one
by one! They rest with the
Saviour, they wait their crown,
Their travel-stained garments are
all laid down: They wait the white
raiment the Lord shall prepare . . .
Gathering home! gathering home!
yes, one by one!

When visiting Rockville in July
1962, while still in good health,
Bro. Grimm lovingly and very
ably assisted our elder, Bro. John
Bahler in carrying out the prov-
ings and baptisms of the eight new
converts, then to be performed. We
have some nice memories of Bro.
Fred. He will be missed!

Returning from a business mis-
sion to Washington D.C., Bro.
Noah Schrock, on Wednesday May
3, was present at our midweek
service. As in the past, he spoke
of warnings, admonishings and
some words of comfort. We always
look forward with pleasure in hav-
ing Bro. Noah visit our congrega-
tion. We can observe, however,
that our elders, whom we need so
badly, are aging. Bro. Schrock re-
turned to his home on Thursday.

To Bro. Harry Jr. and Sis. Joyce
(Luginbuhl) Hunt, a little girl
was born April 23; her name, Tam-
my Rae Hunt. Grandparents of the
little girl are Bro. Ernest and Sis.
Huldah (Lanz) Luginbuhl and Mr.
and Mrs. Harold Hunt.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer
Bro. Bob Pohl and family—Burlington were with us on the 2nd of April, Bro. Bob Grimm and family—Goodfield on the 9th and Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich on the 16th. All of us, especially the ministers here, appreciated the help of these brothers after the loss of our beloved brother Bro. Fred Grimm.

We are happy to report that Eleanor Yackley has sought the Lord in repentance. We hope and pray that many more will answer the call before the day of grace has ended. Eleanor is the daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

Brenda, daughter of Vernon and Judy Huber submitted to a tonsillectomy and also had ear surgery. She has returned home and is getting along very well.

Tommy, son of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, was hit on the head by a ball while playing and suffered a concussion. He also seems to be getting along all right.

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Silas Leuthold spent Friday evening, May 5 with us. They read the report of the conference, meditating on it and giving the admonishments necessary to keep the church holy, so that the Lord may find faith when He comes.

On May 14, Mother's Day will be a year since our dear one, Bro. Bill Heimer went to be with the Lord: One year of joy and happiness, no more pain and suffering, in the presence of the Lord and the loved ones who have gone on before.

We would like to express our deep and sincere thanks to everyone for the love, cards, gifts and prayers during the long illness and loss of our beloved husband and father. It was all greatly appreciated. May God bless and reward you. The family of Bro. Fred Grimm.

WICHITA, KANSAS

**Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith**

Hospital patients included Sis. Hattie Farney and Douglas Farney. Sis. Hattie fell in her home and broke her hip. She is still in the hospital, but is doing very well. Douglas, son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie, was in the hospital for surgery, on the bone structure of his head. The operation was suc-

cessful in producing the desired results, for which we are very thankful.

This month another dear soul was added to our congregation. Sarah Bowers, daughter of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, was baptized April 30. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was here for the baptism. It is always soul-stirring to hear the testimonies of our converts, especially it seems when we can hear such a firm faith come from one so young. May the Lord ever bless and guide her, that she may never lose this faith He has given her.

Recently our congregation gathered at the church for a general spring cleaning. Brotherly love always seems to abound when we can work together in our Lord's house. If only we could spend a day and give our hearts a spring cleaning, I'm sure we would receive many blessings.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We could say another pilgrim has finished his course, when God took our aged brother, Gust Meiss, 81 years, to his heavenly home April 12. He was diligent in God's work, proclaiming the precious gospel until his health failed him a number of years ago. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Bertha; five daughters, Sisters Dorothy Norr, Marguerite Kipfer, Irene Rinkenberger, Edna Zeltwanger, Verna Knapp; two sons, Bro. Harold and Roy. His services were conducted by Bro. Henry Beer. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

On a Sunday the report of the conference was made known, we could see the concern of our elders in leading the flock. May we ever live according to God's teachings in his holy word.

Engagement: Sis. Ann Rinkenberger to Bro. Richard Steiner (Tremont) was made known. Ann is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Rinkenberger.

Announcement was made that our dear friend, Bob Beebe found peace and is waiting for baptism.

Among the hospitalized the past month are our friend, Franklin Rocke, Sis. Helen Lackey and Sis. Bertha Reineke. They all returned to their homes. Our aged friend, Al Zbinden remains in the Carl Hospital. Sis. Mary Bauer remains at the Methodist Hospital at Peoria. Many prayers are uttered in be-

half of the sick and afflicted.

In memory of our Dear Father, Sol Farney.

Gone but not forgotten,
We have lost our loving father.
He bid us all good-bye,
Gone to live in heaven.
Oh how we loved him,
But an angel came down for him
And removed him from our flock.
Through much suffering and
severe pain,
At times he'd smile, a smile of
heavenly birth.
Heaven his treasure will retain.

Friendship

Submitted by a sister of our congregation.

During the troubled years before my conversion, my father spoke tenderly to me concerning the salvation of my soul. "If you will take Jesus as your friend and Saviour and repent, your life will hold more blessings and you will have unknown peace and joy in your heart." Finally I began to pray earnestly, and little by little I became unshackled from the friendship of the world. Loved ones prayed in my behalf, and soon I knew my sins were forgiven. Father was right. Peace and joy filled my heart, and my life has been blessed beyond expectation. Now I find a new friendship in every believer. The mutual attachment grows as the years go by.

My father has now gone to be with the Lord; he is waiting for his loved ones to come. As children, we were given much good advice by our parents, who were greatly concerned about our soul's welfare. Thank God for such friends. Now, dear readers, some of you are still troubled by the weight of your sins; you are perplexed and tossed about. Make friends with God's children is my request, and remember your loved ones are praying for you, God has promised grace to help, but you must ask. Look into the holy word and search. Ask of God; help will come—Time is running out. Death has separated some from loved ones. There can be a happy reunion, if we are prepared. Make Jesus your friend and Saviour today.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Nancy Ann Steinbach, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steinbach of Peoria and Daniel Kent Schmied, son of Sis. Louise and the late Jesse Schmied were married April 1. He is currently stationed with the US Navy at Jacksonville, Fla., where they are now residing.

United in marriage April 9 were Carla Jean Wees, daughter of Mrs. Carl Wees, and Gordon Alan Aupperle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Aupperle of Marquette Heights, Pekin.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr are the parents of Michael Alexander, born April 29. This is their second son.

Our congregation was blest from the visits of ministering Bros. Albert Aberle, Bob Grimm and Uriel Gehring.

Our Elder Bro. Roy Sauder and his wife, Sis. Gertrude are visiting their son, Bro. Ken and his wife, Sis. Sherry in Pirmasens, Germany. The servicemen stationed in Germany were invited to attend church where Sis. Irene Baer worships in Neuhutten, Heilbron. I'm sure they all cherished this opportunity to gather and worship together.

Sis. Ollie Rocke is in the hospital with a broken hip, due to a fall. Sis. Hannah Traub is also in the same hospital; she is able to get around some in a wheel chair now. Bro. Chris Schafer is also a hospital patient. Sis. Marie Kipfer has been dismissed from the hospital and is getting along fine. Bro. Gottfried Witzig is home at the present time.

Fredrick Pfaffmann, son of Marie and Karl Pfaffman, left for the service and will be stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

At our monthly Hymn Sing, we were blest with a visit from the Gridley choir. We enjoyed hearing their lovely selection of hymns, and do hope they can come back again. There was a tornado alert siren sounded while the choir was singing. After a prayer and several songs, we took cover in the basement of our church where we had further fellowship and were thankful when the "all clear" was sounded again, being spared of any damage.

Our sympathy is extended to Rosa Mansperger Kroos. Her husband, Elwood Kroos died May 6.

Bro. Randy Kellenberger (Peoria), stationed with the army near Stuttgart, Germany, recently wrote

this incident home to his family: One night Randy was talking on the telephone from his army base to Bro. Junior Price (Milford), at his army base at Bad Kreuznach, Germany about 120 miles away. During their conversation there were several interruptions on the line and just for fun Randy says, "Hi, who is this?" The answer came back "Specialist Lehman" from "such and such" a dispensary." To Randy and Junior's surprise it was Friend Rudy Lehman (Bern, Kansas). Randy knew Rudy was in Germany, but did not know where he was stationed. Rudy was making a call from the dispensary at his army base at Mannheim. Mannheim is between Randy's and Junior's army bases. The telephone line was accidently crossed, but it turned out to be a wonderful "connection", as three soldiers for a few moments enjoyed a three-way conversation, one lonely night in Germany.

Friendship

My thoughts turn to the love and friendliness that I experienced through knowing and loving God's children even before my conversion. There are so many loved ones come to mind when I consider the thought of friendship, but I have chosen four to mention at this time: Elder Bros. Emil Schubert and Fred Grimm, Sisters Hannah and Mary Nohl, all humble and obedient servants, their utmost desire to live their lives as the Lord directed them.

Even as a child, I recognized something especially special about these brothers. Kindness and love just radiated from them. It was such a well-balanced combination of each, that I think they were very dear to all who personally knew them. Bro. Schubert used to come to our home in the country, and we all looked forward with great anticipation for his visits. He had such a sparkling personality, we children just hung on to everything he had to say. My dad and Bro. Schubert did most of the conversing; this was in the German language. He had a beautiful command of the language; we children were just spellbound!! Many problems were solved by his wise counselling.

Bro. Fred Grimm from the Taylor church was such a wonderful example, a brother who always had a kind and loving word and a sin-

cere, firm handshake for one and all—young and old, rich and poor, friend and brother, a loving, friendly greeting for all. You could just feel the love he had for you. This meant so much to me as a child and still does to this day, a wonderful example of **Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy mind; and love thy neighbor as thyself.**

Sisters Hannah and Mary Nohl are from the Goodfield church. Sis. Mary was a very patient instructor in teaching us the rudiments of music. She was also a Sunday School teacher. Both of these dear sisters had a spirit of love and compassion. My parents often tell of the times when there was sickness in our family, and when the twins were born, how grateful they were to have their help. There was a large family, healthy appetites, money was very scarce, but still they were willing to come and help. These were indeed true, compassionate friends. I'm sure the Lord has much awaiting them in eternity!

It's wonderful to have the qualities of meekness, gentleness, kindness, patience, love and compassion that one could observe these brethren display. They were shining examples to me, and I thank the dear Lord for having known and loved them.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

The Lord again opened his storehouse and sent unto us: Bros. Phil Sauder and Ed Alt from Cissna Park, and Bros. Perry Zimmerman and Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest. How privileged we are to be able to sit under the sound of the true gospel in this time, as the sins of the world press us on every side. One of the brothers stated that we are not in this world to have fun, but we have a joy living in the Lord.

ENGAGEMENTS: On April 9 the engagements of Bro. Jim Koch, son of Sis. Mary, and Sis. Nancy Beutel, daughter of Bro. Will and Sis. Rose, both of Tremont; and Bro. Richard Steiner, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia, and Sis. Ann Rinckenberger, daughter of Bro. Will and Sis. Marge of Cissna Park were announced. On April 16 the engagement of Sis. JoAnn Frank, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Margaret, and Bro. Bill Scholl, son of Sis. Mary of Princeville was made known. We

wish them one and all the grace and blessings of the Lord in this great undertaking.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14. Thus, Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner's little four-month-old Janet Sue went to be a blossom in the Master's bouquet, as Bro. Art Gudeman expressed in his prayer at the graveside of little Janet. How quickly we are here and gone, and we can only put our trust in the Lord. What He does is well done. Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella were involved in a truck accident, and little Janet passed away April 21. We are thankful that our brother and sister were not injured badly, and are able to be in our midst again. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both.

One of the commandments is: "Honour thy father and mother". Mother's day is again here, and how many mothers have gone on to that heavenly rest since last year. They are waiting & watching for you and me. Will we meet them up yonder, or will we never see their warm tender face again? Will the circle be broken or completed? It is our decision. We who have our mothers on this earth yet, do we esteem them as we should? We only have them a short time. Let us not grieve their heart and make them suffer pain from quickly spoken words and careless deeds. Without their care and concern for us where would we be in this wicked world? Thank you, Lord for our God-fearing mothers.

FRIENDSHIP

What a friendship we have with Jesus, who will bear all our sins and griefs. What a privilege to carry everything to him in pray'r. I am so reminded of the song "What a Friend". Would we ask for anything more than the friendship of Jesus? He even gives friendship to us when we least expect it. Do we turn it down for worldly lusts that we see with glittering eyes? How foolish a people that could accept that friendship which is corrupt and rusty, for one that is made of gold and will last for eternity. Who can lift our heavy burden and make us strong when we are weak? Who will not despise or forsake us? Jesus will take us in his arms and shield us. We will find a solace there.

Christian Friendship. We too should only want the friendship of those who live in truth and good-

ness, who live in him anew and whose hearts are in heaven. Their friendship is warm and lasting who heed the Master's word. We are of a mutual understanding in the tie of Christian friendship, and when we at last say farewell to this earth, we hope to meet our friends in heaven and spend eternity with them.

How beautiful friendship sounds in a song to our Lord. We can all hope to, by the grace of our Saviour, obtain this beautiful friendship on this earth, and then much more in that haven of rest for the soul.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper — Ruth Dapper

On Sunday evening April 9, a group visited and sang for Sis. Rose Eigner, who is at the El Monte Convalescent Hospital in El Monte, California, and on April 23, a group again got together and sang for Sis. Anna Vly, who has since been transferred to another convalescent hospital. Her new address is 430 N Glendale Blvd, Glendale, Calif.

Bro. Mike Reichardt, whose health has been failing him, has now been taken to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Fontana, California, where a small group congregated, a chapter was read and a prayer offered on Sunday after our church services, the 7th of May.

We are glad and thankful to have Bro. Albert Kaisner back in our assembly; he is able to proclaim the word of God to us once again.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Max and Jane Hettrick were baptized Sun. April 30 and received into the church. Bro. Samuel assisted our Bro. David Bertsch with the testimonies given by our loved ones. Saturday evening.

Cora Levy is still a shut-in at the Crows Rest Home in Ft. Wayne and remains in the same condition. Sis. Velma Bollier has improved and is able to attend church services some again.

Plans are being made to discuss plans for added room and facilities in the Sunday School.

Our friend Herman Conrad is at the Irene Byron Hospital, (address 12515 Lima Rd., Ft. Wayne). I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from his old friends and relatives.

Visits were made to the two Rest Homes on the first Sunday of the month.

NEIGHBOR

Hotel Butler Rest Home is situated near the intersection of Routes 6 and 1 in Butler. The Sheehi Rest Home is north on 1, not too many blocks away.

The souls in these homes count. God knows them all, and values them. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was through desolate, wild country. Three people came down that way, where the injured man was. One came down to the place and helped him.

The beautiful hymns arose in what was, it appears, an old lobby. There is a fireplace. A stairway ascends on the further side. This particular Sunday, even the stairway was used some by the audience. Some of the infirm were kindly helped to the circle.

Upstairs, Mrs. Rhinehart was downhearted-needed cheer, hope. Put yourself in place of some of these in thought. Home ties are torn up—new surroundings, perhaps away from family. Walls. The tears came, as the beauty of hymn singing resound in those corridors.

In this same room was formerly a woman with a friendly, kind personality. She did not appear too old. Her name may have been Julia. Then she could sit in a chair. On another time, though, in the same room, she was no longer sitting, but in bed. Now she was no longer here, but somewhere diagonally across the hall. Her eyes would not open much, but her perception was good.

Sweet Hour Of Prayer, beautiful hymn, filled her room. Here was Julie—seemingly slipping slowly. At that hour when the soul draws nearer and nearer the extremity of time, what really counts?

Would the promise be hers? How real it could be—I'll drop my robe of flesh and rise to seize the everlasting prize. Mount Pisgah's lofty height—its view is so very important.

Time is short. Every pilgrim's steps lead by someone who needs to have someone care.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Shirley Frank — Mary Heindold

During the month of April, our host was Cissna Park (on April 19), with Bro. Ezra Feller and Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield (who we were fortunate to have as an unexpected guest). On April 5, Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton gave us an inspiring message; Milford, with Bros. Theo. Beer and Elmer Hartter, was with

us on May 3. The week end of May 6 and 7, the Purdue students invited students from Chicago, Indiana University, and Ball State University for a week end of blessed fellowship. On Sunday, Bro. Wendell Gudeman of the Francesville congregation held services. We have one more meeting before the end of classes, and we hope to have the Bible Study group from Illinois State University of Normal worshipping with us.

Classes end May 31, and we students have greatly appreciated being able to gather together for these midweek services throughout this year and to feel the Lord with us, strengthening and guiding while we were away from home. We want to thank the various congregations for their hospitality and kindness.

We want to extend our congratulations to Bro. Kent Ringger, a student here in mechanical engineering, and Sis. Janice Gerber, who have recently announced their engagement.

New students planning to enroll at Purdue this fall (or the ministers of their church) are requested to notify Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington, Indiana. We wish to contact them before school begins.

Every year, the Purdue Apostolic Christian Student Foundation is growing and constantly changing its membership. We felt it might be of interest to relate how the Foundation was started for the Purdue students. The first meetings were held about five years ago, in the homes of Al Knochel and Dean Bahler. Approximately fifteen or twenty gathered to worship at these Wednesday night services. As the group grew, they tried to meet in the Purdue Student Union . . . But as singing was not permitted in these rooms, university officials helped them find a meeting place at 321 University Street. The hosts for these gatherings were mainly those churches who had students attending Purdue. For the last two years we have been meeting at 200 Russell Street. Services are every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. God has indeed been with us, for interest has continued to grow. This past year, nine Indiana churches and Cissna Park have been our hosts. Every year the students elect officers. At the present time, Dick Stoller is president; Bob Honegger is vice-president; and Art Ringger is treasurer. We are thank-

ful for our group, and pray that it will continue to grow. We extend a welcome to all to attend services, beginning again in September.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

What a panorama of beauty at this time of the year. At the moment, I am beholding a wild plum thicket just ready to burst forth with lovely blossoms, lilacs leaving and budding, a meadow lush with new alfalfa growth, and pretty carpets of creeping phlox. God is good to us in so many aspects. The very best is His plan for the eternal home in heaven for His children of faith.

We were richly blessed when Bros. Paul Banwart and Leo Moser were with us. The memorandum was read and explained. Communion was partaken of. One can benefit much spiritually if one permits the Spirit of Jesus to permeate one's thoughts, renewing faith and love.

Bro. Paul Banwart was appointed a deacon.

Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka, spent a Sunday with our congregation. We did very much appreciate his message. He spoke on the importance of being ready to die, to meet our Saviour.

At our recent annual business meeting Bro. Dale Moor was selected as one of our regular Sunday School teachers, and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer as one of our substitutes.

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MAKING FRIENDS

Such happy business in this world
Is that of making friends,
And no investment on the street
Pays such large dividends.

For life is more than stocks and
bonds,
And love than rate per cent,
And he who gives in friendship's
name
Shall reap as he has spent.

Life is the great investment,
And we do not in vain
Who guard a hundred friendships
As a miser guards his gain.

GREET IT WITH A SONG

In our life there is a sunbeam,
Shining all the way along.
It will drive away the shadows,
If we greet life with a song.

We may find surcease from sorrow;
This to sweetest joys belongs.
Help to fill someone with gladness,
If we give life such rich songs.

If the day seems to us dreary
And a lot of things go wrong,
Look! your sunbeam still is shining;
Smile and greet it with a song.

If your heart with grief is breaking,
No help from the passing throng,
Look to Jesus, He will help you.
Pray and greet it with a song.

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BREMEN, INDIANA Marge Zeltwanger

Lo, children are an heritage of the
LORD . . . Psalm 127:3

Happiness came to three of our families within the past several weeks, when they were blest with new babies. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steele on April 18; a son to Bro. Herb and Sis. Phyllis Hueni on April 28; and a daughter to Bro. Bob and Sis. Letty Hueni on May 4.

We wish to thank the following ministers who visited our congregation last month: Bro. Ed Frank and Bro. Art Gudeman, La Crosse; Bro. Homer Reineck, Toledo; Bro. George Sinn, Latty.

Hospitalized at the present time are Bro. Dan Germann and Sis. Elizabeth Yackley. As a congregation, we are praying for them, that if its the Lord's will, He will bring healing to their bodies.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

To break Thy bread we now have
gathered,

In covenant to drink Thy wine;
As brethren we unite together,
That unto death we might be Thine.
This promise we, with heart and
will;

Give grace our promise to fulfill.

This was part of a beautiful hymn, sung when our congregation was recently privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper with the Winthrop congregation. Elder Bros. Paul Fehr and Leo Moser joined in serving us Holy Communion.

Visiting us to proclaim God's almighty word this past month were Bro. Silas Leuthold and Bro. Floyd Schmidgall.

Services are held every Sunday in a YMCA building. We give a hearty welcome for others to assemble with us.

Address: 1845 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

Time: 9:30, singing; 9:45 Sunday School; 10:30, services.

MORE ON WORLD RELIEF From Jack Krantz, Morton

We saw many farms and homes that were completely destroyed. I was told that in one area there were 14 farms leveled. . . . Our work was the cleaning up of fallen trees and debris from the fields so the farm work could be done. Many, many hayrack loads were burned. We

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were served coffee and rolls in the morning and coffee and sandwiches in the afternoon.

After our day's work was over, we drove through the residential

area. . . . It appeared that there were about seven blocks by two blocks long of ruined homes. Some were flat; some, the roof was off; some had nothing but the founda-

tion left standing; others were split in half. . . .

Everyone in your circle receive a Silver Lining?

READY

Henry Souder, Jr.

Days seem to punctuate as break-off points. We arrive and depart, leave and come; we carry the cross. Beautiful marks of for ever are continuation and the crown.

"And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:"

Paul had taken leave of the dear brothers from Ephesus. Rome and Spain were ahead, but Jerusalem was before these. Jerusalem, and suffering. "And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth."

We were created for continuation. When sin intervened, man died. The grace of our Lord brought salvation. In the inner life we continue. The mortal must die, or be changed when the Lord comes. Til then, the vanishing day speeds our lifetime toward its end.

"Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden." No two days are alike. Our lives have brief discovery, longer landing. The beauty of scripture is to profit our lives in our pilgrim path.

"And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem." Schooled for suffering. The brethren cherish a loved one and long that he be spared trouble and pain. Yet, the sails are raised for greater service, a choice of greater suffering.

"And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore,

and prayed." The posture of kneeling in prayer is a precious privilege delivered in our heritage.

Seven days of light-shining would leave the brethren richer. The hero would continue the upward road of the cross. The beautiful showing **it can be done** encourages to follow. Example encourages, when we perhaps don't realize.

"And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again." No matter how fond we are of one, there is a place to help, and always a place to commit.

"And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day." What is in a salutation? The breath of heaven. This is the meeting of the acquaintances of eternity. It is holy. (Sinai seemed all on fire. There was darkness and the loud sound of a trumpet. There was separation. The people must keep away. God was there, and He was holy.) Holiness is one key to understanding the kiss.

"And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him."

Philip had a keen mind for service. He was placed in care of helping poor widows in a former day. He carried the gospel to Samaria; there was great joy. He went on the chariot, bringing the good news to the Ethiopian eunuch.

"And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." The word is explicit in what shouldn't be done, also what can be done. There's lots of room for sowing good thoughts, tending sweet rows on God's farm. Sisters have wonderful opportunity in quiet

fields of prophecy. There is a special reward for these who wholly serve the Lord. The church needs to make the promise to such clear. Do we want to cheer a heart?

"And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles."

More than once, the hand of God carefully schools His scholar for oncoming suffering. Jesus told the disciples of His own suffering more than once. Is the flock getting the subject properly?

"And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem." As far as smooth sailing, the sign was up for **bridge out, high water, storm**. However, ahead lay those beautiful chapters in Acts yet unwritten, and more than one epistle. Many a word of comfort and exhortation would be written, that would bear fruit then and in years to come.

"Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Ready, yes. Are we ready to continue to chart by the cross? Are we willing to take the suffering road? Jerusalem is a break-through, taught of the hand of God. He shoulders all, and compensates for the choice.

Our production is related to our cross. Paul followed the path of suffering, with great returns. This was the right road, schooled for suffering.