



Therefore son of man,  
prophesy and say unto Gog,  
Thus saith the Lord GOD;  
In that day when my people  
of Israel dwelleth safely,  
shalt thou not know it?

And thou shalt come from  
thy place out of the north  
parts, thou, and many peo-  
ple with thee, all of them  
riding upon horses, a great

company, and a mighty ar-  
my:

And thou shalt come up  
against my people of Israel,  
as a cloud to cover the land;  
it shall be in the latter days,  
and I will bring thee against  
my land, that the heathen  
may know me, when I shall  
be sanctified in thee, O Gog,  
before their eyes.

....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

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A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

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Bro. Elias Souder

There are those of us who have an automobile, who wouldn't think of taking it out, unless we were fully covered. Why? Not because we might have an accident, but should we, and no insurance, we might be wiped out of all the belongings we owned. How much more important, a policy to take us to heaven!

Just on the other side of death's door, who will be standing to greet you? Now you are making your choice. The gospel must be proclaimed. We believe we are today standing at the edge of eternity.

The railroad bridge collapsed, a story goes. It was just about time for the fast passenger train. What shall I do, a man thought. Seconds to think. He grabbed his lantern and lit it. He had only this one match. Running up the track, he fell down. The lantern went out. Seconds! It came to his mind, All I can do now—I will throw my lantern in the cab of the engine. He did. The engineer surmised. There must be something wrong. He stopped the train. When he got stopped, he was right at the edge, where the bridge was out.

Do you see the terrible clouds of destruction raising? There is a terrible time coming. Fast. Will you go headlong into eternity, or will you stop?

You must open the door. He will not force the door open. The word **come** is mentioned about 3000 times in the Bible. A direct invitation, Come is 600 times or approximately in the Bible. One verse in the last chapter in Revelation, **come** appears three times. Jesus is going the last mile. He wants everyone to be saved.

The warning must be sounded till Jesus comes. Every eye shall see His coming. A cyclone, you may have a chance to escape. Not when that time comes. As lightning comes out of the east and shines even unto the west, even so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Are you going to wait for the hour of judgment? If you have not accepted, what a sad answer you will get. Torment forever. For millions of years. Never. No end. If heaven will be your lot, you have gained everything, a place where there is pleasure and joy forever. What a happy reunion!

Don't grieve your parents. Remember your mother, while you have her. Or are you going to do as this young man, wait till it's too late to tell mother you'll be there?

I was the only child, and my father and mother took great interest in me. Every night my father would commend me to God, and every morning at the family altar he would commend me to God. I was wild and reckless, and didn't like the restraint of home.

When my father died, my mother took up the family worship. Many times she came to me and said: Oh my boy, if you would only stay for family worship, I would be the happiest mother on earth, but when I pray you don't even stay in the house.

Sometimes I would come in at midnight . . . and hear my mother praying for me. At last I felt I must either become a Christian or leave home, so one day I gathered a few things together, without my mother knowing it.

At some later date I heard my

mother was sick. My first impulse was to go home and cheer her last days, but again the thought came to me, If I do I will have to become a Christian.

Again I heard she was sick. Then I thought if my mother should not live, I should never forgive myself. That thought took me home. When I arrived at my home village, which was about a mile and a half from my home, I walked home, and on the way home I had to pass the cemetery where my father was buried.

As I got nearer to the cemetery, my heart began to thump. The closer I got, the more my heart fluttered. And when I came near enough I thought I would go to my father's grave and see if there was a newly-made grave there.

So when I got near enough, the moon shone on a newly-made grave. With a great deal of emotion I said (young man, for the first time in my life this question came to me), Who is going to pray for me and my lost soul? Father is gone, and mother is gone, and they are really the only ones that care for me. If I could of called my mother back and heard her breathe my name in prayer, I would of gave the whole world, if it had been mine to give. I spent all that night by my mother's grave and prayed God, for Christ's sake, hear my mother's prayer.

Dear friend: Come and bring fruits of repentance. The Lord is begging you to come. He is standing at the door, waiting for you to open. You will have the happiest day you ever had, if you will open the door and let Him in.

## HISTORY AMERICAN ELDERS

### Ashtabula

Approximately 1885, the ministering Bro. John Meyer, Rittman, moved to N.E. Ohio. The Sam Steiner, Jacob Kaufman, Albert Zollinger and Sommer families followed. From other denominations then came, and were converted, such

families as Chris Von Gunten, Jacob Rupp, Carl Tschantz, Gottlieb Von Gunten, and Chris Roth. All were farmers; the early 1880's brought grief and financial disaster to these farmers. Hence there was a mass exodus to the industrial city of Akron, in 1892-1893. The material endeavors of these members

were a failure, but many souls found this new faith there.

### Latty-Junction

Dotterer, Henry C. Paulding, Ohio. Ordained elder April 1893 by Bros. Rudolph Witzig, Gridley, Ill., and Jacob Honegger, Forrest. Served from 1893-1905.

Dotterer, Elias, Defiance, Ohio. Born in Paulding, Ohio, June 5, 1881. Ordained Elder 1924 by Bros. Elias Winzeler, Tremont; Michael Mangold, Roanoke; and Henry Souder Sr. Served from 1924-1951. Died Feb. 15, 1952.

Sinn, George, Haviland, Ohio. Born in Cissna Park, Nov. 15, 1900. Ordained elder 1951 by Bros. Otto Ramseyer, Bay City; David Mangold, Roanoke; and Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton.

The church was also served by Bros. Adam Imthurn, Archbold, and Henry Souder Sr. The first church was built in 1892—previous to that friends and members gathered in homes.

#### Mansfield

Schwier, Henry. Born in Hanover, Germany, March 3, 1834. Installed elder Jan. 26, 1881 by Bro. Joseph Bella. Served from 1881-1904. Died Oct. 12, 1905. Bro. Schwier was a tailor by trade. Four days after he was ordained, he baptized Christine Leuthner, later the wife of Elder Samuel Engwiller. He was extremely kind, and a beloved brother. He also served Rittman, Akron and Girard, also a small flock near Ash-tabula.

Sorg, Sigmund. Born March 19, 1840. Installed elder in 1887. Died Oct. 16, 1893. Bro. Sorg was a jeweler and watchmaker—later an optician. When he died, he bestowed his material goods to church needy, both in U.S.A. and Europe.

Mathes, Wilhelm. Born July 18, 1834. Installed elder in 1890 by Bro. Henry Schwier, Mansfield. Died June 13, 1896. Bro. Mathes was a tailor—father of 14 children.

Engwiller, Samuel. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 30, 1855. Installed elder July 7, 1901 by Bros. Rudolph Witzig and Henry Dotterer. Died Feb. 16, 1922. Bro. Engwiller was a jeweler and optician, was a very talented brother, using wonderful diction and speaking perfect High German. He served the Rittman, Girard and Akron churches for many years.

Some information was received from our Mansfield reporter.

About the year 1850, Bros. Weyeneth and Kreinbuhl, as missionaries, started the church in Mansfield. Bro. Frederick Lantz was one of our first ministers. Bro. Josepha Bella, who was ordained elder in Europe, crossed the ocean to make his home in this country, and be-

came our first elder. He was an unmarried man and divided his time between Mansfield and Monroe County. Later Bro. Sigmund Sorg, who also had been ordained an elder while in Europe, came to America as a single man, and later married Sis. Mary Steiner of Wayne County. Bro. Henry Schwier was then ordained an elder, followed by Bro. William Matthes. For several years we were privileged to have three elders in our congregation. Brothers from neighboring congregations who have been our elders since that date were Bros. Joseph Ingold, Ernest Graf Sr., Noah Hartzler, and Samuel Aeschliman. At the present time, Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman are serving our congregation as our elders.

#### OHIO

##### Rittman

Hartzler, Noah. Born in Belleville, Pa. Sept. 10, 1864. Installed elder in 1925 by Bros. Wm. Kaufman and Joseph Ingold, Sardis. Served from 1925-1947. Died Aug. 16, 1947. Bro. Noah was the first elder in Wayne County. He left Pennsylvania in 1886, being deeply concerned about his eternal future welfare—became interested in the faith, repented and was baptized the following year. His death was caused by auto accident near Dalton, Ohio.

Bauman, Noah, Sterling, Ohio. Born Dec. 5, 1897. Installed elder Jan. 11, 1948 by Bros. Jacob Stettner, Wm. Stettner (Elgin, Ill.), Elias Dotterer (Junction), Otto Ramseyer, (Bay City), and Rudolph Graf (Akron).

In the year 1874 the first church was built—a frame building 28'x36'. In 1903, the building was enlarged. In the years 1917-1918 the building was moved away and a new 2-story brick building was erected. In 1948-1949 the building was doubled in size.

##### Sardis

Gehring, Isaac, born in Switzerland 1819. Installed elder approximately 1868. Served as elder from 1868-1896. Died August 1896. Bro. Gehring was a kind man—his friendly, loving ways were helpful in drawing many souls to salvation.

Ingold, Joseph, born in Switzerland 1847. Installed elder in 1896 by Bros. Chris Gerber (Fairbury) and Henry Schwier (Mansfield). Served from 1896-1932. Died in 1932.

The Sardis church was establish-

ed late in 1848 by Swiss emigrants—early families are thought to be the Schupbachs, Maibachs and Riggengbachs. The 1860's brought more families from overseas—the Gehrings, Grossenbachers, Martys, Baumans, Ramsiers, Ingolds, Bachmans, Gassers, Winklers, Klotzles, Schumachers and Somerhalters.

Bro. Jos. Bella spent much time here during the 1880's.

A church was established some years later, across the Ohio River in West Virginia, about 10 miles from the Sardis church. Here were located families of Emch, Durig, Thomas, Widmer, Hafeli, Riggengbach. Barth, Lohr, Berger and Froelich.

#### Toledo

The first assemblies were held about 1882—meetings were held in the homes of members who were immigrants from Switzerland and Germany. Within a few years, it became necessary to find additional room, and a hall on Dorr St., near Brown Ave. was engaged. In 1906 the first church was erected at Woodland and Brown Ave., at an approximate cost of \$1,600. This building was remodeled in 1929. In 1956 the present modern structure was built on Marvin Ave., at an approximate cost of \$135,000.

Toledo was served by Bro. Adam Imthurn (Archbold); Henry Souder Sr.; Elias Dotterer (Junction); Rudolph Graf (Akron).

#### OKLAHOMA

##### Burlington

Kurz, Gottlieb Felix. Born in Backnang, Wurttemberg, Germany, Mar. 3, 1844. Ordained elder in Morton. Served from 1885-1930. Died Aug. 24, 1930.

Bro. Kurz came to America in 1880, located at Morton. Moved to

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Harper, Kansas approximately year 1885, and to Oklahoma approximately year 1893. He became affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Church in the first years he came to America. Five years of his early life was spent in the Holy Lands, visiting many of the places that are mentioned in the Holy Bible, such as Jerusalem, etc.

Gleichman, Ernest C. Harper, Kans. Born in Suhl, Germany, Oct. 25, 1866. Ordained elder in the year 1933 by Bros. Emil Schubert (Peoria) and Ernest Graf Sr. (Akron). Served from 1933-1938. Died Dec. 17, 1938. Bro. Gleichman came to America, accompanied by his mother and sister, in 1883, resided in Morton until October 1886, when he moved to Harper, Kansas, where he made his home until his death.

Farney, Roy L. Born in Kiowa, Kansas, Feb. 2, 1911. Ordained elder Sept. 11, 1950 by Bros. Noah Schrock (Oakville), David Mangold (Roanoke), and Joseph Wittmer (Bern).

Burlington Church was served by Bros. Gottlieb Kurz, Burlington; Ernest C. Gleichman, Harper, Kansas; Emil Schubert, Peoria; and Noah Schrock, Oakville.

## ALABAMA

### Athens-Hillsboro-Landersville

A missionary movement was started by Bro. Amos Hartzler in the 1930's, by advertising in the papers to supply BIBLES free. It was soon evident that there was both a need and a hunger for God's word. After supplying Bibles, visits were repeatedly made. Many brothers and sisters did a great deal in the way of personal sacrifices and help to develop and support the movement.

The Alabama churches were under the oversight of Bros. Noah Hartzler (Rittman); Elias Dotterer (Junction); Ernest Graf Sr. (Akron); Rudolph Graf (Akron); Henry Kilgus, (Forster); and Noah Bauman (Sterling).

## ARIZONA

### Phoenix

In approximately 1929 Bro. Herman Nuest moved from Illinois to Arizona, followed by families Minger and Blumenschein. The few members at first were visited by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Edw. Grimm, Taylor; Noah Schrock, Oakville; Joe A. Getz, Morton; Roy

Farney, Kiowa; and Peter Fankhauser, Madison, when services were held in the homes and on the desert.

More families moved to Phoenix in 1950, and services were held at various locations in the city and also in homes of members, with Bro. Clarence Yackley the first resident minister. In 1951 a lot was purchased, and a building put up at 18th Place North of Thomas Rd., at a cost of approximately \$15,600. In 1960, plans were again made to increase the main auditorium, etc., at an additional estimated cost of \$33,000 on the present location.

Phoenix was served by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr., Akron; Noah Schrock, Oakville; and Carl Kinsinger, Altadena, with Bro. Roy Farney moving to Phoenix.

## ILLINOIS

### Chicago

The first Sunday service was held in February 1925 in the apartment of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Clauss on Stanley Terrace, by Bro. Andrew Lehman, Wolcott, with 38 in attendance. The second services by Bro. Michael Mangold, Roanoke.

Services continued in the Clauss apartment for approximately three years, after which a hall was rented on 5th and Francisco Ave. Next a former church building was rented, with the assembly room on the first floor, at 735 Sacramento Ave.

In 1937, the present church building was purchased and remodeled, at an approximate cost of \$15,000.

First converts in the Chicago church were Robert and Margaret Haas and Louise Kettner.

Chicago was served by Bro. Jacob Stettner, Elgin, and is now being served by Bro. George Yergler, La Crosse.

## IOWA

### Elgin

The original stone structure, which still stands, was built in 1866, three miles east of Elgin. It was the first Apostolic Christian church in Iowa, consisted of people of Swiss descent. These pioneers walked as far as 10 miles, some drove horse and buggy 15 to 20 miles to attend the church.

In 1900 a wooden frame section was added, the entire building heated with wood furnaces and lighted with kerosene lamps.

In 1955, the need for a more modern building was realized, the wood-

en section of the church being moved to the south side of Elgin, completely modernized, at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

The early elders serving the Elgin congregation were Bros. Michael Zimmerman, Congerville; Chris Gerber, Fairbury; Gottlieb Maibach, Pulaski; Michael Mangold, Roanoke; Jacob Stettner, Elgin; and Paul Banwart, West Bend.

## KANSAS

### Sabetha

The first Sabetha church was built on the present location in 1907, rebuilt in 1914, and remodeled again in 1950. The present modern church was built in 1956, at a cost of \$140,000.

The Sabetha congregation was served by Bros. Rudolph Locher, Bern; Joseph Wittmer, Bern; Noah Schrock, Burlington; and Samuel Anliker, Gridley.

## OHIO

### Girard

The history of the Apostolic Church in Girard dates back to 1864. At first, services were held in the homes. After assembling in homes for ten years, a church was built in the year 1874, on the present site. A friend donated the lot, and the cost of the building was approximately \$700.

In 1905, the church building was raised and a basement put under same, which work was engineered by Bro. Isaac Emch, who had moved to Girard from New Martinsville.

Girard was served by Bros. Joseph Bella and Isaac Gehring of Sardis; Sigmund Sorg, Henry Schwier and Samuel Engwiller of Mansfield; Ernest Graf and Rudolph Graf, Akron.

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## GIRARD, OHIO

### Jesse C. Emch

The sudden death of Edward G. Emch, age 45, was a great shock to all of us. Ed died while sitting in his office chair, on Wednesday April 10, with an apparent heart attack. Funeral service was held at the church Saturday, April 13. Our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf officiated, assisted by Bros. Joe Ramsier and Robt. Stoll. He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Dorothy, whom he

married in 1941; his father, Bro. Lorentz Emch, and his stepmother, Sis. Caroline of Girard; three sons, Larry of Girard, Kenneth of Youngstown and Edward Jr. at home; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Caparanis of Youngstown; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Winkler of Rittman and Mrs. Mary Jane Winkler of Sterling; one brother, Bro. David Emch of Rittman; and three grandchildren. Ed was plant manager of Ohio Bell Telephone Co., Salem Ohio. It is a comfort to know that Friend Ed was deeply concerned about his soul's salvation before he was called from this life. May God bless and comfort his wife, Dorothy, and all of the family.

Sunday April 21 was a blessed day for us here. We could awaken from the night's rest to a beautiful morning, and observe much of God's handiwork, as many lovely flowers are in bloom and new life is revealing itself all around. Elder Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf and other visitors were with us for the day. After listening to the God-inspired messages in the morning and the afternoon, we were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper. Bro. Graf read the memorandum. He gave us many good exhortations which if we will heed them we will do well.

#### ALTO, MICHIGAN

##### Donna Steffen

As I sat reading God's holy word last evening, I came across the portion of scripture where it says, "... And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" I John 5:14. The thought came to me, how thankful we should be that God is no respecter of persons, but hears all our prayers, and therefore may we, one and all, strive to ask and do His will at all times.

We truly enjoyed having Bro. Henry Wackerle in our congregation, and we are thankful unto the Lord for the inspired messages that He sent to us through this beloved brother. We thank Bro. Henry for coming and lending himself unto us.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

##### Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We were privileged to have visitors from Bluffton and Forrest. Bro. Sam Aeschliman opened the Scriptures to Psalm 46, where we can read: "God is our refuge and

strength, a very present help in trouble." How comforting in these trying and perilous times to share such precious words. Friends were invited to heed the call to repentance, and members reminded of their duties as found in Romans chapter 12. Give our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. We should guard our every word and deed, so those around us know we are truly God's children. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. Don't feel you are better than your brother or sister. God shares equally to all. We can indeed be thankful for the blessed words of the dear brother who was spent in the Lord's service, and trust he will receive his just reward. We were thankful too for the brothers who shared in the Sunday School.

Bros. Dave Kieser and George Wagenbach conducted funeral services for a friend, Dan Berchtold, April 10. He was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery. Dan was a brother to Bro. George Berchtold of our congregation. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family. Our ministers held funeral services for another friend, Paul Gehrig, April 26. His sister, Sis. Carolyn Gehrig resides in the church home in Peoria. May the dear Lord be near and comfort her.

A faithful pilgrim, Sis. Lena Bach, left this earth April 12. She had spent quite a lot of time with her daughter, Sis. Louise Joos and family, and we all learned to know her, and loved her much. Many times the song came to her mind, especially the last verse of 149: "Then He shall come gently, Lead us by His hand From our weary journey To the Fatherland. There when strife is over, Praise to God we'll bring, With the righteous chorus Hallelujah sing!" It was in this way she quietly slipped into the great Beyond, to gain her reward. Our sympathy is extended to the entire Bach family.

We were pleased to have good attendances for Good Friday service and Easter. Aren't we a fortunate people, however, that we always can expect a good attendance, those who prefer to come to the house of worship every Sunday and not just on special days?

We were very thankful to have Bros. Joshua Broquard and LeRoy Huber come to help our Elder Bro.

Silas Leuthold in serving Holy Communion to a large congregation who gathered to partake of this solemn act. We find it humbling, and it always seems to draw us closer together. We were also reminded that we must walk with God on earth if we expect to walk with Him in Heaven. We thank the brothers for their services so willingly rendered, and trust they too received a blessing.

Linda Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Warren, and Wayne Scholl, son of Sis. Mary Scholl, were united in marriage April 20. After a short wedding trip, they left for their apartment in Schamburg Illinois, near Elgin. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont delivered inspiring words during morning services April 28. In the afternoon Bro. Roy Sauder also occupied the pulpit. They had come to join the many other relatives and friends to witness the marriage ceremony which united Bro. Dale Martin and Sis. Teresa Streitmatter in Holy Matrimony. Bro. Dave Kieser performed the impressive ceremony, which united the son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Martin and the daughter of Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha Streitmatter. Grandparents, William and Sis. Frieda Streitmatter and Sis. Mina Klumpp were also present. We are thankful they had chosen the Lord before they had chosen each other, and may He always be their unseen guest.

Sam Martin Jr. called during the afternoon of the wedding, saying he had safely arrived in the states, after serving in the armed forces in Germany for the past eighteen months. He arrived home Monday night, and had many interesting things to tell of an extensive trip he was privileged to take before coming home. He visited in Switzerland, Austria, France, Luxembourg, Holland and England, but was thankful to arrive home safely.

Sis. Ruth Streitmatter is in the hospital, recovering from major surgery. She is making satisfactory progress, and we trust she will be able to return home soon. Sis. Betty (Mrs. Lyle) Stahl is recuperating nicely, following emergency appendectomy on Good Friday. We are thankful both are improving, and ask the Lord to be near them during their convalescence.

We are all pleased with the accomplishment of Donna Stoller, who spelled her way to be the Stark County Champion. Donna studied hard and is to be commended for her efforts. She is the daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Bernice Stoller and the granddaughter of Sis. Elizabeth Stoller and Bro. George and Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach.

Soon we will observe a day set aside to honor our mothers. How thankful we are for our dear Christian mothers, whose undying love never tires of doing for us all. "Father works from sun up to sun down, but mother's work is never done." We look up to her and try every day to show our love to her, and not just this one day.

The sweetest home is a little home,  
With a dear little mother in it;  
And if in your heart there's a little  
song  
For the mother you love, begin it;  
For this is her hour and this her  
day.  
Though she's living afar or near  
you,  
In a mansion fair or a shack out  
there,  
The mother you love will hear you!

The sweetest home is a quiet home,  
With a peace that a mother wills it;  
And you're still her child, though  
you're far away,  
For she holds to your heart and fills  
it  
With memories of a time gone by,  
When you whispered the prayers  
she taught you,  
And she can't forget, though her  
eyes be wet,  
How great was The Price that  
bought you.

#### CROGHAN—NAUMBURG

Mrs. David Schamback  
Carol Virkler

Funeral services for Sis. Anna Lehman, age 80, were held at the Croghan church by Elder Bro. John Widrick. She is survived by one son, Gerald; three grandchildren; two sisters, Sis. Barbara Bachman and Sis. Laura Farney.

Hospitalized recently were Sis. Bessie Farney, Betty Schneider, Joyce Martin, Jackie Virkler, and Sis. Leona Farney.

The children of the Sunday Schools presented short programs over the noon hour, in their respective churches, on Easter Sunday.

Midweek services for the summer months were resumed on May 1.

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

News that is gold—Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gutwein have had fifty years of married life together. Their son-in-law, Bro. Wendell Gudeman said from the pulpit, "What is the key to a happy fifty years of married life? It is love." So we pray that God will help them every day, according to their needs.

Now our recent wedding was Sis. Linda Anliker and Bro. Robert Beer of Milford. Bro. Wendell Gudeman prayed for them, to always keep God as the third person in their life together. In Christian love these ministers were so welcome with us: Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Bro. Vernon Lemman (Eureka), and Milford's young Bro. Walter Steffen. This wedding day gave us all a great blessing.

**Thank God for little boys.** Donald and Pam Vogt thanked for their baby son, Donald Dean Jr.

A new "Joy" we are experiencing at our breakfast table, reading aloud each morning some of the greeting cards that my husband received when he was in the hospital. He and Sis. Lena Ward, who also was hospitalized, are getting along well, which we cannot be thankful enough for.

Something that doesn't happen very often was our privilege to have a father and a son minister with us, Bro. Henry Kilgus (Forrest) and Bro. Earl Kilgus (Remington). We feel the young need the old, and the old need the young. God's ways are wonderful.

A "World Relief" meeting was held here, of those serving on the different committees. I got a few notes that were so touching. They hoped our churches would faithfully continue to help children who need help and "love". They come to them for "love" and also ask for it. Who are those among us, who would deny our children or grandchildren of help and love? They also said that among the poor are some of the finest young men they have ever met, and the children are well behaved and well disciplined, and they have never been with a nicer group of singing people.

Also at this meeting it was said, that in case of a close disaster they have a program worked out that,

within an hour, a group can be ready to go to help.

Closing—If we have potatoes every day, we don't get tired of them. That is the way with the word of God.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser Ruth Dapper

Partaking of Holy Communion during the Easter Season is always a most fitting time. Such was our blessed lot and portion on Sunday, April 21, when our Elder Brother Carl Kinsinger served this most holy sacrament to both the Altadena and Maywood congregations.

On April 22, Sisters Julie Dapper and Jan Elsasser left for Japan, where they plan to stay three weeks, visiting the Japanese brethren and churches. As faithful Sunday School teachers, we pray that their lights might shine forth and that they might be a witness of our faith and for the Lord. We pray for their safe return, and in a future article we trust they will write of their travels abroad.

Dorothy Skaggs underwent gall bladder surgery and her husband, Jim, had neck surgery recently. Both are home recovering. They live at Norwalk, California. Dorothy is the daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger of Gridley, Ill.

Ministering Bro. Albert Kaisner is still in the hospital, and at this time has once again shown improvement. Physicians can only do so much, and the rest is in the hands of the Lord who knows all.

We just received word that our beloved Bro. Terri Julian passed away in his home this morning, May 3. Since his conversion and baptism in January of this year, he has truly been an inspiration and blessing to our congregation. Our hearts go out to the family in the loss they must bear.

We in Maywood wish to extend sincere sympathy to Sis. Anna Gudeman, in the loss of her husband, Bro. Bert Gudeman of Cissna Park. Sis. Anna lived in California before her marriage to Bro. Bert.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

The Easter program was presented on Good Friday evening to a large assembly. Would that everyone present could be with us every Sunday. We wonder just how long will we have the privilege of as-



sembling whenever we desire, unmolested from without. What would it be if our church doors were locked sometime, when we get there, as they are in foreign countries?

On Easter, April 14, a large congregation from various places came to witness the wedding ceremony of Sis. Marlene Schini and Bro. Tim Ringger ( of Bluffton), performed by Bro. Irvin Lehman. Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia Schini and Bro. and Sis Ray and Viola Ringger are the parents. The couple will live on a farm near Bluffton, after going on a trip to Ft. Lauderdale to visit his sister, and touring Nassau and the Bahamas. We all wish them God's guidance and blessings daily.

Sis. Mary Bahler has been in the hospital at Lafayette for several weeks for surgery, but is now at her daughter, Gladys, in Indianapolis. Sis. Mary will miss her sister, Maggies' visits. She passed away in the hospital, after living with her brother, Bro. George and Sis. Frieda, when she made her home near Kawkawlin, Mich. A number attended the funeral. I cherish the memory of her visits here, especially the last time when we remarked how much those two sisters enjoyed being together. She seldom came here, but what she came and called at our home. She was 89, and still was alert and a good visitor.

Sis. Esther (Robert) Siebenthal and her son Wayne are in the hospital for surgery. We trust they will soon be home, much improved.

We were happy to have a number of our elderly people for supper one Sunday evening recently, also a group from Forrest, as they are remodeling the church there. Some of the sisters parents and our parents were good friends, so have known one another a long time, only we don't get together often enough.

Students from Normal and Purdue and many other churches, including parents and Bro. Joe Schrock (from Congerville) were with us on Sunday. Trust is all were blessed and warned, after hearing the prophetic message given. Few I fear understand or grasp the seriousness of the times and what little time may be left to find that peace that we all need for that rest for our souls.

Word comes this morning of the death of Bro. Eli Farney of Wolcott. He is brother-in-law to Sis. Lena and Gus Knochel and Sis. Louise Scharlach. No matter when

we are taken out of this world, it leaves an empty and lonely spot for someone.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

#### Velta Laukhuf

Services in Sarasota were held for three Sundays, in April this year. The ministers that proclaimed God's holy word during the month were Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Ed Aschleman. On April 21, our last service for the season was held. We had a most enjoyable and blessed winter, spiritually, and as we said our farewells, each hoped if it's the dear Lord's will, we can gather again for another season.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier wish to thank everyone for their gifts and deeds of kindness shown unto them during this winter season.

#### History of our church 1948-1968

One of the first services held on the west coast of Florida was in the late 1940's. One in particular was held right out in God's own creation. The assembly place was in a large wooded area, and the tall trees were covered with Spanish moss; the sun was shining bright, and the birds were singing. All is a perfect example of the power and creation of God. Here in this beautiful setting, His precious word was proclaimed in all truth and sincerity. There were about 40 in number at this meeting. Bro. Phil Beyer and Bro. John Bahler were the ministers. The car cushions were taken out and placed on the ground, for seats. Then for several years the services were held in homes, several times at Sis. Pfister's in Tampa, also at the Von Tobels, Henry Knapps, Eli Farneys and many other homes. Our first regular minister was Bro. Godfrey Schlatter from Toledo. Bro. Ben and Sis. Lucille Maibach Sr. from Detroit took an active part in securing a permanent place for worship. In 1955 the "Woman's Club" building was rented. Bro. Phil Wingeier has been with us since 1960, as a helping minister to Bro. Godfrey Schlatter.

During the summer of 1961, the Lord called home two of the pillars from our little congregation, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Bro. Ben Maibach Sr. During the year of 1962, the two loving brothers were deeply missed by everyone. Only with the help of the Lord this little group carried on and has grown

spiritually. The brothers will always be remembered for their kindness, wonderful help and teachings they left with us in heart and mind. Only God knows what is best. Since the year of 1962, Bro. Phil Wingeier has been our regular minister. During these 20 years of winter Christian fellowship, we have had many precious times and occasions together. We have also learned to know many brethren and friends from our various churches throughout this country of ours. This is only possible through the will of our Lord and Saviour, and from time to time He has called many of these loved ones home to those heavenly mansions above.

This small group has grown from several dozen to an attendance of almost 200 during the peak winter months. We plan to extend the period of church services over a larger part of the winter. We have no families that live in Sarasota the year around. The first arrive in early November, and the last leave somewhere near the first of May, to their respective churches in the North.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

#### Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Bro. George Wagenbach of Princeville brought us an inspiring message, and Marjorie Huette, Annette Stieglitz and Lawrence Tanner brought their testimonies before the congregation. Their baptism services were held on Sunday, April 21.

Funeral services were held April 16 for Sis. Emma Heiniger, 68. She was the daughter of Christian and Louise Zobrist Heiniger, of Bern. Surviving are two brothers, Sam of Deer Creek and Jacob of Morton; also three sisters, Sis. Lucy Steiner of Morton, Anna Bocka of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. John (Lane) Wegman of Burlington, Iowa.

We have many sick folks among us, but they are recovering nicely. Sis. Verna (Mrs. Chris) Getz is a surgical patient at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria. Bro. Paul Schambach was taken off the critical list. Sis. Anna and Bro. Henry Rapp are back in their home, after being in the hospital and Restmor Nursing Home for a number of weeks.

Sis. Verna (Mrs. Warner) Bauman is back in her home, after having been in intensive care at the hospital.

Sis. Frances (Mrs. Albert) Saud-

er is convalescing at home, having had major surgery.

A son, Mark Edward, was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Louise Huette Teubel on April 18.

A son, Jeffrey, was born to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Barbara Stoller, April 23.

A daughter was born to Dennis and Beth Menold Feucht on April 15.

A son, Jeffrey Andrew, was born to John A. and Janice Rassi Zimmerman on March 17.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber**  
What good fortune to live in a Christian home.

**Engagement:** On April 28, the engagement of Sis. Sharon Stettner was made known, to Bro. Bill Dotterer. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Howard Stettner and Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer.

**Birth:** April 26, a son, Timothy William, to Bro. Bill and Sis. Diana Tonner.

**Wedding:** May 5, Sis. Mary Ann Kipfer and Bro. Joseph Gerber were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Martin Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber.

**Shut-ins:** During the past month were: Sisters Katie Isch, Lucinda Steffen, Ruth Schwartz, Mrs. Claren Gehring and Mrs. Ray Fiechter; Bros. Wm. Kaehr, Joel Fiechter, and Amos Steffen.

Visiting ministers during the past month were Bros. Elmer Witzig, Homer Reineck and Alfred Bahler.

**Word of Thanks:** "We want to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness and thoughtfulness that was shown toward our family during our sickness." Bro. Sherm and Sis. Lucille Steffen.

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler**  
We are thankful to have Bro. Ben Maibach and family safely returned from Florida, where they spent several weeks.

Sis. Helen Shaw is recuperating at home, after undergoing surgery. We pray that God will grant her a speedy recovery.

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto

the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6, 7. Our thoughts went back to the time of our conversion, when we heard, on Saturday evening, April 27, the testimonies of our three friends, Ernest Weigele, Homer Polk and Anna Sabados. We could feel the Lord had led them through true conversion, and it was an inspiration to all of us. We were glad to have Bro. Joe Waibel to assist Bro. Ben Maibach on Saturday evening and then again on Sunday. The church was filled to overflowing in the afternoon when Bro. Joe spoke of Jacob's wrestling with the angel, persisting until the breaking of day, and would not let the angel go until he blessed him. Likewise the friends must plead to God to bless them and not give up until He does. We could not help but feel that many of the friends wished it were they who had been granted the grace to repent, when the baptisms and laying on of hands were performed. It is our prayer that God will yet fulfill the desire in their hearts.

Following the baptismal services, we were further blessed by partaking of communion, in keeping with our Lord's commandment: "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

We were privileged to have Bro. Phil Wingeier minister to us in the morning, and were also thankful for all the visitors who came from a distance.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Wanda Kraft—Marie Zaugg**

On Good Friday evening we were blessed with the privilege of gathering for short services, followed by an inspiring Easter Program presented by our Sunday School children. As we beheld the precious shining faces of these dear children, I was reminded of the words of Jesus: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Sis. Carrie Massner was hospitalized a few days this month. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

The engagement of Sis. Ruth Banwart and Bro. Jim Bahr has been announced. We wish them the

Lord's blessings in their future undertaking.

The following was submitted by our ministering brother, Jacob R. Pfister: As Sunday May the 12th is a day set aside for honoring mothers, we are grateful to our dear Lord for our Christian mothers who sacrifice much of their time in teaching their children the Lord's will, and to guide them in the path of righteousness. What they are taught in their youth will remain through their lives and even after the mothers have passed on to their reward. If she could not give her children gold, she gave them faith to have and hold. She gave them love and listening ear, and told them God is always near.

### FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

Bill Pulver spent a few days with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Lester and Florence, and family, leaving on Easter morning, and is now on board the USS Uvalde, on a five-month Mediterranean tour.

A most precious day was ours when we could partake of "Holy Communion" on Easter Sunday! We are thankful to Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler of Bluffton, who were present to share with us this Holy Sacrament and feast.

Milford was the host church for our April singing of the month. May God ever bless all who join us for these inspirational evenings, and especially those who offer their services in any way!

We enjoyed the message of Bro. Maurice Frank of the Chicago congregation, the last Sunday in April. He meditated upon St. John 3, and in closing asked, "WHAT DID YOU DO WITH JESUS? Did you choose wisely between light, which is Jesus Christ, and darkness, the sins of the world?" Each of us must answer this ourselves: What Shall I Do To Be Saved? . . .

Unto whom shall I flee, dearest Lord but to thee,  
Thou canst make my poor, broken heart whole.  
That will I do! that shall I do!  
To Jesus I'll go and be saved.

In another sermon we were reminded, "If you hear the call of Christ today, do not wait, for there may not be another day to answer, and oh how sad this would be!



**MOTHER**

M is for the million things she gave me.

O is only that she's growing old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me.

H is for her heart of purest gold.

E is for her eyes with tear drops flowing.

R is right, and right she will always be.

Put them all together, they spell **MOTHER**.

A word that means the world to me.  
(This was given to our Billy by Bro. Theo. Beer.)

**GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**Elna Grimm**

**To A Christian Mother**

Dear blessed Christian mother,  
In this wicked day and age  
It's good to see your humble face  
As moral battles rage.

It's good to hear your kindly voice,  
To shake your care-worn hand;  
It's good to know you aren't afraid  
To give a firm command.

I'm glad to see you kneel in prayer,  
Beseeching God for grace.  
I'm sure that's where you find the strength  
For each new day to face.

I hope, dear Christian mother,  
That you will not despair,  
For where there is a child today,  
He needs your loving care.

God bless you, Christian mother.  
And all the work you do . . .  
In days like these, it's very good  
To get a glimpse of you.

We are happy to report that Sis. Mildred Heinold and Sis. Mida Knapp have both returned to their homes, after having spent many days and weeks in the hospital.

Gary Bauman, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, came home on April 27 to spend a couple of weeks with his family, before leaving for Viet Nam. He is to report to Ft. Lewis, Wash. on May 14.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinrichsen, on April 3. His name is Rodney Arthur. Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen are the paternal grandparents.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Bro. Henry Kilgus, and Bro.

Joe Kaisner . . . all of Forrest.

In Memory of Bro. Magnus Hartman, who passed away one year ago on May 26. Submitted by his wife and children.

One year has passed since that sad day

The one we loved was called away.  
God took him home . . . it was His will,

But in our hearts he liveth still.

Wherever we turn—wherever we look

We see his vacant place,  
To his graveside we often wander  
And picture his dear face.

'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again  
Where parting is no more,  
And that the one we loved so well  
Has just gone on before.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

**Alma and Gus Baum**

Your writers experienced a week end of blessed hours, mingling with the Morris brethren, enjoying testimonies and baptism of three souls, followed by the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our little congregation was invited to the Winthrop church for this holy occasion.

We thank Bros. Earl Banwart from West Bend and Bert Butikofer from Elgin Ia., for sharing God's message with us. The support from these and other nearby churches is greatly appreciated.

**Blessings of God**

Mercy — abundantly given,  
Help — for the difficult place,  
Courage — when it's sorely needed,  
Strength — for the problems we face!

Comfort — when grief assails us,  
Love — when we need someone to care,

These are the blessings of God  
That he gives in answer to prayer.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

**Emily Tanner**

**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

May grace be with us ever,  
The grace of Christ the Lord;  
May He, as here we journey,  
His grace to us afford.

This is also our sincere wish for our dear friends, Roger and Linda Ziegenhorn and Larry Aeshleman, who were announced for proving and baptism. Roger is the son of the Bernard Ziegenhorns, Linda is a daughter of the Ernest Schaefers

of Tremont, and Larry's parents were from Roanoke (Ed Aeschelmanns, both deceased).

Sis. Shirley Klaus, her mother, grandmother and aunt were visiting relatives in Missouri during Easter vacation. Shirley received severe head injuries in a car accident, April 13. Her condition is listed as serious. Praise be to God, she made preparation for the hereafter while she was able of mind and body! Her address is: St. Johns Hospital, Springfield Missouri 65802. Her mother, Sis. Vera, has been staying in Springfield to be near Shirley. Our prayers are that the Lord grant hope, courage, strength, and favor to this dear family—may His will be done.

John and Kathy Brewer are the parents of Jennifer Sue, born April 21.

Linda Sue Mefford and Kenneth Phillip Bittner, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Martha Bittner, were united in marriage April 21.

Arthur and Pauline Hermann announced the engagement of their daughter, Paula Deene, to Milton LaVern Clark. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sessel Clark Jr. of DuQuoin.

Dr. Gene O. Hoerr received his discharge from the service April 5. He, his wife and two sons are now at home at: 515 W. Giles Lane, here in Peoria. It is a welcome sight to see the servicemen come home again.

A group of the Peoria brethren, consisting of choir members and their families, enjoyed their recent trip and fellowship with the brethren at the three Alabama churches. Most of them made the trip in a chartered bus, leaving Peoria Friday evening and returning Monday morning.

Bro. Paul Wiegand died April 15 in Eureka Hospital, where he was admitted April 1. He married Edna Claudin May 5, 1909. She died June 20, 1965. Surviving are four sons, Bros. William, Raymond, Morris and Richard; two daughters, Sisters Dorothy Bachtold and Elna Nussbaum; two brothers, Charles and Bro. Daniel; two sisters, Sisters Hannah Traub and Martha Hugh; 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Sis. Anna Navokow wishes to express her thanks for the many cards and good wishes extended to her during her recent illness. She is convalescing at the home of her daughter in Morton.

We enjoyed the song worship and fellowship at our May Hymn Sing. The Men's choir from Eureka and their families gathered with us.

### PULASKI, IOWA

**Mrs. Dave Wiegand**

**Faith without works is dead.** Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley, Illinois, was with us on Palm Sunday. He brought out how Jesus, when He came to the fig tree and found nothing on it but leaves, said that no man shall eat fruit of it anymore. It gave the appearance of having fruit, but there were just leaves. Are we this way at times? The Lord wants us to bring forth fruit and not to just bear leaves.

Bro. Noah Schrock was in our midst on April 21, to sound the gospel and to read the memorandum. Let us ever strive to obey and support the conclusions these brothers have made. They are for our own good.

Two homes have been blessed with bundles of joy from heaven. Bro. Ronald and Sis. Janice Rinkenberger welcomed a little girl into their home on April 27. She has been named April Joy. They also have a little boy, Tony. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger. Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich are the happy parents of their first child, a little girl named Kristy Kay. She arrived on May 5. Kristy's grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Freida Gerber from Lester.

May God's blessings be with both these couples in their new responsibility.

The farmers are very busy now sowing the seed. We pray for the Lord's blessings on our efforts, so if it could be His good will, we may reap a bountiful harvest. We can only sow the seed and cultivate to keep the weeds out. Without the Lord sending the sunshine and the rain, all would be in vain.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

**Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller**  
When deep in despair and surrounded by care,  
And you sink 'neath the weight of the load,  
What a joy and what peace, and what blessed release,  
When God supplies strength for the road!

We pray these words may be of

help to those of our loved ones who are shut-in. Sis. Alma Gasser, Sis. Linda Zollinger, and Ellen Rufener were surgical patients. John Miracle was a patient for a few days from injuries, received in a private plane crash. Arlyn Zollinger, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Elverna, also spent a few days in the hospital. We are thankful the Lord can heal those who recently submitted to surgery and can now assemble with us again.

Bro. Ernest Gerber from Rockville and Bro. Rudolph Graf were recent visiting ministers. We thank Bro. Ernest and Bro. Rudolph for their inspiring messages.

First-time parents this month were Norman and Audrey Beery, with the birth of a daughter, Andrea Michelle, born April 11. To Bro. Ben and Sis. Janette Blough, a daughter was born April 26, and named Carrie Lynn. Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Beres are parents of their first son, Lex James, born April 17. Jill welcomed her new brother home.

We had several weddings this past month. Leo Marty, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Grace, and Joyce Shoup were married on April 13. Bro. John Hartzler Sr. and Sis. Elda Schar were married in a nice ceremony on Wed. evening, April 17. Ben and Sandy (Numbers) Hartzler are making their home in Phoenix, following their wedding on April 20. Ben is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler. Jean Marty, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Pearl, and Tom Myers were married on May 4. We wish for these couples much happiness and many blessings throughout their life together.

Merv Ullman has entered the service and is stationed in Fort Knox, Ky. Jerry Gasser, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Neva, now stationed in Ft Sam Houston, has orders to go to Germany. We ask the Lord's protection for these boys in their new assignments.

Funeral services for Henry Frankhouser were held on May 4, at the church. His death came suddenly, while Henry and his wife, Sis. Ella were both patients in a hospital. Sis. Ella, who survives will miss him, as she is confined to a wheel chair. When she was able to come to church, Henry was faithful in bringing her to worship with us. Also surviving are two daughters

and three sons, one brother, and a number of grandchildren.

### TUCSON, ARIZONA

**Anna Thomas**

Fear knocked at the door;  
Faith answered.  
No one was there.

We are happy to have Bro. Jay Bertsch back in our midst. He has been convalescing from injuries received in an auto accident a few weeks ago.

Sis. Lorraine Herman spent a few weeks, over Easter, visiting her family in Illinois.

Our winter visitors have all returned to their homes. We miss them in our assembly. As our congregation is small, we welcome anyone who has a desire to visit us and perhaps even to locate here in the southwest.

On April 8, ground was broken for our new church building. We rejoice that work has been started, and hope the Lord will bless our efforts so we can be a light to all those around us.

### A Lovely Light

A candle's but a simple thing;  
It starts with just a bit of string,  
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,  
It gathers wax upon the strand,  
Until complete and snowy white,  
It gives at last a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string;  
Each deed we do a simple thing,  
Yet day by day if on life's strand  
We work with patient heart and hand,  
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,  
And gives about a lovely light.

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

**Mrs. W. A. Jacobs**

**Mrs. H. G. Bucher**

**A father's hands**

A father's hands are gentle;  
A father's hands are strong,  
Guiding, helping, teaching,  
Showing right from wrong—  
The protection of a father's hands,  
And the love that's in their touch,  
Give the feeling of security,  
A child needs so much.  
Although they may be rough from toil,  
A child still understands  
How much of life's true beauty  
Comes from a father's hand.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS****Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss**

At Wednesday evening services, Bro. and Sis. Henry Wackerle of Bay City were with us. In imploring the blessing, Bro. Henry mentioned that when one is hungry, even a crust of bread would taste good; but we received much more than just a crust, and we thank God and Bro. Henry for a most blessed evening.

Martha Stettner Moser, wife of Reuben, is hospitalized at present, and we hope and pray that God will be her help in time of affliction, and if it would be His will, restore her to health again.

Sis. Rose Goll has been hospitalized, but has been able to return to her home again. She wishes to thank all who remembered her with prayers, cards and gifts. May God bless each and everyone.

Sis. Karoline Kuehner would like personally to thank all from far and near who remembered her on her ninetieth birthday with cards, gifts and tokens of love, but since this is impossible, she would like to take this way of extending her heartfelt thanks, and says, "God bless you all."

Sis. Lydianna Moser is thankful to all who remembered her on her ninety-second birthday with cards, flowers and tokens of love. May God bless you all.

**WEST BEND, IOWA****Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart**

Hospital patients the past month were Sis. Anna Anliker, Sis. Sarah Kropf, Sis. Edith (wife of Bro. Ernest Kellenberger), Ronnie (son of Roger and Judy Fehr) and Marla, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Evie Bruelman. All are home and improved.

We're grateful Bro. Dan Koch and family of Tremont spent an evening of church worship with us recently. Visitors are appreciated anytime, whether they've been to visit here before or not.

Last month, Bro. Paul Banwart had the church services for the students at Ames. Quite a number from the Oakville, Pulaski and West Bend congregations attended. The efforts of those attending was appreciated by the students and those of the area.

We rejoice that two dear souls, Larry Wickman and his wife, Marvella (son-in-law and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Helen Zaugg) have answered the tender call of

the Lord and have come to Him in repentance.

Eldon, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Edna Banwart, is home on leave at the time of writing, but has received orders to go to Viet Nam. It is comforting to know the Lord can be everywhere.

"What a beautiful picture the passing of our dear Sis. Katie is", was mentioned in the funeral sermon. How peaceful and quietly she could slip away to meet her Maker, after numerous surgeries and much patient suffering the past years. Funeral services for Sis. Katie Alt were held Sat. April 6, with Bro. Paul Banwart officiating. Katie, daughter of Abraham and Lydia Rinkenberger, was born on Dec. 12, 1887, at Gridley, Illinois. Sis. Katie passed away at her home in West Bend, reaching the age of 80 years, 3 months and 21 days. Surviving are 9 children, one of whom is Mrs. Eli Gerber (Pearl) of here. Also surviving are 41 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers and 1 sister.

**God's Day**

The scent of roses of the breeze,  
The singing of birds joyful in trees,  
People smiling as they greet  
To loved ones where they meet,  
This is a day which God has made.  
Should we, then, in it be afraid?

**BERN, KANSAS****Esther and Stella Moser**

God will guide you.

Simply trust Him.

He knows what is best for you.

Stop insisting and repining;

Wait and see what He will do.

God will guide you;

Love and serve Him.

Like a child obedient be.

Kindness voicing, keep rejoicing,

His good purpose you will see.

Easter Sunday brought us many visitors, among them Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva Waibel (Remington), who returned her parents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Hulda Strahm to their home in Sabetha. They had spent the past three months in the Waibel home.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Lou Baumgartner and family in the passing of his brother, Alvie (Pat) Baumgartner.

Easter Sunday, we held our first singing hour, discontinuing the mid-week service. These singings are held bi-monthly, alternating

with Sabetha. Everyone is welcome.

The Sabetha National Guard has been called to active army duty and will leave for Ft Carson, Colorado, May 29. It is a severe blow to our small community, as it will take 103 men from Sabetha and surrounding area, including two of our friends, Gordon Grimm (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Marie) and Elwin Strahm (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred). We wish them the Lord's guiding hand, as our well wishes and prayers go with them.

Bro. Melvin Rokey is nursing a broken collar-bone, due to a farm chore accident (a severe handicap to a farmer at this busy springtime season).

Among our hospital patients have been Gordon Grimm (appendectomy); Sis. Maretta Rokey at present is hospitalized.

Andrew Lee Plattner arrived May 4 to gladden the hearts of Bro. Leland and Sis. Mary Ann. The grandparents are Albert and Sis. Julia Plattner, Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ruth Metzger, Elgin, Iowa.

May 5 was a beautiful Sabbath day, as we welcomed Joe David Rokey into the fold as a new brother-in-faith. Bro. Gene Marti helped Bro. Lester Hartter with the proving and baptism. Among the many visitors was Bro. John Rokey (Goodfield), who ministered to us. It was a most blessed day and we can truly say, Jesus of Nazareth passed this way.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS****Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

We had one visiting minister. It was Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest, one Wednesday evening. Visitors are always welcome, and many blessings follow such.

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School, the first two weeks in June. It does take much planning and cooperation to get this project into full swing, but for two weeks it is very good for children and all.

Bro. Paul Wiegand passed away at Eureka Hospital, but was taken to Peoria for services and burial, as it had been his former home. He had been a resident at Maple Lawn Home for about two years. He was a brother to Bro. Dan Wiegand.

Sis. Clara Zimmerman was a surgical patient at Hopedale Hospital, but has returned home.

Two of the Apostolic Christian



Home people are in Eureka Hospital: Sis. Pauline Miller fell and broke a hip and a wrist, and Sis. Julia Campbell is a medical patient. Sis. Minnie Stoller, also from the "Home" was in the hospital for a few days, but has returned to the "Home" again.

The A. C. Home has been filled for some time. It is felt that the blessings of God are ever near those who live here and also those that take care of the dear old folks.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp**

This is May—the month much planting is being done in the fields and gardens. Things look new and fresh, and the flowers are beautiful. May is also the month we commemorate our mothers. Many are fortunate to have their mothers yet, while others don't. Let us all try to be more loving, kind and helpful to our mothers, and other mothers too.

### Why Not Be Kind,

So brief a time we have to stay  
Along this dear familiar way;  
It seems to me we should be kind  
To those whose lives touch yours  
and mine.

The hands that serve us every day,  
Should we not help them while we  
may?

They are so kind that none can  
guess

How soon they'll cease our lives to  
bless.

So many faults in life there are,  
We need not go to seek them far,  
But time is short and you and I  
Might let the little faults go by.

We had several visiting ministers the past month: Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington (Iowa), Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley, and Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. We thank them all for their visit and hope they will come again soon. Several cars of young folks came from Francesville, Wolcott and Remington with Bro. Wendell. We enjoyed their visit, too. We had a full church that Sunday.

Sis. Anna Miller has been a patient at the Eureka Hospital; Bro. Harvey Schieber has been a patient, also. Sis. Pauline Miller, who was formerly of our congregation but has been staying at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka the last few years, had the misfortune of falling

and breaking her hip and wrist. She is also a patient at the Eureka Hospital. Eddie Eglin has been a patient in the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington for a few days. We hope they will all improve and be on the road to recovery.

Twelve ladies from our church took scrub buckets and cloths and spent a day at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. We housecleaned a whole wing at the home and the community room on the first floor. We each took a sack lunch, and the cooks at the home served us a dessert, coffee and iced tea.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

**Arles Kropf**

We enjoyed the visits of Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont and Bro. Nate Steffen of Elgin during the past month.

Those graduating from high school this month are Bros. Jim Reuter and Roger Schwab, Millie Klopfenstein, and Ronald Kyburz. We wish these young people the blessing of the Lord now and in all their future undertakings.

Bro. Eli Farney, age 79, passed away May 6, after an illness of six months. He is survived by the widow, Sis. Sophia; one daughter, Sis. Lena Lou Reuter; one grandson, Bro. Jim Reuter; and a brother, Aaron, all of Wolcott. Funeral services were conducted at the church on May 8, and burial was in Wolcott Cemetery. May the Lord be with the bereft ones and give them consolation.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

**Joyce Huber**

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Forrest congregation assembling with us, during the time of removing a wall in the remodeling of their church.

Our minister, Bro. Merle Kaisner was confined to the hospital and some weeks of rest, due to a heart attack. We're thankful that we can find God's words on healing, for God said, "Let them not depart from thine eyes . . . For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Prov. 4:21, 22. We trust his heart to be strong again to do his work soon, for we believe he will feel "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart . . ." Jer. 15:16.

Sis. Dorothy Steffen returned home from a Chicago hospital under a specialist's care. We trust God to heal her completely, because God promises ". . . health", . . . "and marrow to thy bones." Prov. 3:8.

### Memories

Since we are to write the article "Memories" on some one who has passed on, it is timely and fitting to choose Bro. Henry Sutter, because his funeral was this month and he was our oldest member, attaining the age of 97 last August.

Forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee . . . So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Prov. 3:1-4. Bro. Henry met God's conditions and received this promise. He did have long life, and his peace was added greatly. He found God's favor with good health, and abundant blessings. He radiated love, kindness, and understanding to all his acquaintances and found the same in return.

In 1920 Bro. Henry, his wife Susan (Streid), and 3 daughters planned and built a home in town. His sister, Emma and her husband, Rudolph VonBergen lived beside them; and his oldest sister, Eliza and her husband, Joe Wenger bought a house next to Emma; and the 3 families enjoyed living near each other. His 3 daughters are: Sis. Clara (George) Broquard, Mrs. Esther (Ernest) Hoffman, and Sis. Minnie Sutter.

During the lonely days after his wife passed away in 1948, he also wished to be with the Lord, and seemed envious when others, having had a full life, attained this goal, especially after his sister, Emma, departed this life 7 weeks before God called him to his final rest. However, he did enjoy being outside this springtime, and picked up sticks in the yard and remarked about the pear trees unusually full of blossoms.

Sunday evenings after being in church he would review the day; and speak of who he had met, and who was missing. He faithfully interceded for all and pleaded for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His daily prayers at the supper table will be missed, but may they be effective and answered, as "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

**FORREST, ILLINOIS****Martha Stoller****Carolyn Zimmerman**

We thank the following ministers for visiting us during the past month. They were Bros. Harold Gramm, Morris; George Gramm, Edwin Ringger, and Elmer Witzig, all of Gridley; Dave Kieser, Princeville; Sam Kilgus, Remington; and Josh Broquard and Walter Koehl, Fairbury.

Bro. Henry Kaeb was a medical patient, and Bro. Meredith Ricketts surgical, recently. Both have returned to their homes. Bro. Sam Maier is a patient in intensive care at Carle Clinic, Champaign, following surgery last week. Sis. Bertha Maurer is a patient at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, where she again is having a detached retina repaired. This is the fourth time she is having eye surgery since December. Our hearts and prayers go out to her. May she soon be restored to full health.

A new daughter was born to Eldon and Margaret Waibel on May 3. Amy Maria was welcomed home by Teresa, Stephany, and Brian.

Dale Zimmerman, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred, is spending a leave at his home from Ft. Lewis, Washington. Jim Plattner also is home with his parents, Ed and Sis. Mary Ann, for a leave. He will go to Vietnam when he returns to his post. Jim is rejoicing in his newfound peace with his Saviour. We trust he will be under the Lord's protection wherever he may go.

Jack Honegger, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Louise, has also repented and is enjoying new friends in the fellowship of God's people.

Our aged sister, Lena Bach, 92, slipped quietly to her rest at the home of her daughter, Sis. Ruth Schlatter, on April 12. She was the widow of our former elder, Bro. Pete, who passed away in 1946. Surviving are four sons, George and Bro. Ed, Forrest; Carl, Monticello, Iowa; Bro. Reuben, Fairbury; four daughters, Sis. Esther Honegger and Sis. Marie Scrof (Forrest), Sis. Louise Joos (Princeville), Sis. Ruth Schlatter (Chatsworth); 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

May God bless all the loving deeds shown to our dear mother through her declining years, and at the time of her departure. The Lord came gently and took her to her rest, after she had served Him over

70 years. She had often recited this stanza in her last months.

Then He shall come gently,  
Lead us by the hand,  
From our weary journey  
To the Fatherland—  
There where strife is over,  
Praise to God we'll bring,  
With the righteous chorus  
Hallelujah sing.

Her children

**FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA****Robert and Janice Sutter**

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Roy Grimm and family from Taylor, Bro. Ed Aeschleman and family from Union City, Bro. Roy Luginbuhl and family and Bro. Al Schneider and family from Rockville.

Bro. Grimm warned of the Judgment to come, and how Christ will come when the people of the earth will least expect. He also read and expounded upon the terrible tribulations that will befall those who are not included in the rapture.

Bro. Aeschleman read the portion of scripture that testifies that whatever we, as converted children, ask of our heavenly Father, it will be given. He explained that the reason behind this lies in the fact that if we are truly following in our Saviour's image, we will ask nothing that can be counted amiss.

Bro. Luginbuhl opened to Luke 11, and among other verses read verses 9 and 10: "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." He then emphasized that anyone that seeketh shall find.

Bro. Schneider expressed true and dear words when he stated that our Father does indeed bless, provide, comfort, and uplift us in this dark world, and even though we are not worthy of these earthly blessings, He goes far, far beyond them, by giving us the hope of eternal life with Him.

On Easter Sunday a program was performed, shortly after morning services by the Sunday School, with all the classes participating. One of the teachings or verses was one told by Caroline Akel, as she proclaimed: How would you feel or act if you knew that Christ Himself was to share your home with you on the morrow?

We welcome back to church Sis. Emily Ricksteiner, who recently spent a short time in the hospital, but seems to be recovering satisfactorily.

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY****Dixie Stoller**

"How far above the thoughts of man are the thoughts of Jesus". This was the message Bro. Joe Zimmerman impressed upon us when he visited April 18. He reminded us that, as we are thrust into the world we must continue to be shining lights, being alert, and remember the basic teachings we learned so long ago, in order that the glory and wonder of our Lord might be manifest to those with whom we labor. In order to do this, we must approach our Lord in prayer, the tool we need in perpetuating our faith.

The following week, Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley brought to our attention that the word is fast fulfilling itself. By reading Titus 2:11-15, we realized that the Lord's return is not far away, and therefore we should watch and pray, lest we fall into temptation. Our Lord wants us to be a peculiar people, zealous unto good works, and if we follow His teachings we will naturally become a peculiar people . . . And if we are willing to suffer with Him, then we may also reign with Him in eternity.

On May 2, Bro. Joe Schrock advised us on being careful in walking along the precipice, thinking that God will keep us from falling off, for straight is the gate and narrow the way which leads to life everlasting. Sometimes in the Christian religion we have to make a choice, and it is easy to make a wrong choice and to go in the wrong direction . . . But the choice is up to us, and the Lord says that if we do not love Him more, then we are not worthy of being His children. Therefore it behooves us to be careful and prayerful, in order that we might make God's ways our choice. It's easy to be religious, but it takes a lot to be a child of God.

As another school year is coming to a close, we had elections of new officers for the year of 1968-69. They are as follows: President: Bro. Ken Schrock, Vice President: Bro. Bob Meiss, Secretary: Sis. Nancy Blunier, Treasurer: Sis. Dixie Stoller, Ushers: Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein and Bro. Jack Miller.

Sis. Gloria Kaeb is presently do-

ing her student teaching in Kankakee and will graduate in June.

Our last meeting for the school year is May 23. Meetings will be held during the summer, but as of now the date for the first meeting is not known.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schader

The green shoots of new grass, the trees bursting with new leaves, the beautiful springtime wild flowers, and the tranquillity of the verdant Flint Hills, upon which cattle are grazing, reminds us once again of the omnipotence of God and recalls Psalm 50:10, "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." May we always acknowledge that the earth is the Lord's and "the fulness thereof."

Our congregation was blessed with the visit of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy Langhofer and their children of Wichita. What a time of blessing and fellowship results in the meeting of those of like minds in Christ.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard and children of Fairbury visited with Sis. Ione's parents, Elder Bro. Sam and Sis. Kathryn Anliker and other relatives.

We thank the Lord for the safe return of our dear ones in faith, Bro. Bernie and Sis. Dena Emch. They returned home April 24, following a twenty-one day visit with their son, Bro. Bill Emch, who is stationed near Stuttgart, West Germany. The presence of God was felt by them, anywhere and everywhere He was called upon. The Lord's fellowship was especially experienced in the Neuheutten and Ludwigsburg churches, where our friends and brothers-in-faith in service stationed in West Germany attend.

Bro. Bernie, Sis. Dena, and Bro. Bill (who was on leave during their stay) traveled to Switzerland, where they had a wonderful time visiting the relatives of the late Bro. John Wernli, Sis. Dena's father and Sis. Emma's husband. A brother of his and many neices were present at a family gathering in the little village of Erlinsbach, Bro. Wernli's birthplace.

To them, the European springtime was beautiful, displaying God's handiwork everywhere—the snow-covered Alps, the blossoming fruit trees and shrubs, and the exquisite mountain flowers. They feel that they have received a singular

blessing from the Lord, and also are deeply thankful for their safe return home to their loved ones.

#### Memories

I am thinking of a dear loved one, one to whom living for the Lord was a joy—indeed, the very essence of her being. Hers was a life which reminded one of the weaving of a tapestry by the Master Hand; the pattern was not always clear and the true beauty could not be seen until it was finished. Many times during her lifetime the why of circumstances were not always evident, but her complete trust and willingness to wait upon the Lord were the guideposts through many a difficulty.

Hers was not a faith of words only, but rather one of few words, for her testimony for the Lord was for the most part manifest in her deeds, in her manner of living. To her children, the words **Do not do this** or **Do not do that** were seldom uttered. They unconsciously had laid down for them their precepts of right and wrong by her manner of victorious living in Christ.

The sermons she preached were the everyday episodes in life, in which the Lord's presence was evidenced. She not only said, "Be kind to others," but gave meaning to the words, by huddling close to a heater in a neighbor's house for two days and nights, in bitterly cold winter weather, cradling in her arms the neighbor's tiny premature baby, helping to maintain the spark of life.

Wherever seeds of dissension had been sown by others, she endeavored to sow seeds of forgiveness and peace.

During the last few years of her life, when illness befell her, her well-worn Bible bespoke the source of her patience and long-suffering, and the source of her strength throughout her sojourn here.

These memories of my loved one are especially dear to me, now that I am a mother, for these memories are of my mother.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

On Easter evening, the Sunday School children joyously presented an Easter program. As the children were assembling in their various classrooms, prior to giving the program, we had quite a severe storm, and the entire church was plunged

into total blackness as all the lights went off. One of the teachers later told how she talked to her class of little ones, and reminded them that in Sunday School that day they had learned how Jesus arose from the grave and is watching over us, is with us in the dark as well as in the light, so they should all join in singing "Jesus Loves Me." In the darkness the clear, sweet voices of the innocent youngsters blended in song—there was no fear as they trusted the promise of our Saviour. ". . . and, lo, I am with you always . . ." St. Matthew 28:20.

Congratulations to Bro. Richard and Sis. Carolyn Sauder, whose son, Brian Earl was born April 22. Six brothers and two sisters eagerly welcomed the new little boy into their home. Bro. Will and Sis. Mary Sauder are the paternal grandparents.

Carl and Sis. Ruth Sauder Weiss are the paternal grandparents of little Timmy Layland. (We sincerely apologize that their name was incorrectly listed in the last issue of Silver Lining.)

Bro. LaVern, Sis. Christine and their son, Eric Dotterer were involved in an auto accident as they were going home from church on Sunday, April 21. We are indeed thankful they escaped serious injuries. LaVern was not admitted to the hospital, but Eric received emergency treatment and was then dismissed, and Christine was a patient for ten days, undergoing tests and treatment for bruises etc. Others from our congregation who have been hospitalized during the past month were Sis. Wilma Sauder (Robert), Sis. Theresa Bidinger, Sis. Alice Sauder Graszl (Frank), and Marcia Rice (daughter of Bro. Byron and Sis. Sarah). We are happy they have again been with us for worship services. At the time of this writing, Bro. Will Sauder is in the hospital, recovering from recent surgery.

May is the month in which we pay special tribute to our mothers. Those of us who have been blessed with Christian mothers, and also those of us who have been blessed with Christian wives to be the mothers of our children, echo the words found in the 21st chapter of Proverbs: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."



**MORRIS, MINNESOTA****Mrs. Herman Schaefer****Mrs. Carl Joos**

Sis. Sharon Olson recently left our congregation, to make her home in Peoria. We wish her the Lord's blessings in her new undertaking. She will surely be missed by all.

Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester) assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr with the provings of three dear souls: Dale Zeltwanger, son of Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Zeltwanger; Dale Koehl, son of Bro. and Sis. C. R. Koehl; and DuWayne Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl. Many hearts were touched with their testimonies, as they revealed to us their faith and happiness they found in turning to the Lord. The following day, many of us were privileged to witness the baptisms of these three friends. We want to welcome them into our fold. After partaking of earthly food for our mortal bodies, we were privileged to be served the Lord's Supper. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop, also visited our congregation to share with us the blessing of the day.

Cindy Wulf, young daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf was a hospital patient this past month. We are happy to report she is now home and doing fine. Emma Spohr is back in the hospital. We pray that she will have a speedy recovery.

Sis. Marie Koehl asked me to thank each that remembered her with cards, gifts, visits and prayers, and all the deeds of kindness shown her while she was in the hospital and since she's at the Villa. All was very much appreciated. May God bless each of you. We are happy to say that Sis. Marie has been able to assemble with us once again.

**Memorial Day Prayer**

On this day of remembrance,  
Dear Lord, we pray for peace  
From all war's threats and horrors;  
In mercy send release.

Oh hear our supplications.  
Our sins we now confess;  
Beseeching Thy forgiveness,  
Grant us true steadfastness.

Lead all men to repentance  
In our land and abroad;  
Let freedom once more flourish,  
Oh hear us, help us, Lord.

The welfare and the blessings  
Of our land come from Thee,  
Thou, Thou alone canst grant us  
True peace and liberty.

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

We have had some killing frosts on May 5 and 6, and all are hoping that the fruit and vegetables that so far have started to grow have not been hurt.

Mrs. Della Oneacre Smith has been removed from a nursing home in Wheeling to our local home; she is very ill, and her friends are hoping the best for her.

A large number of relatives and friends from Roanoke, Eureka, Tremont, Bluffton, Rittman and Girard visited the Monroe Church on Sunday, April 28. They also visited the country church here on Sunday morning before attending the Monroe services. Many were thrilled with the hills and scenery which we have, and several expressed the hope of coming back for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, Mrs. Ruth Wells, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church on April 28.

Mrs. Ada Riggenbach Durig has been quite ill for some time, and is now a medical patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling.

Miss Della Witschey visited with her brother, L. W. Witschey and family in Moundsville, on April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg have returned from Zephyrhills, Florida; They spent the winter. He visited here recently with his sisters and families.

L. E. Anthony has been a medical patient in the local hospital for sometime.

Amos Schupbach Sr. is staying in the home of his son, Amos Jr. and family for a few days; he has not been very well.

Mr. and Mrs. John Emch visited recently for a week in New York City with their niece, Mrs. J. W. Brennan and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey and family visited on May 5 with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Frumm and Mr. Frumm in Jeanette, Pa.

We had a tragic accident here on May 2, when a tractor-trailer crashed into a school bus, while the woman driver was unloading a part of her passengers. The lady driver

was killed almost instantly; several of the children were rushed to the local hospital. One little six-year-old girl passed away twelve hours later in a Wheeling Hospital. Most of the children were examined and were able to return home; one or two remain in the local hospital at this time.

**SABETHA, KANSAS****Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Funeral services were held at the church on April 12 for Alvie "Pat" Baumgartner. He passed away April 8 at a hospital in Topeka.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and one daughter Elwanda Schock of Buffalo, N.Y. Services were conducted by Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Carl Hartman.

Our midweek services have been discontinued for the summer months. We again have our hymn-sing every other Sunday, alternating with Bern. We welcome everyone.

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

Spring is indeed a most beautiful time of the year. The dogwood and magnolia trees have been in bloom and are beautiful beyond description. The redbud that grows in the woods, as well as in our lawns, bloomed earlier, as did many other shrubs and flowers. This newness of life brings hope after the cold winter, as does the resurrection to a child of God.

We had a blessed day when Bro. Noah Schrock was here to prove and baptize Don and Elaine Hoerr. May the Lord bless them, as they walk the narrow path that they have chosen. We are so happy to have them in our fellowship. Sis. Elaine is the daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, and Bro. Don's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr.

The Easter program was presented by the Sunday School on Good Friday evening. It was enjoyed by all who heard it.

Don Strahm, Sabetha, who attended Gem City College at Quincy, became ill. It was necessary for him to return to his home. We miss him in our assembly, and hope that he will soon be well again. Sis. Clara (Perry) Yackley was a hospital patient for a short time, following a bad fall. She is at home and getting along all right.

**UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY****Ed. Aeschleman**

Sis. Becky Mayer from Indianapolis was on temporary duty for her auditing firm in New York City, and made the effort to find her way to Union City to spend a Sunday with us. We appreciated her visit very much.

Other visitors during the month were Bro. Al and Sis. Elsie Lanz from Rockville. Sis. Emma Marti came with them. Sis. Rose Sauder of Roanoke was also here one Sunday. We are thankful for all the visiting brethren God sends us.

We were sorry to hear that our dear old brother, Emery Ballasy, had to be admitted to the hospital with an apparent stroke. Bro. Emery is 89 years old and has spent most of these many years serving God. Our prayers are ever with him.

Sis. Mary Diggelman is also in the hospital for foot surgery. We miss her in church, and pray God will restore her and return her to us quickly.

**WINTHROP, MINNESOTA****Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

A blessed day was had by all, with the taking of the Lord's Supper. We thank the elder brethren, Leo Moser and Paul Fehr, for their effort and love shown to our congregation. When we eat of Christ's body and drink His shed blood, do we realize what great love Christ had for us, the agony our dear Lord went through so we could all have eternal life? (To have no hope, no faith—what an empty and horrible life we would live, to think eternal damnation was our reward.)

Bro. Noah Miller and the Minneapolis congregation gathered with us for this sacred privilege.

Steve Howk, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice, received new orders, and is now stationed in Viet Nam. At first he was in the DMZ. He contacted food poisoning, due to their lack of refrigeration.

Kathy, daughter of Bro. Cornelius and Sis. Delores Messerli, had her tonsils removed during Easter vacation.

Father's Day—a day set aside to honor our father's here on earth, is observed the month of June. How thankful we all should be for them, when we think of all the millions of fatherless children the world over. Our fathers help to guide our lives,

as also the Heavenly Father does lead and direct our spiritual life.

**Memories**

Sis. Mae Messner, wife of Bro. Levi, and daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Ida Miller, was a good example of a true Christian helpmate and mother.

She was born July 28, 1901 in Pulaski, and united in marriage to Levi Messner on Dec. 1, 1920. They became children of God in 1922. To Levi and Mae were born 11 children, all of whom survive. One of her daughters said, "I really had a good mother". She always enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

Ever busy and hardworking, Sis. Mae always was willing to help and do what she could for others. She especially liked having company. Raisin pie was a great speciality of hers, as so many remember this about her.

I, myself, remember staying there when I was a little girl, with this big long table filled with food and surrounded by all these older cousins, and the joy that filled the family so many times . . . But along with joy must come sorrow here on earth. Now both mother and dad are gone; we oftentimes wonder, **Will the Circle Be Unbroken By and By?**

Many evenings, the family sang together. One of her favorite hymns was "Beyond the Sunset". "Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion, With our dear loved ones who've gone before; In that fair homeland we'll know no parting, Beyond the sunset forevermore."

Before leaving the farm she became ill, and was in the hospital several times. The last stay was 3 months. During that time she was continually under an oxygen tent. In her last days she wondered aloud, "Why was this her lot to bear?" During this time she never complained and had a bright smile for everyone. The life she led was truly a blessed heritage to leave to her children.

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA,  
ILLINOIS****Ben Blunier**

Our lot is found in pleasant places. Certainly this was true this month at our church services, as we enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors from near and far. On April 20 and 21, the students and residents here played host for the students of

surrounding colleges for the weekend. We were truly blessed. Saturday evening, at the Lake of the Woods pavilion, we enjoyed a picnic supper, and then Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, gave a timely message to augment the very beautiful singing from **Gospel Hymns**. On Sunday, after inspiring services by Bros. Dave Wiegand and Emanuel Gudeman, the group enjoyed more fellowship and singing, then had supper "out" at the Town and Country Restaurant.

Bros. Leroy Huber and Vernon Leman, Eureka and Jim Hoerr, Peoria, visited us on other Sundays; and Ed Alt, Cissna Park and Joe Schrock, Congerville, were guest teachers at our Wednesday Bible classes. God inspired these brothers to deliver clear and powerful teachings, and surely all who heard were drawn closer to Him.

Next year's Bible Class officers have been chosen. Walt Steffen is president, Fred Kaiser, vice-president, Kathy Rinkenberger, secretary, and Gary Ifft, treasurer.

At our annual meeting, Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Myrna Weerts were elected to teach in Sunday School. Bro. Bob Simpson was named the new trustee.

A lively discussion revealed there is much interest in having a church building of our own in this area. We ing in this, seek the Lord's leading in this, that His will be done, to His name's praise, honor and glory.

Announcement was made to hold Holy Communion the 19th of May, as God wills.

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

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Arthur Gudeman, Bro. Robert Pohl (Burlington Iowa), Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley Ill.), and Bro. Dale Eisenmann from Chicago. Bro. Dale assisted in Sunday School that day, and gave the Bible class a very inspiring lesson. May the good seed that was sown bring forth good fruit. We welcome him back soon.

The hospitalized were friend Chas. Reutter for eye surgery, Bro. Carl Moser for medication, Bro. Lou Freidinger for treatment and medication. He is now staying with a daughter, the Ralph Schmidts, Watseka Ill. Sis. Louisa Kupferschmid entered the hospital for a short time. They are all improved, for

which we are thankful. Bro. Fred G. Knapp and Sis. Bena are still in the hospital, but are getting along nicely.

**Births:** On April 12, a boy was born to Bro. Max and Sis. Donna Yergler; he was named Darrin Scott. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Arvilla Yergler, and Bro. and Sis. Frank Baurer of Tremont. A daughter was born to Aaron and Charlene Knapp on April 24; she was named Jodi Sue. Bro. and Sis. Clarence and Naomi Knapp and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed are grandparents. A girl, Amy Jo, was born to Roger and Vera Knapp on April 30. Bro. and Sis. Alf and Ernie Eisenman and Bro. Fred Knapp are grandparents. The following words are most fitting to the departed brother, Bert Gudeman.

God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strew pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,  
But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Bro. Albert E. (Bert) Gudeman, 82, passed away April 26 at his home, after a lingering illness. He was the son of Joel and Elizabeth Fehr Gudeman. He married Sis. Tillie Yergler in 1911. She passed away in 1955. The Lord again provided for him, and he married Sis. Fannie Metzger in 1956. After a short illness, she passed away in 1957. The Lord again provided and gave him another helpmate in 1957; he married Sis. Ann Zimmerman, who survives. She has loyally taken care of him in his last and declining years. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. During his years, he was active in the welfare of the church, and was a pillar in the church. Other survivors include 2 daughters, Sis. Naomi Ramseyer and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl; five sons, Bros. Emmanuel, George, Arthur, Wilbert and Edward; 40 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sis. Bena Gudeman and Sis. Louise Feller; five brothers, Bro. Joel, Bro. Edward, Ben, Henry and Victor. Funeral services were held

April 29. Bro. Ezra Feller, assisted by Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Bro. Ed Hohulin, conducted the services.

Thank you note: We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the kindness shown during his illness, also for the kind deeds at the time of his passing away. The Albert E. Gudeman family.

When we think of Mother's Day, we are inclined to think of the aged, but it includes the younger likewise.

A mother is the heart of home,  
She's all so good and pure,  
The center of a family life  
That's happy and secure.  
She's wisdom with a quiet voice,  
And patience with a smile,  
Guidance and encouragement  
That make life more worthwhile.

#### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser  
Mrs. Don Duckworth

Many of our congregation helped at the annual church housecleaning, and made "quick work" of this job.

Our midweek services have been discontinued, as of May 1, and will be resumed again the last of October. We were thankful for the efforts of Bro. Nathan Steffen, from Elgin, in gathering with us quite often on Wednesday evenings, and deeply appreciate the spiritual food he was inspired to bring us.

We were also richly blessed from the visit of Bro. Willis Wiegand from Goodfield, on May 5, and the wonderful words of life he spoke to us.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman

"Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant." Ps. 135:3

There was a gathering at the home of Bro. Verdon and Sis. Becky Feldman Sunday evening, for a time of singing praises to the Lord. He is so good to us, and we found, that meeting together for that purpose is very pleasant, indeed.

Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Herman Kellenberger and Theo. Beer came to us last month for the purpose of helping us elect new ministers. We are thankful to God for giving us two dedicated brothers, Bro. Harold Zeltwanger and Bro. Verdon Feldman. Our prayers and wholehearted support go out for all four of our ministering brothers. We were reminded that, only as the church

does support them by prayer, can they be instruments of God's power. May we all be fruitful branches in Christ.

We thank our elder brethren for the love in which they came, their time and effort and their ministries to us. We were happy to be served communion during this time. It is a solemn feast, but full of joy.

We enjoyed the visit of several couples from Chicago, recently. We had a good day of fellowship, ending with a short program. We look forward to seeing them again.

Many of those who have been confined by illnesses are now able to be with us once more for services. We are so glad to see Bro. Dan Clauss, Sis. Elizabeth Yackley and Tom Conrad back again. We give God the praise for their recovery.

Bro. Will Leman is slightly improved and hopes to be able to go home from the hospital shortly.

A sweet little girl, Jelayne, was born to Phillip and Mary Jane Leman Zeltwanger. We pray God's blessings and guidance for the new parents and child. Bro. Don and Sis. Marceil Zeltwanger and Sam and Ruth Leman are the grandparents, and Bro. Will and Sis. Anne Leman are the great-grandparents.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

After some discussion the last few weeks, the brothers in Indianapolis have decided to begin looking for land on which to take an option for a future permanent church. This will make Indianapolis much more attractive for those families considering jobs in the area and will, we pray, be an influence for drawing more students to the area campuses. We invite questions from those interested in establishing a home in or near Indianapolis. Bros. John Mayer, Charles Neuenschwander, and John Isch are most familiar with the city, and we can pass the queries on to them.

Your reporters were in Morton over the spring college vacation, but were told that the Palm Sunday and Easter services were very well attended, with Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and John Bollier (Leo) serving as ministers. On April 21, Bro. Henry Beer shared the Lord's word with us.

The Mortonaries presented a program of hymns on April 28, which was truly enjoyed by an overflow crowd. About fifteen couples from



Bluffton were also with us, including Bros. John Yergler and Bob Meyer. Bro. Elmer Hartter (Milford) also served. The total attendance neared 175, including children, making it our largest group so far this year. After the services, about 100 enjoyed dinner at the Holiday Inn, before departing for their homes. We especially express our deep appreciation to the men's chorus and their families for their efforts in visiting us.

On May 5, Bro. Sam Kilgus (Remington) spent a blessed Sabbath with us. Though a much smaller group than the Sunday before, we enjoyed the chance to learn to know each other better. Truly we have a blessed fellowship in our faith.

Our new address after June 15 will be: Howard Getz, Tulip Tree House No. 601, Bloomington Ind. 47401.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

##### Joe Beer

She's a little old-fashioned, That sweet mother of mine;  
There are many whose beauty Will my mother's outshine.  
She's a little old fashioned, As I plainly can see,  
But she is forever sweetest mother to me.

She's a little old fashioned, That sweet mother of mine,  
Tho' even her plainness Now my heartstrings entwine;  
Other hands may be whiter, But none other so dear,  
For they smoothed my pillow For many a year.

There is one day a year set aside to remember our mothers and what they have done for us. God did a wonderful thing to give us mothers, and we should not take them for granted. We should thank God for a wonderful government that has enabled our mothers to take us to church each Sunday, to rear us in Christian homes, and to have the precious privilege of reading God's word whenever we have the desire. How fortunate a people we are, to be able to serve our country in such a way that we are not required to bear arms.

14 Apr.—Ministering Bro. Noah Bauman and his son, Bro. Herb, were with us from Rittman. Also, Ministering Bro. Merle and Sis. Gladys Kaisner of Fairbury came down with Bro. William, his wife,

Sis. Nettie and their daughter, Sis. Marilyn Kupferschmid from Forrest. Wanda Kupferschmid was here also to visit her husband, Alph Kupferschmid from Forrest. The same week end, Bro. Henry and Sis. Lola Steffen from Fairbury came down with Sis. Mary Lou Ott from Congerville to visit Herb Steffen, who is a brother to Bro. Henry. Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger were here to visit their son, Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna Isch, their son Keith and his wife, Sis. Sharon. Bro.—Bro. Stan and his wife, Sis. Geny brought Sis. Jan Ringger down to live with her husband, Bro. Kent.

28 April—Ministering Bro. Theo. Beer, Bro. Ezra Beer, Bro. Levi Beer (my dad), Bro. Junior Price and Bro. Stan Wuthrich were here from Milford. Stan Steiner from Cissna Park was here to visit Dean Eisenmann. Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm came to visit with their son, Bro. Wilfred and his wife, Sis. Verona.

Drafted—Carroll Plattner from Sabetha, Clark Weyeneth from Eureka and Lonnie Kupferschmid from Eureka.

Reassigned—Eldon Banwart from West Bend and Gary Bauman, Goodfield have left us and we will be going to Viet Nam. Our prayers go out to them, that they will realize their lost condition and repent of their sins. Bro. Keith Kellenberger from Elgin, Bro. Dennis and Jim Fehr from West Bend have received order for Hawaii. Roy Wiegand from Goodfield has received orders for Ft Hood, Texas, and Bro. Harlan Metzger from West Bend has received orders for Germany. They will be leaving us shortly, and our prayers go with them.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith." II Thess: 3:1, 2

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

##### Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

April is gone, and May has begun bringing forth the buds. The fields are being tilled and readied for seeding and planting, ever showing us the greatness and wonders of God's creation.

Our regular monthly singing was held on the third Sunday in April. The Peoria adult chorus was our guests. They sang several beautiful

selections; especially impressive was the song, "How Great Thou Art". The Gridley boys quartet, Clark Stoller, Lloyd Stoller, Dale Gramm and John Schlipf sang several selections, which was enjoyed by the congregation.

A son, Jeffery Brian, was born April 23 in Pekin Memorial Hospital to Bro. Dennis and Sis. Barbara Stoller. He has one brother, Todd. Bro. Dennis is the son of the late Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller. The maternal grandparents are the Orene Crumps of El Paso, Illinois. Angela Dawn was born April 21 in Brokaw Hospital to Bro. Enid and Sis. Lila (Hany) Schlipf. The little one passed away April 22. Grave-side services were held by Bro. Edwin Ringger. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf and the maternal grandparents are the Chester Hany's, all of Gridley.

Philip Lynn Kiefer was born April 24 in Brokaw Hospital to Bro. Richard and Sis. Louise Mae Kiefer. One sister and two brothers welcome him home. The maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Birkey of Morton, and the paternal grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Kiefer.

Sis. Julia Campbell, who attended our Gridley congregation for many years, is in Eureka Hospital for special treatment. She has been a resident in the Apostolic Home in Eureka.

Sis. Emma Ringger fell in the yard and fractured her wrist, which will be in a cast for several weeks.

Bro. Bruce Witzig of Ft. Sam Houston is spending two weeks leave with his parents and relatives.

Sis. Fannie Wiegand was released from Fairbury Hospital, where she underwent major surgery recently. Sis. Fannie wishes to thank everyone for the visits, prayers, cards and gifts, which she and her family appreciated very much.

Our friend, Harold Kaupp joined his wife, Wava in repentance. Again the waters are being troubled. We are glad for Harold.

There has been a misprint in the name of Alice Funk, who has turned to the Lord. It was printed Allen, in place of Alice.

#### LATTY, OHIO

##### Mrs. Delores Grant

##### Mrs. Marguerite Stoller

This past month we lost a dear bro. in faith. Henry Laukhuf passed

away April 12, at the age of 70 years, having suffered a stroke and being in the hospital 13 days. He leaves behind, his wife, Sis. Ollie; a son and his wife, Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera; two daughters and their husbands, Sis. Mary Ella and Bro. Floren Klopfenstein, Sis. Delores and Bro. Thomas Grant; and twelve grandchildren. Funeral services were held April 15, with Bro. Sam Aeschliman officiating and Bro. Noah Bauman assisting.

Bro. George Sinn was hospitalized and underwent major surgery. He is home and steadily improving. He wishes to express his sincere thanks to everyone who remembered him with cards, gifts and prayers. May God bless each of you.

Bro. Jesse Gerber collapsed in church April 21, and was rushed to the hospital. He is home again, and some better.

Sis. Connie Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Viola was also hospitalized, but is home and assembling with us again.

Three new souls have turned to repentance. They are Shirley Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Viola; Darlene Stoller, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Florence; and Peggy Rager, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Elsie. We wish them God's grace and pray more can follow.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. John Bollier and Bro. Verlin Stoller. We thank them for their visits and inspiring messages.

Marcia Arn, bride-to-be of Dale Laukhuf—son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Bro. Russel and Sis. Melvne Stoller. A June wedding is planned.

#### A Tribute to Mother

For though "small souls" are heaven-sent

And we realize they're only lent,  
It takes a mother's loving hands  
And her gentle heart that understands

To mold and shape this little life  
And shelter it through storm and strife . . .

No other love than mother Love  
Could do the things required of  
The one to whom God gives the keeping

Of His wee lambs, awake or sleeping,—

So mothers are a "special race"

God sent to earth to take His place. . .

#### SARDIS, OHIO

##### Doris Indermuhle

Fifty from our congregations in Tremont, Roanoke, Eureka, Bluffton and Rittman spent the week end of April 27-28 in fellowship with us and joined us in worshiping and praising our Lord and Saviour. It is a blessed privilege that we can meet and greet one another of like faith and it is certainly a foretaste of still greater joys to come, when He calls us home to be with Him.

Those who recently came to minister to us included Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Bro. Fred Marty of Rittman. We sincerely thank all you for coming to be with us.

#### AKRON, OHIO

##### Florence Graf

In natural course, it is easier to feel than to think, and easier to feel hate than to feel love, easier to act on hate than to act on love, and we must resist the easier path every inch of the way, everyday of our lives.

In the past few weeks and months, much progress has been made toward planning for and hoping for a new house of worship. Changes have been suggested and revisions made in the original plan—various committees—financial, building, kitchen etc. have been voted on—and all of us have hopes and plans for a new building of worship in the future.

Sis. Bessie King has been in the Rocky Knoll Nursing Home, 1150 W. Market Street, Akron Ohio for some time. I'm sure she would appreciate receiving cards or letters from loved ones. We surely wish her the Lord's blessing and strength in the days ahead.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

##### Marlene Mosher

We are sorry to say, we have lost another of our dear sisters out of our midst. Sis. Margaret Knochel passed away into the arms of her dear Saviour, in her 88th year. Sis. Margaret has left behind her one sister, Mary Bahler of Remington, and two brothers, Bros. George and Fred Knochel both of Bay City.

Sis. Faye Wackerle has returned home, after a two-week stay at the arthritis hospital at Ottawa, Illinois.

Sis. Nettie Knochel has been in the hospital.

Bro. Paul Waibel was in an automobile accident and was in the hospital, but has returned home.

Fred Ruegsegger still has not been able to assemble with us, since his operation.

Sis. Loretta Mosher has also been in the hospital for therapy and traction. She is again at home.

We wish these of our loved ones that are ill in body the Lord's grace and blessing, to see them through their time of pain.

This month we were happy to have with us Ministering Bro. Henry Sabo and Sis. Louise from Mansfield, also other loved ones from Mansfield. Also visiting us was Ministering Bro. Ernest Gerber and others from Rockville.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

##### Mrs. Paul Eisenmann

##### Mrs. Paul Wagler

When a Christian dies, precious is the prize.

We were deeply saddened by the death of our dear Sis. Marie Kuntz. She had been very ill the past few months and was taken out of this life Wednesday morning, May 8, to be relieved of her suffering. Those who survive her are two daughters, Sis. Ruth Kuntz of Burlington, and Cynthia Burk of Ft. Madison; three sisters, Ida, Caroline, and and Kathryn Kuntz of Peoria; one brother, Sam, of Manito, Illinois; a daughter-in-law, Sis. Ruth Kuntz of Oakville, and several grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob; a son, Roy; and a daughter, Marie. We will miss her greatly in our congregation.

The following people have spent some time in the hospital this past month: Sis. Judy (Mrs. Uriel) Gehring, Sis. Lillian (Mrs. Adolph) Massner, Sis. Sarah (Mrs. Julius) Gerst, Friends Lela and David Applegarth, daughter and son of Bro. and Sis. Blaine Applegarth.

We enjoyed having Bro. Albert Wuthrich and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, with us April 28. We received many good teachings of God's word through him.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

##### Millicent Frieden — Lavern Roth

Services were held the evening of Good Friday. Once again we beheld the story of Christ's crucifixion upon Calvary. One realizes how unde-

servicing he is of this marvelous love the Lord has for man.

We were privileged to have the Easter message brought to us by Bro. Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott. He revealed the wonderful story of Christ's resurrection, and its impact upon the Christian.

Services were held the afternoon of Easter at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home.

Two souls were announced for baptism; they are Mrs. Betsy Diel and Aleta Farney. May God see fit to soon fulfill their wishes.

Hospital patients this month have been Sisters Marie Riedel, Florence Guthrie, Martha Roth, and convert Betsy Diel. May God ever be close to those who suffer the infirmities of the flesh.

A thought for the Christian to keep in mind: Let us make our church a hospital for the sinner.

#### ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

If Christ Should Come Tonight  
Is my house set in order  
If Christ should come today?  
What tasks would be unfinished  
If I were called away?

Suppose an angel told me  
At early morning light,  
"Your Lord will come this evening;  
You shall go Home tonight."

Would ecstasy be clouded  
By thoughts of work undone.  
The seed I might have scattered,  
The crowns I might have won?

The souls I meant to speak to,  
The purse I meant to share,  
And O the wasted moments  
I meant to spend in prayer.

The weight of unsaved millions  
Would press upon my heart;  
In their death am I certain  
That I had not a part?

And such a few short moments  
In which to set things right!  
How feverishly I'd labor  
Until the waning light!

Your Lord may come tonight!

Mr. and Mrs. George Schupbach have a new grandchild. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shaffer. He has been named Troy Lynn.

Andrew Lee is the name given to the baby boy born to Lee Plattners

of Bern. He is the first grandchild of the Ervin Metzgers.

Anyone is welcome to attend our midweek evening services, from eight to nine o'clock. The first Wednesday evening of each month is devoted to regular church services, the balance is given to Bible study and hymn singing.

The countryside in Iowa is beautiful. The various shades of green, dependent on the species of trees is never more evident than at this moment of time. The gold of the dandelions, though commonplace, is lovely. The violets and bluebells lend their beauty, too. Our country friends are busy preparing for corn-planting and doing garden work. Our asparagus and onions are currently making a nice contribution.

May God be thanked for His many gifts to mankind.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Bro. George Bahr is now recovering from surgery, at the Colonial Rest Home, Chanute, Kansas.

Bro. Joe Somerhalder's leg had another flare-up. He was in the hospital for about a week and is home again, able to get around a little, but still needs rest and elevation.

A new pass-through was built between the kitchen and dining area of the church, and new ceiling installed. This week, a group of the members and friends painted the kitchen and dining rooms.

In these "busy" times it is good to have Communion—then we are reminded again to "take stock" and take time to make amends we "intend" to do, but often get pushed aside. We are thankful to the Lord for so many, many things, and certainly appreciate this provision made . . . and thankful also for the shepherd, Bro. Sam Anliker, who was with us for Communion.

Graduating this month from high school are Kerry Stahm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm; Norma Beyer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ivan Beyer; Steve Beyer, son of Sis. Mary Louise Beyer; Marilyn Young, daughter of Junior and Sis. Wilma Young; and David Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Huber.

Yesterday we brought Sis. Lydia Bahr from Wichita to her home in Gridley, where she hopes to stay for several weeks, going back for a check-up the 27th. She is getting

around on crutches; the place again healed over, and she is still taking antibiotics.

Just to share with you, and urge you, when you think of something little to do for someone, do it NOW. Our little neighbor girl, almost four, died of leukemia this past week. We had taken some reading records of our childrens to share recently . . . and the mother called and said how she appreciated them . . . She didn't get to hear all of them; the day we brought them was the last day she was able to enjoy them . . . which we didn't know at the time. TIME—it goes so swiftly . . . if only there were "more time" to spare and share.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont spent Good Friday with us and lent himself in expounding God's holy word. He also assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock in serving Holy Communion. It was truly a blessed evening for all of us.

Little Karen Diane Belsley, born April 12, was welcomed by a brother and sister as well as her parents, Richard and Fern Belsley.

We enjoy traveling in the state of Iowa and visiting our friends, as well as brothers and sisters at our universities. Bro. Paul Banwart from West Bend conducted services in Ames this month, and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger (from Pulaski) joined our Bro. Harvey Heiniger in proclaiming the truth in Iowa City.

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY Mary Heinold — Shirley Frank

The Bluffton and Milford congregations were our hosts for our last two evening services, held on April 24 and May 8. Special thanks go to Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and to Bro. George Lambert of Wichita, for their efforts to meet with us and make our evening a blessed one. This past week end, our student group of Purdue were host to students from Illinois State University, Indiana University and Ball State University. Saturday evening we met for a picnic supper at Columbia Park in Lafayette, which was followed by a singing. Sunday was spent with the Remington congregation, who also hosted Bro. Joe Schrock and family from Congerville.

On May 22, Francesville will provide for our last service of this



school year, and on June 5 Purdue will dismiss for summer vacation.

Congratulations go to Sis. Suzanne Bucher, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art Bucher of La Crosse, who is graduating this June. Suzanne intends to teach in an elementary school in the Lafayette area next fall.

We voted on officers for the school year 1968-1969 and they are: President—Art Ringger; Vice president—Perry Klopfenstein; Secretary-Treasurer—Norma Schini; and Silver Lining Reporters—Carol Schieler and Shirley Anliker.

As this is our last report till next September, our group here at Purdue would like to thank all those who met with us in a fellowship which we will always remember.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

Truly we could feel the blessings and nearness of God, as we listened to the testimonies of Mike Aberle and Nelson Musselman. As they spoke of the burden of sin on their hearts and of their thankfulness when God took that burden away, no doubt many were, as I, moved to utter a prayer that many who are yet outside might experience this same thing. The Lord willing, they will be baptized on May 12.

One of these young men told that on several different occasions he returned home, to find his family gone. Being familiar with the scripture, that when the Lord comes again, some shall be taken and the others left, great fear seized his heart that this might be the case. He rejoices today that it was not so and that he was given the grace to repent, but dear friend, if you continue to turn a deaf ear to the callings of the Lord, how can you be sure you will be so fortunate?

We thank Bros. Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Ed Frank of La Crosse for the visit they paid us. We appreciate all of our visitors. May the blessings of God rest on these brothers, for their willingness to lend themselves in our behalf.

Sis. Rose Schurter and Sis. Emma Springer are convalescing at home, after being hospitalized for some time. We are thankful for the improvement with which God has seen fit to bless these sisters. Sis. Rose wishes to thank all for their prayers, cards, gifts and the many

kindnesses extended to her during her illness.

### LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

My mother has gone to be with the Lord many years ago. When I was but a child, she taught me at night time always to pray to God to send His guardian angels with rods of fire to protect us from all harm and evil. So had her father (Bro. John Gerber) taught her to pray. This has proved a wonderful blessing to me, so I also have told my children. Things of this kind are of the greatest heritage anyone can give to their children.

In our church, we have at least forty-two mothers. Twenty-three of these are grandmothers.

Thelma and Philip Schlatter are the grandparents of a new grandson. Sharon and Fritz Hepler are the parents.

Maurice Frank and his family visited here Sunday afternoon. One afternoon service was conducted by him, and we received many blessings.

Jyl Maxfield, daughter of Helen and Pete Maxfield, and Kenneth Norr, son of Dorothy and Robert Norr, plan to be married in June.

Mark Souder is our senior graduating from high school this month. He plans on going on to school and helping his father in his business.

Jimmy Winzeler spent a 36-hour leave with his parents, Pearl and Raymond Winzeler. Jimmy is stationed at San Diego, Calif., for the present time.

Andrew Bertsch is better and able to be home from the hospital, feeling quite well again. His brother, Edward, is still at the hospital.

The first Sunday of the month we visited the three rest homes at Butler. Our Bro. Fred Wiggs, who is in one of these, is getting along real well.

Lynn Klopfenstein is the brother who takes care of the combined collection for Leo for the Silver Lining. The month of September is the time set for this collection.

### LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Barbara Metzger had an appendectomy, but is back at work. Mrs. Adolph Moser was hospitalized for several days. Bro. Jake Metzger and Sis. Emma Meyer spent several days at the hospital at Iowa City, for observation. Sis. Elsie (Jake)

Metzger has been ill.

Bro. and Sis. Nathan Knobloch attended memorial services at Remington, for a nephew who was killed in Vietnam.

To Bro. and Sis. Roger Knobloch a son, Trent Lee, was born on April 24. Born to Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a son, Matthew Mark, April 29.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold and Bro. and Sis. John Schick spent an evening in our midst. We were thankful that Bro. Silas was well enough to share the gospel with us.

We have many loved ones who will be graduating and making decisions for their future. We want to congratulate them, and may God share his blessings on them as they stand on the threshold whether they decide to go on to higher learning or out in employment.

Only remember advice given by your parents and loved ones. Put your trust in the Lord, and He will provide and care for you.

Bro. and Sis. Noah Miller announced the engagement of their daughter, Judy to Jerry Feucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Feucht.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger

Our friend, Gary Messner, who was listed last month as having been called into the army, has been reclassified. We are glad to have him with us for a while.

Our congregation has grown with the addition of two families. George and Christine (Dubach) Schuster and daughter Penny have moved here from Bluffton. Their address is 1013 No. 9th Street, Phoenix. Ron and Evelyn Hoerr and children, Julie and Jacob are living at 27 E. Hatcher Road, Phoenix. They moved from the Princeville area.

We were happy to have Kenny and Judy Knepp and their children, Cisne and David with us. They spent Easter vacation with her parents, Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ione Rokey, and her brothers, Jerome and Jeff.

Bro. and Sis. Alphi Fisher received word that their daughter-in-law, Lucia (Mrs. Don) Fisher, recently underwent surgery. She is presently staying with friends in San Francisco, while being treated for cancer. Her current address is Mrs. Don Fisher, c/o Adam Schaeffer, 1434 34th Avenue, San Francisco California.

"This is one of those bright prec-

ious moments, granted thy beloved from above." These words, taken from a hymn, so aptly describe the week end of April 13 and 14. It was overflowing with such wonderful moments.

Saturday noon, a church picnic was held at North Mountain Park. With us were several week end visitors from California.

Saturday evening, April 13, we were privileged to hear the testimony of Dan Roth. On Easter Sunday, he was baptized by Elder Bro. Roy Farney. Bro. Dan's family visited us for a week, and were here for his testimony and baptism. Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth and their children, Shirley, Sherry, Charlene, and Todd, of Fairbury enjoyed being together again with Dan and Dan's brother, Bro. Steve, who are both attending school in Phoenix. Also with us that week were Bro. Dan's grandmother, Sis. Carrie Roth, Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser, Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser, and Bro. Larry Leman, all of Fairbury.

#### God Loves The Aged

... He gives them greater wisdom.  
He calms their fears, dries their tears,  
and gently guides their steps.

God keeps the aged with hearts of gold,  
and silver-tinted hair,  
And earnestness and greater faith  
in prayer;  
He keeps them as a shepherd  
guards his sheep.

But the old in age and faith are as pilgrims  
and strangers to this present time;

Life, we have been long together,  
through pleasant and cloudy weather.

'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;  
but the time comes to everyone to say farewell.

This poem was a favorite of our dear Sis. Marie Wuthrich, who was called to rest April 26. Though she was 92 years old, Sis. Marie was able to assemble with us most of the time. We will miss her cheerful spirit and ready smile. Her husband, Samuel passed away many years ago. In 1957, Sis. Marie and her daughters, Sisters Helen, Elva, and Ruth moved from La Crosse to make their home in Phoenix. Her son, Bro. Willis and his wife, Sis. Florence, and their three children live in Eureka. On April 29, funeral

services were held, and Sis. Marie was laid to rest to await the Lord's coming.

On April 28, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Sharon Stettner, of the Bluffton congregation, to Bro. Bill Dotterer, of Phoenix. Parents of the couple are Bro. Howard and Sis. Goldie Stettner, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Lavina Dotterer. We wish them God's blessings in the life they are planning together.

Sunday evening, May 5, the Bible class, young friends and members enjoyed an evening of fellowship at the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Beer. We are ever thankful for the privilege of gathering together and learning to know each other better.

Bro. Allan Freed is home from the hospital, following emergency surgery, and is recuperating nicely.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst  
Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge Leman are the parents of a baby boy, born April 29.

Baptismal services were held Sunday, May 5, for Bro. Tim and Sis. Jean Hoffman, whom we welcome into the fold, and wish them God's abiding grace.

We are glad to know that Sis. Clara Diggelman has been able to return home and is improving.

Sisters Rose Minger, Rose Beer and Rose Sauder have all spent some time in the hospital this month. We are glad to report their improvement and their return, or soon expected return to their respective homes.

Our visiting ministers serving us this month were Bros. Vernon Leman, Clarence Kachelmuss, Russell Rapp and Michael Weyeneth.

#### Card of Thanks:

I am so very grateful for the kindness shown me while I was in the hospital and since I returned home. Anna Hernfelt.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many get-well wishes, prayers and gifts that we received, while at the Mayo Clinic and St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. We certainly appreciated them. May God bless you all. D. B. (Happy) and Anna Hodel.

#### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

##### Carlton J. Lanz

Among our many friends, there are at the present time several with whom we rejoice, that have seen

their need for repentance. God, who is compassionate and impartial, we read, offers this great salvation not just to a favored few, but to all who would ask and avail themselves of it. On Sunday April 28, two dear friends, Ted Neunschwander and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lanz presented their testimonies and were baptized. Bro. Ted's two sisters and his father, who live at Bluffton, were present at the ceremony. Later in the day, following the evening worship, the celebrating of the Lord's Supper took place. The elders serving were Bro. John Bahler, with Bro. John Widrick assisting.

Bro. Ernest Graf spent a few days here with his daughter, Sis. Rose (Marvin) Luginbuhl, and also served us so well in the ministry. Many thanks to him and to all brethren who come here and serve us.

A number of us from Rockville were at the funeral services of Bro. Albert (Bert) Gudeman, father of Sis. Viola Luginbuhl. Bro. Ezra Feller, in his sermon, compared the life of Bro. Bert's somewhat with that of Job's: **Why did this suffering and tormenting have to come over them? he asked. Why did it have to be?** He said these are examples for us, and we are thankful for such examples he added. Bro. Herman Kellenberger, in his brief message, remembered Bro. Bert as having been an inspiration to them each time he came to Elgin. Bro. Gudeman was a good father, had good order in his home and in the church. He often said, "If one is late on a Sunday morning, not in time for the first singing, he had already missed the first blessing." One time in a sermon, at Bluffton, Bro. Noah Schrock said, "Time and generations will forget such fond and cherished memories, but with God there is no forgetting".

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

##### Marguerite Hoerr

Rod Beer and Kathy Wolferman were united in marriage in an impressive evening ceremony, the Saturday before Easter. Rod is the son of Bro. Harlan and Phyllis Beer, and Kathy is the daughter of Fritz and Doris Wolferman of Milford. May the Lord bless this young couple in their life together and bring them much happiness.

We announce the engagement of our daughter, Becky Ann to Dick Pelath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ker-

win of Michigan City. They are both students at Ball State University, where Dick will graduate this month. Their wedding date is June 9. We ask God's blessings on them, too, as they plan their life together.

Our dear sister, Tillie Beer, is seriously ill at this writing. She is being lovingly cared for at her home by her daughter, Sis. Esther, who lives with her. Helping Esther at this time are Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert of Wichita.

Sis. Barbara Beer has been bedfast for the last several weeks, due to an open leg. Bro. Otto was given medical treatment in Goshen Hospital recently, but is able to be in church again.

Sis. Mary Armbruster is confined to her home. She is not seriously ill, but is unable to worship with us at this time. Our worship hour is not complete, when we miss seeing ones who are dear to us, and we would ask God to be with them all and where it is possible to restore them to health again.

Our ministering Bro. Walt Steffen was admitted to the hospital over last week-end for emergency medical treatment, when he was taken suddenly ill. We are thankful that his recovery was a speedy one, and that he was able to share God's word with us again today.

We are thankful, too, for the visit of Bro. Hartzell Kaisner and his family, and for sharing his ministry with us in this past month.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Mrs. Billie Jo Harville

On April 28, our congregation sure enjoyed the singing and fellowship we had with the Peoria choir. After singing, we had supper in the church basement. It was surely a wonderful afternoon for all. We counted it a rich blessing they could be with us.

Our Friday night meeting services are held at church. We are studying **things to come**. It is sure a wonderful study, and we are all hoping to learn more of God's word from it. We are thankful for our minister, Lynn Klopfenstein. Our youth group had their regular meeting, Thursday evening, May 9. A nice group came out and enjoyed learning more of God's word.

Sis. Mavis Naylor is at home, feeling much better, after a week in the hospital.

We are thankful for Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale's new baby boy, Bobby

Keith. We hope to have Sis. Hale back for our Sunday evening service soon.

#### From the Northern Bible Society

"We have just received word from Haifa, Israel, that we think will be of interest to you. A new work is being opened in Asdod (Ashdod), the Philistine city to which references are made in both the Old and the New Testaments. The city was destroyed by the Maccabees and restored by Gabinus in 55 B.C. (Acts 8:40). Long ago, the city was covered by sand, but now a new town (Asdod) is built on the enormous sand dunes, some 30 kilometers south Tel Aviv, and a new harbor, which will be the most important port in Israel, is already operating,

We are assisting in the opening of the Bible Dispensary, which will reach not only the sailors but a large section of the Israeli population . . ."

#### FROM THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

" . . . during 1967 Bible Societies around the world either sold at below cost or gave away more than 102,698,000 copies of Scripture, one copy for every thirty-third person in the world today. . . . In Italy the highest sales ever recorded by the Bible Society were achieved in 1967. . . . An additional 46 new translations were reported for the first time in 1967. By the end of December 1967, at least one book of the Bible had been published in 1,326 languages and dialects. . . ."

During 1967 it cost the average American 30c to purchase and mail a greeting card to a loved one. The cost of translating, publishing and sending the message of God's love as revealed in the Scriptures to someone half a world away amounted to only 10c.

On a dark night . . . 1967 . . . Vietcong . . . attacked the local jail holding some 1,300 prisoners, most of whom were suspected Vietcong. A Bible van team had been visiting this prison weekly and each inmate had been given a Gospel Portion . . . When the invading Vietcong drove off the guards . . . blasted open the gates, they invited the prisoners to join them. To their surprise 350 refused to leave even though one of their number was shot for refusing such "freedom". These men had been introduced to the truth. . . ."

A little said can sometimes mean a lot . . . If you enjoy the Silver Lining, perhaps you can tell somebody who doesn't receive it. Lend them a copy. The footpath called day is very short . . . If a friend is a concern to you, why not send the Silver Lining. Every precious means should be used.

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Henry

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Your editor

The countryside is beautiful. Galilee waters are lovely. Light turns the waters into a natural jewel. The hills on the eastern side are somewhat back, at one point at least come close. The water ripples along the shore . . . or at times lashes, dashed with the wind.

"And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee." Jesus came. He is the real Dawn. The armies of darkness are strong. He is stronger. Light makes plain the human heart-ache.

"And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs."

Demons have evil wish, and evil intent. These spirits, once good, fell. Satan is their commander. They torture the mind of their enslaved. What a tragic twist Satan makes of human life. In lonely place was the haunt of this shipwrecked soul.

"When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not."

A scream or some wild shriek or sound. It is a wild, thorny state. Then this poor man fell down. Then the loud rebellious voice. Darkness will know no light. The unclean spirit wanted to be left alone, that

he might roam his strange avenues of pleasure.

"(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Unclean. That means dirty, filthy. Nor could chains on hands and feet control the rage of sin. Men knew something was wrong. They didn't know what to do. The mad drive went to where nothing was, and for nothing. It's a hard-driven world where Satan is master. Jesus knows what to do.

"And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep."

The demons have names. They have the purpose of locking, and keeping locked in darkness. For some reason they have fun and glee in the human heart. The devil has fierce pride. To be slave-driver suits much. Jesus' searches for the lost sinner. He brings a glowing freedom. Jesus' words have authority.

"And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them."

A demon is clever and crafty. Though unseen, yet they grasp the

world about them. They understand the human body and how to drive it. They know when a soul slips from cleanness. They are very aware that prison is justly their due. They know the loneliness of the abyss. The animals is their choice.

"Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked."

A pig grunts and squeals. It is easily excitable. The air would be filled with that grunting, squealing mass, rushing pell-mell down the steep. There would be great splashing. Then . . . quietness.

"When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country."

To the Jew, the pig is unclean. These people were at least partly not keepers of the law. A Jew or not, they had seen the Light. There was power here. Something had happened.

"Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid."

The darkness is past; the true light now shineth. After the fierce blackness, with its brood of stinging serpents and scorpions, sweet sunshine and peace. Heaven is near. Jesus is there. What a pleasure to be in His presence!