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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD CRUCIFIED AT JERUSALEM

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About 3970 years after the creation of the world, in the 42nd year of the reign of Augustus, the second Roman emperor, when the whole world was at peace, Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, in the little town of Bethlehem, being the only and eternal Son of God, the Word by which all things are made, yea, God blessed forever.

His entrance into this world, as well as His progress and end, were full of misery, distress and affliction, indeed it may be said: He was born under the cross; brought up under the cross; He walked under the cross, and finally died on the cross.

Touching His birth, He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. His birth ushered Him into great poverty; for He was not born in His maternal city, Nazareth, but Bethlehem, which was the cause that no suitable place could be prepared for His birth; yea, even more, He could obtain no place in the inn, but had to be born in a stable; and when He was born, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

Touching His bringing up, it was attended with much sorrow, for when He was still less than two years old, Herod persecuted Him even unto death; on account of which His foster-father, Joseph, and His mother Mary, had to flee into Egypt and remain there until Herod's death. Meanwhile there were killed all the children of two years and under in and about Bethlehem, so that the voice of lamentation was heard in all the boundaries of that region; of which the prophet, Jeremiah had prophesied: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not."

As regards His life and conversation among men, He was considered an enthusiast and vagrant, because He had no permanent place of abode; which latter was nevertheless thus bitter for Him: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Meanwhile He was reproached: as being the friend of publicans and sinners, a glutton and a winebibber, yea, that He was possessed with the devil . . . and this until the hour of His departure was nigh at hand.

Concerning the end of His life, it was the most miserable, for it was, so to speak, the day when all the fountains of the great deep broke forth over Him, and the floods of suffering overflowed Him, to swallow Him up altogether.

First of all, He was betrayed by His disciple Judas, who sold Him for thirty pieces of silver to the high priests and Pharisees. Then He was delivered unto them, sharply examined, yea adjured to say WHETHER He was the Christ, the Son of God. . . And as soon as the Lord had confessed this they cried, "He is guilty of death."

Then they spit in His face, and buffeted Him. Others covered His face, saying, "Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" They delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the judge, to pronounce the sentence of death upon Him, and to put an end to His life.

Pilate said, "What accusation bring ye against this man?" They answered, "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee." Pilate said, "Take ye him, and judge him according to your law", for he perceived that for envy they had delivered Him.

Pilate took Jesus into the judg-

ment hall, and having examined Him, said that he found no cause of death in Him. Therefore he sought a means to release Him; moreover, he caused Him to be terribly scourged. Crowned with thorns, mocked, and thus disfigured, brought before the Jews. "Behold the man!" (so that they might now be satisfied with His suffering, and spare His life). It was of no avail; they cried the more, "Crucify him, crucify him." "If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend".

Finally, when Pilate saw that the Jews were not to be moved, and fearing that they might accuse him before Caesar, he went and sat down in the judgment seat, in the place called Lithostratos, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha, a paved elevation in Jerusalem; and there, though quite against his conscience, pronounced the sentence of death upon Christ.

They nailed Him to a cross, and raised Him up which was done, according to our reckoning, at about nine o'clock in the morning.

They parted His garments, and again derided Him shamefully and above measure. A great darkness came, continuing for about three hours; and the Lord cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Then, having fulfilled all, He commended His soul into His Father's hands, saying, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit". Thereupon He bowed His head and expired, having suffered excruciatingly six hours on the cross, from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon (according to our reckoning).

Then the earth began to quake, the rocks were rent, the graves

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APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN MISSION FUND

May 23, 1968 . . .

Beloved Brother in Christ: . . . with also increased activity in the mission field . . . moneys have not been forthcoming as we anticipated . . . our expenses have gone up. . .

I was quite distressed knowing that it was the sentiment of the brotherhood to increase our activity, to find that it appeared that we would have to curtail, and I wrote the brothers . . . It was my prayer that if it was God's will that we continue the work that funds would be

provided without being burdensome to our brotherhood, and if we would have to accept that perhaps we should just pull in somewhat.

The day I sent the letter out, I received a check. . . the next day an unsolicited gift . . . and then the day following.

I was in Regina this past week end where we are holding meetings once a month and have a small gathering there. There are three in repentance at this time, plus a couple of brethren. . . May all

of our labors redound to His honor and glory. I remain Your very least brother in Christ, Ben Maibach.

(Editor's note: This mission work is very important. By our taking part in fellowship in this, we take part in our Saviour's command to go into all the world. A bank that would pay 10% would be high for a deposit. The rate of return on a heavenly investment is far exceeding. The address of this fund is Ben Maibach, 14726 Fox, Detroit Michigan 48239.)

WORLD RELIEF

Bros. George Erb—Francesville, David Wingeier—Alto, Oliver Stieg-liz—Leo, Emil Stoller—Latty, and Wayne Wieland—Bay City reported their experiences and recommendations, after a week's stay at three children's homes in the Kentucky Appalachian area. These homes provide care and training for children from broken homes or death of parents. The homes are interdenominational, and endowed or underwritten, dependent almost entirely on contributions. The brothers were impressed with their findings and highly recommended this work for consideration as a project. Bro. Orin Rufener, Rittman, presented plans for a building at the Desi-Scott Children's Home, Pine Ridge, Kentucky. It was reported that there are 66 homes for unwanted and needy children in Kentucky. A brother who visited these homes asked, "Who among us can deny help to a little child?"

Bros. Pierre Niehouser and William Klopfenstein reported on their trip to Haiti. There are 20 orphans

at the home, ages 4 to 15. They found Care to be active in school projects, having a high regard of their work by the community.

Heifer Project Operation in Dominican Republic was investigated by Bros. Pierre Niehouser, Wm. Klopfenstein, and Herman Norr. Since February 1963 Heifer Project has given training and animals to 351 families. In addition over 10,000 pounds of seeds were distributed, with instruction in planting and care.

Care in Dominican Republic: 20 million lbs. of food per year is distributed to 400,000 school children, home for aged, hospitals. Each child receives one warm meal daily; the attendance has increased 25 to 40% since lunch started. Funds were furnished since 1962.

Haiti: Hospital Albert Schweitzer visited. . . The average number of patients is 160. 1500 receive tetanus shots daily. TB cases are 50% less than five years ago.

Bros. Harry Sutter and Kenneth Troxel accompanied a shipment.

Bros. Vernon Leman, Sidney Leman, George Erb and Arthur Heiniger presented proposed identification cards and suggested ways to obtain entrance to disaster areas . . . approved. This committee was asked to distribute cards and present for consideration a suggested procedure to be followed at a time of disaster to each treasurer-representative.

A report on the investigation by Bros. John Bauman, Elmer Zollinger, and Arthur Gasser of an extreme poverty area in Mississippi was given. The brothers recommended consideration of help.

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were opened, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, and many miracles happened, as a sign that He who died there was more than a common man, yea, that He was the Son of the living God.

This then was the end, not of a martyr, but of the Head of all the holy martyrs, through whom they and we all must be saved.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Eunice and Lydia Kammerer Memories

In loving memory of two dear souls who were snatched out of this life in a twinkling of an eye, in an automobile accident one year ago this June. Bro. Alf Stoller and his wife, Sis. Carolyn are greatly missed by their church, community and family.

They were always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed,

financially or otherwise . . . never too busy to visit the sick or shut-in and spread a bit of sunshine and cheer . . . always ready to speak a word of encouragement to those who ministered His word, as well as to anyone who might need a word of encouragement along the way.

Love and hospitality radiated from their home. Both of their lives displayed a wonderful example of charity in action.

Through their sudden passing

from this life, we could certainly apply the words which the prophet Isaiah spoke in chapter 55, verses 8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." So we trust in God, knowing He is never mistaken.

We are so thankful that the mercy of the Lord was extended unto

their son, Dennis and his wife, Barbara, who have repented, been converted and taken into the church, as the Psalmist expressed himself in Psalm 103, verses 17 and 18. "... the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them."

Bro. Elmer Witzig,
Minister.

Tragedy struck again in our church and community when the sad news from Viet Nam came to Friend George and Sis. Pauline Witzig, telling them of the tragic death of their only son, Pvt. Raymond Witzig, who gave his life for his country. But Raymond talked with God, in those days on the battlefields, and there made his preparations, that he might live in a better world, should his life be taken. What a blessed consolation for his parents and sisters, and all who love him. Raymond is survived by his parents and four sisters: Sis. Annie Gramm, Gridley; Betty Jean Stuckey, Glen Ellyn; Kay Hock, Minonk; and Judy Witzig at home. The entire congregation extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. May God comfort, strengthen, and sustain them in their sorrow.

Sis. Julia Campbell, who had been a patient in the Eureka Home, passed away there May 26, at the age of 81. Julia was a faithful member, always having kind words for every one. The last time we visited her, she told us she prays for us. Julia is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Leah Rhum, Gridley; Mrs. Sarah Bryant, Michigan; and three brothers, David, Elmer and John, Centralia.

Marion, daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violette Funk, submitted to major surgery, in Menmonite Hospital, Bloomington. At this writing, she is improving, and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Our annual Bible School will begin next Monday, with Sis. Loretta Gramm in charge.

Wed. evening, June 5 we held our annual election, for trustee, Sunday School teachers, and usher. Retiring officers are Bro. William Romersberger, retiring trustee, Bro. Carlton Klopfenstein, Bro. Harold Schmidtgal—Sunday School teachers, and Bro. Lewis Yergler

retiring usher. Newly-elected trustee is Bro. Harold Schmidtgal; Sunday School teachers, Bros. Gary Vogt and Roger Musselman; and new usher, Bro. Willis Gramm. We wish them God's grace in their duties.

Our last monthly song-fest was held the third Sunday in May. We enjoyed listening to the Eureka male octet, and also the Gridley chorus. The singings will resume in the fall. We want to thank Bro. Alvin and Sis. Dorothy Ringger, and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marjorie Meiss, who did such a fine job, bringing in singers from other congregations plus our Sunday School children and the Gridley Chorus, all bringing us messages from God through songs of inspiration and comfort. Bro. Allen and Sis. Delores Marti, and Bro. Lynn and Sis. Ruth Rinckenberger will be in charge of the singings the next season. May God give them grace, guidance and courage.

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

"Count your many blessings; name them one by one." We count it a blessing to have eight graduates from our church, and we know the eight graduates count it a blessing to finish their twelve years of schooling in good health and that they can be from a Christian home. We had a special evening program for our graduates, and our Sunday School superintendent then presented each with a Bible.

Three homes have brand new babies in them, which is just like a bit of heaven—the Dennis Lemans, Danny Overmyers and James Bogarts.

Our visiting brothers brought us such loving messages, that it was just like Jesus knocking at all our doors—Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City), Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke), and Edwin Bahler (Remington). God bless you, dear brothers.

We are asked to write a feature on "Memories". It is to be about someone who showed love, patience, kindness, and if they had a smile? If they showed special sympathy to others, in sickness, infirmities and in death? If they read the Bible, and if they took interest in children? What this person's name was and where he was from? In humbleness, my memories are of my father, Bro. Otto Norr of Leo. In our church I always want to have the feeling that I love everyone the

same, so have good daily memories of them all.

In my "Memory Box" is the following letter that my father sent me many years ago. He copied it from someone else:

Dear Dad: By now you have probably forgotten this incident. It happened so long ago, more than 40 years. It was one day in early July, in the field to the north of the old home. One of the finest crops of oats you had ever raised was ripening. The long days of hard work given to spring plowing, dragging, and seeding were over, and now in mid-summer you looked over the level, ripening field with satisfaction. Then one day a sudden storm came up, which drove you to the house. The clouds were murking black, the kind that mean wind with heavy rain and possibly hail. You were standing on the old side porch when the storm struck. As a boy in my teens, I was standing by you.

You looked over the field and watched, as the heavy wind-driven rain pounded the best part of the ripening crop flat to the ground. You knew at once that in place of a bumper yield, you had a crop failure.

I remember what a tragedy it seemed to my youthful mind, and I looked up to see how you were taking it. There you stood, with your thumbs tucked under your sweat-stained suspenders. You hummed, "Rock of Ages", as you looked at a loss that must have been a crushing blow to your hopes and plans. Yes . . . you had an oat-crop failure that year, but without realizing it you raised a far more valuable crop. You taught a growing boy the virtue of patience in the face of adversity and disappointment and to bear whatever the good Lord sent.

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I can't tell you how many times in the years that have followed when hopes have been blasted, disappointments have come, my mind has gone back to that oat-crop failure.

In the memory of your courage, I have found strength to carry on. . . Faith that all would be well.

On that one stormy July day you raised a crop that did not fail.

Your son

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Donna Steffen

"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." Our congregation was truly blessed and inspired when hearing the testimony of Louise Disatell, daughter of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte, on the evening of May 4. Sunday, we welcomed dear Louise into the fold as our dear sister in the Lord. We are very happy for Sis. Louise, and it makes us rejoice to know that the door of grace is still ajar. May many of our dear friends soon take heed, lest it be forever too late! Sunday May 5, our elder brother announced that we will be having Holy Communion in the near future, the Lord willing.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City and Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke. We thank these dear brothers for their many good teachings and inspiring messages.

Sis. Helen Steffen met with an accident recently. She seems to be improving daily, and how thankful we are that she wasn't seriously injured.

Faint yet pursuing, we press our way

Up to the glorious gates of day,
Following Him who has gone before,

Over the path to the brightest shore.

Faint yet pursuing, whate'er befall.
He who has died for us, died for all;
So should they come as a mighty throng,

Bearing His banner aloft with song.

Faint yet pursuing, the eye afar
Sees through the darkness the Morning Star,

Shedding its rays for the weary feet,

Lighting the way to the golden street.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Joe Beer

Last month, there was a month set aside to thank our mothers for all they have done, and this month it is time to thank our fathers. At times I feel that our fathers are not remembered as much as our mothers. We have our fathers to thank for daily Bible readings in our home and also prayers. Also when I first came into the Army, I was really uplifted in spirit when told of his experiences in the Army. So let us remember to thank God daily for both our mother and father.

May 5—Bros. Jim and Denny Fehr, Harlan Metzger, Joe Beer and Convert Rich Kupferschmid drove to Sabetha to witness the proving and baptism of a dear friend, Joe Rokey. Truly it was a rewarding week end, and it did remind each of us of our experiences when we sought and found the Lord by His grace.

May 12—Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk from Alto came down with their son, Bro. Richard and his wife, Sis. Janice. Also, Bro. Dave Koch from Tremont (Fort Bliss) was here. Sis. Joyce Kellenberger from Sabetha came down from a nursing convention in Dallas to visit her cousin, Bro. Keith.

May 26—Ministering Bro. Henry and Sis. Ida Wackerle from Bay City came down with Bro. Lou and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman from Roanoke. Also, Sisters Marge Huette, Annette Stieglitz, Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Frank, all of Morton were here to visit Tom Menold, who is stationed here. Bro. Reuben and Sis. Louise Bach with their daughter, Sis. Bonnie came to visit their son, Duane. Sis. Fannie Steffen came with them to visit her son, Herb. Sisters Alene and Lorene Broquard were here also. They were all from Fairbury.

Bro. Eldon Getz (Remington) and Tom Menold (Morton) had their Viet Nam orders cancelled, and have been notified that they will be here at Fort Sam at least until Sept. 27 in a 12-week course concerning Operating Room Procedures.

Bro. Leland Metzger has arrived from West Bend to begin his basic.

It has been a real blessing to be your reporter for this short time, but now I must turn it over to Bro. Barry Isch (Bluffton). Lord willing, I will be completing my two-year duty on June 21. Please pray

for Bro. Barry in his new undertaking.

Being permanent party here at Ft. Sam for two years is an experience that I would not want to trade for anywhere else in the service. It does not have its physical danger like Viet Nam, but it definitely has more spiritual dangers. The blessings received in two years far overshadow these dangers.

As I close out this report, it would be my sincere prayer that God will watch over all of us, and I hope to meet many of you, once I return home, Lord willing.

Next ministers: July 14—Leo, July 28—Roanoke. . . The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." Gen. 31:49.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Again, death has visited our community and several of our loved ones have been called home.

Funeral services for Sis. Emma Bauman, 92, were held May 11. She was the daughter of Peter and Margaret Kaufman Belsley, and married Joe Bauman, who passed away in December, 1967. Surviving are one son, Bro. Frank Bauman, and a daughter, Sis. Margaret (Mrs. Carl) Kinsinger of Altadena, also one brother, Bro. Joe P. Belsley and three sisters, Sis. Louise and Sis. Bena of Morton, and Sis. Ida Hoerr of Peoria.

We were greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bro. Christ Waldbeser, 74. Funeral services were held May 24. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Ricka Stieglitz Waldbeser; two sons, Bro. Howard of Morton, Clifford of Champaign; and a daughter, LaRae (Mrs. Sam) Minger of Roanoke; three sisters, Sis. Lydia (Mrs. Sam) Getz, Sis. Kathryn (Mrs. Henry) Stieglitz, Louise (Mrs. Wm.) Walz; and one brother, Ed, all of Morton.

Funeral services were held May 30 for our dear sister and aunt, Lydia C. Getz, 86, wife of Bro. Sam L. Getz, who survives with the following children—Bro. Chris, Bro. Philip and Sis. Emily of Morton, Bro. Jesse, Bro. Emery and Sis. Louise (Mrs. Ray) Rocke of Eureka; two brothers, Bro. Joe C. and Bro. George Belsley and Sis. Emma (Mrs. John) Zimmerman, all of Morton.

Our visiting ministers who brought us many blessings were Bro. Carl Kinsinger of California,

Bro. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Bro. Hartzel Kaisner of Detroit and Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka.

Among our sick and hospitalized are Bro. John Teubel, Bro. Joe Hauter, Bro. Henry Binkele, Bro. Ben Kaiser, George Greiner, George Schmidgall, Sis. Nettie (Mrs. Sam) Pflederer and Sis. Carrie (Mrs. Fred) Grimm, also Sis. Laura (Mrs. Wm.) Getz and Sis. Esther (Mrs. Howard) Yentes, who had major surgery.

A son, Daniel Joseph, was born to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Loraine Sinn Kaiser, May 2. A son, Todd Andrew, was born to Donald and Carol Wiedman Morgan, May 1. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Tanner on May 11. A son was born to Ron and June Mowry Slagel on May 1.

A good many of our church friends and brothers spent several days in the tornado stricken areas, helping clear the fields, and take down and build up torn buildings, and do whatever was necessary to help make the place livable again.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio and Morie Uchida

We pray that God's blessings will be upon our American brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Here at the Shioda church in Japan, we believers, under the providence of God are enthusiastically working every day.

The children attending our kindergarten and elementary school are happily studying every day under the supervision of our two American teachers, who are our sisters-in-faith.

Bro. Willis Ehnle and family are leaving on May 30 for a 3-month trip to the United States, but we expect them to return to Japan the first part of September to continue teaching God's word to the people here. During their absence, we believers here in Japan will combine our strength to work for the church. We request your prayers on our behalf.

From God the Father and from the Father's Son, Jesus Christ, may grace and peace be our portion in the truth and in love. May God's blessings be multiplied upon our brothers and sisters in America.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

(Editor's note: Sis. Naomi Beer, Marguerite's mother is substituting)

Our dear sister, Matilda (Tillie) Beer has gone to her reward, freed from all pain and distress. She was an example of a true and patient servant of God. Her love for her family and all the brethren has been an inspiration to all of us. She was laid to rest Sunday, May 26. Survivors are: Sis. Esther—who lived at home, Sis. Anna Schuch—Bremen, Sis. Elsie Lambert—Wichita, Kansas.; six sons, Harry, Bro. Levi, Earl Bro. Frank, all of Milford, Elmer, of Antwerp, Ohio and Bro. Harold of Cissna Park. Also one brother, Bro. Phil Aeschliman, of Cissna Park, and 21 grandchildren.

The engagement of Sis. Cynthia Beer, daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Kathryn, and Bro. Ed Stoller, of Ft. Wayne, son of the late Bro. George and Sis. Lenore Stoller was announced Sunday. May God bless them, and lead them in their life together.

Phyllis, wife of Bro. Harlan Beer, is a patient in the Elkhart General Hospital, recuperating from surgery. Bro. Michael Zimmerman has again entered Goshen General Hospital, for tests and observation. May God's healing power restore them both to good health again.

We are indeed grateful for the presence of Bro. George Lambert in our community, due to the illness and death of Elsie's mother. They were both very diligent in helping care for her and making her last days comfortable. Also through the inspiration of God, Bro. George fed us with many precious gems, to help us on our pilgrim pathway.

Bro Ernest has returned from a visit with his daughters in Phoenix. He is in better health, but not able to attend services as often as he would desire.

Our high school graduates were Bro. David Beer, son of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty, and Ted Speicher, son of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Miriam. May they look to their Heavenly Father to lead and guide them in their future days.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

A number of the Clauss relatives from here attended the funeral of Ralph Bakke, on May 10. He is the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Margaret (Clauss) Bakke of the Chicago congregation. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all concerned.

Our high school graduates are Roger Steffen, Curt Bahler, Sandra

Clauss, Betty Braker, Nora Knochel and Debrah Bahler. Trust is that each one will be guided by the training they got at home.

A large number came to the Fellowship Hall, to see the pictures of the orphanage in Kentucky. How thankful we should be for all the privileges and luxuries we have, and take them all for granted.

Harland Brakers have a baby girl. May they strive to rear their little one to His honor and glory.

We have had lots of rain, the wettest May on record, but are very thankful we have been spared from storm and floods.

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, and the waste of energy.

When things get to rubbing you real hard, just remember that's the treatment that puts a polish on things.

When we are weak and weary, sick and not able to read our Bible, one can only lie still in God's arms like a little child and trust.

The art of seeking God's will opens the channel of blessing.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Anna Thomas

In Memory of my Grandparents

When I was but a child, my grandmother would tell me stories of the Bible while doing her household duties. They were in German, but somehow I understood. Today we can still hear the same in the American language. My grandfather was blind for about 10 years, before he passed away at the age of 95 years. He could sing the songs we still sing today. In those memories of long ago, the same sweet love story now is, so if we only read, trust and obey.

The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.

Mother, I've found an old dusty thing

High on the shelf—just look."
"Why that's a Bible, Tommy dear; Be careful—that's God's Book."
"God's Book"! the child exclaimed.
"Then, mother before we lose it, We'd better send it back to God. For you know we never use it."

Can this be said of the Bible in our home? The meditation on God's word in our home becomes a light that shines out through our windows.

Our visiting minister for the month of May was Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix.

We were happy to have Bro. Dave Koch in our midst again to worship with us. He is stationed at El Paso, Texas and has the opportunity to assemble with us from time to time.

Si and Sis. Lydia Maahs have returned from a visit with their daughter and family on the West Coast.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Anna Thomas spent several weeks visiting their children and relatives in New Mexico, Illinois, and Indiana.

Our church building is progressing rapidly. We appreciate all the interest and support shown in our new house of worship.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers were Bros. Perry Zimmerman, Clarence Kachelmuss and Ben Fehr. We also had in our midst a group of young people from the Goodfield and Congerville congregations. It is so heartwarming to see some who are offering with gladness and willingness their youthful power to Christ, so that some day they will be safe in His heavenly bower. They were lovingly encouraged to take a firm stand for Christ, even though they may already have had to endure being laughed at and ridiculed in school. Nevertheless, they should take a firm stand, and by so doing it will be well with their souls in eternity, and they can be of good to others when they behold how they are living for Jesus and not for the world.

Previously, we stated that Martha Moser is back in the hospital, and now we have to report that she passed away. May God be with Reuben in his lonely hours.

Bro. John Schambach passed away at the age of 85 years. We are thankful to God for everyone that can endure until the end and can enter into that heavenly rest, beyond death and the grave.

We were glad when our Bros. Henry Kellenberger, Clarence Dietrich and Melvin Schock returned home safely from Kentucky. On the way, they encountered a bad storm, but the rest of the trip went along well. May God bless the efforts of all in this worthy cause.

Pfc. Roy, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand, of Goodfield spent a little time with his relatives here, before being reassigned. He

said the boys enjoy the Silver Lining very much, and as soon as they come down, everyone that has the opportunity starts reading them.

Sis. Lena Leuthold is hospitalized at present, and we wish if God wills that she will soon be able to return to her home.

We have a number of members and friends graduating from high school this month, and we wish them the best in their future, and God's blessings to them all.

Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger came home from Ft. Sam Houston, and Keith left now for Hawaii. Sharon plans to go also and stay while he is stationed there. May God be with them, and us all, until we meet again. May He fill the vacancy in the hearts of all parents who must bid farewell to their loved ones.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen left here a few weeks ago for Portland, for an extended visit with Ezra's sister, Rose Miller and their son Garth Steffen. A few days ago we received the sad news that they met with a serious accident and are now hospitalized at Silverton. Our prayers are that God, according to His will, may heal and restore, so that they may again return to their loved ones.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Haggenmaker

Bro. Lavoyd and Sis. Doris Moore are very pleased with their new baby. John Timothy, born the 8th day of May, is the fourth son for the Moores. God certainly blesses his children.

Sis. Annis Perry is expected to enter the hospital soon for a gall bladder operation; she would surely appreciate your prayers.

Sis. Ruth Lott would also appreciate your prayers for her husband, Mason. He is ill and hospitalized at this time. We don't know the nature of his illness, but we were very glad to hear he has repented and called on the Lord to save him. His soul can be healed even if his body is sick. Praise God for that.

We have worship service every Sunday at 10 a. m. We enjoy the fellowship of visitors. All are welcome, so if you should have the opportunity to visit Alabama, please stop and fellowship with us here in Athens.

Has the latest U. S. service address been submitted? July is time for printing the large list!

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Special notice: During the month of July the reporters will accept 1968 contributions for the Silver Lining.

Time spent in prayer is time wisely invested.

Engagements:

June 2—The engagement of Sis. Debbie Baumgartner to Bro. Ted Neuenschwander was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Chester Baumgartner and Mr. Ellison Neuenschwander. Also, the engagement of Sis. Susie Yergler and Bro. Thomas Neuenschwander was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Truman Yergler and Bro. and Sis. Wm. Neuenschwander Jr.

Wedding:

On June 2, Sis. Mary Jo Troxel and Bro. Sam Gerber were united in marriage by Elder Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ralph Troxel and Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber.

Shut-Ins:

Sis. Alma (Sam) Kaehr, Sis. Carolyn (John) Meyer and Sis. Salomie Fiechter; Bros. Henry Drayer and Roy Reinhard.

Birth:

May 30, a daughter, Gwen Alyce to Bro. and Sis. Ken Kipfer.

Funeral:

Services were held on May 13 for Sis. Elizabeth V. Gilliom, age 92. Surviving are four daughters, Sis. Lucy Haab, Sis. Violet Isch, Mrs. Elva Blocker, Sis. Nora Gilliom and one son, Ralph. Five stepchildren, Louis, Bruce and William, Mrs. Joel Schaefer and Sis. Aldula Gilliom; 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. In addition, Kenneth Gilliom was reared in the Gilliom home. Services were officiated by Elder John Yergler.

We are happy to announce that three dear friends have been announced for provings and baptisms, at a future date: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gilliom and Herman Drayer.

A LITTLE LONGER

A little longer let me wait
To give my heart to Thee;
A few more years to go my way,
A few more years to be free.

A little longer, God, and then
His cross I'll gladly share,
More time to worldly things enjoy
And then Thy badge I'll wear.

A little longer I would stray
Down pleasant paths of ease.
A "good" time now is all I ask;
Later on I'll heed Thy pleas.

A little longer, some few months,
And then to Thee I'll cling,
Then worldly things I'll put aside
And glad hosannas sing.

A little longer, several weeks—
And then I'll strive to live
The way Thou wouldst have me.
Then my heart to Thee I'll give

A little longer ere I start
To put the world aside;
A few more days is all I ask,
Then I'll take Thee as my guide.

A little longer, then I'll give
My life, my soul to Thee,
A few short minutes yet I'll wait,
And then from sin I'll flee.

A little longer . . . WHAT? You're
death;

That's my name on your scroll.
My plea, A little longer, God
Is the price paid for my soul.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Congratulations to graduates! Your past has been schooling, your present is graduation, and your future depends on your beliefs. God said He is the I AM, or eternally is the same. In the past, God's works were the miraculous, through people as the Spirit moved them. When Christ was present in person, God's works were the miraculous through Jesus. Since Pentecost, God's works are the miraculous through people indwelt by the Holy Spirit. God never stopped the same kind of miraculous works, for He is always I AM, with no respect to persons nor time. John 8:31 says we are His disciples if we continue in His word, and in John 14:12 He says believers shall do greater works than Jesus Christ. So our future works, what God can do through us, are according to our beliefs. Matthew 8:13.

Graduating are Sis. Gloria Kaeb, who receives her degree from ISU, and Sis. Mary Etta Knapp, from the School of Nursing, Methodist Hospital, Peoria. There are many Fairbury high school graduates, with Grace Huber being valedictorian and Janice Ifft salutatorian.

Since Bro. Richard Kilgus received a degree from NIU in January, he has been taking guidance and counseling there, and with his

family is now moving back to Fairbury to be a social worker at the Fox Children's Center in Dwight.

We rejoice to have had elders and ministers visit us: Bros. Leroy Huber, Henry Sabo, Roy Sauder, Leroy Hartman, and Wayne Gerber.

"Go . . . teach all nations. . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . ." Matt 28:19, 20. Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser made a trip this spring to some other nations, visiting Japan, and seeing some recipients of the world relief.

Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman and Bro. John and Sis. Donna visited in Japan earlier this year.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would I would have told you. . ." These were the comforting words read by Bro. Joshua Broquard, as he officiated at the funeral services for Sis. Leona E. Nussbaum on Sunday, May 19. Sis. Leona, age 71, passed away on Thursday, May 16 at the Fairbury Hospital, after being in ill health for about three months. She was the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Datweiler Abersoll, and was married to Bro. Ira Nussbaum, who preceded her in death. Surviving are five sons: Bros. Alden, Wayne and Byron—Fairbury, Bro. Willis—Forrest, Bro. Dean—Chatsworth; four daughters —Sisters Leona, Janice and Carol—Fairbury, Sis. Doris (Mrs. Robert) Huber—Ft. Lauderdale; four sisters, Sis. Ella (Mrs. Joe) Pelsy—Francesville, Sis. Anna (Mrs. Ed) Gudeman—Ft. Wayne, Sis. Ada Abersoll—Lafayette, Mrs. Josephine (Vernon) Gudeman, Miami, and 23 grandchildren.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

We are again assembling in our church, after its being closed for four Sundays, while a wall was being removed between the former building and the new addition. Many accepted the kind invitation of the Fairbury congregation to worship with them during that time. Thank you, Fairbury. We hope to return the favor should the opportunity ever present itself.

We appreciate the visits of the following ministers this past month: Bros. Wayne Gerber, Lester; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Hart-

zel Kaisner, Detroit; and Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa.

Bro. Dan Schlatter was hospitalized for 9 days, following a fall through a trap-door into a grain bin (in the crib). He sustained several fractured ribs in the fall. Douglas Aberle, son of Bro. William and Sis. Jean, had a narrow escape during a hunting accident, when a bullet entered and lodged in his neck. Surgical removal was necessary at the hospital, where he was a patient for 5 days.

Sisters Bena Lehmann, surgical, and Lydia Sohn, medical, have both returned to their homes from the hospital. At this writing, Sis. Carrie Leman is a medical patient. May the Great Physician ever be with her.

James Honegger, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Hulda, recently spent 20 days at his home, following graduation from radio school at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is now serving in Vietnam.

NOTICE TO FORREST SUBSCRIBERS:

Please make donations to Silver Lining for 1968 to Bro. John or Sis. Beverly Eisenmann during the month of July.

Since the recent passing of our Sis. Lena Bach, we feel it appropriate to choose her in our "Memory" article.

Sis. Lena was born May 5, 1875 on a farm near Forrest. Her father, George Scharlach being a tailor by trade forsook the farm and the family and moved to Fairbury. Here, he again took up the trade in which he was skilled. At one time he mended a pair of trousers for Abraham Lincoln, who was giving a speech in this area and had a mishap while horseback riding between stops.

At the age of 12, Lena went to work, away from home, for 50 cents a week. Later she told her family how lonesome she would get, but with the horse and buggy it was quite impossible to cover the distance to home for a month or more. She repented at the age of 19, and was married to Bro. Peter Bach at Fairbury at the age of 26, by Bro. Jacob Honegger. To this union were born 8 children. Having lived as neighbors, we remember many kind and neighborly acts, the sending over of food when there was illness, caring for our youngsters when we later moved. When our mother passed away, Sis. Lena was there

to meet us when we returned from the hospital, with words of comfort and tears of sympathy. Many, many times her home was opened to visitors, who were served willingly and hospitably. Being an efficient, orderly natured person, she managed her home in a like manner. Often she told her children, "Watch the clock!"

Our song services were always supported by her alto voice; even in her older age she enjoyed singing. The family lived on the same farm 44 years, until retiring in Forrest. Bro. Pete served faithfully as elder of our little country church for 14 years, until his death in 1946, always being concerned for each member, as a shepherd cares for the lambs of his flock. We would do well to pattern our lives after these examples of humility. Often, actions speak louder than words.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dixie Stoller

We were blessed to have with us this past month Bro. Bob Pohl from Burlington, Iowa, who lifted our hearts and inspired us with new zeal to work for a better life with the grace and help of dear Lord and Saviour.

The following week, Bro. Art Bauer and Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville were kind enough to bring us the precious word. Bro. Art told us that when we become uncomfortable by being questioned as to why we do this and that, that we should be like the apostle Paul, who spoke to King Agrippa and was happy and willing to answer all in his own quiet way.

Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont was with us at our last meeting of the semester, and he reminded us that although the peoples of the world are discontent and restless, we who have the true peace of God should not have to worry, but remain a calm and peaceable people.

As this is the last letter for the spring semester, we wish to thank all those who have served at our weekly services, and to those who gather with us to make our fellowship that much more blessed. We begin our summer school meetings on June 20 in the 3rd floor of the Union.

We wish to congratulate our graduating seniors, Sis. Barb Hodel, Sis. Gloria Kaeb, Sis. Becky Stuber, and Friend Nancy Wiedman, and we wish to send with them this prayer:

A Graduate's Prayer

Father, I have knowledge, so will you show me now
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems a bit easier to face. . .
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee in the most effective ways,
So all my education, my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy Will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do
That knowledge comes from learning and wisdom comes from you.

LATTY, OHIO

Delores Grant — Marguerite Stoller

As Memorial Day once again comes, our hearts and minds are drawn closer to a loved one who has passed on. The graves are beautifully adorned with new wreaths and flowers, a token of love to those we miss so dearly. The loved ones who are gone from our assembly since Memorial Day, 1967 are:

Bro. Raymond Stoller, Sept.; infant son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Nola Stoller, Nov.; Bro. August Laukhuf, Jan.; Bro. Henry Laukhuf, April.

Blessed be your sleep, dear ones;
Tis' sweet to breath your name.
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.

We are looking forward to the baptism of our four friends who were announced this past month. They are Chuck and Debbie Dunham, Becky Stoller and Diane Klopfenstein.

Sis. Rosa Guingrich at this time is hospitalized. She recently had her 85th birthday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It is also Graduation time, and would like to mention those students from our congregation who have graduated: Jack Schlatter, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen; Jim Stoller, son of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Mildred; Portia Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene; Gary Grant, son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores; Bob Stoller, son of Bro. William and Sis. Florence.

Change of Address? Send 30 days in advance. Zip code? Let us know what it is. the editor

A Graduation Prayer

Now that Graduation's here,
You're really on your way
To doing all the things you've planned,
And so this comes to say . . .
May God be with you always
As Your Friend and Counselor, too,
And may His love and guidance
Be your treasure all life through.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser Ruth Dapper

On May 6, our dear Bro. Terry Julien, son of Dee and Helen Ruehle Julien, was laid to rest. Among the many who gathered to pay their last respects were some friends of Terry's Orthopedic Handicapped Class, of which three were in wheel-chairs. It was quite touching to see that even those who are afflicted have courage and desire to gather at a sad time like this and hear the comforting word of God. We pray that the life that Terry led and portrayed may not only be an example to us of like faith, but also to the afflicted and those who know not of our faith. It is certainly a comfort to us to know that Terry has left his crippled mortal shell, to receive a more glorious body, and we pray that this may also comfort the family.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger in the loss of Sis. Margaret's mother, Sis. Emma Bauman of Morton, who passed away recently.

On May 12, Shaun Strahm, 9-year-old son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Lois Strahm, was struck on the face by a paper, resulting in injury to his right eye. The extent of the damage has not yet been determined, but so far his vision in that eye is blurry. It is known that the physician can do only so much, but it is our sincere prayer that the Great Physician can heal it as He sees fit. Therefore, we again must put our trust and confidence in God.

Sis. Julie Dapper once again had minor eye surgery on her right eye, May 24. The Ptergium which she had removed in February re-occurred, making it necessary to remove it the second time. She is getting along nicely, and we certainly hope and pray that this time the surgery will be a success.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farny have again left our community to return to their summer home in Burlington, Oklahoma. They are

always missed by all during their absence from us each summer, but we pray they will have a blessed summer and will return to California safely in the Fall.

Richard and Eleanor Gerber and family have moved from Sun Valley, California, to 11278 N. Ventura Ave.; Ojai, California 93023. We wish them God's blessings in their new home, and pray that even though they have relocated, they will still be able to assemble with us from time to time.

We, Sisters Julie Dapper and Jan Elsasser, are thankful to have returned home safely after our trip to Japan. We want to thank all who remembered us in prayer, as the protecting hand of God could certainly be felt.

The Dee Julien family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards, prayers and deeds of kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow in the loss of their beloved son and brother, Terry.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Jesus, mighty Liberator,
From all bonds to make me free,
Changing scorn, disgrace, disfavor
Into heav'nly joy for me!

It was truly heavenly joy when we could welcome three dear souls as brothers and sister in our precious Lord. On Saturday evening May 18, Roger and Linda Ziegenhorn and Larry Aeschleman were proved, and on Sunday were baptized. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Roy Sauder with the provings, and Bro. Dan Koch assisted with the baptisms.

We are grateful to all for their labors of love. Other visiting ministers this past month include Bros. Carl Kinsinger, Ed Frank, Simon Wagenbach, Hartzell Kaisner and Henry Wackerle.

Norbert and Barbara Schneider are the parents of Krista Lynette, born May 16. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Anna Schneider.

The engagement of Sis. Linda Klein to Bro. Lyle Wettstein, who is now stationed in Viet Nam, was announced to our congregation. Sis. Linda is the daughter of Sis. Edna Klein, and Lyle is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein of Gridley, Illinois.

United in marriage June 1 were

Rebecca Roger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roger of Chillicothe, and Robert Joos, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Joos. The newlyweds plan to live in Chillicothe this summer, and in the fall move to Kirksville, Missouri, where Robert will continue in college.

Our sympathy is extended to Sisters Katherine, Caroline and Ida Schmidtgall. Their sister, Sis. Marie Kuntz of Burlington, Iowa, died May 8.

Vacation Bible School classes are to be held in the evenings, beginning June 10, at 7:00 PM for two weeks.

The annual Sunday School picnic is to be held June 9. Sunday School will be continued through the month of July.

Our last monthly Hymn Sing for this season was held June 2. They are to begin again in October. We enjoyed hearing selections from a quartet of young men and also our adult choir. It is truly a blessed time that we can enjoy, expressing praise, honor and glory to God in song.

A SINNER'S PENITENCE

No more stumbling in darkness
Searching in vain for the light,
Wandering soul, o'er burdened,
Heavily laden my plight.

Prayers without, ere ceasing,
Pleading, yearning, my call,
Asking in shame forgiveness,
Through Jesus my Saviour, my all.

Tears of repentance were falling,
Upon my pillow that night,
As I closed my eyes in slumber,
A vision of God I did sight!

A kind friendly face was there,
Yet ever so near to my brow—,
My sins were forgiven, taken away;
My burdened soul lightened now.

A glorious light surrounds me;
An overwhelming love abounds.
A sin-sick soul God pardoned;
Salvation through Him I have found!

I praise the Lord evermore,
While yet He lendeth me breath.
Assurance is mine of a Saviour,
My redeemer, my faith, unto death.

Dear friend heed His gentle call
today;
Hasten now ere it's ever too late.

Oh what a joyous reunion some day,
With loved ones and Jesus in
Heaven, awaits.

Written by Sis. Louise Finck

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Give me oil in my lamp, oil in my
lamp,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, oil in my
lamp
Until the break of day.

Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, was with us and warned us to keep oil in our lamps. We must ask each day anew for this oil, so that our lamps will be burning brightly when the Lord comes to take His own.

On May 10, Bro. Elvin and Sis. Janet Nuest were blessed with a little girl, Sandra Kay. Ruth Ann, Kenny, Danny and Ronnie are happy to have a new little sister.

Most of the crops are in now, and a lot of them are up. Hay-making and cultivating are coming up soon.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

Emily Frautschi

Sarah Miller is home, recuperating from recent surgery. Mary Wright has been quite ill, with blood clots on her lungs, but her condition is improving now.

A group from Detroit joined us at our annual Sunday School picnic on May 26. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship, in spite of rain.

Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and a number of his family from Rittman and Bremen visited us on May 26. They planned to meet some relatives from Michigan, and all joined us at the Sunday School picnic.

Our graduates are Diane Reineck from high school, who plans to go into nurse's training in the fall, and Larry Schlatter from Purdue University, who plans to do postgraduate work.

Connie and Dave Sancraint have moved to: 4448 Pennfield, Toledo Ohio 43612. Sis Mary Ann and Bro. Al Weigele have moved to: 7016 Convent Blvd., Sylvania Ohio 43560.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf from Akron were in New York City visiting their sons, Don and Bill, who work there. They and their sons worshipped with us May 5.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris Koehl of Forrest also came east to visit their son, Bro. Denny, who is stationed near Valley Forge in the service, and they also spent a Sunday with us in Union City. We are

thankful to God for every brother and sister He sends to visit us.

Bro. Emery Ballasy, reported ill last month, passed away at the high age of 89, to his eternal reward. He diligently served God more than half a century, and spent many hours of his last years reading the scriptures and writing his thoughts. He leaves one daughter, Connie Rocke, who cared for him in recent years, two sons and one brother. May God comfort all who knew and loved him, in their sorrow. Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville held services in New York on May 9. Bro. Emery had written the following words sometime before his death:

"Let us go in quietness of spirit, and live in love one with another, and pray for the conquering grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to do according to His word and will, to gain eternal joy and happiness in heaven."

We are thankful to God to have Sis. Mary Diggelman back in our midst, after being absent several Sundays due to surgery.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacobs

Mrs. H. G. Bucher

"... he bringeth them unto their desired haven."

Our visiting ministers for the month of May were Bros. John Yergler, Robert Meyer and George Lambert, and many more of their loved ones. We enjoyed a blessed day; it is very uplifting to have fellowship with brethren and friends of the various churches.

Our brother, Clarence Morris is still unable to assemble with us. May the Lord bless and comfort him in his home.

Bro. Jack Bucher is also unable to be with us. May the Lord also give him strength and comfort, while he is recuperating at his daughter's home.

Our Pilot

Except our hope be in the Lord,
We sail the ship in vain.
There is no compass but his own
To make the journey plain.
Except He lead us past the shoals
That hide beneath the foam,
How shall we reach the harbor
And the shining lights of home?

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart
Gone, in a moment of time, a lifetime of work, with nothing but

a tangled mass left to start over with, was observed by the brethren who lent helping hands for the tornado victims near here. True, we try to appreciate what the Lord has given us to use while passing through this life, but when the sad plight of storm victims is before our eyes, we can with much deeper gratitude thank the Lord when we are spared such trials.

Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Paul Fehr of Morris came to serve Holy Communion to us recently. How uplifting it is to the inner man, when we again take time to evaluate what He has done for us all.

Sis. Lydia Jergens is in the hospital, as a result of a fall. Her improvement is very slow. Sis. Elizabeth Zaugg is also in the hospital and not too well. Her daughter, Laura (Mrs. Earnie Affolter) of Portland, has been among her visitors. Jimmy and Charles, small sons of Bro. and Sis. Verner and Beverly Wirtz were fortunate to escape more serious injury, when they contacted chemical pneumonia from being in a corn-bin. Dan, son of Bro. and Sis. Albert and Betty Banwart is recovering satisfactorily from a fractured jaw and teeth injuries received in a tractor mishap.

Bro. Leland Metzger has been called into the service of our country and has joined the boys at Ft. Sam.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

We extend congratulations to the graduates. May the Lord add His blessing, whether they seek employment or go on to higher learning. From high school: Sis. Marilyn Rokey, Bros. Darrel Stoller, Richard Strahm, Mary Meyer, Larry Wittmer, Keith Meyer; School of nursing—Sis. Glenda (Mrs. Allen) Rokey, Sis. Lois Mason, Sharon Meyer. From K. State, Manhattan—Bro. John Lehman. He plans to teach social science at Effingham, Kansas, next year.

Sis. Eva Hohulin attended a two-day Administrators' Nursing Home Institute at K. U. in Lawrence, Kansas. Sis. Eva is the administrator of the A.C. Home.

Another friend has been called into the service, Lynn Meyer, oldest son of Fredmond and Ruth. Bro. Lou and Sis. Sarah Meyer are the grandparents. We miss each one and wish them well.

Bro. Gene Marti ministered to us

and also helped Bro. Lester Hartter in serving Holy Communion. In his exhortation, Bro. Gene likened it to be a time of house-cleaning. It made me think of the blackboard on the wall of the little country school house I attended. All week we wrote and erased our mistakes; by the end of the week, it was getting rather messy. On Friday, the teacher would clean and wash all the grime away. Didn't that blackboard look nice and clean Monday morning, for a fresh start? We thank Bro. Gene. May the Lord bless him for his efforts.

Hospital patients: Sis. Leah Bauman, with a badly bruised knee, due to a fall; LeRoy Meyer, Sis. Katie (Mrs. Paul) Grimm, Sis. Freida (Mrs. Aaron) Strahm, Bro. Glen Luthi and Sis. Maretta Rokey. Some stays have been short, and some are still hospitalized at this writing.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Minnie Schrock, in the tragic death of her sister, Lizzie Fulton. Mrs. Fulton was killed in a car accident. Mr. Fulton passed away a short time later.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman

This month our congregation was blessed by visits from our ministering Bros. George Lambert from Wichita and Floyd Schmidgall of Morris. Bro. Lambert cautioned us all to be ready for the imminent rapture of the church. Bro. Schmidgall shared a very moving description of Christ's crucifixion with us. Truly all of our hearts were touched and encouraged by the words of God spoken by these brothers.

Our deepest prayers and thoughts go forth to Bro. Sam and Sis. Ann Schuch, over the death of her mother, but we all can rest assured in the hope of a glorious reunion, when Christ comes to gather His own.

On June 2, Sis. Leah Zimmer graciously opened her home for a tea for all of the ladies of the church. A delightful afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

We would like to extend our congratulations to our four high school graduates: Linda Laidig, Diane Zimmer, John Schini, and Ron Meister. Linda and Diane are planning on attending college this Fall. Linda plans to go to Purdue and major in Elementary Education; Diane to Indiana University in preparation for a career in Physical Therapy. John and Ron plan to remain in their home communities. John will

be farming, and Ron will be working in Nappanee. May God's sustaining grace and richest blessings guide them throughout their lives.

Step By Step

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute;
But He will say, **This is the way;**
By faith now walk ye in it.

And I am glad that it is so.
Today's enough to bear,
And when tomorrow comes, His
grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them, one by one.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We were richly blessed when Bro. Henry Kilgus visited our congregation. He brought us inspiring messages. He reminded us that at the end of the day, we should review the day and see our errors. Bro. Bob Grimm was with us for Memorial Services. We thank these brothers, and let us pray for one another, that we may grow in faith as we were reminded.

A son, John David was born to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Erma Walder on May 10. Sis. Dora Walder and Sis. Leah Bowald are the grandmothers.

Bro. Carl Moser had major surgery and is getting along very well. Bro. Fred G. Knapp and Sis. Bena are now staying at the home of their daughter, the Floyd Grimms, Elgin Ill. R. R. 1. Sis. Elizabeth Schmidt is hospitalized at this time.

Our children have been looking forward for two weeks Vacation Bible School which started June 3. Time is 9 to 11 A.M., enrollment over 200. Theme is God's Word—Today's Hope.

A singing was held at the grade school for Bro. and Sis. Richard Fisher and family, who are moving back to Roanoke.

An error was in last month's issue. It should be: Sis. Ann Zimmerman married Bro. Bert Gudeman in 1959 instead of 1957.

The third Sunday in June has been designated as Father's Day.

In remembrance of our faithful fathers:

He had gifted hands that worked
with sod,
A soul that knew and loved his God,
Eyes that read the Holy Book
And forward to Heaven did ever
look.

Yes you have gone, my dear one,
from me,
But life is short, and toward
eternity.
I'll struggle along on the same path
you trod,
Where we'll meet and forever sing
praises to God.

Memories

We have chosen Sis. Arly Hari. She lived at Cissna Park with her parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Amy Hari. She was the first one to be baptized in our new church by Bro. Phil Aeschliman. Although young, she was a good example. Already in her unconverted years, when her mother used to get sick spells she would get down on her knees and pray out loud. Arly never was well; she had a heart condition. She always had a concern for others, but never complained about herself. She loved Sunday School and church. At the age of 21, she took sick and was taken to the hospital. At this time, she lost her speech. She wrote on a paper to call Bro. Phil Aeschliman. She repented, confessed her sins, and received peace. She got well enough again that she could come to church and brought her testimony with only a few words and was baptized. She rejoiced in her salvation and had a quiet, pleasant way about her. She often used to sit in church alone as if in prayer. She always had hopes of getting well, but at the age of 23 God took her home, in the year 1951. Her family, as well as others still miss her.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

The engagement of Bro. David Gasser and Sis. Gail Barton was announced on Sunday, May 12. Bro. Dave, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser of Rittman, attends the University of Michigan. Sis. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi Barton, and is working toward a nursing degree at Wayne State University. May God's blessings be with them in their future life together.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth Knochel are the happy parents of a baby girl, Candice Joy, born Saturday, May 25. To welcome home their sister are Gary, Debbie, Dawn and Dana. May the Lord bless the little one, and lead with His loving care those tiny footsteps, in His path, each day and everywhere.

We thank Bro. Art Gudeman for bringing to us the message of God on Sunday, May 26. We all received a blessing and enjoyed the fellowship when Bro. Art, Sis. Mary and those who accompanied them were here to visit their son, Bro. Frank Gudeman and family for the week end.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Salome Schumacher

We were privileged to have one guest minister the past month; it was Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington, Iowa. Visitors are always welcome, and many blessings can be found through fellowship with those of like faith. When we can visit the various Apostolic Christian churches in our area or in other states, it is always good for one and all.

Our friend, Dale Blunier, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Verda Blunier, has been discharged from the Army. He had been in Germany.

Those who were medical patients in Eureka Hospital and are out now are: Sis. Marie Stoller, wife of Bro. Isaac, and Sis. Carrie Huber, mother of Bro. Leroy.

Sis. Pauline Miller remains a patient at Eureka Hospital.

Sis. Julia Campbell passed away at the Apostolic Christian Home May 26. Her funeral was held at Gridley, Ill., her former home.

Bro. Fred Knapp passed away at Eureka Hospital May 29. He had been a resident at the A.C. Home two years and three months. His funeral was at Congerville, his home church.

Vacation Bible School has started and will last for two weeks.

Be strong: we are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have hard work to do and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle; face it—'tis God's gifts. Be strong! Be strong!

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

"Afflictions, tho' they seem severe,
In mercy oft are sent;

They stopped the prodigal's career,
And caused him to repent."

Bro. Harry Sutter recited unto us the familiar story of the prodigal son. He explained that the prodigal son followed the glitter of the world, as we all once did in our unconverted days, and how he was lowered to the level of the swine; But as the prodigal son, we also were able to turn from our evil ways and humble ourselves before our Father, and He forgave us and gave us great gifts. As the prodigal son was given gifts he could not repay, we evenmore are indebted, for He was given earthly, carnal gifts, but we received a gift that can last forever.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber and family in the recent loss of their dear mother, Sis. Leona Nussbaum. They arrived home safely, after attending the funeral in Fairbury.

Matthew, infant son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Janice Sutter, underwent surgery recently and is fully recovered.

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber
Our Bremen brothers were in charge of the monthly singing for May. A large number was in attendance for the spiritual hour of singing. Surely many blessings are received by all who participate in any way for evenings such as these.

Visiting ministers this past month included Bros. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen, John Bollier from Leo, and Marvin Steiglitz from Leo. We are thankful for the messages brought to us from them, and invite them all to visit us whenever they can.

The engagement of Bro. Edwin Stoller, son of Sis. Lenora and the late Bro. George, and Sis. Cindy Beer of Milford, daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine, was announced the 26th of May. May God ever be with them in this important step.

A phone call to Floren and Sis. Edith Lieberenz on May 26 brought good news that their son, John, had arrived in San Diego, where he will continue studies in Advance Electronics the next eight months, during some repair work on his ship.

The new address for Bro. Phil and Sis. Emma Clauss is as follows: 1106 Three Rivers North, Ft. Wayne Ind. 46802.

Another school year has ended,

and to each one the "thoughts of summer" will vary greatly. We surely wish to congratulate all recent graduates and wish them the best of success and God's richest blessings in whatever they undertake to do. Our graduates include: Sharon Rager, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise; Dennis Pulfer, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Mary; and Bro. Bob Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen.

We welcome our college students, who are home for the summer, as it is always a joy to have them fellowship with us.

Plans are being completed for Vacation Bible School the week of June 10-June 14 for the children, and for adult classes the week of June 24-June 28 in the evening.

GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6.

Sis. Pauline Durig, who is making her home with her son, Richard, at Xenia, Ohio, spent several weeks here in Girard. It was so nice to have her here to worship with us, and to hear her express how she longs for the fellowship with the brethren. Both her son, Richard and her son-in-law, James Wood are employed at the Air Base in Dayton.

At this writing, Sis. Ethel Hafely is in the Youngstown Hospital North Side for general check-up. Sis. Marie Lewis is home and getting along quite well, after having a very serious accident. Marie was visiting at the home of her daughter, Sis. Monell Stoll, and fell down the stairs, fracturing her spine. She was in the Warren Hospital for several days. We wish both sisters God's continued blessing.

Let Me Give

I do not know how long I'll live,
But while I live, Lord, let me give
Some comfort to someone in need
By smile or kind word or deed,
And let me do what e'er I can
To ease things for my fellowman.
I want not but to do my part,
To "lift" a tired or weary heart,
To change folks frowns to smiles
again—

Then I will not have lived in vain,
And I'll not care how long I'll live
If I can give-and give-and give.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Avin Manz
Hospitalized were Bro. Adam

Manz and Sis. Madeline Manz. We are thankful both are able to meet with us again.

On Sunday April 28, our ministering Bro. Henry Manz suffered a stroke at church, just before afternoon services. He was taken by ambulance to the Paulding Hospital, where he was a patient for 11 days. His condition has improved, and he was able to attend church for a short time.

Visiting brothers ministering to us have been: Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; David Bertsch, Leo; Loren Stoller, Latty; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; Elmer Zollinger, Rittman; Joel Souder, Leo. We appreciate very much these brothers coming to visit us. At the present time, we have only one minister able to serve.

We are thankful that some of our friends have turned to the Lord in repentance, and hope that others will follow while it is yet the day of grace.

LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

One bright sunny morning in May, we gathered at the church house for spring-cleaning. What a happy time we all had together, cleaning the Lord's house.

Yesterday, a dear brother and sister and family from Fairbury found their way to our community and church. None of our congregation had previously met them, but it was so good to have them fellowship with us, and to take part in the worship service. Someone with whom the brother worked had been a **shining light**. Oh, may we all let the love of God shine through to others in our daily walk of life.

Memories

As we walked through the beautiful quiet cemetery in the early morning hours on Memorial Day, our minds were flooded with memories. We paused a little longer, as we placed the roses as a memorial to my father. His life was one of fellowship with God and with his fellowmen; the art of his life was the creative expression of that fellowship in human relationships. When we were children, no deed was too humble for his praise, no gift too trivial to please. His love remained strong, steady and close through the years.

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger.

It is the heart that makes a man rich. Earthly wealth never seemed as important to my father as it did to some. However, his constant striving for his eternal home was reflected in his daily living and in his attitude toward his family and friends. His love and compassion for his fellowmen was vividly revealed in many ways. A gas station attendant who had many hardships told us one day, "You know your father gave me so much hope and courage when I needed it most; he once told me, "Every cloud has a silver lining." A neighbor confessed, "Your father was a faithful friend, but he could not have said that about me" . . . Though I believe he might have made that statement about the neighbor, since he always found the best in everyone.

Few people possess the patience and understanding that it takes to train a retarded young farm employee, not only in farm activities but also for living. Today that same boy is a middle-aged man, has his own home, and is living a happy, normal life.

My father's philosophy of life was so applicable to Christian living. There was always a solution to our problems, both great and small. Troubles grew smaller and joys greater when we counseled with him. Burdens seemed less heavy; hills seemed less steep; all the world seemed brighter.

Many lives were made richer by having known him. He often advised, "Love your fellowmen and show them that love."

He turned to the Lord in his youth and ever remained true and faithful through the years.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

Our congregation was blessed by the visit of Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Roy Rokey and daughter of Sabetha, Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm and family, and Bro. and Sis. Eldon Metzger and family of Gridley.

Sis. Anna Sauder of Eureka visited relatives and friends in our community and also worshipped with us. Many blessings and blessed memories can be derived from renewing acquaintances, especially those of like faith.

Another Memorial Day has been observed, and as we think of our loved ones in the Lord who have pierced the veil of death, our

thoughts concur with those of the psalmist who wrote, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

God knew that children all would need
Someone secure and strong
To shelter and protect them,
And to teach them right from wrong.

He knew as children grew up,
They'd need the reassurance of
Someone with faith and trust in them,
Who would always give them love. . .
And that's why God made fathers.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us. . ." I John 3:1.

"Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice." Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise Sabo, their two granddaughters—Carolyn Domka and Barbara Zimmer, and Sis. Esther Sabo (Mrs. Joe) experienced the help of the Lord recently, when their car overturned as they were driving about 60 miles west of Mansfield on their way to Illinois. Some kindly witnesses brought them back to Mansfield, and since none of them suffered more than bruises etc., the five of them transferred their luggage to another car and continued their trip to Fairbury for the week end, and returned home safely.

Our hospital patients were Tommy Roberts (son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Shirley) and Frank Bertka (son of Sis. Katie), who underwent tests. Linda Enderle (daughter of Ray and Carol) broke her knee in a fall and was hospitalized for several days; she has been released, but her leg is encased in a heavy cast. Joe Dinger was confined to a hospital in Columbus, where he had surgery.

"Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power." Psalm 21:13. Again the Vesper Choir was privileged to praise the Lord, when they presented a program of songs to the residents of our Church Home and also the Richland County Home, during the past month. On Sunday May 26, Bro. Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne, as well as many others from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio spent the day with us. In his mes-

sage on Sunday morning, Bro. Verlin emphasized our responsibility as Christians to be ambassadors for Christ. We should be such shining witnesses for our Lord, that the hope Bro. Verlin expressed would also be our hope.

Oh may God grant it that up yonder
Some ransomed soul might say to me,
"God bless thee, for when I did wander
In sin, I saw God's light in thee."

Following afternoon services that day, everyone was invited to gather at the Rural Life Center, where the choir sang of God's love, Bro. Verlin gave a short meditation, and the entire assembly joined in song. During the potluck supper that followed, we were richly blessed by the fellowship we shared with our many visitors.

Our prayers go with Bro. Gaylord Dotterer (son of Bro. LaVern and Sis. Christine), who will be missed from our worship services during his tour of duty in the U.S. Army. He has been sent to Ft. Sam Houston.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

We have had an enormous amount of rain the past month, roads and highways have been flooded, and most farm work has been held back because of the wet weather. The strawberry crop has been made short also, because of so much rain.

Miss Callie Schupbach, 78, a daughter of the late Lewis and Mary Deitrich Schupbach, passed away on May 25. She leaves three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services and interment took place on May 29.

There will be all-day services at the country church on Sunday, June 30. Sorry I missed this in the May issue. There will be guest ministers, and lunch served at noon. An invitation is extended for all who can to attend.

Mrs. C. O. Wade was a patient in the local hospital for several days in early May. However, she is much improved and home again.

Mrs. Ada Riggenbach Durig is now a patient in the local hospital, and though still quite ill, her condition has improved.

Mrs. Della Oneacre Smith passed away in the local nursing home on May 8. She had been gravely ill for many months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hassig and son, Henry and his wife, of Sterling, O., visited over the Decoration Day week-end with relatives.

Miss Margaret Witschey spent the first part of June with relatives in Charleston, W. Va., and Easton Md.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We had a number of visitors from various places worship with us on May 5. We were privileged to have Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont minister to us in the morning. We feel all present were given food for thought, and trust that the Lord will give the increase. In the afternoon, Bro. Dave Kieser performed the marriage ceremony uniting Bro. Ezra Rumbold and Sis. Lucille Roach in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. Many relatives and friends were present to witness the impressive ceremony, and all join in wishing them God's blessings.

We were happy so many gathered the following Sunday, Mother's Day. Bros. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Nathan Stoller of Bradford were our guest ministers. Many precious teachings left a deep imprint on our minds. How thankful we are for the new dispensation of grace, how we can be saved by believing on Christ and His shed blood. How much simpler for us than for those who had to lay their sins on animals to be offered as a burnt sacrifice. We thank the brothers for their teachings.

When Bros. Ezra Feller and Phil Sauder of Cissna Park visited us, we heard more sound teachings and were warned of the dangerous times. This is the age of deception, and one must be very cautious to walk carefully, so we will not miss the goal for which we are striving. Evening services were held, and Bros. Noah Schrock and Roy Sauder were present and conducted services. We received many teachings to ponder, and we could say **Our cup runneth over**. Impressive services were held as Bro. David Kieser became an ordained deacon, by the laying on of hands by the elders. Bro. Dave will assist our Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold in caring for the Princeville and Bradford congregations. May the Lord support him and his family and help him to carry out his new duties faithfully, and may we all do our part to make his load lighter.

Bro. Roy Sauder came to assist our ministers in conducting funeral services for Sis. Margaret Wieland, May 20. On March 3, Bro. Roy had stood before Margaret to hear the testimony of her new-found faith. The next day she entered the waters of baptism and promised to stay true as long as she lived. Then shortly, she entered the hospital for tests and found that surgery was necessary; but alas, it was found that her days were numbered and probably very short. Little did any of us realize she would never get to worship with us again. In spite of her affliction, she kept her cheerful disposition and seemed to appreciate visitors. She was of a quiet nature and deeply appreciated any small thing done for her. She always welcomed everyone who came to visit their home. Her deep love for her family caused her to make a home for several, among them her aged father-in-law, Bro. Henry Wieland. She said she considered it a privilege to be able to care for him and was thankful she was able to do it.

Although she was not brought up in our faith, she became acquainted with it when she married Walter Wieland, and enjoyed attending services and brought her children. How very thankful we are she could answer the call to repentance when the Lord called her. Shortly before her death, a few went to sing for her, and when asked if she had a special song she said yes, "Be True Be True," and "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart". In a few days the Lord called her home, and how fortunate for her that she could leave this troubled world and be with the pure in heart. We trust her loved ones can find comfort in the hymn, "The Best Refuge". "When burdened with care, When thou would'st despair, Then call on thy loving Redeemer."

Those who are left in mourning are her husband, Walter; two sons, Bro. Robert and John; two daughters, Delores and Kay; her aged mother and one sister, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Two families welcomed little girls into their homes recently. May 1, Joanna Lee was born to Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann. Kevin and Deanne welcomed her home. On May 17, Rebecca Lynn was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis.

Kay Siebenthal. Luann and Gregory welcomed their sister.

Nancy, young daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin had a tonsillectomy, but has recovered nicely and is about again. The wee son of Don and Mary Lou Streitmatter, Mark, is also recovering from surgery. Brother William Eberle is able to be about again, after surgery. Bro. William Ehnle was confined to his bed for a while, but is about again, with restrictions. John Hager, who broke his leg several weeks ago, is still in the hospital and expects to be there several weeks yet. Sister Martha Streitmatter (Mrs. Jeff Sr.) became very ill and was taken to the hospital, where she is undergoing tests. We hope they will soon recover, and trust that the Lord will be near them and help to carry their afflictions.

One quiet evening a group gathered on the site of the proposed new church building, and in humble prayer asked for the Lord's help and guidance for unity and love, so this great undertaking may be done in peace and harmony. A beginning has been made, and we pray the Lord may bless this endeavor.

Robert Sauder, grandson of Bro. George Kieser, who spent the past several months in Germany, has been sent to Vietnam. We pray he will be protected and return home safely.

Many graduation exercises have been held recently. How quickly years pass and another graduation achieved. Some go on to higher learning in various colleges to learn vocations and pass another graduation. **One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** How many of us will graduate from the class of learning here on earth and be able to answer when the roll is called up yonder?

We were very happy to have the members of the Bradford Bible Class, their teachers and some of the parents as our guests one Sunday recently. We trust all enjoyed a blessed day and evening.

Memorial Tribute for Bro. William Stahl, who passed away May 5, 1958, and Sis. Karolina Herrmann Stahl, who passed away July 8, 1957.

There is a sad but kind
remembrance,
Cherished memories fond and true.
There is a token of love and
affection,
When we the days and years review.

They have taken their final voyage,
In God's beautiful ship called Rest,
Away from the world of sorrow,
To their Eternal Home with the
Blest.

Some day we hope to be together
On a fairer, heavenly shore,
And the family circle reunited,
Beyond the sunset forevermore.

Sadly missed by daughters, sons
and grandchildren.

Bro. William Stahl was born February 9, 1873, the son of Leonard and Katherine Kieser Stahl, in Mortelstein, Baden, Germany. He came to this country in 1890 and settled in the Morton vicinity. (He returned to his homeland for a visit in 1894.) He married Sis. Karolina Herrmann August 25, 1895 in Morton, and they lived there until 1897, when they moved to the Princeville community. They attended church at Streitmatter Prairie, and Bro. Will taught Sunday School in the little schoolhouse across from the church and also in the new church for many years. In 1910 he visited Germany again.

He became a trustee of the church, along with Bros. Sam and Jacob Streitmatter. These three brothers had many responsibilities when it was decided to build a new church building in the village of Princeville. They made many sacrifices so that the debt could be paid, and we owe them much thanks. Bro. Will longed to once again visit Germany, and did so in 1922. Even in later years he thought he would like to go again.

Bro. Will and Sis. Carrie lived on farms in the Princeville vicinity, until they moved into a newly-built home in Princeville in 1947. Will was a most interesting visitor, and went to great details in explaining something. He kept a complete diary and everyday recorded the temperature, weather and daily happenings. He always looked into the sky before retiring and was always interested where the moon was. His eyesight was very keen, but his hearing not so good. He loved chil-

dren and always had candy for them. Many were fascinated with the beard he wore until his death. He was one of the firm pillars of the church and was firm in his convictions. At the time of his death he had four daughters, six sons, 35 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Four of his children have been to Germany and saw his birthplace.

Memories

In the year of 1893, John and Anna Hoerr Rassi came to the United States from Bavaria, Germany with their four daughters and two sons. They lived at Morton, and while there, three of their daughters married and came to the Princeville vicinity to live. **Marie Martin, Martha Kieser, and Elizabeth Endress** lived on farms until their later years, when they moved to the village of Princeville. Marie lived on one side of the street, and her sisters Martha and Elizabeth lived side by side across the street. The three sisters enjoyed their later years together, and all kept their hands busy sewing and knitting. They all made beautiful afghans for their grandchildren and others, and it was a common sight to see one or the other going across the street with their knitting in their hands. They lived near the church and were happy they could assemble with their loved ones. They had all suffered many hardships during their younger years, but God was good to them in their later years, and they had many joys and blessings.

Marie Rassi Martin was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 26, 1871, and departed this life April 5, 1952. She was converted at the age of 18 years. Isaiah 43, verses 1 and 2 were revealed to her when she received peace with God, and she clung to those words as long as she lived. "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

She married Christian Martin in Morton, March 8 1896. Her husband was very ill about a year. Being a mother with nine children be-

tween the ages of 1½ and 19, the thought of his **not getting well** worried her. She prayed very fervently that he should get well, and while she was praying she heard a voice, **It shall not be so; my grace will be sufficient for this.** With this faith she weathered many storms. Her husband passed away October 20 1917, and on October 5 1925, a 15-year-old daughter was called from this life. Her oldest daughter met her reward on September 16 1937, and her youngest son died very suddenly February 4 1949, leaving his young wife and two small sons. A grandson very dear to her heart passed away July 11, 1965, but she was spared the sorrow of seeing him to his grave. Two sons-in-law met tragic deaths, and when mourners went to share her sorrow and comfort her, they found it was she who had comforted them, with her abiding faith and trust. At the time of her death, she left a letter for each of her children, urging them to keep close to God.

She was a great lover of nature and could see the beauty in the flowers, trees, fields and birds, the entire creation of God. It was not an unusual sight to see her in her garden, looking for a bud to unfold.

She enjoyed reading very much, and did a lot of handwork. She pieced numerous quilts, and all the children, grandchildren, and even nieces and nephews received one. She pieced over 100 flower garden quilts. She made many pairs of mittens for the little folks, out of scraps of yarn from her afghans. Many beautiful pillows were made for her friends. She loved to have visitors, and all left after a visit with her feeling uplifted. Her outstanding faith was one that many of us would like to possess.

At the time of her death, she had 29 grandchildren, and it was a regular Sunday afternoon occurrence for her children and grandchildren to visit her, which brought her great joy. She was greatly loved by all, and has been sadly missed by all who knew her; yet we know she has been spared heartaches, and one can only thank the loving Lord for taking her home.

Martha Rassi Kieser was born July 16, 1881 at Bavaria, Germany, and was 12 years old when she came to this country with her parents, sisters and brothers. At the age of 15 she repented, gave her heart to the Lord, and remained true and faithful. She was united

in marriage to David Kieser at Morton, on February 8, 1903. On June 29, 1916, he was seriously injured, and on July 2, God sent the death angel to call him Home at the age of 37, leaving his widow with 8 small children, the oldest being 12½ years of age and the youngest son 2 months old (he is now a minister).

Just six months before his death, he wanted to purchase a farm near Speer, in the Princeville community, but she being afraid of debts and also wanting to stay near her aged mother, repeatedly prayed that the deal would fall through. One day before he made his last trip to bind the transaction she prayed sincerely, "Oh Lord, Thy Will, not mine be done;" and a loud clear voice answered her, "This time you prayed right." She was then assured it was God's will.

Then six months later came this terrible tragedy, with the sudden death of her husband. In faith she clung to her Lord as her only Refuge and Help. Then poverty came to her door, and not too long after came her turn to serve lunch at church. In sympathy the brethren wanted to pass her turn, but when she heard this, she asked the elder not to deny her this privilege, as she knew this would not make her any poorer. Hearing this he said, "We will not take this blessing from her." She had a dear brother, Carl Rassi, living near her, who so faithfully came to her aid with good advice whenever she would lean upon him, and this she certainly did in her great need and weakness.

Several weeks after her aged mother's death in June 1920, the landlady told her she would have to move (she had her own farm at Speer, Ill.), which she then did in December 1920 with much reluctance, as she had to leave her dear brother and his good advice. Knowing this must be the Lord's will, she took her brood and entrusted them unto God's care. He certainly provided for her and her family.

All of her children by the grace of God were able to repent. In her own handwriting she wrote in the Family Bible the following words, "If it had not been for our dear Lord's help, strength, mercy and infinite love, it would have been unbearable. To God be thanks, praise and honor for His great love and mercy shown unto me His poor child and unto all my dear children." Her greatest concern was for the soul's welfare of her children and grand-

children. The dear Lord richly blessed her spiritually and materially. She had a heart of love and sympathy, and so richly shared her blessings with others less fortunate. She loved to visit the sick and those who were shut-in, and seldom went empty-handed. It seemed the more she gave, the more she was blessed. Her greatest pleasure was doing for others and having company. She was often chided about her name being "Martha", but she loved company and to feed everyone who came to her door.

In 1948, she was stricken with a coronary heart attack and was confined to her bed for six weeks, but in due time fully recovered and was again able to entertain and share her blessings with much joy. It was not unusual for her to come on Sunday, if company was in church, and say, "Come, let us get supper for so and so." Everyone was welcome anytime, and she believed that sometime she may be entertaining a heavenly stranger unaware. She was always blessed with good health, with the exception of the siege with her heart, and then very unexpectedly within two days she was called Home as a ripe fruit, at the age of 77 years.

Some of her last words on her death bed were, to remain true and humble.

One daughter passed away at the age of 17. Eleven months prior she had surgery, and was apparently recuperating nicely when she repented, received peace with God and was awaiting baptism. Her bodily afflictions suddenly became worse, and she no longer could go to church. She then gave her testimony of faith at her home and was baptized by immersion, on a bed sheet. Her faith was one not many at such a young age possess, and it left an impression on her brothers and sisters.

Elizabeth Rassi Endress was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 23 1886, and departed this life January 22, 1956. She was eight years old when she came to this country, and lived with her parents in Morton, and attended school there. She repented in her youth and was baptized in Morton. She had a beautiful singing voice, and one of her greatest delights was going to singing, joining with others, singing hymns of praise to God.

She married **Godfrey Endress** December 8 1912, and they lived on a farm near Speer. He passed away

February 28 1940, at the age of 54. They were the parents of eight children. One son passed away in infancy, and one son passed away recently.

She will always be remembered by her family and those close to her for the example of her Christian life, her cheerful disposition and ready smile. She had a quiet, friendly nature, and loved by all. One of her greatest concerns was that her children and grandchildren would repent and have hope of salvation for their souls. All but one of her children were converted, and several of her grandchildren also.

She also was a great lover of flowers, and one would often see her working with them and admiring the beauty. She found pleasure in going out to her daughters and planting flowers for her.

She loved her family and was concerned that they would not be deceived. She had a deep insight and could see Satan's ways of deception. May we all take a lesson from this, take more time to read our Bibles, and follow the examples our dear ones have set for us.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Two of our residents at the A. C. Home passed away during this past month.

Sis. Anna Dornes passed away on May 7, at the age of 87 years. She was born in Germany and came to the United States with her family when she was two months old. She is survived by three brothers, George of Burlington, Kansas; Emil of Alta Vista, Kansas; and Henry of Sabetha; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held Friday, May 10, with Bros. Carl Hartman and Harvey Grimm officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Bro. Jacob Beck passed away at the Sabetha Hospital June 2, after a short illness. He was born in Germany Sept. 1, 1872, and came to the United States in 1883, to Burlington, Kansas. He was married to Elizabeth Heiniger in April 1926. They came to Sabetha in Sept. 1961, where they were living at the A. C. Home. He was their oldest resident, having reached 95 years and 9 months. His wife, Sis. Lizzie survives him. Short services were held Monday afternoon at the funeral home in Sabetha, after which the body was taken to Gridley, Kansas. Funeral services will be held in

Gridley Tuesday afternoon, June 4.

Sis. Bessie Elliott had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg. She was taken to a hospital in Topeka. Her address is: Bessie Elliott, c/o Stormont-Vail Hospital Room 213, 845 Washburn St., Topeka Kansas 66606.

Other hospital patients were: Sisters Louise Hartman, who had major surgery, Mary Aberle, Katie Leiser and Mary Hartter.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

We were glad to have as our visiting ministers this month Bro. Bob Pohl (with his family), May 12, and Bro. Albert Wuthrich (with Sis. Elizabeth) on June 2.

Bro. Eli Sutter was a patient at the hospital for a few days. He has returned home, but his recovery is slow. Bro. Will Butikofer was also a patient at the hospital, following a gall bladder attack, and is recuperating at home. Bro. Will needs a walker to help him get around, since he broke his hip over three years ago. We pray the Lord will give to them the necessary strength for each new day.

Connie Gerst, daughter of Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst, is our only high school graduate this year. We wish her the best in what she chooses to do in the future.

This Wed., June 5, Eli and I will be celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary. Yesterday, the 2nd, our children planned a picnic for our friends and relatives to celebrate the occasion. We were blessed with six children, five living. They are Bros. James, Gerald and Richard, Sis. Naomi Heimer from here, Sis. Joyce (Bob) Pohl, Burlington, Ia., and Bob Frieden, Santa Ana, Calif. (who grew up in our home as one of our children). We have 26 grandchildren.

It was a blessed day for us to have: Eli's sister (Sis.) Marie Blunier and some of her family, Roanoke; my sisters— (Sis.) Sarah (Leslie) Gerst and family, Oakville, (Sis.) Marie (Will) Butikofer, Quincy; also our dear friends, Ruben and Louisa Anliker, West Bend among the many that helped us celebrate this occasion. The Lord has been with us in joy and sorrow through these many years.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

"I was glad when they said unto

me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1.

Our new edifice is completed. The open house will be June 23, and the dedication June 30.

A BRIEF HISTORY From 1920 until 1922, several families moved to this community from West Bend, Lester, and Morris. Church services were held in homes by visiting ministers. Bro. Mike Miller, a minister from Pulaski, came to this congregation in 1924. The first church building was erected in 1926 and 1927. The congregation continued to grow, and in 1948 a small addition was built.

Due to the crowded condition, the congregation decided to erect a new edifice. The construction began in June 1967, and was completed for our worship service held May 26, 1968.

This building, of contemporary design, is brick veneer and laminated rafters. The structure is erected on a 40'x100' cement block basement. The north end of the building is the sanctuary, having a seating capacity of 300. The balcony will seat an additional 100. There is a twenty-four foot fellowship hall on the south end. The two wings, 8'x24', provide main entrances, one to the west and one to the east.

The Sunday School rooms adjoin the dining area in the basement. The Sunday School assembly is divided into individual rooms by folding doors. Two additional rooms are provided for the primary classes. The dining room has a seating capacity of one hundred.

Our last service was held May 22 in our old house of worship. We pray the Lord will go with us, as well as the purity of His holy word. Many memories, both happy and sad fill our hearts, which we will never forget. We were reminded, "Satan will follow us and work just as hard against the members and friends alike."

Remodeling an old house takes a good architect. Remodeling a sinner takes God. We rejoice with our converts, Dick and Mary Lou Schmidt, in their new-found happiness.

May God lead and direct the lives of our graduates, Iris Howk, Nancy Schmidt, Brue Messner, Sam Miller, and Stan Messner.

Ann and Pamela, daughters of Bro. Jim and Sis. Julia Messner, were hospital patients.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

Our welcome visitors on May 19 were Bros. Don Sauder from Roanoke and Fredrick Knapp from Congerville. We are always glad for visitors in our small congregation.

On May 26, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, served by Bros. Noah Schrock, Roy Sauder, and Silas Leuthold. What a blessed and inspiring sacrament this is! It should give each of us new zeal to live more humbly for Jesus each day, and to be more appreciative of the great price paid by Him for our sins.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner from Detroit was with us on Monday evening, May 27, and brought many blessed teachings for us to remember.

Sophie Hunziker has been a hospital patient for about a month. Sophie just turned 87 on June 4. We hope she will soon recover and will be able to assemble with us again.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy Wieland from our congregation. Bob's mother, Sis. Margaret, has gone to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held in Princeville May 20.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

Bro. Merle Bucher of LaCrosse and Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville spent Sun., May 26 with us. It was refreshing to hear them speak. Bro. Merle warned us that sometimes earthly wealth and success can actually be a hindrance to us. How much more we rely on the Lord when things are rough. Bro. Elmer reminded us that we each have 24 hours in a day. Many times we hear the excuse that "I don't have time to visit the sick, to do this or that", when in reality, it is a matter of making wise use of our time. He urged us to do the important things first, and we may be amazed at the time with which we are really endowed.

Bro. Harold Plattner was a patient in the hospital this past month . . . Brad Alan, little son of Bro. and Sis. Steve and Mary Ellen Wiegand, was hospitalized for a short time. Sis. Mary Ellen (Bro. Steve Wiegand's wife) fell and broke her leg. She has it in a cast, and is getting along fine at this time. Our dear friend, Sam Schieler is still hospitalized, but according to his son, is very much improved,

and hoping to be released in July. Sam is seeking the Lord in repentance. Let's not forget him in our prayers.

Roy Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Wiegand, was home on leave. He reported to Ft. Hood Texas for further assignment.

I remember when dad was the man
Who could "do anything under the sun",

The obvious place for people to go
When wanting a job well done.

Ah yes He was strong, and ambitious and brave;
He was gentle, kind-hearted and wise.

No burden too heavy, no task too great,
No night was too dark in his eyes.

He worked very hard from morning
til night,

And then at the end of each day,
He read us a chapter from God's holy word.

And, together, we always would pray.

And now as I solemnly reminisce,
I see what the long years have done,
And sometimes I wonder how long
it will be
'Til his long, hard race will be won.

I've noticed here lately, that his
kindly face
Looks weary and sometimes sad,
And I wonder what causes the
tear-drops to start
On the face of my dear old dad.

So many things thru the years have
changed,
But one thing is always the same,
And that is the Book that my dad
holds most dear.
How blessed is God's Holy Name!

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Steve and Terry Graf announce the arrival of a daughter, Robin Lynn, on May 15. Little Steve happily welcomed his little sister. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf are the paternal grandparents.

Bro. Merrill Laukhuf of Latty was our visiting minister this month. His main text was from St. Matthew Chapter 25—which deals with the parable of the talents. We enjoyed Bro. Merrill's visit and his efforts in expounding the word to us—may the Lord add His blessing to the words which were spoken.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Mrs. Paul Eisenmann Mrs. Paul Wagler

Welcome visitors on May 26 were Bro. Gerald Sutter and his family. Along with other solemn teachings, Bro. Gerald expounded on "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace", and rather than going from one to another, causing a big stir, we should ask, "Will this make for peace?" Wouldn't this be much easier for everyone if our sincere prayer were **not my will, but Thy will be done?**

Becky Pohl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joyce Pohl, was hospitalized for eye surgery.

Bro. Ben Wagler is at home, after a week in the hospital.

We had a good attendance at our monthly hymn sing, with a number of visitors from the Oakville congregation. We always welcome our "neighbors" to be with us.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sis. Sarah Beyer (John) has returned, after spending several weeks in California with her sister, Sister Elizabeth Wenger, who has been under the care of physicians. Sister Leona Kraft (Dan) has also returned to her home, after recuperating in Lamar from injuries received in an automobile accident. We are thankful that they could again assemble with us.

Vacation Bible School is well started. We have 40 students. Our 4½-year-old son, Paige, watches every morning for Grandma to come pick him up, as he likes Bible School "too much". . . if only all of us could be as eager to live for our Lord as these little ones are to learn. So many times we have so much to do that we don't take time to dwell upon His word.

The funeral of Bro. Jacob Beck is to be this afternoon, June 4. He has been a resident of the Home for the Aged in Sabetha the past several years. Bro. Jake and his wife, Sis. Lizzie had assembled with us for many years, before their age compelled them to sell their farm and go to the Home. He was 95 years and 9 months. Bros. Loren Strahm and Sam Anliker officiated.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Carl Joos

We are happy to report that sev-

en more souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Tom Dogotch, Pamela Dogotch, Jerel Schmidgall, Beirne Messner, Keith Schmidgall, Marjorie Dogotch and Emma Spohr. We wish them God's grace in their new walk of life.

Bro. Paul Fehr performed the wedding ceremony of our friends, Susan Feuchtenberger and Virgil Wahking. May the blessings of the Lord be with you.

Ronald Meiss and Kay Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill., have recently announced their engagement. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

There are ten High School graduates this year. They are Sis. Sharon Sauder, Bro. Dale Zeltwanger, Bro. Dale Koehl, Bernie Messner, Roger Schaefer, Jerel Schmidgall, Ardis Luthi, Marilyn Feuchtenberger, Dennis Wulf and Richard Meiss. Our best wishes are extended to all the graduates.

Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, was our only visiting minister this month. We all enjoyed his visit very much, and hope that he and his family will visit us again.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

Those among our sick this month are: Bro. George Frank, who, after surgery, is again home from the hospital. Sis. Sophia Sauder is hospitalized for tests. Our friend, Sam Schmitgall is convalescing in the Hopedale Nursing Home, after the removal of his leg. May all be able to be in our midst soon.

A girl, Janet Marie, arrived in the home of Friends Curt and Pat Musselman, May 29. Curt's mother is Sis. Esther.

It was mentioned to me the other day, how fortunate we are to have visiting ministers come and proclaim the same word as our home ministers, who willingly let themselves be lent unto the Lord and ask nothing in return. We were privileged to have Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria; Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; and Bro. Harry Bucher, Valparaiso, minister unto us this month. May the grace of our Lord abound with you all.

It was by God's grace and unbounded mercy that on May 12 Friends Nelson Musselman, son of Sis. Esther, and Mike Aberle, son of Walt and Sis. Vera, became a part of the body of Christ. We sincerely welcome our new brothers, and wish them the precious grace of

God and His Holy Spirit to lead them in their new walk of life.

June 2, we certainly spent a blessed day, as Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, helped our elder serve the Lord's Supper unto us. How unworthy we feel to eat of our Lord's body and drink of His blood. We are so very far from His perfection, but as Bro. Noah told us, it is only through our Lord's righteousness that we can partake of this Holy Supper. He told us to now start out anew in our Christian walk of life, and strive to show greater love toward our brother and sister in faith, and to be a living example, by our acts and deeds, which is a life that is pleasing to our Lord. May we all find grace and faith to do this.

A boy, Jeffrey Wayne, arrived in the home of Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann Steiner June 3. Paternal parents are Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. William Rinckenberger of Cissna Park.

Sis. Emma and Bro Jeff Springer wish to thank all, for the prayers, cards, gifts and the many kindnesses extended during Sis. Emma's stay at the hospital, and during the time both were at the Restmor Nursing Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Howard and Louise Getz

Our visiting ministers in May were Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville), Merle Laukhuf (Latty), Carl Kipfer (Bluffton) and on June 2, Bros. David Bertsch and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). As we appreciate all these ministers who came to serve us, we also want to thank those who taught Sunday School and helped with song leading. Bro. Steve Bucher, who often served as our song-leader, has graduated from I.U. and is expecting to enter the service soon. We will certainly miss him, and pray for his safety as he fulfills his military obligation.

Bro. Jerry Banwart has taken a permanent position in Burlington, Iowa, but will return to I. U. for his final semester this fall.

Many of the students have returned to their homes for the summer. We hope they will find time to visit Indianapolis and share their Sunday with us. Vacations also make attendance less dependable, so we will especially appreciate visitors who may be travelling through the area. All are welcome.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Births: April 20, Sandra Lynn, a daughter to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn Lanz. They have five other children. May 14, Janine Ann, a daughter, to Edward and Irene (Gagliardone) Moser. May 10 1968, Fred Ronald, a son to Frederick W. Jr. and Margaret (Lehman) Spielman. He is a great-great-grandson of Bro. John Trittenbach, one of Rockville's early elders. Many of us will long remember Elder Trittenbach who, with a great revival in progress, succumbed suddenly to a heart seizure, at his noonday meal on February 9, 1917.

Death: Bro. Moses Kloter died May 20, at the Rockville Memorial Nursing Home. He was 80. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery. Bros. John Bahler and Ernest Luginbuhl officiated at the service.

Sis. Bertha Lanz has been discharged from the hospital, where she went for treatment. Also her husband, Bro. Paul Lanz, while doing some work on an eave trough broke his ankle, when he fell from a ladder. His foot got caught between two rungs. Sis. Ethel Gerber, a surgical patient at the hospital, has again taken up her position with the telephone company. Sis. Arlene Schneider, a patient at the Rockville General Hospital for a few days, is recuperating at her home. She hopes to be back at her position with the U. S. Envelope Company soon.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Millicent Frieden — Lavern Roth

He wished no one a last farewell,
Nor even said good-by;
He was gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
His busy hands are resting now;
His work on earth is done.
His worries are all over, and his
heavenly crown is won.
Our hearts still ache with
loneliness;
Our eyes shed many tears.
God only knows how much we miss
him,
At the end of a few happy years.

Such were the words repeated at the services for Bro. Claude Springer, who passed away quite suddenly May 10, at age 58. Bros. Ronald Nelson and Raymond Roth officiated at the funeral. Bro. Claude is survived by his wife Sis. Mabel (Hartman), and two teenage daughters, Sis. Deborah and Janice

of the home. Sympathy is sincerely extended to the family in their sorrow.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of May 27. Many youngsters were present each day, and we pray each might have come to know Jesus better. We also thank the teachers for their time and effort, and pray they too may have received a blessing.

June 2 was truly a blessed day, when three dear souls were baptized. They were Joe Frieden, Elmer Kisling, and Aleta Farney, who gave their testimonies the preceding evening. Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix was present for the occasion. Other ministering brothers here were Sam Huber of Gridley Kan. and Raymond Banwart of Fort Scott. We were privileged to hear the word of God expounded by each of these brothers, during church services.

Following baptism, Holy Communion was served. What a wonderful opportunity for new and older converts alike to partake of the Lord's Supper together. "... this do in remembrance of me." Elder Bro. Roy Farney officiated, along with ministering Bro. Eli Somerhalder.

Sis. Martha Roth has been listed among the hospital patients this month. It is our wish and prayer she may soon be back with us.

Perhaps it would be of interest to some to mention the activities of the Burlington branch of the Women's World Relief Association. This is the third year this program has been in operation in our congregation. Each week a group of 10-20 ladies get together in a sister's home and make various items for the underprivileged. Besides these weekly tasks, homemade soap and used clothing have been delivered to Newton, Kansas, the collection center. The following is an excerpt taken from the diary of Sis. Mary Somerhalder, deceased Feb. 1968, which pretty well relates the ladies' views in general: "... we are in the last few weeks of January, 1968. January 22. Was rainy and us ladies of the club are working at the basement of Soph Kircher's, sewing for the Relief. Making comforts, baby blankets, gowns, diapers, and bandages. We sure all like to go and work on Monday afternoons. Nobody misses that, and my how much we get done for the needy ones."

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Ben Blunier

Graduation time this year takes quite a toll from our Champaign congregation. Our hearts are saddened at parting, but we say "Congratulations" and "God bless you" to each one. No doubt each graduate feels some apprehension, as they move on toward the next milestone. . . . But with God leading the way, and we following, the road is leveled. The mountains are moved; the valleys filled. Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus.

Among those completing another phase of their education are Allen Leman, Bob Beebe, Merle Rocke, Larry Kaufman, Roger Belsley, Doug Moser, Gary Roth, Bob and Diane Kaiser, and Bill Zbinden. Linda Blunier is our high school graduate.

On May 19, we partook of Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ed Hohulin served the beautiful service. "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood."

Our heartfelt thanks to our visiting ministers this month. Bros. Walter Koehl—Fairbury, Joe Stoller—Princeville, Marvin Schmidgall—Eureka, and Willis Wiegand—Goodfield lent themselves in God's service to our edification. May the increase be added.

Every other Wednesday evening, Bible Classes will continue to be held through this summer, at the Illini Union Building, 7:30 PM. Visitors are welcome. Classes are scheduled for June 26, July 10 and 24, and August 7.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Eloise Gudeman are adopting twin girls. Raquel and Rosanna, one year old, arrived the last of May from South America, accompanied by Hope Valtierra. God bless this family.

Sis. Verna Roth has been chosen to be your new Silver Lining reporter. May she, too, find the blessing in this work that it has been for myself.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Landen Lee is the name given the first child, a son, of Bro. John and Sis. Nelda Rowell. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Flovd Rowell and Bro. and Sis. George Kuntz.

Bob Perdelwitz, son of Bro. John and Sis. Viola Perdelwitz and Donna

Gustafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gustafson, were united in marriage on May 25. They will reside in Ames, where both are attending school.

Dale Strassheim, son of Sis. Mayne Gerst, and Carol Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger, plan to be married in the near future. We wish both couples God's richest blessings.

Jim Mulchrone left this earth on May 21, following a heart attack. Surviving are his wife, Marie (Fischer), two brothers and four sisters. Jim and Marie were always among the first to be in church on Sundays.

The last meetings for this school term were conducted by Oakville and Burlington ministers in Ames and Iowa City. We look forward to meeting again at the beginning of the fall term, if it is the Lord's will.

Sis. Lydia Kupferschmid, Sis. Rose (Mrs. John) Frank, and her grandson, Craig Frank, were among those in the hospital recently. We hope all are getting along well.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller

Many of our friends have been graduated from high school and are eagerly looking forward to their future. Some will be starting new jobs; some will be furthering their education by attending college, and still others will be entering the Service. Our advice to these dear friends is to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth", and to think very seriously about Christ's teaching to **Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

"God bless you!" Just a simple phrase—

Yet though the words are few,
They say just what my heart would say

If it could speak to you.

"God bless you!" Now and always,
And keep you in His care,
And fill your life with happiness—
This is my hope, my prayer.

Those who left recently for the service are Fred Shiffer, son of Berdean and Fredona; Virgil Gasser, son of Bro. Glenn and the late Sister Lois; Jerry Gasser, son of Brother Robert and Sis. Elda. We pray the Lord will protect these

dear friends, where every one may be.

The engagement of Bro. David Gasser and Sis. Gail Barton was announced recently. Sis. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Vi Barton of Detroit. Bro. David is the son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser of our Rittman church. Bro. David attends the Detroit church while living in Ann Arbor.

While working in her yard, Sis. Pearl Marty fell and broke her ankle. She is confined to a wheelchair, doing most of her household duties from this position. Bro. Harlan Stoller and Bro. Larry Miller have both submitted to surgery. Bro. Mike Miller was a hospital patient for two days. We are thankful some of these dear ones can now assemble with us again.

We were again renewed in faith, and uplifted in spirit when the Lord's Supper was served to us on May 19. Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron assisted our elder, Bro. Noah Bauman in performing this Holy Sacrament.

Virgil and Betty (Mathys) Briggs are parents for the first time, with the birth of a son, John Allen. Grandparents are Ed and Sis. Barbara Mathys.

Also parents for the first time are Rodney and Mary Howell. A son, Gary William, was born on May 31. Rodney is in the service overseas, stationed in Europe. Grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rowene Howell.

Janeen Marie was the name given to the new daughter of Sam and Judy Hilty. Little Chris welcomed his new sister, too. Bro. Herb and Sis. Ruth Hilty are the grandparents.

Due to the heavy rains in this part of Ohio, our farmers are late in getting their crops in. Now that the sun is shining again, they are beginning or finishing what they had started a month or so ago.

We should not forget to thank Him for the rain, the sun, and then also for a bountiful harvest.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Plans are to begin our Bible School on June 10, in the morning hours, in the church. Concluding date is June 21.

Members of our Ft. Wayne congregation assisted our church the first Sunday of this month in visiting the three Butler rest homes.

James, son of Pearl and Raymond

Winzeler, is spending a few weeks' leave with his parents.

Edward Bertsch continues about the same condition at the long-term unit of the Park View Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Roberta Norr Klopfenstein spent some time at Park View, for surgery.

Mary, wife of Joel Souder, had also been on our sick list, but is improved.

Connie and Edward Frautschi and little daughter, Heather, spent some time with his parents. They were enroute to their new home in the Chicago area.

Our Junior Sunday School classes enjoyed an enjoyable Sunday afternoon, and supper, at the Fellowship Center.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Marilyn Graf

We are sorry to report that Bro. Carroll and Sis. Annabelle Messer and son Michael have moved from our congregation to Francesville. Also, Bro. Joe and Harriet Reber have moved from our congregation to Tacoma, Washington. They will attend services in Portland. We will miss them, but wish them God's richest blessings in their new homes.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have recently left California to go to Burlington, Oklahoma, where they will spend the summer. We look forward to their return in September.

We were privileged to have Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix in our midst for evening services on May 23. Bro. John was in Los Angeles on business and consented to minister to us.

Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Bittner are spending several weeks with us, visiting their daughter, Sis. Judie. Judie moved to California last year from Roanoke and is serving as one of our Sunday School teachers.

Bro. John Paternoster observed his 90th birthday April 30. He received many cards and letters and wishes to thank all those who remembered him. Bro. John is almost blind, is very weak and is no longer able to attend church.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger at the recent death of her mother, Sis. Lydia Bauman. Bro. Carl and Sis. Margaret attended the funeral in Morton. We also extend sympathy to Earle and Sis. Lois MacDonald

at the death of his father, Maxwell MacDonald. The funeral services and burial took place in Ventura, California.

Bro. Emery and Sis. Rhoda Minger have recently purchased a home. Their new address is 1033 Avon Place, South Pasadena, Calif.

Our friend, Louise Wreath recently underwent major surgery and is recuperating at home.

Sis. Diane Preiss has left our congregation and will make her home in Elgin, Illinois.

Bob Minger, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Freda Minger, is home on a furlough from the Navy.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg

Bro. Gus and Sis. Ruth Sinn are happy to welcome two new granddaughters: Marcia Lou, born May 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sinn of Littleton, Colorado . . . And Rose Marie, born May 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sinn of Clinton, Iowa.

Bill Hohulin has returned to his home in Pekin, Illinois, after finishing his Senior year at our Ft. Scott High School. We will miss Bill, but we rejoice for his family, for we know how glad they will be to have him with them. **May God be with him, till we meet again.**

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Mrs. Billie Jo Harville

Funeral Service for Curtis Dotson were held at the church May 24. Services were conducted by Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and Bro. Junior Hale. Our prayers and sympathy are for the Dotson family.

Sis. Mauvlyn Harville's husband, Edd Harville is in the Veteran's Hospital in Birmingham. He is improving and soon hopes to be at home with his family. Hester Parker, who has been hospitalized, is able to be at home now. We want all to remember her in prayer, for her health to be restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parker are the happy parents of a baby boy. He has one sister, Sandra to welcome him home.

We were glad to have Sis. Doris Moore from Athens, with her new baby, John Timothy, to be with us in our Sunday evening service.

Friends of Sis. Clara Heiniger are thankful for her safe trip back from Arizona, where she attended her sister's wedding.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs Edward Unsicker
(substituting for Connie Steffen)

Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen and family, with their parents, Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen from Elgin, Ill., were involved in an automobile accident on a road near Silverton. We are so thankful that they all seem to be recuperating well from their several injuries.

Bro. Willis Ehnle, Sis. Lois, and their children from Japan stopped on their way "home" to Indiana and Illinois, sharing great blessings with us through the Lord's leading. After hearing Bro. Willis expound on recently fulfilled prophecy in the Bible, we are very seriously reminded that we must be **watching and praying** in these critical times.

Others visitors this week to Portland and Silverton are Bro. and Sis. Sam Heiniger from LaCrosse and Bro. John Stoller and his cousin, Wayne Gerber, from Forrest. We are enjoying them very much and welcome all you visitors warmly.

Bro. Harold Miller has been released from Ore. State Hospital at Salem and is again living at home with his mother, Sis. Rose Miller, at Portland. He is currently being hired by Goodwill Industries, one of the cooperating businesses of Oregon's Occupational Therapy Program.

Sis. Marlise Miller is our newly-elected Sunday School teacher for eight-and-nine-year olds. Thanks be to God for providing a new teacher and answering a real need in our Sunday School.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Sara Aeschleman

Vacation Bible School has started June 3 and will continue for two weeks.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal has been in the Eureka Hospital the past few weeks.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman have been at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where Sis. Myra is undergoing tests and observation.

Lloyd DesCarpentrie and Kay Sauder were united in marriage Sunday, June 9, at the home of the bride's parents, with Bro. Eugene Bertschi performing the ceremony. Kay is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder and Lloyd is the son of Sis. Lois and the late Lloyd DesCarpentrie.

Our visiting ministers who served us this month were Bros. Ed Alt, Bob Grimm, Marvin Schmidgall, Henry Wackerle, Joe Kaisner and Hartzel Kaisner.

Sis. Sara Aeschleman is living

with her grandfather in Eureka, since his wife died, and is also in training as a licensed practical nurse.

A SONG LEADER

A leader in song has much to be won.

The frontier is vast, God's work to be done.

To lead and discover, to praise is our due,

And kindle the flame of sunshine's radiant view.

What can be done with him who grasps the wonder?

How much awaits the one who walks with desire kindled, to do miracles?

The wonderful grace, the willing hearts of His people, the voices . . . such are vast resources, wonderful possibility. There is in the mind of God a mighty plan to bring the miracle. He who stays not at his own strength finds a chorus of glory, praising the One above. There is a secret key to be sounded. There is promise to be tuned. . . . And a cross to be carried.

Regular schooling makes diagram with the leader at the top, with lines down to those below. God's success is better. A good leader must serve others. Just to sing is one thing . . . to sing in the full flow of divine life is another. We must look on others.

How much to you does it help, a word without meaning? It finds no benefit coming. God's words are not meant to be only so many symbols and sounds, manufactured on the page, sounded only as language. His words are to be expressions of the soul, pictures of the heart. It is the welling of the joy without measure, felt from Him on the throne. The singing of the soul has wings to soar where the world knows not.

How can you discover? How can one improve? The little things add, till there is a shining, radiant chorus. Go after, and keep in mind, each soul. Aim high, even the perfect of God. Pray and urge that each voice join: the weak and the strong, the youth and the aged, the children. Get acquainted with those little folk, and remember their name. Be alert and support the singing of Sunday and Bible schools. Remember the value of singing in the home, even from the cradle!

Are you happy when desire takes hold, and singing rises in full flow?

Do you rejoice in seeing the talent in another in full bloom? It is so very important. It is exciting, filled with adventure, colorful beyond our expectation.

To know the note and the key . . . the rest and the markings . . . the tempo—the rate, the position we were created for, so the voice flows free . . . all are needful. They are ways to help and point to the flow of heavenly thought and way. Who will discover? A combined chorus of a congregation of increasing beauty awaits. It is a floodtide of chorus, so beautiful it arises before the throne, well-pleasing to our Father. The miracle is thrilling. It awaits one who will believe.

To know this is to lead.

The editor

YOU CANNOT GET BY

You cannot do wrong and get by,
No matter how hard you may try;

For under God's all-seeing eye,
You cannot do wrong and get by.

When Judas took care of the "bag,"
To steal the money he did try,
But found to his grief, in the end,
He could not do wrong and get by.

When Jonah was fleeing from God
It seemed, in the fish he would die;
He found when he gained his release
He could not do wrong and get by.

Delilah cut off Samson's hair
While there on her lap he did lie;
Arising from the slumber he found
He could not do wrong and get by.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp

Our visiting ministers the past month were: Bros. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, Silas Leuthold and David Kieser of Princeville and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin. We thank them for their visits.

A new little daughter was born to Bro. John and Sis. Mary Ellen Gudeman of Normal, on May 28. She has been named Jill Elaine. Matthew and Jodi welcomed their little sister home. The John Brenners of Rankin and Emanuel Gudemans of Cissna Park are the grandparents.

Bro. William Reeser had the misfortune of breaking a bone in each foot. He had been a patient at the

St. Joseph in Bloomington for several weeks. (His wife, Sis. Emma stayed with their son while Will was in the hospital.) They are in their own home now again.

Bro. Conrad Schurter had ear surgery in Peoria. He has returned home also. We hope he will continue to improve.

May 29, Bro. Fred Knapp Sr. passed away at the Eureka Hospital. The last few years he has made his home at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. He was 72 years old. His wife, Leila died in 1956. Surviving are eight sons: Maurice, Loren, Robert, and Gerald of Eureka; Wilbur of El Paso; Clyde of Bloomfield, Iowa; Frederick and Kenneth of Congerville; three daughters: Mrs. Lucille Blunier and Mrs. Mary Steffen of Congerville and Mrs. Kathryn Funk of Gridley. Forty-eight grandchildren also survive. Three sisters preceded him in death. We will all miss Bro. Fred.

Friend Mike E. Miller, 67, died of a heart attack June 5. His wife, Lydia Waldbeser Miller, died in 1966. Mike is survived by one son, Kenneth M. of Congerville, and four grandsons; two brothers, Frank of Cissna Park and Ezra of Chatsworth; and two sisters, Esther of Chatsworth and Emily of Kenilworth. We will miss Mike in church and seeing him in the hardware store each day.

Sis. Pauline Miller has returned to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, after being in the Eureka Hospital for some time. She remains about the same.

Duane, son of Elmer and Ruth Miller, is visiting his parents before returning to duty, in Viet Nam. We wish him God's protection.

We have had a week of sunny, hot days. The crops look much better since the warm weather. We had heavy rains in May.

WICHITA, KANSAS

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

Elections were held recently at our annual business meeting. The results were as follows: Sunday School teachers, Sis. Emma Miller replaces Bro. Arthur Wullschleger in the second and third grade class. Sis. Judy Langhofer was chosen to replace Sis. Ethel Smith in the fourth and fifth grade class. Bro. Charles Grimm's office of chairman of the Board of Trustees was filled by Bro. Wayne Strahm. Bro. Al Langhofer was relieved of his

duties on the Brotherhood Aid committee by Bro. Max Reimschisel. Bro. Max will also serve as one of our ushers.

The congregation gathered at the church recently, to apply a new paint job to the exterior of our church building. It is always a joyous fellowship when we can gather together, to work together.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer

Our friend Terry Klaus has accepted a job in Illinois, and has gone

to make his home in Eureka. During the five years Terry has lived here, we have felt very close to him. Our congregation will miss him, and we wish him God's blessings in his new home.

On Wed. evening, May 15, Bro. Richard Messner and Sis. Alice Heiniger were married by Elder Bro. Roy Farney. May God bless them as they begin a new life together.

The Ron Hoerr family has moved into their new home at 1012 East Echo, Phoenix.

We are thankful that Bro. Henry

Schrenk, who was hospitalized for a week, and Sisters Lois Elsasser and Doris Kokanovich, who were both ill, are able to assemble with us again.

Graduating from high school this spring were Bill Roth and John Dotterer. We wish them much success in their future years.

Several of our brethren and friends have left Phoenix to spend the summer months with their families and friends. We miss them, and pray that we may meet again.

GOD SHOWS HIS ALMIGHTY POWER

On Wed., May 15, our Almighty God showed man how helpless he is when God shows his power. On that day there were over 50 tornados in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. In addition to the tornado, up to 15 inches of water fell in some areas. Hundreds of acres were underwater. Whole towns were flooded.

A large number of brethren and friends from churches in the affected areas assisted in the cleanup and related activities. They reported areas in which every home was demolished; many families lost all their earthly possessions. Hundreds were in hospitals with serious injuries.

Representatives from the Apostolic Christian Church World Relief and Disaster Committees are making personal investigation in the affected areas and will distribute available funds in the name of Christ.

Those who wish to contribute to this worthy cause may do so through the Church World Relief Treasurer by forwarding to Bro. Herman Kellenberger, A.C.C. World Relief Treasurer.

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Just a Word for Jesus.

"Wilt thou not tell."—EZEK. 24: 19.

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1. Now just a word for Je - sus; Your dear - est Friend so true,
2. Now just a word for Je - sus; You feel your sins for-given,
3. Now just a word for Je - sus; A cross it can - not be

Come, cheer our hearts and tell us What He has done for you.
And by His grace are striv - ing To reach a home in heaven.
To say, "I love my Sav - iour Who gave His life for me."

REFRAIN.

Now just a word for Je - sus—'Twill help us on our way; One

lit - tle word for Je - sus, O speak, or sing, or pray.

4
Now just a word for Jesus;
Let not the time be lost;
The heart's neglected duty
Brings sorrow to its cost.—Ref.

5
Now just a word for Jesus;
And if your faith be dim,
Arise in all your weakness,
And leave the rest to Him.—Ref.

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POOR, YET SO HAPPY

Your editor

The world frowns. Their heyday is fun. They are off, more chase. They look on God's child as poor. We stay away from their broad road. We do not join their sin. Yet look closely . . . God's child has it beautiful: "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Home is coming. We think of a holiday as in the future, away some days. Then. We are there. In the same way, we shall soon arrive at home. Then we may say, Here we are. Here is our God. Isn't it wonderful!

Do we know the value of a word in quietness? We would find richer measure of joy if our hearts would become bigger: "O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged." How rich can we get with growing, as we pass the hours.

Someone else don't hold us down. Nor stop us. The reason for not being sweeter is right in ourself. "Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels." This is the inner part. Where we want to. Or don't want to.

What beautiful love we could have if we would ask. What lovely scenes would come to pass. "Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged."

The children have a beautiful life. To be free is lovely for what it is. **And for what it is not.** "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." The Scripture shows our footsteps. Pulling together! Not with someone of a different heart?

It is not good. It will bring sorrow.

The test of a church is its holding or falling back: "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" It was our Lord Himself who told us to be careful. There will be righteous from every point of the compass, the Scripture shows. Yet, Jesus warned to look out for wolves in sheep's clothing. Remember, He does the adding. We do the proving. ". . . and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" There are certain points where truth cuts away, sharply. Certain points are matters very, very important. I Corinthians 5:6, II Timothy 2:16, Titus 3:10 have been given to guard the freedom of the children. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Above the earth, the astronauts get a far-up view. The sacred pages give us a far better view: The fire and darkness of Sinai . . . the beautiful inner room of the temple with much gold . . . and the revealing of God. How wonderful He is told about. What words reveal His love, beauty, and power. What all it is to have Him within!

He is our Friend, our most intimate and precious possession! He wants us to stay with Him forever. He does everything possible to make it come to pass. He shows the path plainly, with our care at heart: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the

Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Notice how vital it is: "I will receive you". It was necessary at the start to come out. It stays necessary to the end. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." For one in light, it is not hard to tell between good and evil. With sin comes darkening. Finally, no telling the difference.

"Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man." The ties of friendship are in the richest purity. How good. What a wonderful kinship. The expressions of freedom should rebound with joy in our heart.

There is something about love, the charity, that provides an interest, an experience, richer than all the interests of the age: It is truly knit, in deepest intent, with another. "I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you." Is our love as full as that? Then rich blessings flow. Self is there, but how beautiful in service. Together we go.

"Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation." How much Paul is happy. Notice the surging gladness of heart. As springtime bursting in beauty, Paul's spirit abounds in life.

And we too may enjoy this same beautiful gladness.