



Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God,

even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.



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

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A MESSAGE

Through Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar

We feel it grieves each one of God's creation who have the true love of God and our loving Saviour dwelling in their heart, that not more people are willing to seek for the wonderful riches of our loving God. Only through a broken heart and a contrite spirit can one find the true salvation that the precious lamb of God purchased for mankind upon the cruel cross with His own precious blood.

How God's loving heart must have bled to think of sacrificing His only beloved Son in such a terrible way, but we are reminded in His living word of life, this was the only way for our dear God to bring the beautiful plan of salvation to the

sin-sick sinner that is willing to take up the cross and follow Him.

How precious is the thought, Where He leads I'll follow! Those of us who are willing to let our gracious God draw us unto Him have and do experience many wonderful hours, sitting with His saints under the sound of His holy word of life, and singing such consoling hymns together, as the apostle, Paul mentioned, to forget what is behind us and stretch toward that that is before us, unknown beauties that have come into no ones mind. Our God is really merciful to provide such wonders to us unworthy ones.

We in our nation really are a privileged people. However, we should not take too much for grant-

ed, as our God's mercies may end in a moment of time. Then how will the souls feel that have not made peace with God and man? How it does shudder us when we read the words that Christ left us, of the terrible spiritual famine that shall come to pass when the door of grace will close. We earnestly pray each day that He will keep this way of life open.

We pray for our beloved shepherds who have the oversight of His holy church. May God grant them much grace, strength and courage, so that they can continue to bear that that has been laid upon them. May God grant us all the grace to support our elders, who have such a deep concern for those who love God and His people.

FROM A SERMON

by Bro. Benedict Weyeneth

(Weyeneth was extraordinarily active. He said at times that he was a poor farmer, but that he preferred to be busy in the Lord's vineyard. A number of congregations arose, at Morton, Roanoke, Dillion, Peoria, etc. In winter when farmwork was slack, he used his strength for the work of the Gospel. During the winter he held meetings almost every evening, except Saturdays. In the winter of 1879 there was an awakening, in which 159 souls were baptized.)

Bro. Benedict Weyeneth was born in Switzerland, June 2, 1819. He was ordained elder in Switzerland. He died Dec. 11, 1887. The sermon was delivered in German, in America.)

. . . we have only to fear the living God. Vengeance belongeth to me; I will recompense. The Lord shall judge His people. The Lord will let the fiery judgment come upon the heathen. We have the Israelites as an example. The Lord knew how to punish them for their sins. . . . He has to punish us if we are not obedient to His word. Only through much sorrow and tribulation can we hope to enter the heavenly kingdom. The Lord will judge His people. But upon one who leads

a godless life, his judgment is terrible, where the Lord Jesus said the worm dieth not, nor is the fire quenched. Everlasting destruction and damnation shall be their portion, according to their works.

Therefore it is so important that we are submissive to our Lord, so that He can mold us as He would have us. How wonderful a reward will be in store for those who have submitted themselves wholly to the Lord in joy and in sorrow, and have fully set their trust in their God and Saviour Jesus. These He will recognize as His own on that great and notable day. All tears will be wiped away, all pain and sorrow shall be removed, and everlasting joy and peace will be their lot and portion, because they submitted their will into that of Jesus until their death. . . . As is written . . . that these are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. These will He gather into His heavenly kingdom. But unto those who have not heeded His call and obeyed His voice awaits a terrible judgment; for He will say to them to depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, and they will be cast out into everlasting destruction, where

the fire will not be quenched. . . .

The words that God has spoken will judge the people. So lift up the feeble knees and remember how He suffered for us. . . the Hebrews, since they had endured a great fight of affliction, they should continue in their good works, lest they again fall into the old manner of life and lose everything they have gained for Christ's sake. Even though they were robbed of their earthly possessions because of their religious beliefs, they stood fast and could withstand all these trials. Their love was so great toward Jesus, who gave His life and shed His precious blood upon the cross. He did this because He loved all mankind. He wants all men to be saved, and it is up to each one to choose life or death, blessing or damnation.

Dear ones—we should choose the better part—to follow the Lord and to love Him as He has commanded. If we again should turn away from the Lord and would go our way, all that we have gained and all our striving would be in vain. We must look to those who have died for Christ's sake and now rest under the altar of God and await for that time when He shall come to judge. . . .

We must remember Christ's

promise that He will share to all a crown of life who overcome. We should all strive to lead a righteous life, and not be as some brethren who do not follow the law of the Lord too closely. As we have died unto sin, so shall we deny ourselves those things which cannot enter into heaven, as the Lord has said that nothing unclean can enter into His kingdom. It is wonderful that the Lord made it so, for in this way it will be made manifest who loved the Lord. For example, the Israelites were not willing to obey the Lord and went their own way. Because of this, He gave them into the hands of the Philistines. Even today He does the same if we do not continually cling to Jesus and prepare ourselves. . . The day of grace will soon be at an end. Even though the Lord does not come at this

present time, we are at all times in danger that we might be taken out of this world and time into eternity. We can believe that the Lord will soon come, because of the signs of the times. . . We want to be free from all worldly things, so that we can enter into that heavenly home with Christ Jesus. It is written, that yet a little while and He that shall come will come and will not tarry. It is needful that we should have patience to endure and that we might do the will of God.

We must put our trust in the Lord. . . We should never become discouraged and think the Lord will not help us. The Lord is always ready to help. We do not want to be of those who would leave our Lord, but our lives should display those virtues of faith, love and charity, so we might do His will. We know

that when we seek the Lord to give us wisdom and life, that He will hear our petition. . . The Lord will bless those who love and put their trust in Him. We should feel as the apostle who said that nothing could separate him from Jesus' love. He praised the Lord and was ready to depart this life.

May the Heavenly Father grant us grace in this evil time, that we can stand fast, and not be carried away with the temptations of the times. Unbelief will destroy everything if our faith is not grounded on the rock, Jesus Christ. We live in a troublesome time and are surrounded with evil spirits. It is just as important to be striving aright today as it was years ago.

May the Lord even today, as He has ever been, be mighty in the weak.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio and Morie Uchida

The children of our Shioda kindergarten, under the teaching of Sis. Nancy Schrock, are learning the English language very well, even while playing.

The Shioda American Elementary School is now on summer vacation, so Sis. Nancy Roth busys herself taking care of the church and church grounds. She had an appendectomy recently, but by the grace of God could return from the hospital and is fine. During the time of her hospitalization she was comforted by many brothers and sisters.

Also two Japanese friends who speak English very well rendered valuable service by acting as interpreters. They are Miss Suzuki and Miss Miwa. We certainly thank God that He, at all times, protects those who trust in Him.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Getz

We received many spiritual blessings through the messages brought by Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma, Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan, and Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Athens.

Bro. Joe Leman, a resident of Restmor Nursing Home, remains a bed patient after fracturing a small bone.

Bro. Bruce Schmidgall, who had surgery, is convalescing at his home.

Bro. Otto Bertchold suffered a

stroke and has not been able to attend church services for a year. He is able to be in a wheel-chair and enjoys having company.

Bro. Eric Koehl was able to return home, after being hospitalized for several weeks.

Sis. Rose (Mrs. Carl) Vierling is convalescing at home, having had surgery.

Sis. Sophia Herman, who fell and injured her back, is now a patient at the Restmor Nursing Home.

Jeffrey Carius, son of the late Major Marvin Carius (who was killed during the Korean conflict) and Geraldine Rapp Carius, has been appointed to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Mrs. Edison Gutwein

What, another baby? Some can't understand why we wanted another child, when at times the ones we have would be enough.

I'll admit that the house would be neater without little hands making sticky fingerprints everywhere, and the toys strewn around, and hardly picked up before they are all over the place again, but I would not want it otherwise. Sure, my house may not be as neat as a page from "House Beautiful". I may not have all the latest electronic helpers, but I'd much rather impress visitors with my new "Baby", than a gleaming kitchen.

I'll admit that the slipcovers that

I've wanted so desperately for several years will have to wait, but the "JOY" of holding a child is indefinitely more satisfying. Long after the slipcovers would have become old, faded and threadbare, happy childhood will be music to my ears. A child is always new.

No empty years stretch before us. By the time our youngest leaves the nest, by the grace of God, there will be grandchildren wishing attention and filling our hours with love and golden moments of appreciation all over again.

God sent "New Babies" to the homes of these loving parents—James and Eleanor Bogart, Lewis and Carol Albrecht, Bill and Betty Huber, Ronald and Vicky Bucher and Robert and Linda Griffin. We know that all these parents wishes are, that some day their dear child can go to Heaven.

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One would not think that anyone as kind as our dear Bro. Sam Geyer, Sis. Mary Wuethrich or good Friend Dwight Bucher should have to suffer. We must have a "thorn in the flesh", to ripen and bring to a good end that what God wants us all to have. So we daily pray for these shut-ins of our congregation.

We were given the same "Joy" as the angels in heaven, when we could see how happy Wendell Anliker and Connie Gutwein were, after they were baptized by Bros. Herman Kellenberger and George Yergler. We know this is the song they have in their hearts, "What could be more delightful, more joy and peace create, then when to Thee, Oh Saviour, our lives we consecrate".

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Barry Isch

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" . . . Throughout the short period of time that we're together here at Ft. Sam for training, we become very closely knit to each other. Then as time takes its course, we are scattered abroad into many parts of the world. But even though there are many miles between us and our loved ones, through the love and power of our Heavenly Father, we're still kept together as a single body in Christ. In these present times, we must learn to trust in our Lord, follow in His footsteps, and submit ourselves to His will, so all things work for the good of Him that saved us.

Once again we were blessed with many visiting brethren and friends, who came here over the many miles to bring us a cheerful, heartwarming greeting or an inspiring message. These efforts that are made are certainly for the good, and are greatly appreciated.

On July 14, Elder Bro. David Bertsch, his wife, and his two daughters were here from Leo.

The following week end, Bro. John, Bro. Dave, Bro. Nick, Sis. Gloria, Jan, and Paula Kaeb were here from Fairbury to visit their brother, Dan. Here to visit Carroll Plattner were his folks, Bro. and Sis. (John) Plattner, and his brother, Bro. and Sis. (Eldon) Plattner from Sabetha.

On the 27th of July, Ministering Bro. Joe Zimmerman Sr. (Roanoke) was here with his son, Ministering Bro. Joe Jr. (Morton), along with his son Joe III, and Rick Zimmerman. Sis. Eliza Getz from Reming-

ton was also here visiting her son, Bro. Eldon.

Bro. Dave Klopfenstein from Laty has now finished his term of service and has departed to his home. We pray that the Lord will bestow His richest blessings on Bro. Dave, and that he may continue being the light that he has been down here.

Carrol Plattner has received his alert for a stateside assignment.

We would like to remind anyone coming into the service that they're welcome to send their civilian clothes to this apartment. The address is 504 Elmhurst Apt. No. 4, San Antonio Texas 78209. Our telephone number is 824-9803.

The next scheduled ministers are from Eureka, on the 8th of Sept., and from Phoenix, on the 22nd.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Hagggenmaker

Someone penned a lovely song, that tells of God's nearness to a Christian, and how God will lead us home.

Holy Spirit, faithful guide,
Ever near the Christian's side;
Gently lead us by the hand,
Pilgrims in a desert land;

Weary souls fore'er rejoice,
While they hear that sweetest
voice,

Whisper softly, Wander'er come!
Follow me; I'll guide thee home.

How wonderful these words are to a Christian, just follow Jesus; he'll lead us home. Friend Mason (Dick) Lott sought the Lord as his Saviour a little while ago (about two or three months), and just about two weeks ago the Lord led him home. Our heart goes out to the family. We are glad they have the Holy Spirit to comfort them, and that they can believe that Mason is "Safe in the Arms of Jesus".

For 3 weeks now, we have been having worship services at 7 P.M., also, on the Lord's day. We were very happy to have a brother from Francesville with us at this evening service July 21, Bro. Wendell Gude-man. We count it a blessing when the northern brethren visit us.

Bro. Henry Perry hasn't been feeling well. A small group of the congregation visited him after services Sunday evening. Bro. Henry was delighted; we had singing, prayer and Bible reading. It seemed to lift us all spiritually, and we were all glad we took the time to visit this dear old Brother. We

would love to see him back in church this Sunday.

Isn't it a wonderful thought, that we can trust the Lord with everything, and He will work it out for us.

Only trust Him.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Nancy Blunier

"Be like a bird that,
Pausing in its flight,
Rests on a bough too slight,
And feeling it give way
Beneath him sings,
Knowing he hath wings."

"Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away" we sing in a hymn, but meanwhile, when the ground all around us is sinking sand, we can still be like the birds, and by faith be lifted up on wings of love as we sing praises to our God.

It brings joy to our hearts that one who has shared in our fellowship the past year, Janet Morris from Bluffton, is seeking the Lord in repentance. We have treasured her friendship, and now as she graduates to return to Indiana to teach, we wish her God's richest blessings.

We have had Bros. Willis Ehnle and John Klaus from Japan, Bro. Josh Broquard from Fairbury, and Bro. Walter Anliker and Marvin Schmidtgall from Eureka as visiting ministers. Bros. Willis and John both showed slides of Japan after their inspirational messages. We have had many other visitors this summer and wish to thank all for coming, as our group would have been quite small without them.

The fellowship in our churches becomes more precious when we make friends at school with those we have not known before and find ones who can better understand and share our experiences, because they believe as we do. As another school year approaches, we encourage all who will be attending ISU to gather with us on Thursday evenings in the 3rd Floor Lounge of the Union. We would appreciate it if all those who will be newly-employed or continuing their education in the Bloomington-Normal area would send their name and address to Dixie Stoller, Gridley, or Nancy Blunier, Eureka, Illinois. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Changing address? Tell your reporter. Remember to send zip number!
the editor

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

We thank the Lord for the spiritual food brought to us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Alphi Moser of Morris and Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville.

We thank our Lord for our youthful members— The church of tomorrow. Six young brothers from the Kansas congregations took their time to spend last Sunday with us. We thank them for their fellowship.

The Winthrop congregation wishes to extend a warm invitation and welcome to any visitors.

SP4 Steven Howk, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice, returned to active duty in Vietnam after a month's leave.

Today, we redeemed ones are the salt of the earth and the lights on the hill. Are we willing to let our lights shine before men? If we partake of the world, we are no different than those of the world. Redeemed ones never let go off the string of faith, or they will grope and grasp for it a long time and pretty soon the light of faith will be out. Are we using the precious time God gives us?

Still someone is not saved. Only yesterday, flourishing youth; today middle-aged or gray-headed. Go in the door of Heaven through Jesus Christ by repentance and confession. "While Jesus whispers to you, Come Sinner come". Tomorrow may be too late.

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

Bro. Henry Kilgus—Forrest, Bro. Edmund Kloter—Fairbury, and many others from various congregations assembled with us July 21. The Jake Bahler reunion was held at the town park and was well attended.

Ralph and Helen Waibel became the parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Sue on July 21. (The 1st baby girl we've had in our family for 37 years; we were blessed with boys.)

The grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna, and her folks live in Colorado, but are here with them now. . .

Very happy to report—Ralph was announced to be proved in the near future. May the Lord be their guide in their daily walk, as they rear their little one.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle of Japan favored us with a short call, as they were on their way to

her folks. May the Lord grant all their needs for body and soul. We feel we do very little for the Lord when we hear of all the duties they are called on to perform.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mariam Klopfenstein and family from Athens were with us for evening services July 31. They were on their way to Leo, then home. Her two aunts, Sisters Louise and Hulda Martin from Princeville were going home with them for a short visit. My sisters knew the girls while working in Peoria years ago, so enjoyed having them with us for the night.

We were pleasantly surprised to have supper guests with us on Fri. evening Aug. 2, as Lee Blunier and three boys from Eureka were on their way home from a Soldier's reunion out in Washinton D.C. Lee has traveled with us on our vacations for quite a number of years. We enjoy unexpected callers and always appreciate being remembered.

Quite a number from here were blessed by the inspiring day at Camp Mack, July 28. The Sunday School lesson, prayers, sermons, readings and songs are each a teaching in themselves. Would that we all could remember something by which we can grow spiritually from the message that was given. Would that we all could be inspired to be a better witness in all we do and say so that our lives can be a testimony for our Lord and Saviour. None of us must question, as Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne related, that we might not have to ask and wonder when our life is at its close, whether we are leaving this world "Empty handed", as far as our influence goes toward the souls of others. Can we and do we tell others of our salvation? How we were led until we found rest for our souls. So we can tell others to come, taste and see that **Our Faith Works**. We trust many were convicted; conviction brings grace to contrition and confession, which leads to the peace that passeth understanding.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna Waibel are on their way to San Bernardino, California to visit their son, Lloyd and family of 3 boys, who used to live here.

Just Use Me!

I am the Bible.
I am God's wonderful library.
I am always—and alone—the Truth.

To the weary pilgrim I am a good strong staff.

To the One who sits in the black gloom, I am glorious Light.

To those who have been hurt by sin, I am healing balm.

To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.

To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am as a cool, soft hand resting on a fevered brow.

Oh child of man, to best defend me, Just use me.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA**Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber**

"God may not give us everything we want, but he will certainly give us what we need".

Births: A son, Vincent James, to Bro. and Sis. Steven Aschliman; a son, Clark Leon, to Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller; a daughter, Lynne Michele, to Bro. and Sis. Phillip Moser; a daughter, Rachel Fay, to Bro. and Sis. Gary Ringger; a son, Richard Anthony, to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Fairchild.

Weddings: July 14, Sis. Sharon Stettner and Bro. Bill Dotterer were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman. July 21, Sis. Sue Yergler and Bro. Thomas Neuenchwander were united in marriage by her grandfather, Elder John Yergler.

May the blessed Lord in Heaven Look down and guide you two, and always be a partner In all the things you do.

Shut-ins: Sisters Mrs. Bill Ringger, Mrs. John Moser, Mrs. Jerome Rauch and Bros. William Kaehr and Harold Geisel.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Maurice Frank and Henry Sabo.

Matthew 3:2 "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Provings and baptisms were held for dear friends: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frauhiger.

The Blessings of God

MERCY abundantly given,
HELP for the difficult place—
COURAGE when it's sorely needed,
STRENGTH for the problems we face!

COMFORT when grief assails us,
LOVE when we need someone to care—

These are the blessings of God
That He gives in answer to prayer!

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss
 "Now it is accomplished, I'm no longer mine.
 Lord, I will forever and always be Thine,
 For Thou hast created and purchased me too;
 Baptized with Thy Spirit Thou makest me new."

This we sang after four dear souls were baptized and added to the fold—Arthur and Alma Rein Schmidt (husband and wife), and Delbert and Jeannette Schuman Schmidt (husband and wife). Bros. Noah Schrock, Noah Bauman and Silas Leuthold were with us for this happy occasion. It was a day of rejoicing with the angels, and we hope and pray that many more will seek the Lord while He is yet to be found and while grace and salvation is offered to all who would ask.

Two friends were taken from this life, Richard Knupper, who passed away unexpectedly at his home. . . And James Vege, who passed away after a lingering illness at Sherman Hospital. May God comfort the bereft ones in their lonely hours.

Guest ministers Bros. James Ringger and Nathan Stoller of Bradford and others visited us, and served us with God's word. We had a blessed day; may God bless them for their efforts.

Sis. Lenora Steffen was hospitalized for surgery, and is now at home again. We wish her God's help in regaining her strength.

In one of our sermons it was mentioned, how some of the young people today are restless and dissatisfied, seem to be seeking for something, they know not what, but if they would search the Scriptures, they could find therein satisfaction, peace and joy here in this time, and in the world to come eternal life.

A birth—to Bro. Ernest Jr. and Sis. Carol Schubert Kellenberger, a daughter, Cynthia Ann, born July 21.

My thanks to each of you for your kindness, prayers and cards during my recent illness. May God bless you. Frieda Schock

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

Our ministers in July were Bros. Henry Beer (Milford), John Bollier (Leo), and Floyd Wieland (Detroit). Their messages of love and

encouragement to our small group were very much appreciated. All of the brothers mentioned their concern in what the Bible says of the world's nearing the last days. In II Timothy, Chapter 3, Paul's description of its present wickedness is all so true. Verses 16 and 17 were also emphasized: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Let us keep this in mind as we daily read our Bibles.

Note: In September we are looking forward to both the new and familiar faces in church, as students return to the campus here at Bloomington to continue their educations. For those who would like to contact us to get acquainted, write or call: Howard Getz, Tulip Tree House 601, Bloomington Indiana 47401. Phone 339-2555

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

We welcome Sis. Donna Steffen, whose home was formerly in Alto, to our Mansfield congregation and hope she will be happy here. Although shortly after she moved to our vicinity, Sis. Donna spent several weeks in the hospital due to a back injury suffered in a fall, we are thankful she has again been able to worship with us.

May the Lord bless and guide the new Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pugh, who recently exchanged wedding vows. Mrs. Pugh is the former Rita Snyder, granddaughter of Sis. Katherine Bocka.

Sunday, July 21, was a beautiful day for the children and adults to enjoy the annual Sunday School picnic, which was held by the Enderle Lake, across the road from the church. Everyone was then invited to join in the song-service held at the church that evening.

How grateful we are that the Lord opened the way for Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle to share with us an evening of their limited time in the States. Church services were held on Wednesday evening, July 31. Bro. Willis told us that, as they were traveling to our city on the train, they passed through a section of a college town, where everything was beautiful with flowers, shrubs, green lawns and trees. As he was thinking how lovely and clean it was, they went through a dirty section with trash and junk.

The thought came to him that it is often the same way with the Christian life—first it is filled with the glorious things of God, but soon the junk starts to pile up. Bro. Willis emphasized how we should keep our lives glorious with God's love and beauty, and get rid of the junk we have collected. Our thanks also go to Bro. Lawrence Emch from Girard, who also spoke to us on Wednesday evening July 31, and to Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, who ministered to us on Sunday July 14.

We would like to share the following, which was submitted to your reporter:

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. . ." Lamentations 1:12

There was never a Prince so royal,
 so worthy of deathless fame;
 There was never a friend so loyal,
 such an ocean of love in a name!

There were never such strings of
 sweetness, such streams of ineffable bliss,
 Such powers of holy meekness, as
 welled in that heart of His,
 Which moved His hands in kindness,
 o'erflowing His lips with grace,
 Impelling His feet to mercy, and
 suffusing with love His face.
 Yet never a friend did fathom such
 measureless depths of shame,
 And never the vilest traitor did bear
 such a burden of blame!
 And where is the heart so hardened
 and who is so vile as he
 Who beholdeth the Saviour suffer,
 and saith, **It is nothing to me?**

Well might I hide my blushing face,
 while His dear cross appears;
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
 and melt my eyes to tears.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Vera Roth

Rebecca arrived July 19. Her happy parents are Bro. and Sis. Dan and Ethel Wiegand; she has 3 little brothers.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier's eldest son Bill will be leaving for service duty this coming month. May God be with him.

Moving from this community are Bro. and Sis. Ron and Kayleen Hieniger, to Quincy, Ill. Bro. Bob and Sis. Lynn Blunier moved from Decatur to East Peoria. They had made Champaign their church. We will miss them all.

There was an announcement of the engagement of Sis. Jeane Belsey, Eureka, to Bro. Larry Kaufman of Cissna Park. May God bless them.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Ed Hohulin, Noah Herman, Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest). Emanuel Gudeman, Bro. Rocke (Goodfield).

We are looking forward to this Fall, to the return of college students.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We enjoyed many blessed hours, when ministering brothers and their company visited our congregation: Bros. Loren Stoller, Noah Herman, Maurice Frank, and Dale Eisenman. We are indeed thankful to the Lord. May He bless every effort in the Saviour's name.

Sis. Lena Feller again is a hospital patient, due to another fall. Sis. Elizabeth Martin is hospitalized for medication. Richard, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary Knapp, had an appendectomy. Sis. Ellen Vogel, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Vogel, and Sis. Lydia (Christ) Eisenman both had surgery. May we remember all the sick in prayer, and may the Divine Healer make their lot bearable.

When anxious fears beset us
And clouds are hovering low,
When a haze obscures the future,
And the path we do not know,
When the heart is burdened,
Saddened with the load already
there,
What a glorious, blessed privilege
To surmount the test through
prayer.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

We were richly blessed on Sunday, July 14, when Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott brought to us the word of God. Bro. Vernon, his family and others with them were vacationing in the area. We thank them for their visit and pray that God will bless Bro. Vernon in his labors.

It is wonderful to see that God is still calling souls to serve Him. We rejoice that Paul Sabados Jr., son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Maria, has found the need of repentance and has turned to the Lord. May God grant him peace of heart and grace to follow in His ways.

"He that hath pity upon the

poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17. Sat. evening, August 3, we were again reminded of the multitude of blessings which are ours, when Bro. Herman Norr shared with us some of the projects of World Relief and their results, by showing slides. Also here for the week end were Bro. Herman Kellenberger and his wife, Sis. Della; and Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger. Bro. Kellenberger, chairman of the World Relief Committee, spoke on Saturday evening in support of the work being done. We are thankful for the messages of God's word brought to us through Bro. Kellenberger on Sunday.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people." Psalm 96:3. Bro. Willis Ehnle, who has been fulfilling God's command, was guest minister here. May God bless them in their efforts to get the word **noised abroad**. The Ehnles were guests of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman, who had been in Japan earlier this year.

In Bro. John Klaus' message as guest minister here, he said the Japan people will say, "How do you know to believe in God? . . . you're a missionary so you would believe in God." We've experienced answered prayers, and we trust God to hear our prayers, that Bro. John's efforts will bring people in Japan to fear Him, for ". . . in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:35.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Lola Steffen are parents of an adopted baby girl, Tami Lyn, who came July 18 at 5 days old to live with them.

Bro. Warren and Sis. Delores Zehr were blessed with a baby boy, Nelson Douglas, born July 18. The new baby is also welcomed by his brother Quinn, and sisters LaRae and Wendy.

Harvey Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen, was married to Nancy Mueller, daughter of Mrs. Edna Mueller, Sunday July 21. Bro. Josh Broquard performed the wedding ceremony.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Feldman held a reception-buffet dinner for their son, Fred, and his bride, Pauline Patterson. They were married recently in Chicago.

Harry Johnson has been able to

leave the hospital in Chicago to come home with his wife, Nancy (Moulton) and children. Harry fell from a tree last September, leaving him paralyzed. However, he is now able to feed himself and move himself in a wheel chair.

Merle Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Aberle, has received his discharge from the service. We welcome Merle, his wife—Carol, and son Merle Jr., returning to be at home here.

We were happy to have Bro. Noah Schrock of Iowa and Bro. Henry Sabo of Ohio give us inspiring messages.

Sis. Mabel Springer of Oklahoma and daughters are spending some time here, to be with Sis. Mabel's parents, Bro. and Sis. Dave Hartman.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Bro. Sam Maier is again able to assemble with us, after a short hospital stay as a medical patient. Sis. Carrie Leman was recently transferred from Fairbury Hospital to Carle Hospital, Urbana, where she is receiving treatments. Kent Kafer, 2, a great-grandson of Bro. Andy and Sis. Martha Koehl, submitted to emergency surgery after swallowing a nail. We are thankful he has made a nice recovery.

Diane Honegger, daughter of Harley and Lorraine, and Ronald Rieger, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marion, were recently married in the bride's home by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. We wish them many blessings in their new life together.

In the absence of most of our local ministers one Sunday recently, Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury, came to assist his father, Bro. Joe.

Rev. 3:16—"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

C—areless in conduct.
O—mitting all prayer.
L—ack of God's grace.
D—efeated life without Christ.

L—acking sincere prayer.
U—ncertain of God's grace.
K—nowledge of fear.
E—mptied of life's purpose.

H—eaven's your goal.
O—nly God's will.
T—otally devoted life for Christ.

LATTY, OHIO**Delores Grant — Marguerite Stoller
The Greatest Gift . . .**

Sis. Diane Klopfenstein
If someone offered you a gift, One
that's over all,
You know that you'd accept it,
whether big or small.

Christ offered me a gift, The best
on all the earth;
He offered me a new life, and even
a brand new birth.

He let me start all over, to live a
life that's right.
A special joy swept over me; I'd be
precious in his sight!

He offered me comfort and guid-
ance, in all that I say and do,
He offered me understanding, and
everything else that's new.

The birth starts out as repentance,
something strengthening, good,
and pure.
He'll give you the grace to guide
you through, and this you can
be sure!

It's your very own decision, and an
easy one to make,
And with God's precious gift of
grace, an easy one to take.

He wants to put this gift in our
hearts, In love . . . He'll put it
there.

If we were to throw it back, would
you really feel it was fair?

The week end of June 30 Bro.
David Bertsch of Leo assisted Bro.
George Sinn in the provings and
baptisms of Becky Stoller, daughter
of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther; Di-
ane Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro.
Floren and Sis. Mary Ella; Charles
Dunham Jr. and his wife, Debra.
It truly was an inspiring week end.

We are so happy and thankful
for two new souls who have turned
to the Lord. They are Christine
Stoller, daughter of Bro. Ervin and
Sis. Marie, and Kerry Lanz, son of
Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clare. We wish
them God's grace and blessings.

Visiting ministers were Bros.
Elmer Schenk of Alto, Eugene
Pamer of Akron, and Ben Stavenik
of Mansfield.

Cara Lynn was born July 22 to
Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice Laukhuf.
She was welcomed home by twin
sisters and one brother.

Cathy Renee was born July 28 to
Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn.

She was welcomed home by two
brothers.

Those of our congregation who
were hospitalized, but home again:
Bro. Roy Stoller Oakwood, Ohio;
Sis. Emma Klopfenstein; and Chris-
tine Stoller. Bro. Jesse Gerber has
returned to the hospital and was
reported very weak.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**Elna Grimm
OUR CHOICE**

Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we
choose.

These are the things that mar or
bless
The sum of human happiness.

The thing nearby, not that afar,
Not what we seem, but what we
are;

These are the things that make or
break,
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is
true,
Not what we dream, but good we do;
These are the things that shine
like gems,
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Our visiting ministers have been
Bro. Frederic Knapp of Congerville
and Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott.
We thank them for their time, their
love and efforts.

Those hospitalized were Sis. Na-
thalia Frank, wife of Bro. Richard;
Sis. Esther Hartman, wife of the
late Bro. Magnus Hartman; Bro.
Harold Plattner; and Sis. Lavina
Fehr, wife of Bro. Oliver. They have
all returned to their homes and are
on the recuperating list. Bro. Willis
Wiegand also suffered with back
trouble, and was disabled for a time.

Bro. George W. and Sis. Fern
Knapp were blessed with their sec-
ond little girl, on July 26. She has
been named Heather Ann. Sis. Ma-
rie Goetzinger is the maternal
grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs.
George C. Knapp are the paternal
grandparents.

On Aug. 1, Bob and Marilyn Ho-
hulin had a baby girl. Karen Lynn
is their first child. She is also the
first grandchild on either side of
the family. The Earl Underwoods
from Eureka are the maternal
grandparents, and Bro. Eli Hohu-
lin and his wife, Lois, are the pa-
ternal grandparents.

Eddie Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis.
Oliver and Lavina Fehr, has been

recently discharged. He reached
home on July 13, after having been
in Viet Nam. Thanks be to God for
each young man who can return to
their loved ones in good health.

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

Weather has been very hot for
several weeks and rainfall was light,
but the past several days and first
part of August we have been bless-
ed with good rains.

C. O. Wade was retired from
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company
on July 31, after being employed
there the past 20 years. He is en-
joying good health, and he and his
wife Lillie Barth Wade will con-
tinue to live here.

Amos Schupbach of American
Ridge passed away on July 26, at
the age of 82 years. He was the son
of J. E. Schupbach and Emma Roth-
lisberger Schupbach. He leaved four
sons; and one brother, Frank. Ser-
vices were held on the 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Riggen-
bach visited with their daughter in
Alfred, N. Y. They were accom-
panied home by their two grand-
children. Celeste and Stephan Giles,
for a brief visit. Homer Schupbach,
son of Ed and Emma Schupbach,
who resides in Wheeling, is a patient
in the Veteran's Hospital in Clarks-
burg. Walter D. Emch remains a
patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital
in Wheeling.

Miss Elizabeth Richards of Gal-
lipolis, O., visited her cousin, Mary
Ann Brothers and family over the
July 28th week-end.

Mrs. J. Clarence Durig under-
went brain surgery in the Ohio Val-
ley Hospital in Wheeling on August
5.

Robert (Bob) Emch is a patient
in the Veteran's Hospital in Clarks-
burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser
of Easton, Md. visited with the
Witschey families.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and
S. H. Williams of Akron visited on
July 22 with the Barth families.

Miss Mary Witschey left on July
31 with her sister and husband of
Canton, O., for Carbondale, Colora-
do, for a visit with the Albert Wits-
chey families.

John Schupbach, who has been
very ill for several weeks, is a pa-
tient in the Veteran's Hospital in
Clarksburg.

Miss Bonnie Riggenbach and Miss
Marlyn Springston returned re-

cently from a three-week visit in Europe.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Marilyn Graf

We have been blessed by the visits of several ministers. Bro. Don Sauder and his wife, Sis. Wilma, and several children were here from Roanoke. Bro. and Sis. Frances Rother were also with us. We are always grateful for our visitors.

Sis. Jackie Lanz has recently moved to our community from Rockville. She will be teaching 2nd grade in the Grevois Elementary School in Los Angeles. Her address is: 325 South Almanson Apt. 18, Alhambra California. We welcome her into our midst.

We rejoice with Bill and Pat Schwartz, who have recently adopted a baby, Robert William. Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz and Dr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are the grandparents.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

The Sunday School picnic was held July 28 at Sycamore Springs. Classes will now recess until September.

The annual election of Sunday School teachers was also held. Bro. Louis Meyer was elected to serve with Bro. Frank Hertz (superintendent); teachers, Wilfred Strahm, Harlan Stoller, Sisters Marge Edelman and Lola Luthi. Substitutes are Bro. Leland Plattner and Sis. Mamie Strahm.

Bro. Leland Plattner was appointed to relieve Bro. Noah Edelman in the World Relief duties.

James Moser (Bro. Reuben and Sis. Stella) is at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, with the National Reserves for their annual two weeks summer training.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Paul Grimm and Sis. Florence Rocky in the death of their mother, Sis. Katherine Grimm.

Our only hospital patient was Sis. Mary Plattner, in a short stay for dental surgery. Most of our shut-ins are improving. Sis. Freida Strahm is able to assemble with us again, Sis. Marie Leuthold also at times, although in a wheel chair. Sis. Rose Ulmer was with us a recent evening. Sis. Lucinda Brunner remains about the same, not much improvement.

We had a blessed Wednesday evening recently, when Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton) arrived in our

community unexpectedly and ministered to us. We extend our thanks and invite him to come again.

Now we bring this report to a close on a joyous note. Our dear friend, Janice Lehman (Bro. Edward and Sis. Leola) has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her much grace in this, the most important step in life.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman

We were blessed by a visit from Ministering Bro. Vernon Leman. He pointed out that truly, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

With grateful hearts we welcomed back Bill Leman, who has been absent from our midst while convalescing from an illness. We are looking forward to the time when Sis. Hazel Clauss can again come and fellowship with us also. She is at home, recuperating from major surgery. Our thanks and praises continue to go forth for the healing God is performing in these dear ones' lives.

Sis. Emma Unsicker spent August 4 in Ft. Wayne with her son, David and his family, who were leaving for a two-year tour of duty as a supply officer in Sasebo, Japan. Our prayers are with David and his family as they prepare their new home abroad.

Suppose

"What is your business?" asked the merchant.

"I came to speak to you about your soul's salvation, but I see you are busy," said the minister.

"Yes," replied the merchant, "I am much too busy."

The minister put out his hand to say good-bye and drawing close to the astonished merchant, whispered solemnly in his ear, "Suppose I had been death!"

Reader, are you "too busy" to think about your soul's salvation?

Bro. Henry Souder was honored by the congregation on his 80th birthday with a "surprise" evening program, and a time of fellowship and refreshment afterward. Many friends and relatives came from near and far to be with him to celebrate.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Leah enjoyed the many cards received, and wish to thank all who remembered them at this time. They feel the bond of Christian love has blessed them.

There are many people in the world who need to learn that Christianity is neither a creed nor a ceremonial, but a life vitally connected with a loving Christ.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Sis. Mary Beard has been hospitalized for several weeks in the Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Warren, Ohio. May our prayers be that she can soon be home again. We are all glad to see Sis. Ella Deislinger able to get around again and to be in church to worship with us. May she continue to improve. Sis. Esther Saylor is now home and doing quite well. Sis. Marie Lewis wishes to thank everyone who has been so thoughtful during her illness with cards, flowers and prayers.

June 21, a daughter was born to John and Shirley Anne (Emch) Caparanis. Her name is Alexandria. She is a great-granddaughter of Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Caroline Emch.

During the month of July we had visitors from Gridley, Akron, and Rittman. Visitors are always welcome.

YOUR GOD AND MINE

He gave us the springtime, the warm summer breeze,
For all of His blessings, to only believe;

To the songbird the song that gladdens our heart,
To the sinner gone wrong, He gives a fresh start.

He gives us a Saviour who died on the cross,

That a world of sinners should never be lost.

The first breath that man took He gave him one time,

Lord God of all flesh, your God and mine.

He gave us His love that warms up our soul,

And when we cross Jordan, Heaven's our goal.

To all us a Christmas we'll never forget,

Our soul-saving Jesus, who is with us all yet.

He gave us His promise, We won't be alone;

He sent us the Spirit to lead us all home.

I am with you always to the end of time. . .

Lord God of all flesh, your God and mine.

He gave us the angels to serve us
so long,
A cross old and rugged, all to lean
on;
To all us His Kingdom, we're joint
heirs with Christ;
We all enjoy freedom and live in
His light.
He's there in the temple; whenever
you pray
Kneeling at your bedside, He hears
all that you say.
Your prayers will be answered; just
give Him the time,
Lord God of our faith, your God and
mine.

Let Him hear from you today; He
is only a prayer away.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sis. Doris Bahr was hospitalized
for over a week recently, and is
gaining strength at home now.

Bro. Sam Huber spoke for the
whole church when he thanked Bro.
Gene Marti for coming, and that
it was like a fresh drink of water . . .
indeed it was. He mentioned that
a man had told him "you can't be-
lieve in anyone anymore." While
Bro. Gene didn't think it's that bad,
he felt that if Satan would lose all
his powers except distrust, he'd
have a powerful weapon. Then he
read of how heaven would be . . .
how beautiful it would be. The ex-
ample was given of how we think
of a trip's destination . . . thinking
how nice it will be. Thinking of it
doesn't make it so—we can know
the way, mark out the route. . . but
we must take the steps—into the
car, train or plane, and getting
ready to go, packing and all, must
be done beforehand . . . almost to
the point it'd be easier to stay home.
So it is with our spiritual trip. . .
we can know the way, but we must
take the steps first; repentance is
one of the preparations for the spir-
itual journey—effort, yes, but not
too hard.

A couple of weeks ago we had a
three-week spell of hot dry weather,
and our 8-year-old son came to me
one day: "Mom, there's earthquakes
all over, the creek is drying up." . .
and he was worked up we'd have
a "famine". . . so parents of little
boys who wonder how they can get
into so many things, and Sunday
School teachers who wonder if they
learn anything, take heart . . . once
in awhile a few things "leak out".
. . . and his thoughts of Elijah were

almost a coincidence. Our rain came
up suddenly, and before we were
through most of us had 4 inches or
more, and over the next few days
we all had at least 10-11 inches. To-
day, we are back to "normal" Aug-
ust weather . . . hot and dry air.

A thought: Many use God, but
few let God use them.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

We are enjoying visitors this
summer from various places.
Among them have been the follow-
ing ministers: Bros. Nathan Stoller,
Bradford; Edwin Ringger, Gridley;
Wayne Gerber, Lester; Roy Lugin-
buhl, Rockville; George Gramm,
Gridley; and Elder Eugene Bertschi,
Roanoke.

Bro. and Sis. Carl and Norene
Moser are the parents of a new son;
he has been named Carter Alan.
Carter has three brothers at home,
Todd, Brian and Bennie. The grand-
mothers are Mrs. Clara Moser and
Mrs. Lizzie Schmidgall.

THROUGH THE WEEK WITH GOD

MONDAY: "A merry heart doeth
good like a medicine. . ."

Begin this new week
With a song and a smile;
It will lift your heart
For a long, long while

TUESDAY: "Take therefore no
thought for the morrow: for
the morrow shall take thought
for the things of itself. . ."

Don't put off till tomorrow
The good that you can do;
Tomorrow is only a vision,
But today belongs to you!

WEDNESDAY: "There is no fear
in love; but perfect love casteth
out fear. . ."

Put aside your fears today
And look to God above,
Remembering His promise—
There is no fear in love.

THURSDAY: ". . . we know that
all things work together for
good to them that love God. . ."

Resolve today to trust in God
And you will understand,
Though trial and sorrow come to us,
We're safely in His hand.

FRIDAY: ". . . with God nothing
shall be impossible. . ."

Perhaps there is some difficult task
Or a loving deed to do;
Begin today with confidence
And God will see you through.

SATURDAY: ". . . love one an-
ther."

Lighten the heart of a friend today;
Brighten a life that's dim,
For when you're kind to Christ's
brethren

You show your love for Him.

SUNDAY: "Serve the LORD with
gladness. . ."

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

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock, and
it shall be opened unto you: For
every one that asketh receiveth;
and he that seeketh findeth; and
to him that knocketh it shall be
opened." Mt. 7:7, 8

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Dorothy
Haefli announced the engagement
of their daughter, Joyce Lynne, to
David Lloyd Snider, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Lloyd Snider, Kewanee.

Sue Ellen Plattner, daughter of
Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara Plattner,
became the bride on June 29 of Rob-
ert Earl Swanson, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Kenneth Swanson of Prince-
ville.

Paula Deone Harmann, daughter
of Arthur and Pauline Hermann, be-
came the bride July 6 of Milton La-
Verne Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Sessel Clark Jr., DuQuion.

Mary Klein, daughter of Sis. Ed-
na Klein, became the bride, July 26,
of John Wilson, Peoria.

The three newly-wed couples are
all living in Peoria. . . Wish them
all God's blessings.

Fred H. Wieland died July 21 at
Proctor Hospital, where he had been
a patient for two days. Surviving
are his wife, Louise; two sons, Jor-
don and Gene Wieland; two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Darlene Cheske and Mary
Lou Wieland; two brothers, Henry
Wieland Jr. and Walter Wieland;
two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Baer

and Sis. Ida Huber and five grandchildren.

We are very grateful to Bros. Henry and Earl Kilgus, who came and ministered in our assembly. One of the brothers commented that they came to Peoria for a family reunion—but what joy that will be one day to have a reunion with those who have gone on before and be with the Lord forevermore!

The following was submitted by Sis. Carrie Jacob:

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of Sis. Marie (Joos) Evans, wife of Walter, who passed away a year ago, but is now relieved of all pain and suffering altho' missed very much by her family and relatives.

There's a land that is fairer than
day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
Where the Father waits over the
way
To prepare us a dwelling-place
there.

May we prepare now, so we can
meet again on that beautiful shore,
where she will be waiting for her
loved ones.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

A son, Bradley John, was born July 23 to Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) Herrmann. He has three brothers: Mark, Marvin and Douglas.

We were thankful to have Bro. Lynn and Sis. Miriam Klopfenstein and family visit with us. The messages Bro. Lynn delivered were inspiring and heart-warming, with many blessings derived from them. He told of the great miracle of a beautiful butterfly coming forth from a caterpillar, and compared it to the great miracle of the salvation freely given to all who will partake. It is a great miracle, how our sins are forgiven and we can live in peace with God, a gift unspeakable. It is for each redeemed child of God to walk more closely to Him, and be a good example to those around us, who observe our every word and action. We should all be careful that we are not a stumbling-block.

A few months ago, John Wieland and Elizabeth Riley started on the sea of matrimony together. Not long ago they both realized they could not walk without the help of our precious Lord. Their hearts were troubled, and they surrendered

their will into the Lord's care, found peace, and on August 3 gave their stirring testimonies before a large congregation. Bro. Joshua Broquard came to assist Bro. Silas Leuthold in this precious work. Many relatives and friends gathered Sunday afternoon for baptismal services. May Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth receive many blessings from above, as they walk the Christian way together with God as the third party, and always remember the words found in St. Matthew 28:19, 20:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

This touching poem was recited by Bro. Henry Beer:

Last night as I lay sleeping, this
dream came to me.

I dreamed about the end of time,
about eternity.

I saw a million sinners fall on their
knees to pray;

The Saviour sadly shook His head,
And this I heard Him say:

Sorry I never knew you; Depart
from me forevermore.

Sorry I never knew you; Go and
serve the one that you served
before.

I thought the time had come, When
I must stand the trial;

I told the Lord that I had been a
Christian all the while.

Then through the book He then
looked, And sadly shook His
head.

They placed me over on His left, and
this is what He said;

Sorry I never knew you; I find
no record of your birth.

Sorry I never knew you; Go and
serve the one you served while
down on earth.

I saw my wife and children, I heard
each one's voice.

They must have all been happy, It
seems they did rejoice.

With robes of white around them,
and crowns upon their heads,

My little girl looked up at me, and
this is what she said.

Daddy, we can't go with you;

We must stay on this lovely shore.
Sorry, but we still love you; But

you can't be our daddy
anymore.

When I from sleep awakened, with
tears in my eyes,

I looked around and there about
me, to my great surprise,

I saw my wife and babies; I knew
I'd had a dream,

Then down beside my bed I fell and
for mercy did scream.

Father, who art in glory, In mercy
look on me today.

Forgive me, let me serve Thee,
'Till the summons comes that
calls me away.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The death angel claimed two of
our older sisters in this past month.
They were Sis. Katie Grimm and
her sister-in-law, Sis. Ida Hartter.

Sis. Katherine Hartter Grimm
passed away at the age of 84 years,
on July 16, at the Apostolic Christian
Home, where she had lived for
the past three years. Her husband,
Bro. Chris Grimm preceded her in
death on May 28, 1964. Surviving
are sons Albert, Dave and Wilbur
of Sabetha, Bro. Paul of Bern and
Bro. Nathan of Morrill (Sabetha);
daughters Sis. Elsie Hess, Peoria;
Sis. Florence Rokey, Bern; Sis.
Irene Lehman, Sabetha and Sis. Al-
vina Zimmerman, Morton. Also sur-
viving are three brothers, five sis-
ters, 34 grandchildren and 17 great-
grandchildren. Bro. Gene Marti and
Bro. Carl Hartman conducted fun-
eral services on Friday July 19. Bur-
ial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

This poem, written by her chil-
dren at the time of her passing in
memory of Mrs. Chris Grimm (Katie),
was read just preceding the
services:

A Tribute to Mother

Our mother was the heart of our
home;

She was so good and pure,
The center of our family life,
And taught us to endure.

She had wisdom with a quiet voice
And patience with a smile;

She had guidance and encourage-
ment.

She made our life worthwhile.

Sis. Ida Aeschliman Hartter pass-
ed away at the Sabetha Community
Hospital on July 22, where she had
been a patient five weeks. She would
have been 83 years in August. Sur-
viving are her husband, Bro. Joe,
and two sons, George of Golden,
Colo., Earl of Overland Park, Kan-

sas; one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Mildred) Gillispie of Lawrence, Kansas. There are 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are three sisters, Sis. Fanny Bahr, Sis. Leona Aeschliman of Sabetha, and Sis. Lula Zimmerman of Congerville; one brother, Walter Aeschliman of Ponca City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Carl Hartman on Thursday July 25. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery, with Bro. George Lambert of Wichita offering the prayer at the grave.

Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington, Iowa, was our guest minister one Sunday. We thank him for his visit.

We enjoy having Sis. Louise Hartman assemble with us again, after major surgery and a lengthy stay at the hospital. She wishes to express her thanks and appreciation for all cards, gifts, prayers in her behalf, and all deeds of kindness shown unto her.

Bro. Joe Hartter is now residing at the A.C. Home in Sabetha. We trust the Lord will continue to be with him and will be his help and his consolation. We read in Rev. 21:4—"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

STUTT GART, GERMANY William Emch

Greetings in His precious name from Germany. May He keep us clean and spotless, as we stand amid the temptations and wickedness of the world, and let us never be slothful, but strive diligently to please our dear Saviour.

We were certainly glad to welcome Friends Jerry Gasser, Rittman; Duane Bach, Fairbury; and Bro. Dennis Koehl, Forrest. Duane and Bro. Harlan Metzger are stationed in the Frankfurt area, Jerry and Bro. Dennis are located in the Stuttgart area, and are able to have fellowship with several others during the week.

The lovely **Gospel Hymnbook** revised. In the Proverbs we can read, "the righteous doth sing and rejoice." How much happiness can be found in this hymnbook's wonderful pages! Should you want a hymnbook, or more, contact: Henry Beer, Box 547, Milford Ind 46542; or The Gospel Hymn Publishing Co Inc, Box 167, Grabill Ind 46741.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed. Aeschleman

We were sorrowed by the passing of Friend Walter Wartman on July 18. One brother, Henry, and three sisters, Frieda, Lucy and Emily Schoenbeber mourned his death. May God comfort them in their sorrow. Walter was 71 years old. Funeral services were held July 19 at Schlem's Funeral Home by Bros. John Diggelman and Ed Aeschleman.

We are happy to report that Bro. Alan Beer of Philadelphia is up and about, after having undergone surgery. We hope they will soon be able to worship with us again.

Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Corbin Bahler of Rockville lent themselves to our congregation July 28—a blessed day for all.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Relatives of Sis. Lillian Fehr can hardly realize how much the extra effort they put forth each Sabbath morning, to see that she can be afforded the privilege of assembling in the Lord's house with us means to her. Having repented and being made a child of God only after she reached the age of 80 years, and at the time living in a rest home (where she still resides) some 25 miles from church, caused her to wonder how often she would be able to find a way to church. Prayer and thoughtfulness of loved ones have been rewarding, in that usually Sis. Lillian is there to greet us well on time. She has asked us to mention her heartfelt thanks to her relatives, one and all, for being so kind to her.

There were two tonsillectomies the past month: Pam, daughter of Bro. Edwin and Lucille Wirtz, and Jamie, son of Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Judy Schmidt. Mrs. Reuben Anliker is feeling much better, after being quite ill. Two boys from our congregation have broken arms: Pat, son of Bro. and Sis. Oscar and Francis Zaugg (11 years old) and Wendell, son of Bro. and Sis. Ivan Schmidt (18 months old). Both are getting along fine.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Kathy Fehr have been blessed with a new daughter, Tamara Kay, born July 10.

On July 4, two reunions were held at West Bend, that of the families of the late Bro. Joe Banwart of West Bend, and the late Bro. Chris Moser of Minnesota.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, and are thankful to each one who pays us a visit.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Esther Banwart held a reception for their son, Sidney and his new bride, the former Florence Greiman, who were married July 21. May the Lord bless them in this important undertaking. Sid has his arm broken, as a result of a car accident a few weeks before his wedding.

Cloyce, son of Bro. and Sis. Fahye and Marie Gress, is spending his furlough with his parents, before fulfilling his orders for Viet Nam. We are happy to have him with us again.

At this time of year when there is so much traveling to and fro, we are grateful to the Lord for His help and protection on the earthly highways, as well as the spiritual one. We appreciated the visit of the Oakville Bible Class and those that came with them, as well as others who remembered to stop in and see us.

Sis. Shirley Gerber and Sis. Becky Banwart have completed their LPN training and will work at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Helping the sick is a worthy aim. May the Lord help them in this endeavor.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser Mrs. Don Duckworth

Little Matthew Jordan arrived on July 23, to make his home with Jordan and Sharon Elsasser, Michael and Marina. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Chris Elsasser of Princeville and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont.

Bro. Herman Dietz is a surgical patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota. Bro. Dan Siebenthal was a hospital patient and is now home, but plans to return in the near future for surgery. Sophie Hunziker remains at Parkhill in Chillicothe. We pray that God will strengthen each one and help make their lot bearable.

The engagement of Rollie Rumbold, son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna, to Carol Rocke, from Roanoke, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Mae, has been announced. The couple plans a November wedding.

It's better to have God's perfect will
Than His permissive one.
It's better to yield and trust until
His perfect answer comes.

It's better to wait for God's own
time
To answer a request,
Than to rush ahead and plead or
whine
And miss His very best.

It's better to listen as I pray
To hear God's still, small voice;
It's better to seek His will each day,
Than miss His perfect choice.

It's better to walk by faith than
sight,
Better to trust than fear;
It's better that God would be my
guide,
Than shed remorseful tear.

It's better to have God's perfect
peace;
A home in heaven above;
It's better that my will would de-
crease,
Than miss His perfect love.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS
Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Guest ministers have been: Bros. Elmer Witzig—Gridley, Ill., Willis Ehnle—Japan, Noah Hermann—Tuscon, John Klaus—Japan, Silas Leuthold—Princeville, and Roy Sauder—Peoria.

Those who are in the hospital or returned home—Our Elder, Bro. Leroy Huber is a medical patient in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria. May God help him through his illness, that he may soon assemble with us, as we surely miss him. Sis. Marge Rocke, wife of Bro. Richard, was a patient in Eureka Hospital several days.

Bro. Willis Stoller is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital, Peoria. Jane Schumacher was a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital; she is Gerald Schumacher's wife. Little Dannie Wettstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna, was a surgical patient in a Chicago hospital. Sis. Donna Wettstein is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital.

Births: Ervin and Sandra Knecht, their first child—Michelle Marie, born July 10. Ernest and Judy Knecht, their third child, and her name is Victoria Ann. She has two sisters.

Bro. Ed Kupferschmid has been on furlough at the home of his folks, Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura. He leaves for further duty in Viet Nam. May God be with him until we meet again, as was in the farewell song sung for him.

Sunday School classes have started again, after a month's vacation. Bro. August Mueller has been taken to a nursing home in Pennsylvania. His address is: Bailey's Nursing Home, 320 S. Market St., Elizabethtown Pa 17022.

Wedding announcement: Sis. Jean Belsley, daughter of Bro. and Sis. William and Helen Belsley, and Bro. Larry Kauffman, formerly from Cissna Park, but now of Elgin.

In Memory Of Grandma Klaus
By a granddaughter

I can't quite understand
Why Grandma had to go
To heaven to be with God,
When everyone loved her so.

She set a great example
While she lived all those days;
She gave such good advice,
And walked in the Saviour's ways.

I remember so very well
All the quilts she used to sew
For everyone's little dolls;
The children all loved her so.

She crocheted many rugs;
She seemed to do it just right.
Her rugs were always so pretty;
They made the room look bright.

She made delicious rolls,
And bread and coffee cake too;
She started baking at break of
dawn,
And she'd bake 'til she was
through.

She soon started going downhill,
For she was getting old,
But her memory was still good,
For her childhood stories she told.

It seemed though as old as she was,
She was still concerned for her soul;
She had anchored faith in her God,
For He had made her whole.

At first I couldn't understand,
Why Grandma had to go
To heaven to be with God,
When I loved her so.

But I think God's trying to tell me,
If I let Him lead me by the hand,
I'll get to see Grandma again
In that golden, promised land.

DO YOU KNOW

You cannot say the Lord's prayer,
and even once say **I**.
You cannot pray the Lord's prayer,
and even once say **My**.

Nor can you pray the Lord's prayer,
and not pray for another,
For when you ask for daily bread,
you must include your brother!
For OTHERS are included in each
and every plea.

From the beginning to the end of
it, it does not once say **ME**.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser
Ruth Dapper

It is truly wonderful to travel nearly 7000 miles, and still find the same love and fellowship. This is what we experienced when the Lord opened the way for us to make a trip to Japan. We were privileged to stay with Sis. Yoshiko, Sis. Hiroko, and Noboko Utsuki in their apartment. We also spent quite a lot of time with Bro. Saburo Utsuki, his wife and their family in their home. We visited the Tokyo Church two Sundays and the country churches, Shioda and Tamahata, one Sunday. We visited several friends and members' homes, and were overjoyed with the love and kindness they all showed us. We became quite accustomed to the public transportation of buses, street cars, etc., as few people have automobiles in Tokyo. Knowing Tokyo is the largest city in the world, we knew there would be many people. . . But until you are actually there, you cannot imagine the vast amount of people everywhere you go. Transportation is very crowded most all of the time. We spent 5 days with Sisters Nancy Schrock and Nancy Roth and Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and family in Shioda. We also enjoyed visiting Sis. Nancy Schrock's Japanese Kindergarten class and Sis. Nancy Roth's American Elementary class. We enjoyed the beautiful azaleas which were in bloom while we were there.

We feel the three weeks we spent in Japan was a very blessed and most rewarding experience. We wish to thank all who spent time with us for their kindness and hospitality. We truly feel unworthy of all that was done for us, and pray that God will richly bless the friends and brethren in Japan for their love and thoughtfulness which overflowed. We are very grateful to Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki, who spent the entire three weeks with us and took us everywhere we went. Without her we would have been lost, as most of the Japanese people do not speak English. Therefore, we would always turn to Sis. Yoshiko to trans-

late for us. We would encourage any and all who would have the opportunity to take a trip to Japan to do so. We feel it would be well worth your time and effort, as we found it so, and wish for others to experience such a blessed trip as we did. Submitted by Sisters Julie Dapper and Jan Elsasser.

From July 17 to August 1 we were privileged to have in our community Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder and family from Roanoke. The blessings were certainly many, as Bro. Don expounded to us the teachings of God's holy word. Approximately one quarter of a century ago, Bro. Don was stationed at March Field here in California. While serving his time in the U. S. Army, Bro. Don realized his lost condition, repented, and was taken into the fold. A close tie is certainly felt by all, as Bro. Don was baptized here in our Maywood Church. One of his greatest desires, as Bro. Don mentioned to the congregation his first night in Maywood, was to return and bring his family back to where he found the Lord and his salvation. We can truly thank God for opening the way for them to visit us, and pray that He will richly bless them and their family.

We have once again enjoyed the visit and fellowship of Bro. and Sis. Henry Ringger of Gridley. They spent a month with their daughter and family, Mrs. Jim Skaggs of Norwalk, and son, Mr. Henry Ringger Jr.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the brethren who visited us this past month from the following churches: Roanoke, Mansfield, Princeville, Goodfield, Sabetha, Connecticut, Chicago, Congerville, Cissna Park and Fairbury. We thank God for the wonderful fellowship of our faith.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Mary Hoffman — Norene Herbst

Sis. Sally Blunier has returned home from the hospital, having had major surgery. We wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

The Bro. Ezra Schlipf family have moved into the home they recently purchased, in Roanoke.

Sis. Clara Diggelman is now at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home in Morton. We wish her and her family God's blessings, His help and strength.

Benjamin Beer is at the Mayo Hospital for tests and observation, and his wife, Jane is in the Eureka

Hospital, following an emergency operation.

Bro. Joe F. Leman has been confined to his home for quite a while, and has been unable to worship with us. We miss him, and pray for the Lord's blessing on him and his wife.

Arnold Aeschleman has returned home from military service. He had been stationed in Germany. We are thankful for his safe return.

Bro. Richard Fischer and family have moved from Cissna Park, and we welcome them back to our congregation.

Sis. Leah Schneider of Rockville made an overnight visit with the Bro. Herman Luginbuhl families, on her way to the Northwest. Bro. Herman showed his slides of their trip to Europe while she was here.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Fred Knapp and Bro. John Klaus.

Births this month were: A daughter to Norman and Janis Rechkemer; a son to Ron and Diane Aeschleman; a daughter to Rick and Donna Fehr.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Mae Rocke announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Rollie Rumbold. He is son of Bro. Louie and Sis. Anna Rumbold.

(Dear Bro. Ed, You asked for writings pertaining to memories, or things of the past. I have included some thoughts which Elder Michael Mangold left with us. He was our elder from 1900 or 1902 to 1930.)

In recent months, it so happened that occasionally someone would recall sayings of Bro. Michael Mangold, which were either spoken by him in sermons or to individuals. Feeling these sayings to be both interesting and edifying to all, and especially to those who knew him, they have been included.

Some of the Biblical examples as they were revealed to him were both simple and profound.

In the story of Jacob and Esau, Bro. Mike referred to Esau "being born a man of nature" (or natural man) and as being such, he lost his regard for the birthright, which Jacob obtained. Then, as Jacob wrestled with the angel to retain this birthright, he was given the name of Israel, which name of Israel we also obtained in our repentance, as we read in Hymn 83 in the German Zion's Harp.

In one of his sermons, after reading the account of Jonah's calling of God, and all through which God led

him so that he would preach the destruction of Nineveh to its inhabitants, and how he preached to the Ninevites and they repented and God then spared them, but Jonah's reaction to their repentance and God's mercy was displeasure and anger; Bro. Mike then expressed himself, "Wunderbar mit dem Jonas," which was to say, "We have to wonder at Jonah, that he could be displeased with the love and mercy which God showed to the Ninevites."

From another sermon of his we have this paragraph. . . "what is more precious than to have this announcement from Jesus Christ, our Lord, that he was sent to heal the brokenhearted, and to preach deliverance unto captives. Who are those captives? All those who are bound unto bondage of sin, and through sin have been bound over to death, and kept in captivity through the powerful enemy. All who have living breath are captives and no one can free them, only the Lord Jesus Christ who has come unto this earth and has brought everlasting salvation; and only the wise eye and believing heart will understand the full meaning of such glad tidings".

As the trials through which a Christian is led are compared to the heat through which gold must pass to be refined, he gave the example that the more the heat was applied to gold, the more refined it became; so likewise, the more trials a Christian endures, the more he is purified.

Two other thoughts he left with us were, "There is a difference between being saving and being covetous, and we should watch so that we can distinguish between the two". The other was to "practice moderation in all things".

One Easter sermon he spoke of the women who had gone to the tomb of the Lord at early dawn, and the thoughts he related left a lasting impression.

He said in his day, "There are those who believe there is no God, but do not say it openly". He felt the day would come when many would say that there is no God and others would agree, saying that they were of that opinion years ago.

Concerning the church, Bro. Mike felt the generation in which his children were living would remain with the faith as it was, but he was concerned for the generations following, as their future looked dark to him.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS**Josephine Schaefer****Mary Jane Leuthold**

We thank Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson, for laboring to our congregation.

Friends Annette Beutel, daughter of Bro. Will and Sis. Rose, and Ernie Schambach, son of Sis. Pauline of Elgin have announced their engagement. We wish for them much happiness.

We were privileged to have Princeville and Bradford Bible classes spend a Sunday with our young folks. We look upon them as our future church, and hope and pray they will always have a true church to attend as we have yet today.

We are saddened at the loss of the Sam Wegman family. They are now making their home in the Burlington-Oakville area, where Bro. Sam has accepted a teaching position.

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

We enjoyed having as our visiting ministers Bros. Fred Knapp and Jess Schrock, Congerville, Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Ia.) and Arnold Gerst, Chicago. Bro. Arnie was recently put in the ministry at Chicago. We were not privileged to hear him speak, but were glad to have him with us and hope he will visit us again.

Word was received of the birth of a son, Patrick Dale, to Bro. Lenzy and Sis. Charlotte Meyer of Evanston, Ill. Little Patrick has two brothers, Randy and Ross. Grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Marie Meyer, Skokie, Ill., and the Rudie Haerr's from our congregation.

Bro. Will and Sis. Marie (Grimm) Butikofer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 14, at an open house in their home. They were married July 18, 1918 at Elgin, Ia. They moved to this community in 1926. They are the parents of three children, Sis. Elva (Paul) Gerst, Oakville; Edward; and Sis. Ruth (William) Cottrell, Quincy, Ill. Another son, Joel, died in infancy. They have 11 grandchildren. Friends and relatives from Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri came to help them celebrate the occasion. May the Lord grant them many years together, if it is His will.

Bro. Will and Sis. Marie wish to thank everyone for remembering them with cards and gifts. They appreciated it very much.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held July 23. We enjoyed the companionship and singing of the children. We will have Sunday School vacation during the month of August.

We rejoice to have another soul turn to the Lord in repentance. He is Elwood Yackley, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

Bro. Eli Sutter was able to return home, but his condition made it necessary for him to return to the hospital, after only a few days at home. He is improving slowly.

Susie, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller, submitted to a tonsillectomy. After returning home, she suffered some complications, making it necessary to return to the hospital. She is at home again and recovering nicely.

ALTO, MICHIGAN**Loretta Steffen**

How wonderful it would be if all the earth would praise the Lord.

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Our elder brothers, Joe Waibel and George Sinn led our congregation in partaking of holy communion July 7.

We welcome Bro. Dick Gerst and his dear wife, Cleo, and children to our congregation. Bro. Dick has accepted a job in Grand Rapids.

We appreciated the efforts of ministering Bros. Henry Beer (Milford), on July 24; and on July 28, Elder George Gramm (Gridley), Leroy Hartman (Peoria), and Henry Wackerle (Bay City). May the Lord richly reward them for their voluntary service to His Holy name!

Sis. Linda Schrenk submitted to major surgery and is recovering nicely. Bro. Fred Oesch is hospitalized. His health is failing, but not his wonderful trust in his Saviour. Bro. Fred was 80 on August 6.

We have one new baby at Alto. A little girl, Jeanette Marie, was welcomed at the home of Arlan and Darlene Overholt. Three little sis-

ters, Julie, Jackie and Jeannine welcome her, too.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**Jeanette Knapp — Fannie Schieber**

We had several folks in the hospital. Bro. Joe Schrock was at the hospital several days. Kris Schieber, small daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma Schieber, had her tonsils removed. Adair Knapp was at the hospital again, because of his asthma condition. His younger brother, Kevin had a hernia operation. They are sons of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis Knapp. They all seem to be doing real well.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock left Aug. 1 for Japan, to visit their daughter, Nancy, who is teaching there. We wish them a safe journey home again.

Sis. Ruth Schumacher, who works for the Standard Oil Company, has been transferred to their office in Chicago. We miss seeing her in our congregation.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda Knapp have a new son, born July 6. He has been named Benjamin Martin, after both grandfathers. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Elsie Knapp of Mackinaw, and Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch of Lester. He has two sisters, Tamie and Sandy.

Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock have their second son, Troy David, born July 11. Todd welcomed his new brother home. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Charles Rinckenberger of La Crosse, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock of Congerville.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Jerry Schrock have a new daughter, born July 19. She has been named Jill Renee. Joan and Jeff welcomed their new sister home. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scherer of Metamora.

Mrs. Ben Zimmerman received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Hartter of Sabetha. Mrs. Hartter was a sister-in-law of Elizabeth Hartter of here, also; she had nieces and nephews here in this vicinity. Sis. Lula and Bro. Ben Zimmerman were able to attend the funeral.

We had several visiting ministers: Bros. Willis Ehnle from Japan, Josh Broquard of Fairbury, Vernon Leman of Eureka, Bob Grimm of Goodfield, Roy Grimm of Taylor, and Noah Herman of Tucson. We thank them all for their visits.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.
Mrs. David Shamback
Carol Virkler

We rejoice and thank the Lord that we can report that Bro. Floyd Graves has been able to return home and minister unto us from God's precious and living word.

Our dear ministering brother, Ralph Beyer, has again been hospitalized, but is now at his home. Also, ministering Bro. Robert Beyer was hospitalized for surgery and is now home and doing nicely.

Sis. Leona Farney had been in a Syracuse hospital for tests for some time, and has again returned home.

Others submitting to surgery were: Sis. Dorothy Herzig, Sis. Bes-sie (Bro. Clifton) Farney and Sis. Susan Hirschey. Hospitalized for tests and observation are Bro. Jerome Farney, Bro. Sam Virkler and Sis. Inez Snyder.

Funeral services for Sis. Bertha Lane were held August 2, at the Virkler Funeral Home by Bros. John Widrick and Norbert Steiner. She is survived by a son, Elton Farney; a step-son, George K. Lane Sr.; three sisters, Mrs. George (Ella) Lane, Sis. Esther (Mrs. John) Ulrich, Sis. Rose (Bro. Ezra) Ebersol; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The annual meeting for the Croghan Church was held July 30. Bro. Niles Farney was elected a trustee for three years. Bro. Clyde Virkler was re-elected as Sunday School Superintendent.

Visitors for the past month have been from Rittman, Ft. Wayne, Rockville, Princeville and West Bend. We have certainly enjoyed the blessed fellowship.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Anna Thomas

Where You Lead Somebody is Following You.

Somebody is catching a glimpse of you as you thread your way through life and unconsciously go your way, perhaps merely because he knows no better direction to take. No matter how small and inconsiderable a person you may seem to yourself, someone is being led by you. It's up to you what somebody will be!

Send address of someone you love, if you want that one to receive the Silver Lining. Two dollars is suggested a year for the Silver Lining. Notify us, if possible 30 days in advance, of any address change.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
Robert and Janice Sutter

And the boy yelled and cried again, as he had so many times in the past, for he didn't want to go to sleep and knew his mother didn't have the strength to make him. As his mother looked down at her disobedient child, the strain of raising this child by herself showed in her gentle face. To raise a child without a man in the home was difficult, but with such a disobedient child, it almost seemed too much. As she went down the hall to her room with his cry echoing in her ears, and with sleep closing in on all sides, she wondered if she would ever catch up on the rest that her weary body demanded lately. It seemed that she was tired and exhausted constantly.

In the morning, the boy woke first and scrambled down the stairs, hoping to find breakfast prepared, but found the kitchen empty. Then he ran upstairs to his mother's room, and woke her out of a deep sleep to scold her for not having his food prepared. Slowly & with much effort she dressed and cooked the breakfast her son had dictated. The boy didn't like the slow way that his mother had been doing things for him lately, but he was so excited about going to the lake with his friend that he didn't say anything, but he did frown his disapproval. It was summer, and he was going to have another day of fun. As he started for the lake he glanced back at his mother who was preparing for her daily work, which had grown out of proportion since the day his father had died. Her soft face drew into a smile as she waved farewell.

In a dash, the boy returned with his catch of fish. He strolled into the house and yelled for his mother, for he wanted her to clean his fish and prepare supper for him. He noticed that things were not as clean as they usually were after his mother had worked all day. When his yells were met with silence, he walked into his father's favorite room. There he found his mother. She was lying on his father's old couch, with a faintest smile on her gentle face. . . . But the boy noticed that her face lacked its familiar color. As he touched her face, that face that had been so warm and trustworthy, that face that had done more for him than any human being, his heart froze, for you see his mother had lived up to all that was placed before her, but now she was gone!

In life, most of us don't intentionally hurt those around us that love us, but it seems that the more we love or are loved by someone, the easier it would be for us to hurt them. And what about the Being that loves us more than our sisters, our brothers, our parents, or our husbands or wives— it seems that He is the one that the majority of men forsake above all. If we do forsake this most trustworthy Being, and tread on Him, what will we feel one day!

We enjoyed having Bro. Ben Maibach and his family from Detroit visit us. We certainly were inspired by the words he spoke unto us.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest, Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop, our elder brother, Samuel Anliker of Lamont, Bro. Elias Somerhalder of Burlington, and Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix. We enjoyed having these brothers minister unto us, and we received many blessings from their teachings. We thank them and their families for coming.

July 14 was a blessed and uplifting day to our souls. Our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker was here to serve us Holy Communion.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over another soul turning from his former ways. The Lord is now leading Lonnie Banwart through repentance. Lonnie is the son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Katharine Banwart.

CAST THY BURDEN

There was one thing I had to learn.
 The paths I cut with my own hands
 Were tortuous at every turn
 And led through bleak and bitter
 lands;

But when I let God shape my roads,
 They leapt, as if designed for flight,
 Toward certitude, and all my load
 Grew suddenly and strangely light.

Bro. Gus Sinn has been taken to the KU Medical Center. We pray that Our Father in Heaven will give the physicians the knowledge and skill to restore his health.

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

We are thankful to ministering brothers, Robert Meyer and Wendell Gerber, of Bluffton, who so willingly served us in the absence of our

own ministers on July 21. Their absence was due to their attendance at the wedding of their nephew, Bro. Edwin Stoller, and Sis. Cindy Beer, at Milford.

New Address for the Luther Steffen family is: 3221 Rockwood Drive, Ft. Wayne Ind 46805.

David Levy, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lillian, spent a 20-day furlough with his parents and other friends and relatives, after spending the past six months in the Canal Zone. He has been further assigned to Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he will be attending Officers' Candidate School. It is always a joy to meet our dear friends and have them assemble with us.

Sis. Anna Schott was hospitalized a few days to receive several blood transfusions. We know there is not all sunshine when ones physical strength is not what we'd like it to be, but we pray that God's presence may ever be with her and give the needed strength and comfort.

Floren and Sis. Edith Lieberenz became grandparents again, July 8, when Mark Richard was born to their son and wife, Max and Martha. Sis. Edith is spending a week with her daughter-in-law and two little grandsons in Detroit, while her husband and son are in Wisconsin.

We have set the month of September for the annual SILVER LINING COLLECTION FOR FT. WAYNE. Donations of \$2.00 may be given to either of your reporters this time. Thank you.

The following poem was submitted by one of our brothers:

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember, those with homes of
glass
Should seldom throw a stone.

If we have nothing else to do
But talk of those that sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from that point begin.

Some may have faults, and who has
not?
The old as well as young.
Perhaps we may, for ought we
know
Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan,
And find it works full well;
To try your own defects to cure
Before of others tell.

And though I sometimes hope to be
No more than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let
The faults of others go.

Then let us all when we commence
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word will do
To those we little know.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

As I write this news this evening Aug. 5—hottest day of this season—100 degrees, everything looks beautiful, with the lovely showers from Heaven. Among the ill: Sis. Emma Meyer is recuperating at home from surgery. Little LuAnn Metzger lost part of a toe in an auger. Sam Moser had the misfortune of a firecracker exploding in his hand. Sis. Lydia Nester is in the hospital for observation.

We had many loved ones who have spent time to worship with us, enroute on vacation. We want to thank these loved ones and hope they found true fellowship with us.

On August 4, we had Bros. Roy Luginbuhl, Earl Banwart, and LeRoy Messner share God's word with us. We were well reminded of the two ways of destiny, and what God expects of his children for their eternal reward. Bro. Roy mentioned of our uncertainty, and age has no respecter. Bro. Paul Banwart spent a Sunday with us also. We want to thank all of them.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Metzger, a son on July 5, Bart Charles.

David Moser arrived home from Thailand for a month's furlough, before going to Germany. Robert Leuthold and Steven Knobloch left for the National Guard.

We are hosting a Ft. Sam reunion here on August 11. We are expecting many folks, and wish them God's blessings as they travel on the highways.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Carolyn Dotterer

But the greatest of these is love. On July 14, Sis. Sharon Stettner, of Bluffton, and Bro. Bill Dotterer were united in holy matrimony. We wish them God's blessings in their life together. On July 28 a reception was held at Bro. Bill's parents' home, to honor the couple and to welcome Sis. Sharon into our congregation. They are making their home in Phoenix, at 6041 N. 23rd Avenue Apt. 6. Parents of the cou-

ple are Bro. and Sis. Howard Stettner, of Bluffton, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer, of Phoenix.

We welcome Bro. Lester and Sis. Lucy Fischer and family, of the Roanoke congregation, into our midst. They plan to spend several months in the Phoenix area.

Our aged Bro. Sam Farney was recently admitted to the hospital. We have missed the fellowship with him, as he has been unable to assemble with us for almost two years. Our prayers are that the Lord will strengthen and comfort him in his hours of suffering.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

On July 14, we were served Holy Communion by our elder brother, Noah Schrock. We truly need this from time to time, to remind us of our Lord's suffering on the cross.

Bro. Noah left us much food for thought. He warned us to not partake in any entertainment which we would not be wanting to do when the Lord comes. For example, would we want to be sitting in a movie theater or in a tavern when the Lord comes again?

On Saturday, August 3, our friends Carol Rinkenberger and Dale Strassheim were united in marriage by Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger. Dale is the son of Sis. Mayme Gerst of Burlington. We wish this young couple much happiness and the Lord's blessings in their new life together. They will be living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Bros. Art Bauer and Joe Stoller from Princeville were also with us in July.

Sis. Minnie Getz is a patient at Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield. She expects to have surgery, but at this writing hasn't had it. We pray she will come through it well, and that she may again be restored to reasonable health and strength. Sis. Minnie is 82 and has been very active. She lives with her sister, Sis. Lydia Wuthrich, who is 92. They enjoy a big garden, and always like to have company.

Visiting items can be interesting and helpful. We want the items to tell something . . . more than lists. They can be short, or sometimes many sentences that enrich.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Lydia and Eunice Kammerer**

Five souls gave their testimonies, and were baptized, July 20 and 21. They are Alvin and Alice Funk, Harold and Wava Kaupp, and Perry Klopfenstein. Bro. George Gramm was assisted with this work by Bros. Edwin Hohulin and Eugene Bertschi. We wish our new members much grace in their new walk of life.

On Sunday, Aug. 4 Sis. Lila Funk and Bro. Bruce Witzig were united in holy matrimony, Bro. Edwin Ringger performing the ceremony. Sis. Lila is the daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Funk, and Bro. Bruce is the son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian Witzig. The new Mr. and Mrs. Witzig will make their home in Bloomington, where Sis. Lila is employed as a nurse in Brokaw Hospital; Bro. Bruce is at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria. May God bless their union.

With the Sick

Ronnie, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille Romensberger, underwent heart surgery in Chicago several weeks ago, and we are happy to report, Ronnie is sufficiently recovered to assemble with us again.

Sis. Kathryn Funk is a patient in Fairbury Hospital. The last report is, she is steadily improving and hopes to return to her home soon.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein is shut-in with a heart condition. She is being cared for in the home of her sister-in-law, Sis. Mary Martin.

We wish all of our shut-ins a speedy recovery.

Friend Rose Aupperle has been dismissed from Mennonite Hospital, and is now convalescing in the Eureka Home.

Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan; Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein, Alabama; Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville; and Bro. Schmidtgal from Eureka were our visiting ministers.

Sis. Vickie Schlipf has gone to Japan to meet, and be with her husband, Bro. Dale Schlipf, who is stationed in Korea. She plans to be gone several weeks.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**Marlene Mosher**

We were happy to have with us Elder Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Illinois, who ministered with us.

Home with us for a few days from Phoenix were Bro. Ted and Sis. Madelyn Knochel and family and Bro. Herb and Sis. Joan Kno-

chel and family. We were very happy to have all of them with us once again, if only for a short time.

It is so wonderful when the Lord watches over us, so that we can travel and meet and greet with one another of the same faith; it gives us such a blessing.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth**

Funeral services for Lydia Schrock, age 83, were conducted Aug. 6 by Bros. George Lambert and Raymond Roth. Sis. Lydia had been in failing health for many years and was confined to a rest home. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Dave Gudeman of Wichita and Sis. Marie Riedel of Kiowa; and two brothers, Bro. Sam and Bro. John both of Kiowa. Sympathy is extended to all the family.

Visiting ministers were, July 9, Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Walter Anliker of Eureka; July 28, Bro. Francis Rother of Morton; Aug. 4, Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena. We wish to thank them all for their timely messages.

We are thankful that our friend, David Frieden, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Frieden, has returned home safely after his year's tour of duty in Vietnam.

Rita Ann, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Terry, and Delwin, son of Bro. and Sis. Velmer Meyer of Sabetha, were united in marriage by Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena, at the home of the bride's parents Aug. 3. We wish God's blessings upon this new couple and their life together.

Hospital patients include Sis. Katie Schupbach, who suffered a fall that resulted in a broken hip. Sis. Katie has been in failing health for several years and unable to attend church. Susan Guthrie, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, was a hospital patient also.

BURLINGTON, IOWA**Mrs. Paul Eisenmann****Mrs. Paul Wagler**

God has her in His keeping now;
Angels attend her through the day.

Never her feet shall go astray;
Never shall anguish line her brow;
Never a bitter thought shall find
Harsh lodgment in her gentle mind.

Our hearts go out to the family of Sis. Betty Applegarth, who died

July 18 after surgery and a short illness. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Blaine; their three sons, James, Mike, and David; and two daughters, Leila and Ann; all at home. Betty will also be missed at the Hope Haven School for the handicapped, where she worked as an Aide in the workshop.

A daughter, Cynthia Jean, was born July 24 to Don and Janet (Schrock) Bowen. Two children, Jimmie and Celia, welcomed their sister home. Grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock.

**My Mother's Prayer
(In Memory of our mother, Mrs. Rose Massner)**

I never can forget the day
I heard my mother kindly say,
"You're leaving now my tender care;
Remember child, your mother's prayer."

I never can forget the voice
That always made my heart rejoice;
Tho' I have wandered God knows where,
Still I remember mother's prayer.

Tho' years have gone, I can't forget
Those words of joy; I hear them yet;
I see her by the old arm chair,
My mother, dear, in humble prayer.

I never can forget the hour
I felt the Saviour's cleansing pow'r;
My sin and guilt He canceled there,
'Twas there He answered mother's prayer.

Whenever I think of her so dear
It seems her angel spirit's near;
A voice comes floating on the air,
Reminding me of mother's prayer.

Oh, praise the Lord for saving grace!
We'll meet up yonder, face to face,
The home above together share,
In answer to my mother's prayer.
(Gospel Hymns No. 808)

RITTMAN, OHIO**Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller**

"In these days of tribulation,
Wickedness prevades the air,
And the battles we engage in
Must be won through fervent prayer.

There's no weapon half so mighty
As the intercessors bear;
Not a broader field of service
Than the ministry of prayer."

We pray the Lord will bless and protect our dear Sis. Edna Grossenbacher as she starts her new venture. Sis. Edna will be going to Arizona. She plans to work in a Phoenix hospital, and attend church there. We will miss her in our fellowship, but know she will be welcomed in the Phoenix congregation.

We are thankful for those who have been hospitalized; they can again worship with us. Our prayers go out to those still confined: Sis. Ellen Weber and Roger Maibach, surgery patients; Sis. Linda Zollinger for tests; and Bro. Herman Ingold (now confined to a rest home).

Linda Christian and Keith Dotterer were united in marriage on July 13. Parents are Ralph and Mildred Christian and Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer. We pray the Lord will bless them in their new life together.

A daughter, Pamela Sue, was born to Ron and Joan Christian, their first.

Polly Ann is the name given to the new daughter of Dale and Marilyn Uhler. Sis. Lynn welcomes her little sister, too.

Christine is the name given to the little cherub that came to live with Bill and Kathleen Shane. One brother also welcomes the new little girl. Many blessings to the new additions and their families.

The farmers in this part of Ohio are busily gathering in the grain. We pray that many of our loved ones may be gathered in, while the day of grace is still at hand.

We're sure Marvin (Bauman) and other service boys enjoy letters from back home, to help fill up their lonely hours.

We leave you now with this thought: "Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better, and your better—best.

OAKVILLE, IOWA **Martha Steiner**

Bros. Vernon Leman—Eureka and Cleo Rinckenberger—Pulaski visited our congregation and expounded God's holy word. We appreciate their humble service to us.

Carol Rinckenberger, daughter of Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther of Pulaski, and Dale Strassheim, son of Sis. Mayme Gerst of Oakville, were married in Pulaski on August 3.

Donald Dean was born to Bro. Gerald and Sis. Bonnie Wagenbach on July 22. Paternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach. Two brothers and two sisters welcome their baby brother.

Larry and Sandra Heckenberg are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Ann, their first child. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola Heiniger.

Sis. Elizabeth (Mrs. Gust) Scheitlin is in the hospital. We hope she will soon be able to return home.

Friend Richard Vierling, or Rick as we know him, met with misfortune August 2, while going about his daily work. The truck in which he was riding ran into another truck and caused severe damage. Rick, twenty years old, received serious head injuries and is now in the hospital in Iowa City. We hope he will be home again before this report is printed. Cards would be appreciated and may be sent to the home of his parents, Bro. Emil and Sis. Pearl (Heiniger) Vierling, Oakville Iowa 52646.

New Sunday School teachers were chosen for the coming term: Bros. David Eisenmann and John Rowell, and Sis. Doris Cordill. Terms have expired for Bros. Roger Moser and Conrad Gerst, and Sis. Clara Frank. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the humble efforts on the part of our Sunday School teachers upon the lives of all who are privileged to hear the word of God.

PORTLAND, OREGON **Connie Steffen**

Greetings from Portland. It has been quite a while since we've written from here, and in that time we've had many wonderful visits with many families from various churches. Also, we were privileged to have two ministering brothers, who gave us messages to encourage us in our faith. They were Homer Reineck of Toledo and Gerald Sutter of Taylor. We wish to thank all of you for coming.

Nearly every Sunday, we have a picnic at one of the many parks in or around Portland. One especially warm Sunday we were invited to the home of Bro. Martin Reuter, near Silverton. We wish you could have been with us, as it's an evening we'll long think fondly of. Bro. Martin's home is in the country and quite a way from a busy road. He recently built an A-frame home, which overlooks a small pond and a grove of beautiful trees. It is so quiet and peaceful there, that it seemed like miles from 'anywhere'. Martin had made "tables" and "chairs" for all of us, and we had a wonderful evening. After the pic-

nic we sang hymns; it seems so good to sing in God's creation.

We wish to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, letters, and gifts of love extended to us after our accident. We could really feel your prayers, and want to let you know how much it means to have "prayer support". We are all getting along quite well, for which we thank God.

Ezra and Rose Steffen,
Connie and Jimmy Steffen.

MILFORD, INDIANA **Marguerite Hoerr**

Youth Fellowship Day, August 5, was again held on the shores of Waubee Lake at Camp Mack, Milford.

The weather was ideally pleasant, and a large number of members and friends from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois churches attended. Registration was capably handled by the Francesville, La Crosse and Valparaiso churches. The Sunday School period was under the organization of the Bluffton congregation, and the classes were well attended. Matthew 11:16-30 was the scripture text used in all the fourteen classes, thereby issuing the following invitation to all: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Ushering throughout the day was done by Remington and Wolcott congregations, and they were instrumental in keeping the large numbers of people moving smoothly, as they attended the different worship periods.

The Milford church was given the responsibility of the afternoon worship hour. The services were well attended and well provided for, as Bro. Elmer Hartter delivered an inspiring message to the large number there.

The Hillside services, organized by the Bremen church, was another pleasant interlude, as we were favored with songs and readings from many of our young people from the Ind. churches. Bro. Willis Ehle brought this service to a close with the message, in which he entreated us to fulfill our responsibilities as Christians.

Evening services, under the direction of the Ft. Wayne and Leo

churches, began in the huge auditorium at 6:00. Young people's voices singing praise and worship is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful sounds on earth. Nine Sunday School choirs shared in the program, preceding the reading and meditation of God's word by Bro. Verlin Stoller. Again we could feel God's presence, as another speaker was inspired by Him to feed us spiritually.

A beautiful day was brought to a close as the combined choirs sang: "Just over the river, just over the river,
That beautiful city I see,
And Jesus my Saviour has gone to make ready
A place in that city for me.

It has been a month of fulfillment for our congregation, as we look back over the visiting ministers who have favored us with their exhortations on God's word: Bros. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Norman and Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne, Willis Ehnle of Shioda (Japan), Vernon Lehman, Eureka, and Bob Beer, Mansfield; to you all we say thank you and God bless you for enriching our spiritual lives.

Our Milford church was the scene of a wedding July 21, as Sis. Cindy Beer and Bro. Ed Stoller repeated their marriage vows. Cindy is the daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Katherine Beer, and Ed is the son of Sis. Lenore Stoller of the Ft. Wayne congregation. The young couple is making their home in Ft. Wayne, and we ask God's blessings on their union and wish them much joy and happiness in their life together.

The 31st of this month will be a wedding day for John Martin, son of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy of Milford, and Leona Yoder. Also making wedding plans are Don Haab and Martha Hostetler. Don is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rose of our congregation. These four young folks are very faithful in their church attendance, and we ask God to bless them as their plans fulfill.

We have had several of our loved ones hospitalized. Bro. Otto Beer was again hospitalized for medical treatment, but is able to be home again and is generally improved. Bro. Mike Zimmerman has made a trip to the Mayo Clinic. He and Sis. Madeline were driven there by their son and daughter-in-law, Melvin and Joan. He is awaiting surgery there. We ask God to be near him and his

family, and we join our prayers with theirs for his speedy recovery.

Sis. Rose Haab submitted to major surgery. We are happy to report, she is making satisfactory progress. We sorely miss these three folks as they can't assemble with us, and we do implore God to grant them health once again, so they might fill the emptiness we feel in their absence.

I can't close my report this month without saying what a joy it has been to have Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and their vivacious family with us again in our community. May their trip back to their home in Japan be a successful one, and might we take this opportunity to thank them for their visit.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

We had as guest ministers, here, Bros. Edwin Bahler and Simon Wagonbach. Both gave inspiring messages. There are times when we receive these wonderful messages. We often think of the words of the poet where he wrote, "All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven, Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life."

Bro. Dennis (Danny) Kupferschmid and Michael Farney have been returned to civilian life, both having been discharged, following their completed tour of duty in Service. To be able to return without a blemish, as they and many others have, having been exposed to the dangers there that existed, we all have reasons to be grateful. May God be praised and honored!

Births: On July 14, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth to Bro. Everett and Sis. Phyllis Gerber. Also a daughter, on July 11, to Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine Bahler. She has been named Sara Maria.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Billie Jo Harville

The ladies at our church have a Joy Group. We meet every two weeks, to sew and fellowship together. We are making things to send to the missionaries.

We were blessed with visiting ministers this month. Our elder, Bro. David Bertsch, and Elder Noah Noah Bauman and their family were with us. Bro. John Wagler, Sis. Ann and Susan were also with us on Sunday afternoon. We had supper and fellowship together in the church basement. It was surely a wonderful afternoon for all.

We are thankful for the safe trip

our minister, Lynn Klopfenstein, and family had while on their vacation. We were all sure glad to see them back at home. We were glad to have Bro. Wendell Gudeman to deliver the Sunday service, July 21. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Jan Naylor is at home, doing fine, after having her tonsils removed. Berry Lou Allen is improving, after an appendicitis operation. Mr. Will Posey is hospitalized. We hope he will soon be back home and able to be in church. Patsy McCaghren has undergone surgery, but she is doing fine now.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Little Stevie Graf, son of Steve and Terry Graf, received severe foot burns, when he stepped into live coals while on an outing. We are glad to report he is recovering satisfactorily.

Ernie & Vicki Graf recently spent several days together in Hawaii, when Ernie was on R & R from his duties in Vietnam. Ernie has returned to Vietnam, and Vicki has returned home, after a brief visit in California.

Little Bryon Ronald was born July 22 to Ronald and Lynelle Pallitto. He is their first child, and is the grandchild of the John Pallittos of Akron and the Daniel Hartzlers of Rittman.

We are happy to hear the calling of the Lord is yet answered, and souls are willing to seek Him in the day of grace. Carl and Kathy Graf are seeking the Lord in repentance—we wish them the grace each day to pursue the way of the Lord.

ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

The little cares that fretted me, I lost them yesterday, Out in the field with God.

Greetings to all of you readers located in various places from coast to coast.

As I view the panorama of natural beauty from our living room window I am quite fascinated in beholding our Maker's creations: Maple and elm trees, dogwood, elderberry, tartarian honey suckle and hydrangea bushes are seen; then too, our patch of sorghum cane comes to view, which in the fall will be cut, taken to a mill where the juice will be extracted and cooked down to the proper density, and then sold as molasses for baking and table use. As a climax to the picture

just viewed, I heard kingbirds and song sparrows lending us their songs, and also a locust filled the air with his notes.

. . . Saw a face at our church service last Sunday we hadn't seen for a time. 'Twas that of Bro. Floyd Frieden, who is in the service of our country. He has a 21-day furlough. We were happy to see him and to visit.

Bro. Uriel Gehring, his wife, Sis. Judy and children, Bradley and Mary have been in our midst for a few days. Uriel expounded the scriptures to us last Sunday and also the following Tuesday night, during our mid-week services. We hope they will come again real soon.

The Anvil of God's Word

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime.

Then looking in, I saw upon the floor

Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had", said I,

"To wear and batter all those hammers so?

"Just one", said he, and then with twingling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out you know."

And so I thought, "The anvil of God's word

For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,

Yet though the noise of falling blows was heard,

The anvil is unchanged, the hammer's gone."

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney

Mrs. Harvey Smith

It is always a blessed pleasure to be able to write of a dear soul repenting. Jocelyn Langhofer, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy, has answered the call of our loving Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We wish her all the grace and strength needed to finish the race she has begun.

Bro. Max Reimschisel is back in church with us. It was reported last month that his illness was viral encephalitis. This was an incorrect diagnosis. Bro. Max's liver and blood were infected by a virus. He is looking and feeling better now, as his strength is returning. We hope he will soon be blessed with the return of good health. Larry Miller,

son of Bro. Godfrey and Sis. Emma, was also a hospital patient. Larry was admitted for surgery to his ear.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Frieda Bertsch (sister of Edward Bertsch who is at the long-term Park View Hospital) was announced for giving her testimony and baptism.

Henry Schwartz, who accidentally fell and hurt his foot, is able to be in church again.

Mary Troxel also has been able to attend church services.

Our Bro. Fred Wiggs at the Butler Rest Home is much improved.

Sis. Elizabeth Puulfer is suffering from poison ivy, which others have been having also.

Bro. Bert Kipfer of our Ft. Wayne congregation assisted us in singing at the Rest Home. It was very much appreciated. There are some rewards we will never know about until we come to the end of our goal.

So must we also say of our Bros. Lynn Klopfenstein of the Alabama Church and Bro. Willis Ehnle of our Japanese Church. The services rendered here were uplifting, refreshing and inspiring. Bro. Lynn was accompanied by his family, and Bro. Willis by his family. Bro. and Sis. Samuel Aeschliman and Bro. and Sister Ray Gerber of the Bluffton congregation also were present, Bro. Sam assisting with the services and Bro. Ray with the singing.

The construction of our new Sunday School building is making progress, with the foundation in and the sides going up.

Beautiful Past And Beautiful Present

A jet speeds across the blue, soon soaring in miles unseen. An astronaut zooms in great height, in short hours through day and night, and back to day. Time is a quantity that speeds. It has vanishing dominions. Its movement is sometimes hard to put the mind on. It roars on.

The greatest matter is not whether we are rich or poor. The victory or the shameful defeat is greatest, what we do. How has divine word shaped our lives?

Jacob Schwartz was born on the other side of the Atlantic on August 27, 1827. For many weeks he was on those great waters, sailing toward America. Little Anna, their

darling not yet two, died on the way. The year was 1854.

Jacob came to Cedar Creek township, and near Leo. (In 1833, a man named Woods had spent the winter in a cabin. When the settler, Note-stine came in a flatboat, Woods left. The early years were wilderness. In the 40's wolves were a menace. An occasional bear was seen.) Schwartz came in the 50's.

One day a stranger came. He drove in a wagon. His stop had been Bluffton. The Schwartzs' courteously offered him welcome. The man's name was Weyeneth. Supper was over. The stranger asked for a Bible. He read and spoke.

Something was different. These were words of life. Schwartz had been a member of a certain denomination, an outward Christian only. These words spoke to his heart. He saw the power of God's Son. He saw the need to repent. He came out from among them. Bro. Schwartz was the first member of the Leo congregation.

Through the years, we can see it is very important to be apart from unproved association. Many out there are not right. Genesis shows God watching to keep His people separate. Revelation and points between show this vital plan of a separate, holy people, purchased for God's own possession.

The 1860's brought dark, sad times. There would be loneliness and sad partings. It was the Civil War. A certain William Levy, a youth of 16, told his age falsely, to get in the army. (William was the dad of Cornelius.) He and his buddy were behind a pile of rails. The bullets started to shower. They ran. But his buddy never made it.

William learned from those Army hours. A saying handed down was, If a child don't want to mind, just let him go to war. He will learn. (Days do hold instruction better than a great many doctor's degrees.)

Time goes on. Bro. Schwartz passed on to happier hours, in 1908. In his ministry he had helped many. There is a saying of his that can help ministers and all of us. **It is not all gift; it is also training.** He knew the word well. He knew that beautiful classroom, unseen of worldly eyes. In both Joshua and Paul is chorded divine meditation. For success, we need drink daily of the inspired word. The reservoir is enriched, from which can flow beautiful streams.

World War I rolled around. Over there in France, Uncle Sam was sending his boys. That western front would also be quiet one day, only for another to rage and roar, and another . . . wars and rumours of wars. The delivery pangs of an age would be rushing to an end.

The grandson of the first member, Bro. Aaron Schwartz, was called to service. He was in Kentucky, Camp Taylor near Louisville. Others were there, including Will Heyerley and Bud Gerber. There was quite a number of non-combatants. The method and way of handling was not as clearly defined as today. They were put together. At least one of their duties was cooking.

Persecution is an experience more than once in the military. An officer of lesser rank was trying to force. Will Heyerley was singled out in particular. Persecution can and does come. It is an **opportunity** for God's child. Look at the apostles, when they were whipped. They rejoiced that they could suffer shame for His name.

There were times when those at camp could be together . . . and visitors would also come. Henry Schwartz, and Joel Souder and Elias Souder went. The old interurban took them to Indianapolis, the train to Louisville. A visit and a letter does a lot for a boy far from home.

The others not of ours at the camp chipped together in religious assembly. Bro. Aaron did not. His folks didn't want him to. The fellowship should be among their own.

Things coming down from one generation to the next are living ways and words. The wonderful spiritual heirlooms, precious in scripture, need be kept, for success. Bro. Schwartz came on a sailing vessel, found life, and came out. Aaron's parents had built on the true. Now in youth Aaron grasped a teaching of his parents, tradition, yet glowing gem for eternal welfare. These waters of blessings that flow, let us always see their priceless value.

During World War I, news came from Latty. Two Stollers passed on, Albert and Gottfried. One service was held one day, one the next. Some visitors would come from there to the Leo area.

It seems it was February 1918. The skies were overcast. It was a big snowstorm. Guests came to Elder Brother Henry Souders and were welcomed.

His son, Henry Souder and his

wife, Leah, with Will Leman started for their home, just round the corner a little and up the lane. Through the blowing storm and cold they had a difficult time, but they made it.

The temperature plunged down, down, down. It would reach 17 degrees below, 18, perhaps more. Winds were estimated 40 miles an hour. Drifts were rising; roads became impassable. It was snowbound at Souders.

Henry Schwartz didn't go home that night. An old brother from Fairbury, John Kinsey was present. Others included Minnie Maibach and Fred Wittmer.

The next morning it was very cold. Henry Schwartz went home. After breakfast, Bro. Kinsey with coat on, and in a stocking cap, stood over by the radiator. In the house, there was a small, steep stairway, and a small hall upstairs. This was the warmest place, in the middle somewhat, bounded by some rooms. Here the group gathered.

The spiritual entertainment was good. Fifty years ago, the delights of charity glowed in that house, while about was winter's cold.

Drifts had mounted high. The clothesline could be stepped over. Through the woods and over a little stretch of field was Schwartzs. A snowy path in a world of white was made. The company went to Schwartzs. Bro. Christian and Sis. Mina would give hospitality. And it was warmer.

Through the years, the Schwartzs' have provided fond memory of their hospitality: Sis. Lydia, the reporter, remembers Mina as giving a full, friendly, open-hearted reception. The food was delicious.

Now in this year 1968, the brethren abide and learn. Our group of service loved ones gather in heavenly loveliness at Ft. Sam. Bro. Emch and others are in Europe. Others dear are closer where the war is.

The hour hastens on. The end draws nearer. If we are near the end, this indeed would be a true leveller of age. Jesus coming could mean the hour of work has ended. Tribulation's dreadful hour will snuff out more than one life. Then life is far spent for many. Infant, youth, aged, many would be alike in hours **remaining**, alike in age that is left.

Let us always find contentment in that inner hall of heavenly worship. There is true warmth and happiness!

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz

Visiting ministers were Bros. George Sinn of Latty and Carl Kipper and Orville Ringger of Bluffton. A minister recently explained to us that one of the ways that God speaks to his people is through the inspired preaching of His ministers, and that if our ministers would resort to prepared speeches, that we would then suffer a very great loss. Truly it is the duty of every true believer to pray for our ministers and their important work.

Having moved into our new place of worship sometime back, the dates for Open House and Dedication have been scheduled.

Community Open House	Aug. 11
Out-Of-Town Open House	Aug. 18
Dedication	Aug. 25

We rejoice that a number of our friends have turned to the Lord and have now been announced: Dorothy & Margery Schlatter, daughters of Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatter; David, Donald, Kenneth and Emily Manz, sons and daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

Our old church building, rather than being moved away as was earlier reported, has been destroyed.

HISTORY

In the year 1865, a small group of members and friends of our faith began meeting in homes in the Junction area. The first local minister, Henry C. Dotterer, was instated in 1870. The first building was erected in 1892, and extensively remodeled in 1913. This structure, with additions and maintenance required, served us until services began in our new building June 9.

“. . . build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.”

DESCRIPTION

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on August 21, 1967, for our new place of worship, and work began soon after this date.

The “name stone” laying took place on Sept. 28, 1967.

The one-story structure consists of brick, concrete block and exposed laminated wood arches. The main structure, 86x36, seats 172 in the sanctuary, and also has a foyer, nursery, rest rooms, and a utility room. The dining wing, 56x40, has four Sunday School rooms, small nursery and storage, in addition to

the kitchen and dining area, which serves about 70 per setting.

Our church is located at the previous site, on Township Road 147, one-half mile off State Route 111, 1½ miles south of Junction, 8 miles northeast of Paulding, or 11 miles southwest of Defiance.

Elder, George Sinn, Latty. Ministers, Henry Manz and Ben J. Schlatter.

Usher

Are you an usher now?
Is that the work your due?
To do well, first, then bow
And find God's plan for you.

An usher has so much
So beautiful to do,
The friendly smile and touch,
While footsteps measure thru.

So at a time so sad
(Much comfort now a need),
With sorrow, yet with glad,
With welcome, guide in deed.

To find each one's own place,
To treat such as would we
Were we to sorrow trace.
So much there is, please see.

An usher then need do
More work than "just a role",
If relative, know true,
If please is perfect goal.

Step, usher, up to place,
And learn to serve so true,
And run to please each trace
Of wish, to family due.

Yet that's not all to tell,
For usher need be such
That he at all times, well,
Shows courtesy so much.
the editor

Is there someone you should have
The Silver Lining sent to? Thrift
is not only in money . . . it is in
time and opportunity. Things count.
A savings plan that is consistent
adds up. So it is with our opportuni-
ties . . . a chance to change here, a
moment to be purchased there . . .
and we gain and improve. the editor

The Door Is Never Shut.—"Here-
in is love, not that we loved God, but
that he loved us. . ." There was a
widowed mother in the Highlands
of Scotland whose daughter, her
only child, left her home and went
away, never letting her poor mother
know where she had gone. At last,

one night, the child came home.
Creeping up to the door, she found
it unfastened. Entering, she was
welcomed by the mother with great
joy. When the greeting was over
the girl said, "Mother, why was the
door left unfastened tonight?" The
mother replied: "Never, my child,
since you went away has the door
been locked by day or night." So
it is with Christ. The door of God's
love is never locked but the sinner
refusing to return shuts himself out
of God's mercy.

SOMEONE

Someone spoke some evil words
O'er the telephone,
Also 'cross the neighbor's yard
Gossip cast its stone.
Someone added something too;
Jealousy was there,
Hurling even bigger stones,
Causing much despair.
Someone cared 'bout what was done
As they realized
Gossips rocks can break someone,
When they're scandalized.
Someone cared enough to show
Christian friendship's hand,
Helping let the hurt one see,
Who will understand.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for
they shall be called the children of
God." A story has been told of a
little girl who said to her mother
one evening, "I was a peacemaker
today." "How was that?" asked her
mother. "I knew something that I
didn't tell," was the unexpected re-
ply. Do we not all have opportuni-
ties to make peace in that way?

Somebody in the family going
away to school? Send the Silver
Lining along, through the mails.
It can sow good seed, while time
swiftly flies.

Changing address? Tell your re-
porter. Remember to send zip num-
ber!

the editor

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THE BLISS OF LOVE

Your Editor

The life of that city is lovely with love beyond all words.

Beautiful new earth is more than, by far, all you can picture. The colors that blend. The look is lovely. Jasper—sparkling and beautiful, joy makes to behold. Gold, clear and pure, will be seen in the buildings and on the avenue. Yet, so marvelous is the people who will live in that city.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." God is the heavenly flowing life. We, we're somewhat changeable. . . Have clouds and sunshine. . . Have little troubles, traits that annoy and bring sadness. Not so with God. He never changes. Love is from God. It is really wonderful: to be personally acquainted with Him, to be His child and grow up like Him!

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Unhappiness . . . discontented . . . these words were coined for man. God doesn't and never did need such. Neither does He need the words, changeable, unlovely. He is always a perfect best. This beautiful love is not told about in just one place. From many parts of the Holy Scripture it shines. It is vast, wonderful. Paul says it "passeth knowledge".

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." Look at Gethsemane. Look. There, at Jesus. There is grief and agony. It is so real. There is strong crying and tears. It is agony unto death. The sweat comes as bloody clouts, falls to the ground. Soul to soul, face to face, it is a struggle to

say yes to God's will. Did anybody ever see any love like that?

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son **to be** the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." We owe it to Him.

As we look up with faith, we behold God. He is constantly what He is, more than we see. Time has taken no toll, no wear, nor hurt. He is perfect, spotless. Never having the slightest mistake or changeableness, ever. His appearance is as a fire. Wonderful beauty. Because He is God, He acts from all He is. He is just, shall always be, and must have justice. Sin can never be coupled with this holy God.

The temple is a picture of His fiery justice and holiness. The lamb is cut, at the throat. It struggles. The blood flows; the breath gasps. Then silence. The real altar is Calvary. Abraham's hand was held, but death's awful stroke plunged into God's Son. God gave His Son. He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, that we might live.

"No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." Up there in heaven, the light is so bright, so bright. It is too much for our present body. We couldn't live. We never saw God with our eyes. We don't know how He looks, except as we are told. This great God is actually at home with us. We are living the life of heaven, His life, when we love the brethren! What wonders we see. Let love increase and increase.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he

hath given us of his Spirit." His Spirit is life. Life is so beautiful. No one could bring with power such joy, peace and mercy but His Spirit. No one but He could cause us to live this life. What an assurance is love.

"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son **to be** the Saviour of the world." Send the light. There is a rugged coast, mankind, that is your care. Rough waves dash. The darkness is down. Death warnings are out. You have seen with your own soul, if you are His, the wonders of our Saviour. Now daily hold up the light. Not with what hides the great joy. With quiet peace and joy, because He is your Saviour. Beam. When we do this, it will be seen. The stronger the light, the brighter to the lost. Our life, our words are a living book read of some poor soul.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." This is the dividing line. This is the boundary of the kingdom of God: those who confess. There is a meaning to this, made plain to him who understands. The Scripture points out that the many with only lip service shall be disappointed in that coming day. Confess is, together-to-speak, with the whole life. It is written with heavenly hand. It is speaking together with God in obedience. God leaves no points out, and He sees everything.

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

There is just nothing like it. It is rich and kind. And most wonderfully sweet. This is truly living.