

# THE SILVER LINING

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## IS ANY SIN "UNFORGIVEABLE"?

Bro. Norman Stoller

The words of Jesus in Matthew 12:31-32 and Mark 3:28-29 have always been a source of profound contemplation, misunderstanding and agitation. People ask, "How can there be any sin which God refuses to forgive?" "How is it possible to sin against the Holy Spirit in an unforgiveable way without sinning against Christ in the same way?" "Of what purpose is it to try to continue in the Christian walk, when once there is reason to believe the unpardonable sin has been committed?" Occasionally we meet souls who are convinced that he or she has committed the unpardonable sin. The despair of the damned is evident in their behavior, and nothing that most of us can do or say can convince them otherwise. However, the great tragedy of the unpardonable sin is that it is always the wrong people who are worried about it. As long as one is still capable of worrying about it, he is not capable of having committed it.

A closer examination of the circumstances surrounding Christ's utterance of those solemn and awful words will prove enlightening. He had just performed a miracle of healing, inasmuch that the people marvelled and said, "Is not this the Son of David?" . . . but the Pharisees, blinded by their hatred and envy, tried to persuade the people that this was an evil act by an evil man for an evil purpose. They attributed it to an alliance with the forces of Satan. With the help of several illustrations, let us consider what a dreadful thing that was to do.

Imagine that the next time our brethren on the World Relief Committee take our contributions to the land of Haiti, a strange thing occurs. As they are about to distribute food to the starving folks of that unfortunate land, certain high-placed and influential men step

between our brothers and the outstretched arms. They shout, "Don't touch it! This is a trick to deceive you! It is poison! Have nothing to do with these men and their so-called food. They are evil." Then, of course, the starving people might easily be forced away to die in their need.

Jesus, with His disciples, came bringing the very Bread of Life, the Food of the Soul. The Pharisees, blinded by hate, shouted "Don't touch it! It's poison! Have nothing to do with it! This work is of the devil!" This was a sin without forgiveness.

If you have visited Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, you have seen the deep underground river that flows in perpetual darkness, and you have been told that the fish that swim in those waters are totally blind. If you were to catch one of those fish and examine it, you would find that the structure of eyes is perfect, but the optic nerve is shrivelled and lifeless. It can no longer carry the impulse of light to the brain. The dread law of atrophy has been at work, whereby the misuse or disuse of a faculty results in that faculty's being withdrawn. **Having eyes, they see not.**

A fish, of course, cannot sin; it has no power of choice . . . But let us assume, for the sake of illustration, that the fish swimming in those deep waters had the power of choice, and that some of them chose deliberately to swim only in the darkness. Having chosen darkness, very soon such a fish could no longer distinguish between light and darkness. If later it swam into the light, it would be unaware of that fact. It now knows no difference between midnight and noon. It has so misused and disused the faculty of seeing that the power to see has perished. Illustratively, it has committed the unpardonable sin.

Herein lies a solemn warning. If hatred, fear, envy or any other motive of the devil so possesses us that we are confusing light with darkness; if we say "That good person is evil", or "That good thing is in reality an evil thing", we had better realize that we are heading slowly into those dark waters where the power to distinguish between light and darkness will be withdrawn. If such a person were to be confronted with the full blaze of heaven and glory of God, he could not distinguish it from the blackness of hell. He has committed the unpardonable sin.

But here is a point of tremendous importance: The unpardonable sin is not unpardonable because God refuses any plea for pardon. There is no sin which man is capable of committing but what he can find pardon if he humbly seeks such pardon from God, longs to be in a right relationship with Him, is willing to forgive his brother also, and puts his relationships with man as right as he can. The unpardonable sin is unpardonable because it leads a man into a situation where, through his own fault, he cannot discern what is sin. He has lost the power to distinguish between light and darkness, and therefore forgiveness is impossible. Man cannot be pardoned for a sin which he refuses to recognize as sin. Concerning such sin he cannot ask for pardon; his power to repent is gone.

Jesus knew that He himself was capable of being misunderstood. Some would hear garbled accounts of what He said, others would mishear and misunderstand. Even His own disciples often did, and reacted accordingly. It is possible that a person might reject Him, even turn against Him, on grounds that, however unfair to Him, are based on misrepresentation. While Jesus was in the flesh, goodness was media-

ted through a human personality, and for a great majority, through the lips and doings of others. But the Holy Spirit is within one's own breast. It whispers to us again and again, without any possibility of misinterpretation, "That is wrong; this is right; that you must not do; this you must not leave undone." To refuse that, to call that Inner Light darkness, is to silence that Spirit, a Spirit that **will not always strive with man**. And this makes pardon, because it makes repentance, impossible.

Along the banks of the Niagara River, some distance upstream from the mighty Falls, is posted a sign which reads: "Point Beyond Redemption". Still further upstream are other signs, warning of the rapids and falls ahead. Now, finally, is the grim warning to anyone who has as yet not turned back, that to go any farther is to be swept to certain destruction on the rocks below. May our Heavenly Father help us to obey the promptings of His Holy Spirit within us, lest we stifle it once too often and pass the "Point Beyond Redemption."

Notice: The fifth Edition of **Hymns of Zion** is underway and will soon be available again to our various congregations. Kindly send in your orders, and they will be filled as soon as the books arrive. A tape recording is being made of the unfamiliar hymns, and should be of great help to song leaders, and an inspiration to family and devotional circles. Send all orders to Henry Beer, Box 547, Milford, Ind. 46542.

Is there some loved one you should be sending the Silver Lining?

The love through the Silver Lining can go miles when perhaps you can't.

Do as you would wish you had done, if their lips would be silent tomorrow!

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Carol Schieler — Shirley Anliker

Due to bad weather Jan. 8, no one from out-of town could assemble with us for evening services. A good number of students still gathered. How wonderful it was to feel the Lord's presence, even though we were small in number. An evening of singing and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

"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." Added to the fold as one of His children was Friend Linda Laidig from Bremen.

Returning to campus this semester is Bro. Tom Frank from La Crosse.

Collen Culp has left to join her husband, Mick, who is in service. He has returned from a year in Viet Nam and is now stationed in California. We will miss Coleen in our circle, but wish them God's nearness and protection.

### IF—FOR STORMY DAYS

If you can hum a melody when everything goes wrong,  
If somehow through the stormy days your heart can find a song.  
If you can see a rainbow in a darkly clouded sky,  
Or feel the touch of Jesus there and know He's standing by.

If prayer and reading of God's word can lift you from your dearth,  
You'll know the greatest joy and peace you've ever known on earth.  
If every day you take some time to be with God apart,  
No matter how severe the storm,  
His love will calm your heart.

### FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

This turned out to be a "Cheerful Month."

Our Sis. Marie Neihouser took it in good cheer that she could daily work for the Lord by going to Japan again, to teach the dear children. Our school children did not want her to leave them, but they are looking forward when she can be back with them.

How cheerful our Bro. Elmer Anliker was, when we visited him in the hospital. A person could see that he could give Christian cheer to the nurses, which they also are in need of. Then how cheerful Brenda Huber seemed, that her father and mother—Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty could sit right by her in the hospital, when she had to stay in an oxygen tent a couple days. Emmet Ward had to be taken to the hospital for pneumonia but, as he is now improving, can again be pictured coming to church, with a cheerful handshake.

Our dear Sis. Mary Wuethrich

was given cheerful days by her husband and son, Leon and Larry, when they did some handwork for her in their country home, knowing that she had to enter the hospital for more surgery. Now in a cheerful way she says, how thankful she is that things are going well so she can again go to "Home Sweet Home".

God has taken the mothers of Sis. Mary Lee Gutwein and Judy Gutwein. They want to have the comfort in their hearts that the Lord could relieve their mothers of their suffering. Words were said of them, they were always cheerful mothers.

Mrs. Shelia Haynes, who is the granddaughter of Sis. Christina Gutwein, is now staying with her mother, as her husband passed away. She sure tries to take her cross in a cheerful way . . . and is so nice to have her and her two children assemble with us.

"My house is your house." This is the cheerful greeting that is given to the workers who deliver the needed bedding and clothing to homes. Really many of their homes are tents; they had to leave everything. These were some of the touching things we learned at the Bluffton Relief Meeting, which was a cheerful get-together for the many who attended. One of the remarks made by one of our young brothers. . . "We husbands that baby sit, when our wives go to the meetings, will be more content when we know the good they are doing." The groups that have been going to Kentucky to give "Cheerful Help" there sure come home with cheerful remarks.

Closing: My cup is full and running over. Am I cheerfully helping to fill the cups of the poor?

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### TAMAHATA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

The Tamahata church is one of our two country churches, the other being Shioda. They are separated by about 12 miles, but this distance requires about 45 minutes, or when the roads are especially crowded 1 hour of driving time. Bus service is available, but requires about 1½ hours because you must transfer. Services are held each Sunday at 3:00, after morning and afternoon meetings at Shioda. As a rule, I visit our Tokyo church once a month on the 4th Sunday, at which time one of the brothers from Tokyo visits our country churches.

Holy Communion was served one evening in January at Tamahata. Those present were the three sisters from the local community, and then three of us came from Shioda, Sis. Nancy Roth, my wife and myself. The two brothers from Tamahata, Bros. Akito and Hisato Inoue, are both living in Yokohama, where they have employment. They are able to attend our church in Tokyo, perhaps less than 2 hours away.

Sis. Junko Inoue, of the same family as the brothers, is a nurse who is teaching health and nursing at a nearby high school. She has invited everyone in her class to come to church, so now we have a number of young people coming who had never been to church before. Obviously they desire to become like their teacher. One of the students told me they like her very much. May all of us in Christ desire to be like Jesus, so that all outside of Christ will desire to be like us.

### ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY

Harlan Metzger

Our New Year started with a happy reunion of the soldier boys stationed throughout Germany. On the 4th of Jan., Hank and Lynn Young from Cissna Park; Duane Bach, Herb Steffen, and Carlos Baler, Fairbury; Tom Menold, Goodfield; Bro. Eldon Getz, Wolcott; Bro. Bill Emch, Lamont; and Bro. Harlan Metzger, West Bend were able to gather together and enjoy a wonderful Saturday noon dinner with the Heinz Maurer family in Nuehutzen. Also Bro. Dennis Koehl from Fairbury and his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Koehl, who came over to visit their son and

to tour Europe, were with us. We certainly enjoy visiting with someone from the States from time to time.

The 11th of Jan., Bros. Eldon Getz, Bill Emch, and Harlan Metzger spent the week end with the Fritz Judt family in Ludwigsburg, as it was Bro. Bill's last week end in Germany. We certainly miss each one that leaves our small group here in Deutschland, but are happy to see them return home after fulfilling their call of duty.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA

Mrs. William Haggenmaker

#### A Good Mother

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

#### A Child's Immortal Soul

A builder builded a temple;  
He wrought it with care and skill,  
Pillars and domes and arches,  
All fashioned to do his will,  
And men said as they saw its beauty,  
"It shall never know decay.  
Great is thy skill, O builder!  
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A mother builded a temple  
With infinite loving care,  
Planning each arch with patience,  
Laying each stone with prayer.  
None praised her unceasing efforts;  
None knew of her wondrous plan,  
For the temple the mother builded  
Was unseen by the eye of man.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

#### Helen Zimmer — Pauline Laidig

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arm;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arm.

How we all need to lean on Jesus everyday!

Our three new converts, Ronnie Johnson, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Jeanette, his wife, Connie, and Linda Laidig, daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Pauline, testified of their need of turning to the Lord in repentance, and of needing His help in their future lives. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Dave Bertsch and

Theo. Beer conducted their testimonies and gave kindly advice to them. Communion was then served to the congregation. We trust this will be a source of strength to us, and cause a rededication of our lives to the Lord.

The baptisms took place on Sunday, following the church services. We pray the Lord will be very near our new brother and sisters in faith. One of the ministering brothers said, Our walk in life is often a greater testimony than many spoken words might be.

It was a blessed week end, and we thank the elder brothers for their willingness to come and serve us. Bro. Walter Rager of Toledo also assembled with us.

Having a number of shut-ins in our congregation, we spent one Sun. evening holding services for them in their homes. One group visited Bro. Dan Clauss, who was recuperating from a bad fall on ice. Another group held services with Sisters Mary and Lydia Heuberger, and the third group went to the home of Bro. Dan Germann, who is not able to assemble with us at all. We know they all need to lean on "The Everlasting Arm" to find strength and comfort in their trying hours.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

#### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schmuacher

Our visitors have been, Bro. Ben Fehr—Roanoke, Bro. Ed Lanz Jr—Oakville.

Deaths: Sis. Elizabeth Bittner, age 76, passed away at the A. C. Home Jan. 14, after being a resident for more than a year. She is survived by a brother, Bro. Ed, and two sisters, Sis. Olivia and Sis. Anna all of Eureka. Her funeral was Jan. 16, conducted by Bros. Leroy Huber and Walter Anliker. Sis. Sarah Knepp, age 89, passed away at the Maple Lawn Home Jan. 30, after being a resident for 12 years. She was the last of her family. Surviving are nieces and nephews. Her funeral was Feb. 1, with Bros. Walter Anliker and Leroy Huber in charge.

We have three more converts—Robert and Sharon Stoller (He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Wilma Stoller), and Richard Eastman, the husband of Sis. Nelma Eastman. We now have 13 souls that have turned their backs to the world, and have turned their faces

towards their Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus.

Those who have been in hospitals: Sis. Clara Zimmerman (Bro. Lawrence's wife) returned home from the Mayo Clinic, after having surgery. Bro. Gene Zobrist was in St. Francis Hospital for a few days. Sis. Marie Klaus has been in St. Francis Hospital for some time, after having surgery on her hip. Sis. Martha Wettstein (my mother) was a patient in Eureka Hospital almost a week. She wears a brace now, after having injured her back. This reporter was a patient for 12 days in Eureka Hospital, after having a fall at her home and breaking her leg.

Jan. 12, the congregation was invited to be present for the memorandum. Bro. Roy Sauder assisted Bro. Leroy Huber. After hearing this, we should all try to be more obedient to God's word and teaching, so we can all help to try to preserve the "Faith of our Fathers". To be better Christians, we must **walk more Prayerfully and more Carefully**, as the song writer says.

Card of Thanks: I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for all cards, gifts, flowers, visits and prayers during my stay in Eureka Hospital. May God bless you. Mrs. Lucy Kempf.

In memory of our beloved one, Eli Fischer, who passed away one year ago Nov. 16.

Tis now a year and time passes on;  
Precious memories are with us, but  
your face is gone.

We miss you so much, your gentle  
smiling face;

No one can ever fill your vacant  
place.

May we prepare to be ready for  
that one day

When the Lord shall come and call  
us away,

That when our lifetime on earth  
here is o'er,

We might all together meet on that  
beautiful shore.

Written by a member of his family

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Jan Elsasser — Marcelle Dapper

We were enriched spiritually on Thurs. evening, Jan. 30, when Bro. Noah Schrock assembled with us. Bro. Noah left many teachings from 1 Cor. 13, which so beautifully points out the importance of

charity. As God brought charity into this world from the first day of creation until now, charity has continued. As Christians, when we become a new creature in Christ, charity began its work, and should continue to grow each day of our life. No matter what we have, without charity it profits us nothing.

The following Sunday, Elder Bros. Carl Kinsinger and Noah Schrock read us the memorandum. We are again thankful to our ministers and elders for taking time to meet each year out of love and concern for the welfare of our church, which has been founded upon the Rock, our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Bro. and Sis. Schrock for visiting, and ask that God bless them for their efforts.

We were happy that Sis. Nettie Locher was able to assemble with us the last three Sundays in Jan. Nettie is such an inspiration to all of us; even though she may not feel too well at times, her main desire is to come to church. We pray God's blessing upon her at all times. Sis. Julia Milikovich returned home, after being hospitalized for tests. She has again been able to come to church. Ray Vaughn, husband of Ruth Koehl Vaughn, underwent surgery Jan. 22. He has returned home and is doing very well.

We are so thankful that, even though we had heavy rains, none of our members or friends suffered any mishaps or damages.

Our congregation was happy to meet friends Mike and Coleen Culp from Remington. Mike will be stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif., for 1 year while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. We hope they will feel welcome to come and assemble with us.

THO'T: Those who see God's hand in **everything** are content to leave **everything** in God's hand!

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

We rejoice that two dear souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Don Schmidgall and his wife Virginia. Don is the son of Sis. Emma Schmidgall.

Bro. Dave Moser has been hospitalized for awhile. We are happy to report he is at home and improving.

Our community was saddened at the loss of our friend, John Goll. He passed away at his home on

Wed. Jan. 22, at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons, John Jr. and Howard Goll, both of Hancock; four daughters, Miss Allene Goll of Fergus Falls, Lila (Mrs. Ray Watson) of Hancock, Libbie Ann (Mrs. Gene Moser) of Elgin Ill., and Minnie (Mrs. Dwain Benson) of Morris; 14 grandchildren; and one sister, Miss Minnie Goll, of Elgin. Funeral services were held at the church on Sun. Jan. 26, with Bro. Paul Fehr officiating.

#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Our visiting minister Jan. 5 was Bro. Joe Schrock; he read & meditated from the 25th chapter of Matthew. He clearly explained that we do not all have the same talents, and the Lord expects more from some of his children than others. We should each use our talents to the best of our ability.

On Jan. 12, Bro. Philip Wingeier read and meditated from the 26th chapter of Matthew. This chapter we have all heard many times, but it gives us renewed inspiration of how the betrayal of Christ by Judas was predicted.

On Jan. 19, Bro. Ed Aeschleman and Bro. Joe Schrock were with us; we received many good and holy teachings. We wish to thank all the visiting ministers for their inspiring efforts, and welcome them back.

Jan. 28, the church picnic was held, with a very large number attending. At the noon hour, a bountiful pot-luck dinner was enjoyed. The afternoon was spent in singing hymns to the praise and honor of God; before departing, the afternoon was closed with a prayer by Bro. Joe Shrock.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Sis. Mary and Bro. Robert Reiman, due to the sudden accident and death of their brother-in-law, Bro. Fred Leman. Mary flew home for the funeral and to be at the bedside of her sister, Anna. We are happy to report that Anna is slowly improving; we wish her a speedy recovery.

#### TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It's a terrible Hong Kong flu spread here; according to the newspapers, some of the elementary schools were closed a few weeks.

Our beloved Sis. Nancy Roth returned to US on Jan. 18. She

finished her 2 years responsibility. Surely we are going to miss her very much. She is a wonderful sister, and left many good Christian testimonies among our young generations, especially the country churches.

Sis. Marie Neihauser arrived at the Tokyo Airport on Jan. 28, just 10 days after Nancy left. We surely welcome her, and surely believe that Marie will help young peoples turn to the Lord by her faith, through His great guidance. We love her very much and glad to have her again. We really thank God that He sent us such a wonderful sisters to us from beyond the Ocean.

Our Tokyo church has passed 10 years already in this spring since dedications. Our congregation hasn't have so many converts yet, and still small. I still believe that if we live faithfully and honestly before Him, our Heavenly Father will give us more strength and power through the Holy Spirit. We need more patience, love and understanding for Jesus' sake. All dear brethren and dear ones, you are always remembered in my daily prayers.

Editor's note—Here is a little from a note added by our dear brother: I surely realize that the Lord is always still in us and works in our daily activity. Apostle Paul said in the Bible, **I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me.** I love this Word very much.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Blough  
Florence Hartzler

We are thankful for three young men who have given their hearts to the Lord and have been announced for proving. They are Dean Hartzler, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler; Dwaine Indermuhle, son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Elda Indermuhle; and Marvin Ramsier, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier.

Tom and Jean Meyers welcomed a sweet bundle into their home. Randall James is the grandson of Bro. John and Sis. Pearl Marty.

We are happy and thankful to report that Stan Hartzler is home with his family and friends, after serving in Viet Nam. Mark Steiner, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, has left the states for duty in Viet Nam. We wish him God's blessings and protection.

Sis. Linda Zollinger and Bro. Dale Stoller have been hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Daniel Hartzler is hospitalized for a heart condition. Sis. Selma Hartzler has had the misfortune of falling on the ice and breaking her arm. Sis. Elda Gasser is home from the hospital, recuperating from major surgery. Her son Jim has returned to Germany, where he is stationed with the army.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Our congregation wishes Bro. John and Sis. Aline Hoerr God's blessings in their new home in Milford. Bro. John was a faithful treasurer in our congregation for many years. We also wish the same for our friend, Ron and Sis. Mary Ann Herman and daughter Julie, who have moved to Tucson. We miss them in our assembly.

Bro. Ken Hoerr has the responsibilities of treasurer now. At our annual business meeting we also selected Bro. Carl Hoerr as a new trustee; Bro. John Henry Hoerr and Sis. Emily Simon as the new Sunday School teachers.

We welcome Sis. Alta Kay Zbinden Kaufman and Sis. Gloria Kaeb Wettstein (brides of Bros. Ron Kaufman and David Wettstein) to our assembly. The Ron Kaufmans live at 3212 W. Birkshire, Peoria Ill., and the David Wettsteins live at 217 E. Ravine Apt. A, Peoria Ill. 61603.

We're thankful Bro. Leroy Hartman has been able to assemble with us again, and hope he can resume his duties in due time, if it could be the Lord's will. Sis. Dorothy Schneider has returned to her home. Sis. Katherine Fehr had been a patient in the hospital, and has returned home. Sis. Elsie Hess is a patient in the hospital. Sis. Frieda Hoerr fractured a vertebra in a fall at their store; she too is in the hospital. May we remember these dear ones in our prayers.

Bro. Marshall and Sis. Janice Heinold are the parents of Sue Ellen, born Jan. 21.

Bros. Leroy Huber, James Ringger, Nathan Stoller and Henry Grimm were our visiting ministers. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Roy Sauder in presenting the Con-

ference Report. We appreciate their coming and their kindly exhortations.

The Morton Choraliers were guests at our February Hymn Sing. We surely enjoyed the lovely harmony, song service and fellowship.

Bro. Chris Schaefer died Jan. 13. He was the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Caroline Joos Schaefer, and married Sis. Louise Krumholz in 1928. Surviving are his wife; his father; three sons, Everett and Richard Schaefer of Chillicothe, Robert Schaefer of Peoria; one daughter, Mrs. Audrey Johnson of Mapleton; six brothers, Emil of Morris, Bros. Ernest of Tremont, Anton, Otto, John and Herman of Hancock; three sisters, Sisters Lydia Hermann, Martha Schaefer and Hilda Baer of Peoria; and 17 grandchildren.

Bro. Charles Benz died Jan. 13 at St. Francis Hospital, where he was admitted 11 days before. He married Edith Schubert in 1924. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Charles Benz Jr.—Baltimore, Md., Edward Benz—Grand Rapids Mich.; two daughters, Patricia Benz at home, Mrs. George Beale, Stone Park, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Our sympathy is also extended to Sis. Marie Schafer; her mother, Mrs. Laura Schnellbacher of rural Mackinaw died Jan. 26. Sis. Emma Knobloch's mother of Lester died Feb. 1. Our sympathy is extended to her, too.

#### LET'S HAVE A GARDEN THIS YEAR

First, let's have five rows of peas—

Preparedness

Promptness

Perserverance

Politeness and

Prayer.

Next, let's have three rows of squash—

Squash gossip

Squash criticism and

Squash indifference.

Then, let's have five rows of lettuce—

Let us be faithful

Let us be unselfish

Let us be loyal

Let us love one another and

Let us be truthful.

No garden is complete without turnips—

Turn up for church regularly

Turn up with a smile every day

Turn up with a new idea and

**Turn up** with real determination.

Note: A garden like this could prove very fruitful. Let's plant, cultivate, love, nurture and harvest it.

These words were left with us at the closing of our morning worship services, when Bro. Elias Sommerhalder visited our congregation.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber**

**Births:** A son, Kent Everett, to Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Gilliom; a son, Jason Andrew, to Bro. and Sis. Ronald Kaehr; a daughter, Wendy Sue, to Bro. and Sis. Arlen Gerber.

**Engagements:** Sis. Marydean Schladenhauffen has announced her engagement to Bro. Michael Meade. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Harold Schladenhauffen and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meade.

**Shut-ins:** Sisters, Sada (Fred) Moser, Emma Kipfer, Marlene (Tim) Ringger and Doris Reinhard; Bro. Joel Fiechter.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord". Friends Mr. and Mrs. Glen Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Straham, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heyerly and Mr. James Schwartz have been announced for provings and baptisms.

We lose what on ourselves we spend;

We have, as treasures without end,  
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend  
Who givest all.

Whatever, Lord, we lend to Thee,  
Repaid a thousandfold will be;  
Then gladly will we give to Thee  
Who givest all!

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

**Mary Young — Margaret Rudin**

**I have kept the faith; I have fought a good fight** were the words that were mentioned Jan. 20 at the services for Bro. Phil Aeschliman, age 88. He passed away Jan. 17 at the Iroquois Hospital, where he had been a patient nine days. He leaves to mourn his loss his beloved wife, Sis. Leah. Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Oct. Bro. Phil's presence will be missed in our congregation, as he was able to attend church up until a few months before he passed away. He was a faithful soldier of the cross and

had a love for God's people. For many years he was a song leader, later minister, and in 1945 he was ordained elder. During that time he was diligent in the work of the Lord; his faithful wife was a good support. Their home was always open. In the last years, Bro. Phil asked to be released of his duties, but he still had a concern for God's people. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and George Yergler conducted the services. Bros. Theo. Beer and Ezra Feller assisted, and many others attended. In conclusion it was mentioned, Eternity without end . . . Think it over. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Leah.

Sis. Leah wishes to acknowledge with a grateful heart every act of kindness extended to her loved one during his illness, during the holidays and at the time of his death . . . special thanks to all the ministers and for the prayers. Thanks for the cards and gifts; everything was appreciated.

A son, Kevin Gregory was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Gregory Reutter, Chanute Air Base Rantoul. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cawthon and Mr. and Mrs. Don Reutter. Paternal great-grandmother is Sis. Emma Reutter.

Sis. Reka Hoerr had the misfortune of slipping on the ice and breaking her wrist. Sisters Lydia Kaufman and Sophie Funk had broken wrists; they are mending nicely. Bro. Ben Walder is hospitalized. Sis. Elizabeth Martin had eye surgery. Our prayer for all these dear ones is that they may experience God's healing power.

We welcome our friends, Raymond Young and his wife Margaret of Dolton Ill., who have been assembling with us. Raymond has now had open heart surgery and is a patient at St. Catherina's Hospital, East Chicago. He will still be at the hospital for some time. They have both repented and found peace; before going to surgery Raymond said, "I'm not afraid to die now".

Our sympathy is extended to Sisters Elizabeth Yergler and Barbara Bauer, over the loss and sudden death of her father, and Bro. Fred Leman.

We have been blessed with many visitors. We are thankful for those who labor in the church and for the fellowship we share with each other, and extend a hearty welcome to all.

#### Truly Great Treasures

He who is young can be thankful that he still has all the exciting experiences of life before him. He who is old can be thankful that he has attained judgment and understanding, and has learned to be tranquil about problems which once troubled him. He who is in good health can be thankful for a treasure greater than gold. He who is ill or physically disabled can be thankful for the loving care of family and friends, and for a chance to be an inspiring example of patience and fortitude. He who dwells in the country can be thankful for the wide-open beauty of God's handwork, where Nature's artistry is manifest on every hand. He who resides in the city can be thankful for the warmth of human relationships and the opportunity to serve one's fellowman at every turn. He who has riches of gold and silver can be thankful that life's bounty has given him the privilege and joy of sharing with those less fortunate. He who is without worldly wealth can be thankful that the truly great treasures of life are free—kindness, friendship, love, appreciation. He who worships can be thankful that he lives in a country where he may worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. He who lives in a free country can be thankful that his opportunities are many, and that his chance of success is not hampered by regimentation. For these things we should be thankful.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen**

**Katie Kachelmuss**

When we read and hear about the snowstorms at various places, we feel that we have been blessed with a pretty good winter, but it is still quite a distance from the end of the winter. We may still get a share of stormy weather.

Hospitalized for surgery were Sis. Adelian Graff, wife of Bro. Charles Graf, and little Stephen Steffen, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Eleanor Steffen. Our aged Sis. Rose Nesler fell and broke her hip, had surgery for setting the bone on her ninety-fifth birthday, and is getting along as well as could be expected. May God, the Great Physician, heal the sick according to His will, and be with all the aged and the loved ones who care for them.

We selected Bros. Norman

Schock and Ernest Kellenberger Jr. for Sunday School teachers, and Bro. Robert Greiner for trustee. May God be their help in their new duties.

A daughter, Anja Patricia, Feb. 1 was born to Charles and Ingrid Kellenberger.

Two young families left our Church Circle to make their home in Portland. Bro. Arthur and Sis. Betty Martin Metz and family, and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Florence Rust Leman and family. We were sorry to have them leave us, but we do wish them the blessings of God in their new places of abode.

This morning we mailed our report, wherein we told of Sis. Rose Nesler having had a fall; this noon we received word that she passed away. May God bless the loved ones who so lovingly cared for her in her declining years. Also, we received word that John Schifferer passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack. We extend our sympathy to the bereft ones.

#### MY PRAYER

(An original poem by one of our precious young sisters in faith.)  
Oh Lord, I pray not for the gold of  
this land,

Or for the riches of this life,  
But only for a small portion of Thy  
wealth  
When I leave this earthly strife.

I pray not for good health, my God.  
As I trod this earth below,  
But that in the weakness I am  
given  
My faith in Thee might grow.

I pray not for a trial-less life.  
But that my soul be free of sin.  
I want the peace that's Heaven  
sent,  
The lasting peace within.

I pray not for a trial-less life.  
Free from worry, doubt and fear,  
But my prayer, oh Lord, when they  
arise,  
To know that Thou art near.

I know this prayer is unusual to  
some  
And the lines quite strange may  
seem,  
But how could I be tested, oh God,  
If my life were all serene.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**Robert and Janice Sutter**

... And the story goes, that  
two men were toiling on a tower a

good distance above the earth. In the midst of the day, while the sun was high in the sky, one laborer became faint. Losing his balance, he tumbled headlong toward the earth below. It just happened that at that very moment a shepherd was leading his sheep past the foot of the soaring structure. As the man rapidly neared the end of his plunge, a lamb boldly stepped into his path of descent. The lamb was killed, but the man was saved.

This story has a spiritual analogy. It can be compared to the Lamb of God, who laid Himself before us in our headlong plunge in the abyss of spiritual death. Just as the man above was extremely grateful that his life had been saved, so we even more should thank the Lamb of God that by His great sacrifice we can live.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers. Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville and Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville ministered the blessed word unto us. On Feb. 2, Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudy Graf shared communion with our congregation. It was indeed a blessed experience, solemnized by the wondrous thought of Christ, who died on the cross for our sins.

It was announced that Bro. Darrell (Bud) Klopfenstein has been selected to the ministry. We pray that the Lord will bless him and his wife, as he undertakes this task.

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**  
**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**  
**"Our Circle"**

As we meet and greet our beloved brothers, sisters and friends, surely our hearts are filled to overflowing as the "message of love" flows from one to another. So often, a cheerful smile and hearty greeting will lift the load from a weary or troubled heart, and the giver may not even know it—

We were happy to have as visitors a number of young folks from the Latty and Milford congregations. As I was home in the morning with our son, who was ill with an asthma attack, I did not meet all of our visitors, but one could surely see and feel their joy in serving their God and in the fellowship they find as one of "His Children". Surely these are blessings worth seeking!

In talking with Sis. Edith Lieberenz (Floren) Sunday, we learn-

ed their son, John, was to leave San Diego, Feb. 1, for another seven months' tour of duty on board the "Gurke", in Tonkin Bay off the shores of Viet Nam. In our midst for midweek services were Bro. Edwin and Sis. Cindy Beer Stoller and her parents and brother. Ed had received his orders for Korea and was to leave Ft. Sam on Feb. 1. Surely our thoughts and our prayers go with these loved ones and their families. The words of the following poem recited by Bro. Norman one Sunday seem so fitting:

He giveth more grace when the  
burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when  
the labors increase;  
To added afflictions He addeth His  
mercies,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied  
peace.

When we have exhausted our store  
of endurance;  
When our strength has failed ere  
the day is half done;  
When we've reached the end of our  
hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only  
beginning.

Not only do we think of those who have just left for far off shores, but also do we pray for all those serving their country wherever they may be. David Levy is to graduate from Officer's Training School Feb. 8, at Ft. Benning, Georgia. His parents, Bro. and Sis. Bill and Lillian, plan to be with him for this, the Lord willing, and then continue their travels to spend several weeks in Florida. May the Lord go with them.

One Sunday, as Bro. Verlin was reading in the 103rd Psalm, the sister at my side pointed to the 12th verse and whispered, "That is what started me to repent." (Possibly not to start, but to **confess** the desire, for she could contain it within no longer, she said.)

We are thankful when brethren come to visit and bring to us God's message. Bro. Henry Beer of Milford shared God's word at midweek services, and Bro. John Bollier of Leo one Sunday afternoon. It was indeed a privilege that we could share with them both their evening meal and enjoy the fellowship of their visits in our home. The "love of children" surely was seen in Bro. Henry, as he gathered our two

youngest on his lap and told them stories; and I'm sure Bro. John will not be soon forgotten by our Rosemary for his interest in her "home-work".

In looking into the big brown eyes of Danny Newport, one could see by their sparkle how he enjoyed staying with Grandma and Grandpa (Ralph and Sis. Ann Swihart) while his mother, Sis. Nancy (Gerald) Newport had minor surgery. We are thankful her stay was brief, and may her recovery be hastened by our prayers.

Bro. Phil Martin is spending a few weeks at home, while transferring from the Vincennes College to Indiana Tech in Ft. Wayne, where he will resume his studies in March. He is tending the motel and store while his parents, Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mary, and Alice are vacationing in Mexico. Sis. Mary had surgery earlier this winter and finds she has not recovered her strength completely. We ask the Lord's protection in their travels.

Bill Pulver, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence, was united in marriage with Ruth Bledsoe, daughter of the Fredrick Bledsoes Sr., of Ft. Wayne on Sat. Jan. 25. They are at home at 2532 East State St. May the Lord bless this union of hearts.

There has been illness and flu. We ever rejoice with those that are restored to good health again, for each one is sorely missed when absent from our fellowship. We know that good health is a great and treasured blessing!

We are ever thankful for the hymns that have been written for our enjoyment to sing, for the many words of wisdom and help found in them. It is truly a precious privilege, sometimes even to just sit and listen. We appreciate the opportunity accorded to further this privilege when we gather the second Sunday of the month for a song service at church, at 6:30. We invite all to come and join us at anytime. The Leo brethren were in charge of the singing at our Jan. gathering, and we thank them for this.

We would remember our Sunday School children, and those who have been called to teach them, for they will be our "Church of Tomorrow". We pray that "Our Circle" shall ever grow, prosper and find favor in the Lord. (If I have not mentioned you by name, I surely

have had EACH ONE in thought as I wrote this!)

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Howard and Louise Getz

The second semester of the school year has begun. One of our IU students, Bro. Jerry Banwart has completed his degree and is now employed by an accounting firm in Burlington, Iowa. We wish him many blessings in his new position. Jerry's parents, Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sylvia Banwart, were in Sarasota, in January, at the time of their 25th wedding anniversary. Jerry was able to spend a week there with them.

Sis. Becky Mayer has been assigned to an audit team in New York City for six weeks by the accounting firm by which she is employed.

Sis. Edith Mayer fell on a patch of ice on their driveway early in January and broke her collarbone. She will wear a cast for six weeks.

The John Mayer family has the congregation's sympathy in the loss of Sis. Edith's father in late December. Bro. Karl Oesch of Mansfield. Karl had been a faithful active member for many years.

Bro. Sam Kilgus (Remington) was our last minister of 1968, and a fairly good crowd assembled, though the universities had dismissed for Christmas vacation. Services were not held on Dec. 29, as all of the Indianapolis families were planning holiday visits. On Jan. 5 and 12, Bluffton ministers Bros. Carl Kipfer and Orville Ringger brought messages of encouragement and warning. On Jan. 19, Bro. Merle Laukuf (Latty) reminded us of our responsibilities as Christians in these latter times. The next week Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) renewed the beauty and promises of the 23rd Psalm. Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) on Feb. 2 read from Genesis of the miracles of creation and told how modern man, even while circling the moon, must acknowledge his existence and dependence on that same wonderful Creator.

### GIRARD, OHIO

#### Jesse C. Emch

I am moved to think of what our President, Richard M. Nixon said to those who met with him at a prayer breakfast. These may not be the exact words, but in essence he

referred to his mother saying, **Always begin a new day with prayer.** May we hope that many will use this as their motto, and above all may we as followers of our loving Saviour Jesus Christ do as the Bible teaches, pray for those who are in authority.

Deaths: Mrs. Esker (Lucy Witschey) Frum of Jeannette, Pa., died very suddenly at her home Jan. 19, of a heart attack, at the age of 84.

Walter N. Lamb age 68 of 5106 Firney Ave., Youngstown, died of a heart attack Wed. Jan. 22. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Betty (Zelda) Burton, and a daughter—Mrs. Judith Ann Tinar, of the same address. Mrs. Lamb is a daughter of the late Sis. Fannie (Burton) Schupbach of New Martinsville.

Our Heavenly Father has called our dear sister, Pauline Durig, home after a six weeks' illness, at the age of 82 years. She made her home with her son, Richard at Dayton, Ohio. Her husband, Fred preceded her in death in Dec. 1966. Sis. Pauline was a daughter of the late Bro. Jacob and Sis. Elizabeth (Brunner) Hafely of New Martinsville. She was the last of a large family. The funeral was held from the Apostolic Christian Church of Girard, where she had been a devoted member for many years. Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf officiated, assisted by Bros. Eugene Pamer and Jess Emch. She will be missed by her son, Richard; and a daughter, Mrs. James Wood & family of Xenia, Ohio.

Sis. Sadie Schladen has reached her 96th birthday and has recently had a stroke. Sis. Ethel Hafely is still a patient in Glenn View Manor, Mineral Ridge, Ohio. Sis. Esther Saylor spent some time at the Warren Community Hospital, Warren, Ohio. She is now home convalescing. Sis. Louise Lance was confined to her home for several weeks, due to a cold and complications. We were glad she could worship with us on Feb. 2. Sis. Kathryn Emch was confined to her home for several weeks, due to a very severe case of flu. We are thankful that she is again going about in her usual helpful way, and her presence in church is so welcome.

Sis. Sedona Habeger wishes to thank all who were so thoughtful in remembering her with cards, letters and happy birthday wishes for her 86th birthday.



**How Much Ought I To Give?**

Give as you would if an angel  
Awaited your gift at the door.

Give as you would if tomorrow  
Found you where giving was o'er.

Give as you would to the Master  
If you met His loving look.

Give as you would of your  
substance  
If His hand your offering took.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**  
**Alma and Gus Baum**

Bro. Noah Schrock, (Oakville) Elmer Schmidt and Harold Messner (Winthrop) visited our congregation. We know the effort to travel is greater during the winter months, and especially so with the severity of this winter, so much so that it behooves us to express a special thanks unto them for their messages.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Rita Barth, along with their four sons have moved from Oakville to Minneapolis. We experience a feeling of warmth and encouragement, with the addition of a new family added to our little group.

Found the following story amongst our possessions and wish to share it with readers of Silver Lining; titled When The Lights go Out.

It was a late autumn evening during the Second World War. The entire city of London lay in inky darkness, due to a strictly enforced blackout. After the evening meal, a London father invited his eight-year-old son to take a walk with him, to get a breath of fresh air. Together they walked down the darkened streets until the lad remarked, as if he had made an unexpected discovery. Daddy, we never saw the stars over the city until the lights went out!"

How true! True not only of the dark nights over London, but of dark nights which again and again settle down over your life and mine. How often have we good reason to lift up our eyes heavenward and exclaim, "O Father, I never saw your stars until the lights went out." Sometimes it takes sadness or sickness, loneliness or bereavement, disappointment, anxiety or despair to bring out the brilliance of the gospel's promises. How often have we been comforted by the warm light of Gods promises: **Lo; I am with you always . . . I have redeemed**

**ed thee. Thou art mine. I shall never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

In the broad daylight of prosperity, when every thing is going our way, when health, wealth and happy friendships cheer our heart, our eyes sometimes lose sight of these promises. When the lights are out, when health and friends are gone, these promises are still there, eternal in the gospel firmament. Men and fortunes may change, but God's assurances go on forever. They are like the stars in His heavens. May our eyes be fixed on His unchanging gospel.

**FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**Wendell Anliker—Merle Rocke**

We heartily welcome into our midst five friends who were assigned for basic training: Mark Goetzing, Goodfield; Duane Laukhuf, Latty; Samuel Somerhalder, Gridley, Kansas; Ralph Aschliman and Rodney Maller, Bluffton. It's also a joy to welcome back Chris and Phyllis (Kupferschmid) Miller from Eureka; Chris returned from Viet Nam. We are thankful for his safe return, and that he can finish his tour of active duty with us.

It was difficult to say "good-by" as dear ones to whom we had become attached left our small group. Bro. Edwin Stoller departed for duty in Korea and his wife, Sis. Cindy returned home to Milford, on the 27th. Mark Steiner, Rittman, has gone to Viet Nam, and Roy Wiegand, who is currently home on leave at Goodfield, will depart for Viet Nam the end of February. We will certainly miss Roy, for even though he was stationed at Ft. Hood Texas, he drove a total of 300 miles every weekend throughout the past year, so that he could be with us at Ft. Sam. We truly miss all those who have left, and trust that God will ever sustain them all.

We are pleased that Bill and Charlotte (Wagenbach) Metzger of Lester are stationed here indefinitely and living in Apt. 5 next door to us. Bill has completed his training and is an instructor in the Medical Training Center.

On Jan. 11 and 12, a beautiful spring-like week end, we were privileged to have Ministering Bro. Vernon Leman. It was a particular joy for me to be able to again hear one of the dear brothers from my home church.

Again were we given timely,

deeply appreciated counsel, encouragement, and admonishment when Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo spent Jan. 25-27 with us. We humbly thank loved ones for being willing to come so far to be with us, that through their efforts we could together enjoy the blessings of fellowship in Christ.

We have just finished re-decorating the "church apartment," and are looking forward to having more visitors here this spring and summer. We sincerely encourage anyone who is able, who has the desire, or who will be anywhere near San Antonio at any time for any reason to please visit us—no matter how long you can stay. We all feel close to one another here, bound together in love as a large family with a common bond, and we delight in sharing our love with anyone who visits us.

I am reminded of the words of a song written by a young brother while a lonely student amidst the many evils of a large college campus. The words of his prayer seem to apply also to us here in the Service:

My Jesus—my loving Lord—  
Wouldst thou remember me down  
here,  
And Jesus—my precious Jesus—  
Instill in me a reverent fear.

Much evil, great danger and sin  
Seems to be all around me here;  
Of myself I cannot stand,  
So strengthen me, Saviour dear.

Chorus:  
I need Thee every hour;  
Oh keep me through Thy power.  
Let me from Thee never stray,  
Dear Lord—I humbly pray.

May God so abide with us, His people, granting us the grace so necessary, that we may one day be worthy of those tender, welcome words, **Enter thou into my rest.**

**LAMAR, MISSOURI**  
**Marie Marti**

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." Do we pause each day before something that is beautiful long enough to say, "Isn't that beautiful?" We find beauty all around us. What is more beautiful than a child with folded hands bowed in prayer? Or the expression on his face as he listens intently to a story about Jesus? Someone once

said that every house should have a window that opens toward heaven, and if we followed the advice of the author, we could meet each day with courage.

"Every morning lean thine arms  
awhile  
Upon the window-sill of heaven  
And gaze upon thy Lord;  
Then with the vision in thy heart,  
Turn strong to meet thy day."

New Sunday School teachers who have been elected are Sis. Bernice Frieden and Bro. Arthur Banwart. Bro. Leonard Marti has been elected to take charge of Personal Property Aid.

Sis. Dorothy Schneider has been dismissed from the hospital here in Lamar and she and her husband, Bro. Jake, have returned to their home in Peoria. Louisa Rentsch spent some time in the hospital for medical attention. Sis. Marie Stewart entered the hospital for tests. Both of them have returned home, and we pray God will grant them good health.

#### In Memory of Mother

In many prayers, her concern was  
great  
That heaven would be her  
children's fate.  
In my bosom precious memories lie  
Of my childhood days gone by.

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

Our hope and prayer for all American brothers and sisters in our Lord is that your daily life might be overflowing with peace.

The Ehnle family is fine and working hard every day for the church. Our elementary school teacher, Sis. Nancy Roth, after spending 2½ years earnestly teaching the children on behalf of the church, returned to America on Jan. 18. May God's blessings always be abundantly upon her. Sis. Marie Neihouser has come to be our new elementary school teacher. She had been in Japan before for 1 year, and everyone at Shioda is glad to have her back. We ask all of you in America to pray for these sisters, including Sis. Nancy Schrock, our Kindergarten teacher. These sisters also teach English conversation.

Mr. Nixon has recently become president of the United States, and it is our hope and prayer that he

form his political duties well, and end the war in Viet Nam as soon as possible for the sake of the American people. We ask everyone to join us in earnest prayer that there might be peace on earth.

Finally, we pray that God's blessing will be upon all of you in the American church in greater and greater abundance.

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle

#### TUCSON, ARIZONA

Anna Thomas

We welcome into our midst Ronald and Sis. Marian Herman. They have decided to make Tucson their home. Ronald is a son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman. We wish them the Lord's blessings on their move to this community.

With joyful hearts we had our first assembly in our new church sanctuary on Jan. 12. Then on Jan. 19 we had open house, with Elder Bros. Roy Farney and Clarence Yackley of Phoenix bringing the Lord's message to us. A number of friends and neighbors also gathered with us.

We experienced many blessings when on Jan. 26 brethren from 8 states came to help dedicate our new church. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Burlington, Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Bro. Leland Hirschey of Naumburg spoke many words of comfort, advice and admonishment to us.

**HISTORY:** The first members to live or spend the winters here were Sis. Emma Hoerr and her relatives. In 1945, Bro. Jay Bertsch and his wife Dorothy made their home in Tucson. The first services were held in the Jay Bertsch home in 1945 by Bro. Ernest Graf of O. The second service was held in 1946 by Bro. Roy Farney, now of Phoenix. In 1947, Sis. Martha (Heinold) Blessman and family established their home here. Occasionally ministers from the East, including Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Iowa, who was for a long time interested in the Phoenix and Tucson area, would hold services in the Bertsch or Blessman homes. When friend Ezra Sutter and his wife came to enjoy the sunshine in 1963, a few members and friends from Tucson and Phoenix would gather now and then in the homes or YMCA, served by Bros. Clarence Yackley and Roy Farney, now District Head of the Tucson Church. In 1965, Bro.

Noah Herman and his wife Lorraine, daughter Laurie and Ernest Herman, his nephew, made Tucson their home. In Oct. of 1965, Tucson was set up as a church, entering its first report in the Silver Lining with seven members and eight friends. Bro. Noah Herman was ordained minister of the Tucson Church.

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it..."

#### Description:

The Sanctuary is of "A" frame design, with masonry and frame construction. Present seating capacity is for one hundred and ten maximum, with an expansion plan for two hundred at minimum cost.

#### Building Committee:

**Noah Herman** — treasurer, Jay Bertsch, Ezra Sutter, Alfred Thomas.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf, Reporter

We want to thank Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Joshua Broquard for their efforts in coming to assist our Elder Bro. Lehman in giving us the report of the Conference.

Sis. Rosie Stoller wishes to thank all who remembered her on her 80th birthday.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Hulda Strahm into our assembly. They are spending the winter here in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Leon Wai-bel and family.

Sis. Nancy Christopher suffered some painful burns, when she accidentally spilled hot cereal. We are thankful it was not more serious.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Sis. Nancy Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, has returned home from 2½ years in Japan. Sis. Nancy had obeyed a calling from the Lord to be used in Japan, and she has many interesting events to share with us of her experience. Nancy has accepted a teaching position at Fairbury.

The third child for Bro. and Sis. Harvey Schieler arrived, whom they named Keith Eugene. The new baby boy has a sister, Stephanie Hope and a brother, Eric Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Zehr have become the parents of a new baby boy, and they have named him Jeffery Lee.

Sis. Louise Moulton slipped on the ice, causing a badly broken hip, and is in the hospital. Also hospitalized is Sisters Ernestine Stoller and Sarah Steffen.

At our annual meeting, elections were made as follows: Bro. Willis Bachtold as trustee, Bro. Jim Walter as usher, Bro. Reuben Huber as funeral director, and Bro. Herman Kilgus on the Aid Committee.

### BERN, KANSAS

#### Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Lillian Esslinger have a grandson, Michael Lynn, born Jan. 1 to Paul and Judith (Esslinger) Day, Bell, Calif.

Jan. 13, Curtis Lee was born to Lynn and Barbara Hartter. Scott and Eric are happy for another playmate. Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella are the grandparents.

Lana Sue was born Dec. 25, and three weeks later came to make her home with Bro. Morris and Sis. Marge Edelman and Curtis, age three (also adopted). Grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Lillian Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. John Menold. May these precious little souls some day realize their blessed lot, to be guided into the love of Christian hearts and home.

Due to flu and colds, many have been absent from church. Hospital patients at present, Bro. Roy Meyer (pneumonia), Sis. Amanda Meyer (flu complications). Dennis Esslinger is getting around with the aid of crutches, after hip surgery.

Bro. Wayne Gerber, Lester, was with us for a Wed. evening service.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Lucy Hartter in the death of her son-in-law, Harold King, Coffeyville, Kansas. Sympathy is also extended to Sis. Julia Plattner and her family in the passing of her mother, Sis. Julia Knobloch (Lester).

### PATIENCE

Sometimes when troubles beset us,  
We grumble and lament.

But God's word plainly tells us  
With such things as ye have—be content!

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee—thus saith the Lord.

Look up, have faith, and patience,  
And great will be your reward.

Therefore make straight paths  
for your feet,

And lift up your hands which hang  
down,

For God loves and cares for His children;

He would love to give us a crown.  
Let us patiently run the race set before us;

God scourges and chastens His own,

For when we are cleansed and perfected,

We'll inherit our heavenly home.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Bro. Bob Pohl, of Burlington, Iowa, ministered to us on Jan. 8.

Elder Bros. Geo. Gramm, Gridley, and Geo. Yergler, La Crosse, assisted Bro. Al Fisher in the proving and baptism of Friend Judy Klopfenstein on Feb. 2. Many brethren and friends were here for the occasion.

During January, Sisters Esther Hay and Anna Stortz, and Friend Ray Young were hospitalized. Anna has remained in the hospital to this time. Esther has again been able to assemble with us and has returned to work. After major surgery, Ray has returned to his home in Dolton, Ill. to convalesce.

We are happy to have Sis. Helen Kettl assemble with us again, as she had been ill and unable to attend services for several weeks.

Bro. Gottlieb Lehmann asked to be relieved of his duties as trustee, due to his health. We thank him for his years of faithful service. Bro. Karl Lehman has been appointed to take his place.

Once again the waters have been stirred, as Friend Nettie Haab has cast her lot with the Lord. We wish her God's grace in this important step. Nettie is from the Milford congregation and has been working in Chicago for several months.

Ken Schurter, son of Bro. Rich and Sis. Aldenne Schurter, and his family have been transferred back to the Chicago area. They will reside in Western Springs, Ill.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

#### Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. Ben Schlatter of Paulding ministered to us on Sun., Feb. 2, when he visited our congregation. We thank him for his loving messages proclaiming God's word.

We especially remembered David Beard in our prayers. Dave, the son of Sis. Kelly Domka Beard, is in the Air Force Reserve, and left on Jan. 4 to serve his six months of active duty.

There continue to be quite a number who have been absent from worship services because of colds and flu. Bro. David Beer is in the hospital for a check-up.

During these days of such unrest and turbulence, we often question what the future holds in store. In a Hebrew translation of Proverbs 4:12 we read, **As thou goest, step by step, I will open up the way before thee.**

Child of My love, fear not the unknown morrow;

Dread not the new demand life makes of thee.

Thy ignorance doth hold no cause for sorrow,

Since what thou knowest not is known to Me.

One step thou seest—then go forward boldly;

One step is far enough for faith to see.

Take that, and thy next duty shall be told thee,

For step by step thy Lord is leading thee.

Wherefore go gladly to the task assigned thee,

Having my promise, needing nothing more

Than just to know, where'er the future finds thee,

In all thy journeyings I go before.

### PULASKI, IOWA

#### Mrs. Dave Wiegand

On the evening of Jan. 16 a few of us gathered at the home of Sisters Lydia Wuthrich and Minnie Getz, to help them celebrate their birthdays. Lydia was 93 on the 18th, and Minnie was 83 on the 13th. They are both active and always enjoy company.

We have surely had a lot of ice this winter. It stayed cold, so the ice stayed on for quite a while.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

#### Carlton J. Lanz

At our annual business meeting Jan. 12, offices filled were as follows: Bro. Jacob Trueb, trustee, for three years; Bro. Emanuel Klotter, treasurer, reelected to another 1-year term; Bro. Wilbur Schneider, Sunday School superintendent, reelected to another 1-year term; Bro. Carlton Lanz, usher, reelected to another 2-year term; and Bro. Roy Schneider, auditor, elected to a two-year term. Business transacted moved smoothly, with Bro. John Bahler acting as chairman.

The church rejoices when new members are added to the church body, as was even the case in the past month. Three converts, Richard Hany, Arthur Foote and Roberta Foote presented their testimonies and were then baptized. Sis. Roberta's husband, Paul, became a brother in August '68 (Silver Lining Sept. 1968).

Bro. Alfred Luginbuhl is hospitalized with what doctors described a slight stroke. He is slightly paralyzed on his left side. Improvement has been noted, however, since he first entered the hospital. Prayers are nearly always offered for those in institutions, and for those who have met with tragedies.

This community was saddened when Thomas (Tommy) Hartmann, a sixteen year old athlete, was killed when the car he was driving skidded on a patch of ice and crashed into a small tree. Coming from a night game with a buddy, they had stopped for hamburgers and coffee, and were on their way home when the tragedy occurred. The boy with him at the time may lose his left leg, due to its mangled condition. Tommy was a conscientious boy; he was respectful to his parents, and nearly always considerate of them, they noted. This, indeed, is worthy of comment today! The church at the time of the services was filled with hundreds of sorrowing friends, who came in respect. Besides his parents, Raymond and Sis. Caroline (Fehr) Hartmann, he leaves one brother, Craig, who is married and has a little daughter. Officiating at the services was Bro. Albert Schneider, assisted by Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl, Ernest Gerber and Roy Luginbuhl. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery, where his sister lies buried, also killed by car when struck down in 1951. She was eight.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Delores Duckworth  
Martha Kieser

The visits of ministering Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Kieser from Princeville brought us many blessings. We sincerely thank these brothers.

Hospital patients: Sis. Anna (Louie) Rumbold and Robert Ehnle, both for surgery. Bro. Herman Dietz has been able to assemble with us almost every Sunday. We are so thankful when God grants His healing power!

We were privileged to gather at Princeville to hear the memorandum reading, so humbly expounded by Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Silas Leuthold. If we could only obey, how much lighter their cross would be, and how much more peaceful and united our dear churches would be, and how much closer we could stay to God's holy word!

We miss Bro. John Guingrich, as he has moved to Goodfield. May God richly bless him!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Bob and Sis. Nancy Wieland of our congregation, in the loss of Bob's father, Walter, from Princeville. It was only last May when his mother, Sis. Margaret, was taken to be with our Lord. Truly God knows why—all is in His divine plan. May He comfort and provide for the dear family's every need.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Joan Getz — Mrs. Ken Getz

We appreciated the God-inspired messages brought by our visiting ministers, Bros. Ben Maibach, Fred Knapp, George and Simon Wagenbach and Ed Hohulin.

Sis. Marge Huette and Bro. Maurice Schaefer were united in marriage Jan. 26. We are pleased that they are making their home in Morton. May God bless them.

We were very pleased to have the Peoria mixed chorus sing for us at the January Sunday evening sing. Their songs of praise made each heart lighter.

Loved ones who have been in the hospital and are recovering at home are: Sis. Elizabeth (Altorfer) Getz, Bro. Carl J. Schick, Bro. Frank Dufelmeier, Hollis Roby and Phil Hauter.

Jan. 6, our congregation was saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Ezra Birkey, husband of Sis. Nettie (Rapp) Birkey, and father of: Sis. Marion (Mrs. Howard) Waldbeser, Sis. Ruth (Mrs. Harold) Krantz, Sis. Louise (Mrs. Richard) Kiefer, Judy (Mrs. Vernon) Huber and Kay (Mrs. Bill) Gudeman. He will be greatly missed by the Morton congregation.

Funeral services were held for Nathan (Nig) Rapp, son of the late Bro. Andrew Rapp and Sis. Katherine (Welk) Rapp on Jan. 30. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and the following brothers and sisters: Sisters Lydia (Mrs. Ben) Pfloderer, Katherine (Mrs. Dan)

Pfloderer, Lena (Mrs. Sam) Ackerman, Bro. Sam W. Rapp, Bro. Henry Rapp, Daniel Rapp, Andrew Rapp, Sisters Emma and Salome Rapp.

Bro. Gene Witzig has been appointed song leader. Newly-elected ushers are Bro. Dale Domnick and Harold Krantz. Bro. Don Hermann was elected trustee, to fill the expired term of Bro. Sam W. Ackerman. The congregation would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the many labors of love given by Sam.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer  
Mary Jane Leuthold

We were richly blessed through the ministry of Bro. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Orville Ringger of Bluffton. Bro. Ed assisted Bro. Dan Koch in reading the memorandum. We are thankful for the love they have for us, that they would be willing to warn and admonish in this latter day and time, when it is so easy to become complacent or be deceived.

Bro. Glenn Dill has been selected as a Sunday School teacher for the fourth grade. Bro. Marvin Frank was chosen as trustee.

Carolyn and Jerry Prather are the parents of a new daughter, Jo Ann. The new arrival was born on Jan. 22. She is the third child for the Prathers.

Sis. Marge Huette of Morton and Bro. Maurice Schaefer of our congregation joined hands in holy matrimony on Jan. 26. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Virgil Graf

### OUR OLDEST MEMBER

By Bro. John Klotzle

Bro. John Paternoster is our oldest member. Ninety years ago, on April 30, 1878, he was born in Zurich, Switzerland. His parents, Joseph and Magdelana (Schurter) moved to Canada in 1882, where they settled in Clifford, Ontario. John's father was a mason and plasterer.

In 1891, when John was 13, the family moved to Akron. In 1902 Bro. John married Sarah Hilty. They lived in Akron until 1906, when they moved to Peoria. John worked there as a streetcar conductor for thirteen years, until, 1919, when they moved back to O. This time they settled in Orville, where John worked on the farm for his father-in-law, Dave Hilty.

In 1932 John and Sarah moved again to Akron, where he worked as a trucker, hauling tires for the rubber industry. In 1937 they moved to Glendale, California. John worked at the Lockheed Aircraft Plant until 1941, and from then until 1943, when he retired, he was employed at the Grand Central Airport in Glendale. John and Sarah were blessed with six children, four sons: Ivan, Earl, Irvin and Harry, and two daughters: Iona and Ruth.

In 1946 John became converted and was baptized in Maywood, by Elder Bro. Ernest Graf. In 1962, his wife Sarah passed away.

Bro. John still lives in the comfortable home he and his wife shared. He is carefully and lovingly cared for by his children, several who live nearby. In 1963 John broke his hip in a fall. This healed rather well, although he has a slight limp. After this occasion he became ill with stomach ulcers. This also became eased. For many years John had enjoyed good health, and he expresses his thanksgiving to God for the blessing of good health. As in many things in this mortal life, age progresses and the body starts to fail. In 1965 he had surgery for cataracts on his left eye. During the healing an infection set in. As a result of this, he lost all of the sight in this eye. His right eye has also failed, and he can no longer read. In the past several years he has had a hernia which is quite uncomfortable. Due to his age, surgical repair is not contemplated.

It is a privilege to visit with Bro. John. His mental faculties are very good, and he expresses the feelings in his heart so well. He is thankful for the hope of salvation and has a deep faith in God. In face of the cross of physical affliction that he must bear, it is remarkable how high his spirits are. His ready smile and gentle ways endear him to all of us. We pray that God will give him the strength and courage to fulfill his days in this wonderful faith that we share. John is a good example to all of us.

He appreciates mail, which is read to him, and welcomes cards or letters that any might care to send. His address is 133 S. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale Calif 91205.

### LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

His love has no limit; His grace has no measure;

His power has no boundary known unto men,

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,

He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Friend John Steiner is at the Park View Hospital in Ft. Wayne, where he has undergone eye surgery. The doctor says he is getting along well. His sister, Elda spent several days at the St. Joe Hospital, undergoing tests. She is out again & on the mend. Little Larry Stieglitz is ill at the hospital. He is the son of Marvin and Joan Stieglitz. Francis Bertsch spent several days at the hospital, and is home, and better again. Bro. Edw. Bertsch is still at the longterm unit of the Parkview Hospital. His condition remains the same.

Our Bro. Fred Wiggs at the Hotel Butler Rest Home is getting along all right. Two rest homes were visited the first Sunday of this month; one was still under quarantine for flu.

Bro. Sam Aeschliman visited our congregation and helped Bro. David Bertsch read the memorandum. Bro. Ben Schlatter, of Junction also visited our church that Sunday and helped minister to our needs.

Philip Schlatter, Oliver Stieglitz and David Lantz spent last week in Kentucky with the Dessie Scott Orphanage.

James, son of Raymond and Pearl Winzeler, is home with his family, on leave from the Navy.

### ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

Little Jackie Overholt suffered extensive burns, when a vaporizer spilled on her. She has been in the hospital a month now and hopes to be released soon. The nurses all comment about her conduct. They said she is the most patient little girl they have ever taken care of. Doesn't that admonish us, for the Lord instructed us to be childlike and humble. Jackie is the daughter of Darlene and Arlan, and granddaughter of Sis. Elouise and Bro. Lloyd Blough.

Hospitalized were Sis. Anna Weigle and Sis. Bertha Wingeier.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst have recently purchased a nice home. We wish them the Lord's blessings there. Their new address

is: 954 Sluyter St. S.E., Grand Rapids Mich 49508. Elder, Bro. Joe Waibel spent a Sunday with us and after services read the memorandum. It always seems so spiritually uplifting to hear our beloved elders instruct and admonish us. If we had a way to remember it everyday, how much more smoothly our lives would operate. It would be good for each of us to read Colossians 3. . . "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . ."

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mr. Wm. Oberman

Mrs. Paul Wagler

We were notified that the mailing address of our Bro. Joe Eisenmann is now the A. C. Nursing Home, Eureka Ill 61530, where he is a resident since leaving the hospital. We will miss Joe's cheerful smile and greeting at our Wednesday night gatherings, when he usually assembled with us, and surely hope he will find contentment in his new home. May God be with him.

We are happy to have Kenneth Massner recuperating so nicely from surgery and assembling with us again. In our small gathering each absentee is missed, and we look forward to seeing them again.

On Jan. 12 Mike Applegarth, son of Bro. Blaine and the late Sis. Betty Applegarth, was united in marriage to Jennifer Osborne. They are at home at 1909 Orchard, Burlington.

Sis. Katherine Schumacher has been absent from our services several weeks, due to illness. We miss her loving concern for each individual who gathers with us, and surely look forward for her return.

We welcome the return of Bro. Jerry Banwart to our assembly.

This child's school essay, showing her observations in early childhood of a Christian grandmother, is fitting as a "Memory" feature.

#### Memories of Grandmother by a 14-yr.-old girl

As I said before, I was always very close to my grandparents. Then it happened! My grandma got sick. I could tell something was wrong; before, when all of the family got together to sing, Grandma would sing right along, but then for a real long time she didn't. She just sat there listening to us, and

Moving? Drop a card ahead. Tell both old and new address. Give plenty of time.

smiling as if this was the most beautiful singing she ever heard.

She went into the hospital off and on, but I was just a little too young to realize she was sick. After all she was my grandma, she would live forever and ever because I loved her so much. I can still remember staying with her; we would go in on her bed for a nap, and she would sing to me; every now and then I would throw in a phrase or two. They had a picture of me at my aunt's wedding which they would always keep in their bedroom. She always told me how pretty it was, especially when I would cry, because one of my uncles would tease me about it.

Grandma had long black hair, down to her waist. I always asked her if she walked on it. I always wanted my hair to be that long, and I told myself that some day it would be. I admired her long hair because Grandpa always said that a woman's hair is her glory. I thought Grandma had a lot of glory, and I wanted to be so much like her that I wanted it too.

I had a birthday once when she was in the hospital. She hadn't forgotten, and kept telling Grandpa that she wanted to get me something. That something turned out to be a watch, one which I treasure to this day.

Then she went into the hospital again, this time for a long time. I wasn't sure what was wrong with her, but I tried to pick up bits of conversation (I was noted for that). Finally her entire right side was paralyzed. She had cancer. One night she got up to go to the bathroom and while getting back into bed, she slipped and broke her arm. The nurse had forgotten to lock the wheels on the bed. All of these things bothered me very much, because this was my grandma and I knew that she wasn't going to be around very long.

Her brain was partially paralyzed, so she wasn't always quite sure of what was going on. She talked about Greg, my brother, flying planes and all sorts of things which had no meaning. I was a very confused little girl; each night I prayed that she would get well, or if it would stop her suffering that she would die. I always hesitated before saying the latter, for I loved her too much for this, but then I realized that if I really loved her I wouldn't want her to suffer. When they were quite sure of her

not recovering, they allowed the grandchildren to go up to see her. I went up as often as I could, although it bothered me to see her in such a state.

I remember very clearly the day she died. My mother told me when I woke up the next morning. I burst into tears. I just stood there sobbing and grasping at my mother's blouse. Then I turned around and ran into my room and hid. I was frightened because I wouldn't know what to say to people, not even my parents.

I remember sitting with my cousin and another girl. I was finally getting calmed down, and as the people were filing by the casket she said to me, "Take a good look, because this is the last time. . . ." I hadn't thought of that, and again I burst into tears of sorrow and buried my head in her lap. As I walked by the casket I looked, and I looked good, for there was lying a lady whom I wholly admired and loved. All I can say is that I'm truly sorry for all of my younger cousins who can't remember or never knew her, for she accepted you for what you were, not what you had.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLA.

**La Verne Roth — Millicent Frieden**

Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville was visiting the evening of Feb. 5. It was indeed a pleasure and very uplifting to have Bro. Noah, a former elder of our church visit our congregation again.

A singing was held in the home of Sis. Mabel Springer, as well as one in the church Sunday School room on Sunday evening, with Sisters Elizabeth Otti, Rachel Kraft, and Nelda Ott as hostesses.

Hospital patients were Bro. Leonard Lambert, Sis. Marie Tucker and Sis. Ollie Frieden. Ollie has been a shut-in for a number of years, following a stroke.

At our annual business meeting, Bro. Joe Frieden was chosen to replace Bro. John Schrock on the Brotherhood Property Aid. John has faithfully served us for over forty years. Bro. Bill Schrock was chosen to assist with the ushering, and all other positions remained the same.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Millicent Frieden are parents of a daughter, named Cammi Suzette, born Jan. 29. Cammi is welcomed home by her 2½-year-old brother, Lindy John. Maternal grandmother is Sis.

Dorothy Brown, and paternal grandmother is Sis. Myrtle Rathgeber. Sis. Lydia Bahr of Gridley is the great-grandmother.

#### FT. SCOTT, KANSAS

**Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg**

We were privileged to have as our visiting Minister Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka. In his sermon, Bro. Leman expressed the importance of the ending of our Christian life. He reminded us of Saul. It matters not how good a start we make, if we fail to stay true and faithful until life's end. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

We held our annual business meeting. Bro. Gus Sinn was re-elected to our Board. Sis. Katherine Banwart was elected as teacher for our Beginner's Class. Bro. Harold Kraft was elected as teacher for our Bible Class. We earnestly pray that God will bless the efforts of all our Sunday School teachers, for these dear Sunday School children are our future church. . . And may we all be reminded by the following Poem that we must always be ever so careful.

Out from the hillside, out in the  
cold,  
Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd  
sought;  
And back to the flock, safe into the  
fold  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd  
brought.  
Why for the sheep should we  
earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger if they go  
wrong,  
They may lead the lambs astray.  
For the lambs will follow the sheep,  
you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray;  
When sheep go wrong it will not  
be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as  
they.  
And so with the sheep, we  
earnestly plead  
For the sake of the lambs, today;  
If the lambs are lost what terrible  
cost  
Some sheep will have to pay!

If you move, please let us know 30 days in advance. Give both old and new addresses. There is a charge of 10c on second class mail everytime the postal department notifies us.

## CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth**

The first month of the New Year has passed. It seems to have gone so swiftly. January was a dark month, with little sunshine and many foggy days. . . . But we still have so much to be thankful for. Some states had floods, mud slides, and bad wind storms. I am sure every one can count their many blessings.

Sis. Emma Schieber, of Congerville, and Bro. John Gudeman of Normal have both been in hospitals in Bloomington for surgery. They have both returned home and are improving. Bro. Ed and Sis. Bena Steffen went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Ed had surgery, and Bena plans to have surgery. We hope they will both continue to improve and can soon return to their home.

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria, Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury, and Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont. Bros. Josh and Dan read the conference letter on Sunday evening Jan. 26.

We were saddened to hear that Friend Ida Zimmerman Hopson's husband (of Champaign) died real suddenly of a heart attack. Ida lived in our community, before her marriage to Harold Hopson. Ida is a daughter of Sis. Lillian Zimmerman of Morton, who always attends our church.

## DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler**

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

I Peter chapter 5, was read and meditated on Sun., Feb. 2, when Bro. Ben Maibach was ordained elder. Here to carry out this holy act were Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Noah Bauman and Herman Kellenberger. We were impressed with the importance of supporting our elders and striving above all to consecrate our lives to the glory of God. Our prayer is that godly wisdom, grace and strength will be with Bro. Ben, to faithfully bear the duties laid upon him.

To end a blessed day, we had evening services with Bro. Henry Wackerle ministering to us.

Larry Belsley is to arrive home from Viet Nam this month.

## GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Lydia and Eunice Kammerer**

Four of our new converts gave their testimonies on Sat., Jan. 25, and were baptized on Sunday, the 26th. They are Gladys Foor, daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger; Virginia, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig; and Ella Cargill and her daughter, Dixie. Bro. Russell Rapp from Morton assisted Bro. Gramm in this important work.

Mike, son of Bro. Herbert and Sis. June Gramm, is our newest convert. We hope many more will answer the call to repentance.

Guest ministers in our congregation in January were, Bros. Russell Rapp, from Morton; Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont. Bro. Gene Bertschi from Roanoke came on Sun. evening to assist Bro. Gramm and Bro. Koch with the deliberations of the conference.

Sis. Grace Kiefer, who was a patient in the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, is now a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. We hope Grace will soon be much improved and able to return home. Sis. Katie Funk, who was a patient in Fairbury Hospital, has returned home, but as yet has not been able to attend services. Sis. Joanne Aupperle is a patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. Marion, daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violette Funk, is a surgical patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington.

Our congregation extends sincere sympathy to Sis. Mary Ellen and Bro. Fred Ringger, in the tragic and sudden death of Sis. Mary Ellen's father, Bro. Fred Leman.

Our monthly Singspiration was held Jan. 19. We greatly enjoyed the beautiful and inspiring hymns sung by the Bluffton Quartet, namely Bros. Leman, Gerber Fiechter and Gerber. We thank them for their efforts, and trust they will return some time.

Bill Witzig, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig, has repented and found peace.

The infant son, Andrew Lee Witzig, born to Bro. Jerome and Sis. Mary Witzig on Jan. 10, died several hours after birth. Private fun-

eral services were held and were conducted by Bro. Elmer Witzig.

## GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

**Mrs. Eldon Metzger**

Friend Sam Somerhalder, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna Somerhalder left for service.

We thank Bro. Charles Marti, Lamar, for ministering to us, and also the other brethren from Lamar, Ft. Scott, Wichita, Kiowa, Bern and Sabetha for coming to the Youth Fellowship Committee meeting.

Friends Jake and June Strahm have moved from Texas to Emporia and Gary and Janet Kemp from Topeka to Gridley, and are assembling with us.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Nadine (Lloyd) Kraft in the sudden loss of her father, Leo Donohoe of Burlington, Kansas.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent the afternoon with us, and we then held our annual church election. He brought out in the sermon that a Christian can never say, "I've done enough now; it's somebody else's turn." We owe Jesus so much. The only changes made in the election are Ivan Beyer, treasurer of the Building Aid, and Bertha Beyer, World Relief Chairman.

Heard: An unkind remark is like a frost. No matter how much it warms up, the damage is still done.

Written for the Andy Young family by a family member:

The days and years have traveled fast; Fifty of them have passed since the day you said "I do", and so you did! The two of you built a home, and the years your family grew brought joy and tears, you served your family and their needs. . . . Filled your lives with helpful deeds. Your love through all the years has grew.

But in a family such as yours, There is no end, needful chores; and even tho' your steps are slow you have the wish and will to go . . . Will always need your prayers and love, to help us gain a home above. . . . and then one day when time is done, we hope to join you, every one, and fill the home built above, with God's great blessing, joy and love . . . with love from the family.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year.

**HONOLULU, HAWAII****Keith and Sharon Kellenberger**

We enjoyed much wonderful fellowship. Keith's parents stayed with us most of the month and enjoyed getting to know their granddaughter Rachel. Bro. Duane and Sis. Carol Broquard from Bay City, Bro. Pete and Sis. Helen Maxfield of Leo and Bro. Ken and Sis. Ann Getz of Morton joined us one Sunday for services. Later we met Converts Jack and Elaine Schmidtgal, also of Morton. Sis. Nancy Roth stopped off for a week end in Hawaii on her way home from Japan. We enjoyed seeing her slides and hearing of some of her experiences. The following Sunday, Bro. Henry and Sis. Eunice Meylin of Bay City and Bro. Sol and Sis. Bertie Rassi of Morton were guests. The Meylins had spent the week with their son here on R and R. We again enjoyed the company of the Rassis the next Sunday. Now my parents, Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier of Roanoke have arrived to stay with us. We are anticipating a pleasant visit with them.

The weather has been so nice—warm and sunny, but quite windy. We often see the barefooted keikis (children) flying their kites on the playground by our apartment building.

Thank God for Little Things

Thank you, God for little things  
That often come our way—  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray—  
The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful, kindly deed—  
A hand reached out to help us in  
the time of sudden need—  
Oh make us more aware, dear God  
of little daily graces  
That come to us  
with "sweet surprise"  
from never-dreamed-of places.

**LATTY, OHIO****Delores Grant****Marguerite Stoller**

Our best wishes go out to Bro. Dave Klopfenstein, son of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella, and Lu Ann Tanner, daughter of Bro. Curtis and Sis. Jeanette, of Bluffton, who were announced Dec. 23 to be married.

On Jan. 7, Dewayne Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, left for the services. He is stationed at Ft. Sam.

The week end of Jan. 18 and

19th, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of three new souls and witness their baptisms. They were Emily Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Laura; Portia Stoller, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene; and Christine Stoller, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Marie.

Jim Price, son of Bob and Aldine, was united in marriage to Margo Reynolds of Van Wert, Ohio, on Jan. 18 by Bro. George Sinn. On Jan. 25 Lonny Stoller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy, and Shirley Dunifon of Van Wert were united in marriage. **The marriage vows be blest, Uniting heart to heart; Of son and daughter whom we love, Thy grace to them impart.**

On Jan. 26, Bro. Marvin Schmidtgal of Eureka and Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield ministered to us. We thank them for their efforts and inspiring messages.

Bro. Roy Stoller of Oakwood has undergone major surgery and is at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

A son was born to Bro. George and Sis. Sharon Keysor on Jan. 15. He was welcomed home by two sisters and a brother, and was named Michael Brent.

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

There has been a lot of sickness, hardly a home that was not hit by colds and flu, but conditions have improved. Most of the sick folks are able to be at their work again.

Mrs. Lucy Witschey Frumm, 84, passed away very suddenly on Jan. 19 at her home in Jeanette, Pa. She was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Emch Witschey. She leaves her husband, E. B. Frumm of the home; two sons; five grandchildren; one sister, Miss Della Witschey; and one brother, L. W. Witschey. Services were held on Jan. 22, and interment was in Jeanette, Pa.

Miss Bonnie Riggerbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riggerbach had been a patient in the local hospital for several weeks; she underwent surgery on Jan. 27 and has returned home very much improved. Walter Emch remains a patient in the local hospital and seems about as usual. Charles Sidell, son of the late Ross and Luella Bleuer Sidell, is a patient in the local hospital, had an apparent heart attack earlier in the month.

Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughter Ruth visited with Miss Della Witschey, on Feb. 2 for several hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Headlee attended the funerals of Mrs. Pauline Durig and Walter Lamb in Youngstown and Girard, Jan. 21 and 22nd.

Mrs. Lena Frayer is somewhat improved and has returned to her home, after spending some time with her daughter (after the death of her husband). Mrs. Clarence Durig has been very ill in her home here, and was removed to a Wheeling hospital early in February.

Mrs. Arminta Jamison, 91, a daughter of the late Calderwood and Caroline Snodgrass, passed away on Feb. 5. Funeral services were held on Feb. 8.

**Peoria**

Note of thanks: My sincere thanks to the many friends who remembered me with mail, gifts and prayers. My sincere thanks. Dorothy Schneider.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS****Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman**

On Jan. 22, we had our annual business meeting. Bro. Ed Getz was chosen as our new trustee.

Sis. Chris Fehr and Bro. Bob Hartter, of Sabetha, were united in Holy Matrimony on Jan. 19 by Bro. Gene Bertschi. The parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr, and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie Hartter. We will miss Chris in our midst, and pray that God will bless their life together. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Sabetha brethren and other visitors, especially Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern and Bro. John Rokey of Goodfield, who were our guest ministers that day.

Bro. Vince and Sis. Mae Kay Hodel and Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman were at Mayo's recently, where Bro. Vince and Sis. Myra had more tests and check-ups.

Sis. Annabelle Blunier has been hospitalized for surgery and has returned home.

Tragedy struck our community on the evening of Jan. 16, when Bro. Fred and Sis. Anna Leman met with an accident. Bro. Fred was killed, and Sis. Anna was critically injured. Funeral services for Bro. Fred were held on Jan. 20. Our local ministers officiated. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Charles of Orchard Lake, Mich. and Bro.



Jim of Roanoke; three daughters, Sis. Lucille Fischer, Roanoke, Sis. Elizabeth Yergler, Cissna Park, and Sis. Mary Ellen Ringger of Gridley. We sincerely pray the Lord's blessings on Sis. Anna, as she is recovering in the hospital.

On Sat. night Jan. 25, our hearts were gladdened to hear the testimony of three dear friends. Then on Sunday after baptismal services, we welcomed as brother and sisters, Lloyd and Kay DesCarpentrie and Ann Mangold. Lloyd is the son of Sis. Lois DesCarpentrie. His wife, Kay is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder. Ann is the daughter of Sis. Doris Mangold. We thank Bro. Roy Sauder of the Peoria congregation for being here and helping Bro. Gene in this important service. We also thank Bro. Al Scheitlin of Elgin and Bro. Francis Rother of Morton, who were our guest ministers for the day.

Bro. Ed Hodel is a patient at the Eureka Hospital. May God bless him and be near him.

Sis. Faye (Mrs. Marvin) Fischer is a patient at the Pekin Hospital, where she underwent surgery. We pray the Lord will bless her with strength and help, that she can soon return home to her family.

On Sun. Feb. 2, Sis. Donna Bowald and Bro. Brent Pflederer of the Morton congregation were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Gene Bertschi. Donna is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Mardell Bowald. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pflederer of Morton. May God bless their life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hangartner celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9.

Sis. Mary Belsley was in the hospital for surgery, but is home and on the way to recovery. We are always thankful when God restores health to His loved ones. Bro. Mike Belsley was able to return home from the hospital.

Sis. Luella Leman is home again, having spent a few days in the hospital for tests.

We thank our visiting ministers, Henry Grimm of Morton and Walter Anliker of Eureka. We are always thankful when ministering brothers visit us.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We enjoyed having Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester in our midst, and

thank him for ministering unto us.

Bro. Lester Hartter assisted Bro. Gene Marti in serving the Lord's Supper unto us. It is our privilege and our command to partake thereof. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

We also had the memorandum read to us. Bro. Lester again helped Bro. Gene, in reading it.

We welcome Sis. Chris Hartter into our midst. Chris is the daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr of Roanoke. She and Bro. Robert Hartter were married Jan. 19. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

The engagement of Sandra Plattner and Douglas Aberle was made known. Sandra is the daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Loree Plattner, and Douglas is the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Aberle.

Bro. Jonathan Bieri was taken to the Missouri Methodist Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mo., for observation and tests.

#### URBANA, ILLINOIS

Susan Zimmerman — Jan Herman

##### Gathering in Jesus' Name

Behold, O Jesus, we implore Thee,  
Thy flock assembled now before  
Thee

That we may, Lord, Thy blessings  
find!

O raise Thy hand in heav'nly  
blessing,

Thy spirit true our hearts  
possessing,

Which makes us humble, meek, and  
kind.

Thy peace shall flow upon our  
meeting;

The kiss of faith shall be our  
greeting

When we are gathered by Thy side!  
Should only two or three assemble  
In Jesus' name, yet meek and  
humble,

His peace and love in us abide.

Let us go into the House of the  
Lord.

We have so much to be thankful for. Feb. 9, the Lord willing, the Champaign-Urbana congregation plans to hold the first services in the small building we have purchased at 702 E. Mumford in Urbana. We extend a hearty invitation to all to meet with us anytime. We plan to meet every Sunday at church (10:00 and 12:00), and every other Wed. evening at 7:30 at the Illini Union.

We thank the ministering broth-

ers for their labor and invite them back. Those brothers who have met with us are Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville, Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Morton.

We are thankful that Sis. Jackie Koehl, Peoria, has accepted a position in our primary Sunday School.

We rejoice with Sis. Virginia Witzig (Gridley) who was brought into the Fold. We welcome her as a part of our fellowship group in this University area. We realize more and more how we all need the fellowship of each one, as we go about our daily lives.

#### Consolation

There is never a day so dreary, but  
God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trusts Him,  
He giveth strength in the night.  
There is never a path so hidden,  
but God can lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance,  
and patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy, but  
the nail-scarred hands are there,  
Outstretched in tender compassion,  
the burden to help us bear.

There is never a heart so broken,  
but the loving Lord can heal.  
The heart that was pierced on  
Calvary doth still for His loved  
ones feel.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

It seems that in the winter time a special blessing is received when we gather in God's house of worship around his word, as the hymn reads, "as children 'round a light." No doubt one reason for this is that in winter the living glory of God's creation is denied us, and we find ourselves drawn closer to Him in the absence of the great evidence and beauty of His wonderful creation . . . just as we are drawn to Him when we are troubled or in sorrow. It is a comforting reminder that at any time, and at all times, we have a loving Saviour and God to turn to.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

The announcement of the engagement of Sis. Charlotte, daughter of Ervin and Sis. Amy Banwart to Bro. Marvin, son of Sis. Nima Fehr, has been made. May the Lord bless them in this undertaking.

We are fortunate to have a new rest home open in our town. Sisters Mary Traub and Lillian Fehr

have been admitted as some of its first patients. Sis. Helen, wife of Bro. Ed. Zaugg is employed here, too. We hope, since it is more convenient, more of us will visit them often. Bro. Joe Benninger remains in the hospital, but is improving. Art Banwart had a painful hand injury from a food grinder fan. Three fingers were involved and it is hoped they can all be saved. Louis Schafer was hospitalized with an injured hand, but is home again and getting along better.

As we're writing this news, the bright sunshine is again warming the earth. It's a welcome relief from the blizzards which postponed our monthly singing and many, many more activities. We're thankful to the Lord for His protection at all times.

Note: Since we are kept quite busy, it will be impossible for me to answer all the birthday, Christmas, and other mail and packages that have been received while over here in the service. Unless you have experienced it, you can't realize how much it all means to us to be remembered by our loved ones back Home. Thank you so much. God bless you, Bro. Leland Metzger, Cloyce Gress and Eldon Banwart.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli—Carol Messner

New Sunday School teachers were elected at our annual meeting. Bro. Roland Messner remains as superintendent.

Randy, son of Eldon and Shirley Stresemann was hospitalized for an appendectomy. We missed him in Sunday School.

The great highlight of taking a trip across this wide America of ours is the wonderful warmth of the fellowship we receive in our churches. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ . . . if we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship one with another . . ."

#### Our Sewing Circle

The sisters meet in the church basement in the evening, on the third Tuesday of each month. Sis. Georgia Messner is in charge of getting materials and supplies together. Sis. Emma Schmidt never misses coming. She helped make a big box of children's mittens. These are made from used coats, and have

cuffs made from bright colored knits. Many rolls of bandages have been rolled tight with a hand-cranked machine. Sis. Florence Messner sewed piles of strips together. These are torn of used fabric, mostly bed linen. Sis. Sophie Miller makes toy animals. She does many of these at home between meetings. Sis. Donnabell Nelson and Sis. Rose Alice Howk bring their portable sewing machines. Two machines have been donated and are kept in the storage room. We missed Sis. Carrie Messner and Sis. Esther Messner at the last meeting, because of illness. Someone brings a simple lunch. We join in singing a hymn before our farewell greeting.

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

We are thankful to have Bro. Bill Emch again in our congregation. He was stationed in West Germany until his discharge from the service. Most of us have experienced having a loved one serve in the military—in Southeast Asia or in Europe, and when they return safely, it is with a prayer of thanks in our hearts to God for their protection that we welcome them.

Bro. Earl Knobloch of Lester and Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita were among our recent visitors. We enjoyed the informative slides shown by Bro. Al of a recent trip taken to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Other visitors were Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Harlan Meyer of Sabetha. One thought that Bro. Gene shared with us concerned Rom 12:12, "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer". As a believer in Christ, we should always have instant access to God through prayer. If, in time of turmoil, we would have to establish contact, it might be too late. We must be "tuned in" on the proper channel (through Christ) at all times.

January has been filled with so many gray and sunless days, so that when we finally have a few sunny days, the sun seems exceptionally brilliant. When we at times experience day after gloomy day of spiritual conflict, and then once again feel the blessing and especially the nearness of the Lord, these **times of refreshing** are especially sweet, and heightened by the victory in faith, just as the sun's brill-

ance is heightened after the long, dreary, gray days.

#### CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, NEW YORK

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae Virkler are the parents of a son, Timothy Benjamin. Grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves.

Sis. Elva Schulz is a patient in a Buffalo hospital and improving, after undergoing major surgery. Also hospitalized are Sis. Minnie Ebersol, Sis. Mary Rohr and Sis. Anna Hirschev.

Funeral services were held for Edna Ebersol Russell at the Virkler Funeral Home. She is survived by her mother, Sis. Minnie Ebersol; a brother, Donald; and stepbrother, Bro. Leon. Those of us who were in the Sunday School in recent years fondly remember the many times we went Christmas caroling for Edna and Sis. Minnie, how they would express their appreciation to us, and that we could feel we had spent a very blessed evening together.

#### GOD'S WILL FOR YOU AND ME

Just to be tender, just to be true,  
Just to be glad the whole day  
through;  
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,  
Just to be trustful as a child;  
Just to be gentle and kind and  
sweet,  
Just to be helpful with willing  
feet;  
Just to be cheery when things go  
wrong,  
Just to drive sadness away with a  
song;  
Whether the hour is dark or bright,  
Just to be loyal to God and right;  
Just to believe that God knows  
best,  
Just in his promises ever to rest;  
Just to let love be our daily key,  
That is God's will for you and me.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz  
Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Irvin Stoller and Merrill Laukhuf from the Latty congregation. We appreciate very much these brothers coming to visit us.

Mary Manz suffered a fractured hip in a fall on an icy street and was hospitalized for several weeks. She is now recuperating at the

home of her sisters in Paulding, Sisters Hulda, Anna and Frieda. We look forward to the time when she can again be in church with us.

Sis. Madeline Manz wishes to thank all those who remembered her during her recent illness.

Our church was blessed by a visit of the Leo members and Sunday School. After a day of fellowship and worship together, we enjoyed a potluck supper.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer**

Cheryl Hodel, daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, and Michael Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stratton, were united in marriage on Jan. 25. Michael is a senior at Chiropractic College at Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their home until he graduates. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.

Bro. James Sutter had major surgery at Blessing Hospital. He has been dismissed and is making a satisfactory recovery at his home.

Mrs. Vernon (Judy) Huber spent some time at the hospital for tests and treatment. She has returned home, but needs a lot of rest and time to regain her health. Their little daughter Becky, 4 yrs. old, was a patient twice, first for taking too many pills and then for reaction to drugs. She is all right again. Many in the community have been sick with colds and flu.

Roger Steffen, Remington, student at Gem City College has resumed his studies, after spending his vacation with his parents.

Our annual business meeting was held and the following replacements were made: Bro. Robert Hoerr as trustee, and Bro. Russ Henning to operate the tape recorder. Bro. William Cottrell on the building committee, and Bro. Richard Sutter to take care of the Brotherhood Aid, both replacing Bro. Eil Sutter who passed away in November. Sis. Kayleen Heiniger will finish the unexpired term as kindergarten teacher, of Sis. Linda Heimer.

The following poem was written by Sis. Marguerite Hoerr of the Milford congregation in tribute to my mother-in-law, Sis. Rose Haab of Milford, during her hospitalization and serious illness, from which she is recovering nicely:

She walks in quietness.

Her ways are always kind.  
She has the essence of  
True loveliness of mind.

She lives in faithfulness  
To God and to His Son.

Her children follow her  
Example, one by one.

Her quiet walk of life  
Has been a sermon true.  
It speaks of God's great love.  
It shows His mercy, too.

Her quality's pure gold,  
Too precious to define.  
This world's a better place  
For her life touching mine.  
(Submitted by Sis. Kathy Haab)

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Elna Grimm**

Sis. Hanna Nohl passed away on Sat. Jan. 11, having been ill for quite some time. Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton had the funeral services on Mon. Jan. 13. Surviving are four brothers: Henry of Hancock, Jacob of Morris, Joshua of Goodfield, and Arnold of Morton; two sisters, Mary and Naomi, both of Goodfield.

Roy Weigand, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Weigand is spending 30 days at home with his parents, brothers and sisters. Upon his return to service, he will be sent to Viet Nam.

Bro. Dan Koch was with our congregation on Wed. eve., Jan. 29, at which time he and Bro. Ed Hohulin read the memorandum. Other visiting ministers have been Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville, and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka.

Our friend Jesse Hunzicker was proved and baptized on Sat. eve. Feb. 1. Since then he has been admitted to the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, where he underwent surgery. He is there, doing satisfactorily. We pray that he will soon be fully recovered.

David Weigand, son of Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Weigand was married to Janet Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yoder of Danvers, on Sat. Feb. 1.

We have two births to report. A son, Darren Ray was born to Bro. and Sis. Dan and Jayne Plattner on Jan. 29. Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner of Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Robert and Marie Kaufman of Cissna Park are the grandparents.

A daughter, Marlisa Jean, was born to Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna Grimm on Feb. 3. Bro. and Sis. Henry and Kathryn Grimm of Morton, and Bro. and Sis. Ezra and Ollie Feller of Cissna Park are the grandparents.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Carolyn Zimmerman  
Juanita Schneider**

Our friend, Virginia (Weigand) Hilti, has repented and confesses peace with her God. With this we rejoice, and also report of four dear souls which were added to our fold. Bro. William and Sis. Mary (Plattner) Masters and Sisters Dorothy and Mattie Wenger. Bro. Josh Broquard from Fairbury assisted Bro. Henry and Bro. Perry Zimmerman with the provings, and also with the reading of the memorandum—which was read on a recent Wed. evening. The Fairbury congregation also assembled with us that evening. Visiting ministers were Bros. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Edmund Kloter, Walter Koehl, and Merle Kaisner of Fairbury.

Sisters Velma Ifft, Emma Ifft and Hulda Honegger were hospital patients. Bro. Louis Koehl is a hospital patient. Bro. Harvey Leman fell in his home and broke a bone in his foot. He has his foot in a cast. Andy Rieger, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marion, has returned home from Mayo Clinic, where he had spent 8 days under observation. It is hoped that by medication he can be treated for a rare kidney disease, which was detected when he took a flight physical recently.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Doris Koehl have returned from a 21-day trip to Europe, to be with their son, Bro. Dennis, who is stationed at Ludwigsburg, Germany. Dennis had a leave, and joined his parents on a trip through France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Bro. Ben Metz has been chosen by the congregation to assist in Sunday School. May God grant grace and patience to teach our lambs.

Our ministering Bro. Joe Kaisner has returned home from the hospital, and is making slow but satisfactory progress towards recovery from his recent heart attack. He wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts received during his hospital stay and since returning home.

### MILFORD, INDIANA

#### Marguerite Hoerr

Bro. Ernest Krauter departed this life Jan. 30, at the age of 86 years. He had been in failing health for several years, but his death was unexpected. He leaves to mourn him a large family and his wife, Sis. Emma. Bro. Ernie was unable to voice his thoughts into words since a stroke three years ago, but one was able to enjoy visiting with him, because he was able to convey his feelings so vividly. We shall miss him, but we rejoice that he is among the blest in his heavenly home.

At a business meeting early in January, Bro. Virgil Zimmerman was elected as our new trustee. Retiring from Sunday School were Bros. Maurice Beer and Bob Hoerr as teachers and Bro. Phil Beer as superintendent. Elected to fill these vacancies were Bros. Joe Beer and Steve Kaiser as teachers and Bro. Carlton Beer, who is already teaching, as superintendent. At a meeting of the teachers earlier, Sis. Linda (Mrs. Bob) Beer was elected to teach in the nursery class.

We were favored with two visiting ministers from the Bluffton congregation, Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Bob Meyer. Their visit enriched our Sunday, and we thank them for coming.

On the week-end of Feb. 16, we are looking forward to hearing the testimonies of five friends, who have confessed their need for the Lord and their desire to become part of our membership: Charles and Mary Good, Dick and Melba Hunsberger and Arthur Baumgartner.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

#### Martha Steiner

Guest minister at the monthly service at Iowa State University in Ames for February was Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger, from Pulaski. The meeting in March has been postponed until March 16. The usual schedule is the second Sunday of each month.

Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend and Sis. Elizabeth Rocke from our congregation were united in Holy Matrimony on Feb. 9 by Bro. Noah Schrock. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together.

Bros. Arthur Gudeman, La-Crosse, and Henry Grimm, Morton, spent that Sunday with us. We

greatly appreciate their coming, and enjoyed the messages which they shared with us, by God's grace.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

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

We have been enjoying beautiful weather in Wichita. The temperature has been in the 60's, which is unusual for this part of the country at this time of the year.

Bro. Jeff Groom and Sis. Marilyn Sue Frieden were united in marriage Jan. 26. We wish them much happiness together, as they strive to be a help to each other in serving our Lord.

### AKRON, OHIO

#### Florence Graf

Esther Fritz and Donna Palmer were added to our congregation. We are glad to report that after many years of faithful attendance, the word has brought forth fruit in the hearts of these two loved ones. Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman conducted the baptismal services.

Tommy Graf, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy underwent a tonsillectomy. He is home and making good progress toward a speedy recovery.

Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf spent some time vacationing in Florida.

### LANDESVILLE, ALABAMA

#### Billie Jo Harville

Sis. Mavis Naylor opened her home to Sis. Clara Heiniger and the youth group from Hillsboro, Feb. 5. Refreshments were served to everyone. Clara presented a program on Hearts, since it was Valentine month. A lot of wonderful thoughts were passed to us. We enjoy going out and working for our Lord.

There has been several absent from our church due to flu and colds, but we hope everyone will soon be feeling well, and be back soon.

Bro. Henry Beer visited our church, on his way to Florida. Henry was our guest speaker Friday evening, and Sunday evening. His message was uplifting to us. We ask him to visit with us again soon.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

#### Connie Steffen

The Lord is my shepherd, I'll not

want . . . How often we read these words, but how often do we rely on the Lord, as a sheep does its shepherd?

We are so happy to welcome the Leroy Leman family from Elgin. Bro. Leroy, Sis. Florence and their eight children are living at 12626 S E Ramona St., Portland Oreg 97236.

Our friend, Lowell Ditch, husband of Sis. Golda was seriously injured in a mill accident. He slipped and was caught by his legs in a conveyor belt, loosing part of his left leg and having multiple fractures on his right. Lowell is doing well now, and we really thank the Lord for miraculously sparing his life.

### ELGIN, IOWA

#### Mrs. George Butikofer

Weather has been making news in this area too. How many inches of snowfall we can't say; it's considerable though. The northwest gales have drifted much of the fall, causing considerable road blockage. Road machinery, however, has been put into action, and accordingly our main highways are passable—yet icy in spots. We will welcome the spring season, when the ice and snow will disappear, and nature will awaken to life and newness.

Sis. Mildred (Mrs. Paul Butikofer) is recuperating nicely, after having surgery for gallstones.

My brother, Arthur is feeling fair. His appointment at the Mayo Clinic Feb. 4 disclosed he should continue with the medication which he has been using for a period of some weeks. May God bless the treatment for his benefit.

### In The Garden

I asked that God might tell me  
In the language of flowers  
How I like they,  
Might bless the world,  
And brave life's stormy hours.  
Around the garden all was still;  
Then from a hidden spot,  
Where flowerlets blue  
So gently grew,  
God said, Forget me not!

Editors note: Here is some of a note added by Sis. Butikofer: ". . . we cannot at this time drive our car through our private lane (1½ mile), because the wind once more has piled the snow into it, so that its not passable since last Wed. morning.

## PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger

We welcome Sis. Ann Mangold, of Roanoke, who is attending college here. Her address is 5111 North 7th Street, A-7, Phoenix Ariz 85014.

We have had several visiting ministers. We thank Bro. Leland Hirschey of Naumberg and Bro. Noah Schrock, of Oakville, for visiting and ministering to us. We also want to welcome Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, who is spending a little time with us, Bro. John Rokey of Goodfield, and Bro. Eli Somerhalder of the Burlington, Okla., congregation.

On Jan. 19, several families attended the Open House services at Tucson. The following Sunday, Jan. 26, many of our members and friends went to Tucson for the Dedication services. It was an enjoyable day, and we are thankful that God has blessed us with another church.

The Sunday School teachers for the coming year are Bros. Joe Beer, Bill Dotterer, and Herb Knochel, and Sisters Joanne Knochel, Carolyn Dotterer, and Eileen Yackley.

Sis. Edith Freed was hospitalized for surgery.

On Feb. 9, a church supper was held, followed by evening worship services. A blessed day of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We are grateful for the fellowship we share with our many visitors. Although too numerous to list here, we take this opportunity to thank you for your visits.

## PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

We were privileged to have Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin and Bro. Roy Ehnle of Bradford bring God's message in such a humble, sincere way that it went deeply into our hearts. "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD." The 6th chapter of Ephesians contains many teachings for us all, children, parents, teachers, servants, masters. Let us take the whole armour of God. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints". Blessed fellowship was shared with visitors from Francesville. Members from Bradford gathered with us for evening services. Bro. Herman assisted Bro. Silas in sharing the report of the conference. Truly God was in our

presence, for the brothers so lovingly shared with us the admonitions. I was deeply impressed by the quietness and attentiveness of the large group. A deep peacefulness seemed to fall upon us, and we thank God for yet being patient with us. May the love and unity abide in us always.

Later in the month we welcomed Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber and children. It was a joy to have them worship with us.

On Jan. 10, our dear Sis. Emma Streitmatter closed her eyes to this weary world, after a rather short illness. She had the flu, and her frail body was not able to battle the complications. Although she was nearing the age of 85, she was able to be about and had attended church recently. Her ready smile warmed the hearts of all, and often when asked how she was she would say, "Oh you know, sometimes you feel better than other days." She was a humble, sincere sister, a faithful pillar, and will be missed by us. Local ministers conducted services Jan. 13; she was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery, beside her husband. Our sympathy goes out to the family, but trust they will find comfort by assembling with us, where their dear mother found comfort and strength.

## In Memory of Emma Streitmatter

Aunt Emma, dear Aunt Emma,  
Jesus has called you to another world.

The days and years of life on this earth has been unfurled,  
While life on earth, flesh and blood is through,

In the Great Beyond Jesus has a new life and crown waiting for you,

Also a gown you'll wear all silvery white,

Because Jesus became precious in your sight.

There came a day when you laid your darling blue-eyed Bertha into the grave.

It was then to Jesus your heart you gave.

Your family was your particular treasure;

Prayer went up for them, without measure.

Your sweet smile and unhurried way

Always lent encouragement to whoever passed your way.

As the snow lay white and cold over the cemetery,

None lingered there long to tarry. Beside the grave, your soul was

committed to the trust,  
Until at the sound of His trumpet you'll hear His call first.

Oh what glad reunion the resurrection will bring,

When saints and angels are gathered by Jesus, who is

King of Kings.

Services for Sis. Louise Greiner were held by our local ministers Jan. 23. Louise assembled with us a few years ago, before she went to live with her children, and later to the Peoria church home. She suffered a stroke, was removed to the hospital, and closed her eyes for the last time the next day. Louise never enjoyed many material blessings, but was rich in God, and after going into the church home, shared a room with an aged sister for whom she tenderly cared. She was happy to feel she was needed, and many times was found tenderly caressing the aged sister. Her hands were kept busy, for our sewing circle received several neatly-knitted leprosy bandages she had carefully made. We extend sympathy to her family, especially to her dear sister, Sis. Mina Klumpp and brother, Eugene Rapp and wife, who assemble with us. Her believing nieces and nephews will miss her, as we all. Louise was laid to rest in the Streitmatter Cemetery.

Near the close of Wed. evening services the telephone rang, bringing the sad message of the passing of our friend, Walter Wieland. This truly was a sad shock to all, and especially to his immediate family, for the wound has not fully healed from giving up their dear mother just last May. He had not felt well all morning, but in the afternoon suffered a heart attack, was taken to the hospital where he died, being sick only four hours. God is no respecter of persons, and nothing is so uncertain as life, nor so certain as death. We were thankful to have Bro. Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse come to help our ministers in paying their last respects. May the bereaved ones find comfort in rereading the 103rd Psalm and think on the words in St. John. Those left to mourn his sudden passing include his children: Bro. Robert and his wife—Sis. Nancy, Bro. John and his wife—Sis. Elizabeth, Kay and her hus-

band—Jack Summers, and Delores, who lived at home with her father; a brother, Henry; two sisters, Sis. Ida Huber and Katherine Baer; one dear little granddaughter. Walter was only 57 years old. He was laid to rest Feb. 1 in the church cemetery beside the grave of his dear wife, whom he sorely missed. May God comfort the bereft family, and may they often think of the comforting words Bro. Arthur shared with all.

When grey threads mar life's pattern and seem so out of line. . . Trust the Master Weaver who planned the whole design. . . For in life's choicest patterns some dark threads must appear to make the rose threads fairer. . . The gold more bright and clear. . . The pattern may seem intricate and hard to understand. . . But trust the Master Weaver, and His steady, guiding Hand.

We were thankful that Bro. Arthur and his family were in our midst Sunday. The benches were well filled, but space had been reserved for the youth of the Bible class. . . truly stirring to see the young boys and girls quietly fill the benches, but even more impressing to see how attentive they were to the stirring words the Lord gave. One of our recent converts said how wonderful it was to sit and not be disturbed in her heart, and wondered how she could have sat in the back benches and not been deeply touched.

A little girl, Dawn Marie, has come to share the love in the home of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter and their three daughters and three sons.

One of the little boys of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter had two of his fingers pinched and badly cut in an air compressor, and spent a few days in the hospital. We are glad that he is home and getting along nicely. Sis. Mina Klumpp is receiving treatments in the hospital. She had pneumonia a few weeks ago, and it has left her weak and not too well. We trust her hospital days will be few, and hope she will soon be fully recovered and able to come home. May she find comfort and refuge in the dear Lord, in whom she places her trust

#### Our Circle

(Editor's note: Time's hand has continued to push its ceaseless quest toward an end; so it seems Emma fell asleep, since our reporter

wrote these lines; she entered the upper gate. Hers is the promise of ever-flourishing happiness.)

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller has had many heartaches in her lifetime, but has courageously fought onward. She saw two of her dear sons laid to rest (both met tragic deaths), and had to give up her faithful helpmate, Bro. Joe, while yet a young man. We can see the fruits of the teachings of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth, as three of their sons have served in the ministry, and their children have followed closely to their Lord whom they have chosen. All are faithful workers in the church and do so in a humble way.

As we look over the congregation we are greatly inspired and uplifted by the silent lessons they teach. Up in front sits Bro. George Kieser (Bro. Ludwig at his father's side). Even though it is an effort for him to climb the stairs, he feels as long as possible he wants to assemble; he feels the necessity of being united. His daughters, Sis. Dorothea, Esther and Frieda worship with us. Frieda is confined to a wheel-chair, being crippled since birth. She displays a radiant, cheerful disposition.

Behind Bro. George sits Bro. George Seidel, whose helpmate has gone home. George has spent many hours working on the new building and was treasurer of the building fund. His only son, Bro. Richard and family worship with us. Richard has taught many years in the Sunday School and is superintendent. He and his wife, Sis. Marie (Elsasser) are both working on committees for the new building. Their daughter, Sis. Jean is married to Bro. James Metzger, who helps in song service.

Bro. Will Huber is one of our faithful pillars; we all look upon him as a staunch Christian who gives sound advice. He spent many years in the Sunday School, and I'm certain many of us remember some of his teachings. We enjoy his prayers, once as he said, "Someday there will be no tomorrow." Will patiently helps care for his wife Sis. Ida, in a wheel-chair, able to worship with us. Sis. Josephine Endress sits with her. Sis. "Phoenie" has reached a high age and until recently walked to and from church.

Bro. Chris Martin sits beside Bro. Will; he has weathered many trials. Many years were spent in

Sunday School. Sis. Bessie has stood beside him through sickness and health. Several of their children worship with us. Ervin and his wife Lorraine (Grimm) and sons delight in being with us. Bro. Nathan is married to Sis. Esther (Klumpp), and was a Sunday School teacher many years. Bro. Ellsworth and wife, Sis. Donna (Sauder) and family are faithful members. Jerry and Louise (Michel), Sisters Arlys and Arlene worship here. Chris is caretaker of the church cemetery and for many years was treasurer.

Sisters Martha Hemmer, Louise and Hulda Martin have opened their home to those who work on projects for World Relief. A group meets twice monthly at the home of Sis. Marie Musselmann for local relief.

Bro. John Baurer is another of our older pillars. John and Sis. Louise have two sons and a daughter living here, Bro. Arthur, our faithful minister and Bro. Edwin, who labors in Sunday School. His wife is Sis. Carol (Knobloch). Sis. Evelyn is married to Bro. Noah Herrmann, who is on the building committee. He could experience some of the problems and decisions made by his grandfather, Bro. Gottlieb and father Bro. Albert, when our present house of worship was built. His brothers are also active in church duties. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty (Ringger), Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean (Kieser), Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty (Dietz) are all members. Walter labors in Sunday School. Sis. Margaret lives in the home of her parents, built a short time before their passing.

Bro. John Stahl sits near the front, where his faithful father, Bro. Wm. Stahl who did so much toward our present building used to sit. Sisters Katherine, Leah and Martha Stahl live in the home their parents built when they left the farm. Their brother, Leonard, and Martha find pleasure in attending church. An uncle, Emil Stahl and family come.

We are glad to have Bro. Wm. Ehnle in his usual place, having been absent due to illness. He has a faithful wife, Sis. Margaret, who tenderly cares for him. She is a teacher in Sunday School and enjoys being with the innocent little lambs. His son, Bro. Dave and Sis. Buelah (Moser) are active on com-

mittees; Dave teaches the Bible Class.

Bro. Emil Lauber and his wife Sis. Louise are usually able to assemble. We are thankful Bro. Emil's health has improved. Bro. George Miller and Sis. Julia are among our older members who assemble with us. Bro. Geo. Berchtold and Sis. Clara are two faithful, quiet members. Their son, Bro. LaVern is a quiet, loving brother and assists with ushering.

Sis. Lydia Feucht is fortunate to have her faithful daughter, Sis. Ruth with her and another daughter, Sis. Mildred Endress and husband Bro. Levi, and sons Bros. Daniel and Bro. Reuben near her. Bro. Levi suffered a stroke a number of years ago; he is able to worship with us. How nice it will be when the new church is completed and all can worship together in the assembly room. Reuben is a trustee and has spent many hours on the building committee. His wife, Sis. Nathalia (Menold) helps to clean the church.

Sis. Emma Streitmatter is not always able to be with us, but when she can come, her son Charlie brings her. Her friendly smile is uplifting. Sis. Marie Endress is a true example of humbleness. We can look to her and know that trust in God has carried her through dark and stormy ways. Although frail, she enjoys wiping a few dishes.

Sis. Martha Streitmatter is able to be with us, after being quite sick, and is glad to have her daughter, Sis. Geraldine at home, and her sons near. Bro. Jeff has done much with the planning of the new building and is one of our ushers. His wife, Sis. Ruth also serves on a committee. Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia (Bauman) and family live on the home-place. We are glad and thankful to have Paul and Don and their families worship with us and take an interest in building.

Sis. Elizabeth Stoller has given our congregation much. Her sons, Bro. Joe, Vernon and Floran attend church. All are willing workers and display quiet, humble dispositions.

Sis. Mina Klumpp sit among our faithful sisters; she displays a humble, firm spirit. Two of her daughters and families worship with us, Sis. Esther Martin and Sis. Martha Streitmatter, wife of Bro. Burton. Sis. Nellie Woertz is one we can look to for faith, and even though she must come alone feels the need of fellowship.

Sis. Frieda Streitmatter is in her usual place again, and we are thankful her husband, Will is able to be out again and bring her. He is one of our older friends and has been sick for a few weeks, but the Lord was kind and strengthened him. Their two sons attend church here, Bro. Harold, who serves on several committees as his wife, Sis. Anna stands by and helps. Their children, Bros. Norman, Floran and Bill and families all attend. Sis. Mary Jane is a faithful Sunday School teacher and displays love and patience. Sis. Arlene is married to Bro. Robert Scholl, whose mother, Sis. Mary is one of our dear mothers. Sis. Mary Lou Scholl teaches.

My mother, Sister Ollie Ricketts is one of our older faithful members. My sister, Marian Hinshaw, and I feel privileged to sit with her on Sundays. When we served dinner mother made the coffee, and is only happiest when doing for others, a true Christian virtue.

A member of our circle but not able to worship with us is Sis. Lena Stichling. We know she is often with us in spirit, even though she must remain at home. She is always cheerful when we go to call on her and finds her help from the Lord.

May God bless one and all, and may our circle continue to grow in number and in faith, so that it will be unbroken in the land of fadeless day.

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

## EVOLUTION

For life must needs proceed  
From some primeval cause;  
No self-creating thing is known  
In all vast nature's laws.

But "Science," falsely called,  
Dares to dictate to God;  
It contradicts His Holy Word,  
While atheists applaud.

If men evolved from beasts,  
Will scientists explain  
How man has lived so long as man  
And still doth man remain?

But man was not made so,  
Nor can he change his state;  
As man he was, and man will be  
To time's remotest date.

For God did man create  
By special word and deed;  
Let not earth's vain philosophy  
God's record supersede.

Let evolution go—  
A HUMAN theory—  
Hold fast God's faithful word and  
know  
By faith Life's Mystery.  
Submitted by Bro. Henry Beer

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## WHO WINS?

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It is possible to reach for dreams that disappear. Dollars and goods become at times snares and stumbling blocks. Where is true value? How is wealthy gain?

"Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" One had been hurt. One had hurt. A law court. There was undefined ground, unsettled quarrel, something material. It had come up in that early day. Two members, like prize fighters in a worldly ring, exchanged blows before an unbeliever. It is the knowing dare, beyond charity's calm care.

"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

Who would have the interest of the souls at heart? The mind of God knows perfectly and gives the correct answer. Not always as expected, but best.

We gain a glimpse into a future day, judgment. A perfect body and wonderful knowledge the saint will possess. God trusts some of the work of judgment to them. We peer into how God will carry out part of this very great work.

"Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" God asked the early church to take care of its own affairs. The chapter before showed wise handling of a case where a certain member had become wicked. In this chapter, we

see the calm hand of God outlining the best way to settle what is sometimes a difficult problem.

"If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church." Don't make a sure mistake! God, who is the Judge of all the earth, shows sure success. Not the world to settle. A brother. Things in the sphere of this life, this is the clear and limiting description of this needed know-how. Working in God's careful wording can keep from care that needs not be, taking the whole word.

"I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers."

There is wealth in the body of Christ. There is priceless ability. There is spiritual energy and wisdom, gaining a well done task. Somewhere there is a best pick for each task. (Take with you one or two more, Jesus says. There's a better chance of settling, the smaller the circle.)

"Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?"

Fault. Something lacking. Something diminished! A most vital chord, indispensable, is our link with our brother. If love has reached the stage of "Raca", there

is grave danger. If we hate our brother, then we are outside. Our words are a thermometer of our inner self.

If we in love take the shorter end, how the riches come. The one that does wrong, that is the one hurting. "Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren." The finger of God hurts a sore spot. Diagnosis is the way to healing. Love cares about our future.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived." Once saved, if a member falls to "unrighteous" and clings to the end, the person is lost.

". . . neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Such a group to which to be departed to without end. The noise, the clangs and clatter of sin-schooled people will allow no peace. Iniquity has an end where the lost are entirely unrighteous. The bright shining of light, with even just this one thing, freedom from sin, is wonderful happiness. The tears of the condemned never have a comfort then.

Flee! "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

What a priceless heritage. Let us make our calling and election sure.