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They are baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.—Matthew 3:6. **He shall confess his sins which he hath done.**—Numbers 5:7. **I acknowledge my sin unto Thee . . . and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**—Psalm 32:5. **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins—1 John 1:9. Pour out your heart before Him.**—Psalm 62:8

Here a delicate subject is broached. Here the word of God touches the most sensitive spot of the human heart.

A peculiar timidity against revealing what is in its depths lies in the human heart. Adam already tried to hide from the all-seeing eye of God. Cain feared that his wrong-doing, which he wanted to cover up, would be read on his forehead.

This aversion against the disclosure of what is in the innermost part of the heart, this false pride, has unfortunately deterred many people from conversion or has retarded them in it.

From whence does this timidity come? Is it not awakened and nursed by the power of darkness, because it knows that thereby it can check people on their way to salvation?

Since it is true that a person feels that confession comes too near to him, what is more natural than that he seeks to deny its necessity? Yet what does contention help, and how far does philosophizing bring a person? What does the word say—the unchangeable foundation of truth, and to which we are not permitted to add nor to take anything. The Bible passages quoted are only a few out of many, and they show most clearly that it is God's will.

Moses taught the people that they should confess their sins. David who as no other could describe

the inner conflict of the soul, was also led through confession.

The result of the fiery preaching of John the Baptist was repentance, and the fruit of repentance was confession. (Matt. 3:6). It was not something that was manifested in several individuals merely, but rather all that were seized by the word went this way.

James says plainly: Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed, and thereby he tells us that a confession that is made to God only without the presence of a witness is not the way that God has chosen.

It is not possible to attain the fulfillment of the promises of salvation without being obedient to the word of God. If we do not follow that guiding line, we are **blind and short sighted** (II Peter 1:9). Many examples out of life show that he who keeps his bosom locked stands as before a mountain and gradually becomes hardened, while on the other hand a pouring out of one's heart would smooth the way.

Nothing is ordained of God without having a definite good purpose. Confession is not given as a command of God for the purpose of showing His superior power, but rather confession serves to further our salvation.

An unrepentant heart excuses its evil deeds, glosses over them, or denies them. The fundamental requirement to redemption, however, is sincerity, for only to the upright does God give success in attaining this. The clear proof and the first-fruit of uprightness consists in this, and that a person acknowledges his sins with a broken heart, and admits them freely and without adornment. **I acknowledge my sin unto Thee.**

Nothing is more dangerous than a tightly closed heart; nowhere else has the power of darkness such an opportunity to exercise its power.

A heart that is thus tightly closed is obstinate, proud and lacking in uprightness—a ll unpraiseworthy qualities which repel grace; thereby Satan's power has the opportunity to assert itself. The opening of the heart breaks this might; grace finds entry and works wonders. James points out plainly that a person then has an increased strength at his disposal, for then people can pray together about the matter in order to be healed.

Necessary and God-pleasing as confession is, it is in no wise a work through which forgiveness can be earned, as is often falsely proclaimed. Forgiveness is and remains an unmerited gift, and it must be credited solely to the merit of Christ. It is true that confession brings a great relief, but this relief is not to be confused with the peace of God which comes into the heart only through forgiveness.

It is, however, very true that a person cannot open his heart to everyone. Trust is necessary for this, and trust cannot be forced. He who receives confession must be especially equipped for it by God. He must be fatherly, loving and discreet, and must be filled by the Spirit of God to forgive and forget.

We have however, not only done wrong in regard to God; we have also grieved, injured or in various ways harmed people. We can give no better testimony of the grace of God than humbly to acknowledge our wrongdoing and to apologize for it. It is good, however, not to neglect that opportunity of testifying of Christ's wonderful way of salvation.

If people were given their choice whether or not to confess it would be easier to understand the fact that they hold back as they do. The choice is a different one: Either to acknowledge honestly and to find forgiveness and be saved—or on the great day of the Lord to be openly uncovered in all one's ug-

liness, disgrace and shame, and to stand and receive judgment without having a chance then of receiving salvation. What is better?

We call in friendliness to all closed and hardened hearts: Go to God today! A Father-heart is open to you.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Vacation Bible School for the children from Remington and Wolcott was held at our church the week of June 9-13. The theme was "Living God's Way"; an average of 75 were in attendance each evening. We trust these hours of fellowship together around God's word were a blessing to all who attended.

Our congregation was richly blessed during the week end of June 28 and 29, when our Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rudy Graf, Herman Kellenberger, Silas Leuthold and Wendell Gudeman were with us. It was their mission to assist us in selecting one of our brothers to serve as deacon, this duty falling on Bro. Alfred Bahler. Bro. Wendell Gudeman has been selected to serve as our elder. We pray that the Lord will give grace and courage to these two brothers, as they labor hand in hand for our welfare, and that we can all be obedient sheep.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

One of our ministering brothers, Ernest Gerber, has been admitted at Rockville General Hospital, where he is to undergo surgery, for what his son, Bro. Everett Gerber, said was gallstones. Our prayers are offered in his behalf.

Announcement was made here of the engagement of Sis. Pam Wheeler, daughter of Mrs. Elois Wheeler, to Bro. Chester Luginbuhl, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Vi Luginbuhl. Their wedding date is planned for July 27. We wish them well.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Those of you who could not attend our week of evening Bible School, we would like to tell you who gave us untold blessings. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss spoke Monday evening on the Creation; next evening Deward Frank on the Law; next, Edwin Bahler on the life of a Believer; next, Albert Fisher on

the Judgment; and Friday evening Robert Grimm on Eternity.

One of the brothers said, "As in all important works we want to open with a prayer." Each evening there was "group singing" after the congregation joyously sang. Then downstairs there was always way over a hundred precious children who really loved to come to the Bible School. The interested teachers really gave them a lot of their love. . . . and a thanks is given to those who made cookies for them.

This was one of the remarks made: A little boy wanted to do "a big job for himself", and his mother said "You are too little yet." He said, "I can do it; I go to Bible Cool now." So how fortunate are the children who have the privilege of growing up in a family that attends church.

Bro. Nathan Steffen of Elgin was our first very welcome minister in June and expressed that the greatest blessings in our life comes when we can do for others.

One of our church sisters said, "There is just one Mary". Our dear Sis. Mary Wuethrich has put a "Love spot" in everyone's heart; in her battle of earthly suffering she feels the prayers of those she loves.

God has put a new joy in the home of Bro. and Sis. Ron Vogt, a baby boy Luke, whom his two sisters like to love so much.

The Gene Huber's new joy is a baby girl, Melissa, who has a twin sister and brother, Gina and Gene.

In closing is something that our dear minister told us not to forget: **Godliness with contentment is great gain.**

A sister told me that she wanted to write on a birthday cake for a dear father some favorite saying of his, and this is what she put on it—**GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN**

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

How important it is not to jump to conclusions. Many an unkind word has been spoken, many a friendship has been severed because someone has been unduly critical and misjudged a whole situation. ". . . why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Let us not make snap judgments we may later regret.

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Judy Sinn are the parents of a girl, Diane Rae, born June 10.

On Sun. June 15, Sis. Alice Huhlin and Bro. David Koehl were united in holy matrimony. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall after the wedding. We wish them God's rich blessing as they begin life together. On June 14 Brenda Wilson and John Klein were united in holy matrimony. Brenda is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Capshaw, and John is the son of Sis. Edna Klein. We wish them God's blessings.

Bro. Carl Hoerr is a patient at Methodist Hospital and is convalescing, after having surgery. Sis. Ida is a patient at Methodist Hospital.

Our Sunday School Picnic was held on June 8 at the Fellowship Hall. Our monthly Hymn Sing was held in the evening, at the Fellowship Hall. Our Vacation Bible School, held in the evening, was closed June 20. Christian Endeavor was held here on Sunday evening, June 22, with 11 churches taking part.

Sis. Julia Friederich passed away June 17 at her home, at the age of 85 years, after a long illness. Surviving are four sons and three daughters. Services were held on Thurs., June 19. The family wishes to thank all who took part in showing their love and kindness to them in their sorrow.

Charles England, age 89, formerly of Peoria and more recently of Festus Missouri, died June 23 at Memorial Hospital in Festus. His wife, Sis. Lois Schlatter England died here in October of 1968.

A baby girl was born May 31 to David and Carol Schmidgall Knieger. The baby's maternal grandmother is Sis. Marie Schmidgall Belsley. The baby's father is serving in Vietnam.

ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY

Harlan Metzger

How thankful we must be for the countless blessings our dear Lord showers down upon us, as we travel through this world of sinful pleasures.

On June 4 Bro. Eldon Getz's mother, Eliza Getz and Bro. Harlan Metzger's aunt, Viola Kellenberger, came to Germany. We had the privilege to take a 21-day leave, and tour Europe with them.

We certainly want thank Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Henry

Manz for coming to Germany to bring us the good and holy word. June 29, eight of the boys stationed throughout Germany were able to get together at Neuhutten to be with Bros. Noah and Henry. They were Hank Young, Cissna Park; Tom Menold, Goodfield; Dwain Laukhuf, Latty; Carlos Bahler and Herb Steffen, Fairbury; James Gasser, Rittman; Bro. Eldon Getz, Remington; and Bro. Harlan Metzger, West Bend. Our plans are to get together again July 13.

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

I think that all of our brothers and sisters are living every day under God's protection in high spirits (literal translation). We are all well at Shioda church. However, we received word that Bro. Willis's father, Bro. William Ehnle passed away, which was sad news, even though he was 79 years of age. We are confident, though, that because of his strong faith he is now with God in heaven.

The brothers, sisters and friends at Shioda had a memorial service for him. **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath eternal life.** As written in these words, Bro. William could go to heaven we believe.

On June 29, Bro. Jim Fehr and Sis. Sharon Metzger were married at the Tokyo church. A goodly number gathered together; Bro. Willis conducted the ceremony with God's blessings. It was a great joy for Bro. Jim's father and mother and the brethren. Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon plan to reside together in Japan until their time in the service here is completed. May God's protection be upon the young couple in an abundant measure.

Sis. Nancy Schrock plans to return to the U.S. the end of July, after spending two years faithfully teaching the children in our kindergarten. She is a very kind teacher. No doubt she, too has benefited by her experience in Japan. And now a new teacher, Sis. Carol Schrenk, is to come, which we think is God's will. All of you in America please pray for the two teachers working in God's vineyard.

Our daughter, who is staying at Bro. Joe Schrock's home, recently

cut off her toe in the lawn mower, but she received treatment quickly, and it has grown back on as before. We wish to express sincere appreciation to everyone at Bro. Joe's house and many others who gave her so much help and special consideration during this time. We were particularly asked by our daughter, Hatsune, to put this expression of appreciation in the Silver Lining. Thanks very much to you American brothers and sisters who keep the teachings of the love of Christ. May blessings be upon all of you who are within the arms of God. Translated by Willis R. Ehnle.

TAMAHATA, JAPAN

Willis Ehnle

We are having more and more visitors in Japan and each one can expect a warm and cordial welcome. Life on earth is too short and eternity too long to be anything but loving to those around us; notwithstanding, we take a strong stand against sin and unbelief.

Bro. Dennis Fehr is stationed in Yokohama with the army, and he has requested that all servicemen write him when they expect to visit Japan. His address is: Sp4 Dennis Fehr 481585085, Med. Co., 106 Gen. Hosp., A.P.O. San Francisco 96503. Guests coming from the U.S. may write to Lois and me, 692 Shioda, Ichimiya-Cho, Higashi; Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-ken, Japan, 409-14.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

We had real blessed wedding ceremony for Bro. James Fehr and Sis. Sharon Metzger, here in Tokyo Church on June 29, from 2:00 p.m. and Bro. Willis Ehnle took the service here in the afternoon. Bro. Toshio Uchida from the country church took the responsibility for the morning Service this time. It was about 50 or more attendance for the wedding.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr, who are Bro. Jim's parents, Sisters Eunice and Betty Knobloch visited in Japan for the wedding. Also we had many soldier boys from Viet Nam, Bro. Edwin Kupferschmid, who visited here in Japan for the second time, Bro. Leland Metzger, Bro. Leroy Frieden and Roy Wiegand. We enjoyed their visit very much. Bro. Barry Isch visited here one week before the wedding.

AKRON, OHIO

Kathy Graf

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Bro. Merrill Laukhuf from Latty, Bro. John Bahler of Rockville, and Bro. Jesse Emch of Girard. We thank them for their service and hope they will return soon.

We have had a lot of rainy weather, but work on our new church is coming along fine. Christmas has been set as a target date for completion if everything goes well. One half of the masonry work has been completed, and they hope to start setting steel soon.

We are happy to report that Sis. Grace Schuckert, who was hospitalized about a month ago, is able to attend church again. However, she still faces further surgery in the fall. May the Lord be with her, and may we all remember her in our prayers.

Bro. John Schamback, who attended the Naumburg church in New York, has moved to Akron and will attend the Akron church. His new address is 2113 Copley Road Apt. A-5, Akron Ohio 44320. He will work at Babcock & Wilcox in Barberton, Ohio.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Connie Gutwein

Greetings, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who shed his blood on the cross that we might have eternal life. I would like to thank you brothers and sisters for this opportunity to write to you.

On June 22, Wendell Gerber from Bluffton joined us for worship. The following Sunday, Henry Beer came to give us more spiritual

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food. We had a nice group both Sundays and received many blessings.

We are happy to welcome Howard Rapp and his wife Delores to our church family here. They have five children, Paul, Beth, David, Theresa and Nancy. Before moving here, they resided in Morton.

Bro. John and Sis. Edith Mayer had a farewell gathering in their home for Sis. Porshia Stoller. Porshia is now going to Ft. Wayne to work. She was attending business school here.

Theo. Beer and others from Milford joined us for worship on July 6. There were only a few who gathered, but the joys and blessings we received were great.

We miss you students who gathered with us this last school year. We hope to see you again this September.

If I may, I would like to share with you this verse from the Bible: **Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid.**

I would like to give special thanks to Mary Isch for helping me compose this news.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

We have lost a dear, older sister. Sis. Anna Miller (Mrs. Jake Sr.) passed away June 12 at the Eureka Hospital, where she had been a patient since May 16. We will all miss her quiet ways and friendly smile. Her husband passed away in 1961. Surviving are three sons: Bro. Walter and Arthur of Congerville, and Bro. Jake of Carlock. Seven daughters. Mrs. Geo. Greiner, Morton; Sis. Helen Baer, Dunlap; Sis. Vera Heinold, Goodfield; Sis. Ida Schweigert, Tremont; Mrs. Coleman Bullington, Denver, Colo.; and Sisters Lula and Florence of Goodfield. One brother, Ben Witzig of Whittier, Calif., and one sister, Katie Goetzinger of Goodfield.

Our visiting ministers were: Bros. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; and Jim Hoerr of Peoria. We thank them for their visits.

Friends Russell and Carol Miller have a new little son, Ronald Allen, born June 26 at Bloomington. Rebecca Sue welcomes her little brother home. Bro. Merion and Sis. Esther Miller of our congregation

are grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller of Danvers are the maternal grandparents.

Rick Knapp, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Marjorie, had his leg injured and a cut on his chin, when a water tank tipped over on him. He was on crutches for awhile, but is improved and doing nicely.

Sis. Emma Reeser is in her home now but is confined to a wheelchair, after breaking her hip. Bro. Will is taking care of her. We hope Sis. Emma will continue to improve each day and will soon be able to walk again. We miss them both in our congregation.

Harvey Hartter, son of Sis. Elizabeth Hartter, is in a hospital in Rockford, undergoing tests and X-rays. We hope he can soon be home.

Bros. Bill Dietrich Jr., Ralph Gudeman, Ernie Stahl and Ralph Knapp have been elected to teach Sunday School.

Bro. Ken Schrock, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther, is in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He had the misfortune of falling while at work, breaking his collarbone. We hope it will mend nicely and that he can soon be home.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held June 29 at the Congerville School. There was a large crowd, and the children all seemed to enjoy it.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers were Bros. Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott, Walter Steffen of Milford, Clarence Yackley of Phoenix and Al Fisher of Chicago. Bro. Yackley was with us at a Wed. evening service. Just shortly before time for the services, a thunderstorm came up and knocked the power out in the vicinity of the church, so we were without lights, but we had a blessed evening; the brothers soon came up with a lantern for the pulpit so Bro. Clarence could see for the reading, and we sang hymns from memory. May God bless our brothers for bringing His word to us in its truth and purity.

Our Sunday School picnic was held, and was well attended. This is always a time of visiting with many who we haven't seen for sometime, and the children do enjoy it. We know it takes time and effort for those who plan it, and may God bless all who have helped in this labor of love.

Sis. Mathilda and Lena Steiner have left our Church Circle to return to Sabetha where they lived before coming here. Bro. Larry and Sis. Jean Kaufman have also left us to make their home elsewhere. We will miss them all, but wish them God's blessings in their new places of abode.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Beverly Schambach to Bro. Merle Rocke of Eureka. She is the daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Jennie Schambach.

The Robert Hoppe family of Bethel Park, Penn., spent a little time here, and assembled with us around God's word. Beth is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger. It's good to have them in our midst when they come home for a visit.

Bro. Richard Klopfenstein was able to leave the hospital and return home to his loved ones.

Still hospitalized and quite ill is Sis. Rose (Charles) Haumiller. May God be with the sick and the shut-ins and those who care for them. The author of a hymn wrote:

"Were there no test, how should it proven be,
Who weak, who strong, who
true or untrue be?"

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Mary Hohulin

Bro. Art Baurer of Princeville was with us on our first Bible Class of the summer. He reminded us that we should guard our flame against the strong wind of this world.

The following Thursday, June 26, Bro. Clarence Yackley of the Phoenix congregation was with us. He warned us to protect our Christian life with the whole armor of God, not just partially.

We were glad to hear the announcement of the engagement of Bro. Bob Meiss, who is a student here, to Sis. Doris Stoller of Gridley.

Bro. Ken Schrock, who attends ISU, was injured in a fall, while working. We wish him a speedy recovery.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

The service at the country church on June 29 was well attended by relatives and friends from many points, Girard, Rittman, Sardis, Illinois, Michigan and

Iowa. Ministers for the day were Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Joseph Ramsier of Rittman, Jesse and Lorentz Emch of Sardis, and Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas of Niles, O., attended the Durig reunion here on July 4 and visited with home folks.

Walter Emch has returned to his home from the local hospital, after a several month's stay there.

Mrs. Freda Durig, Mrs. Dean Dravis of Girard, Mrs. Stephen Ference and children, Kenneth and Amy, of Chalfont, Pa., visited here on June 12 with the Barth families.

Miss Della Witschey was able to be returned to her home on July 2, after being a patient in the hospital here for more than six weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Wells, Mrs. Betty Corliss, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich, with two lady companions left on July 7 for an European tour of two or three weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Richards of Galipolis, O., visited with her cousin, Mary Ann Brothers, over the June 29 week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach and daughter, Bonnie, and W. E. Durig returned on July 4 from a three-week European tour, which included several countries, visiting with the Riggenbach's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Giles in Vienna.

Miss Jessie Hassig of Akron visited with her sister, Mrs. Harry Mullett and family over the July 4 week-end.

The severe heat wave which was felt here for more than two weeks was broken by severe thunderstorms over the 4th of July, and by July 8 cooler weather was enjoyed. For many days the temperatures ran into the high ninety mark.

RITTMAN, OHIO Florence Hartzler Mrs. Ben Blough

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you". We are so very glad when our dear friends heed these words that were spoken by our Lord so many years ago. Those who have turned their backs to the world and Satan are Carol and Steve Bauman, Joan Miller, and Barbara Gasser, and are now following the Lord. Carolyn and Maynard Gasser have found peace and are now awaiting to be

taken into the fold. We are sure these dear ones can all say, "We asked and we received; we did seek and we found; we knocked and it was opened to us. Praise be to God!"

On Sunday, June 15, after singing the beautiful hymn, "Holy love bright flame from heaven, only to pure hearts revealed", the engagement of Bro. Fred Stoller and Sis. Joyce Marty was made known.

Michael Dean is the name of the son born to Art and Eileen Beery. Art is in Viet Nam, so has not seen his little boy yet. Little Michael is their first child. Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann Maibach are happy to announce the birth of a son, Eric William. Karen also welcomed her new little brother.

Our dear Sis. Sarah Tanner has passed away. We shall miss this dear soul in our congregation. At 81-years-old, she had been in pretty good health and attended church regularly. Then illness struck, and she lived for eleven days. Our sympathy is extended to her two children, Sis. Marie Beery of Phoenix, and Richard of the home.

Another dear soul and pillar of the church has gone to be with the Lord. Bro. Ezra Beery passed away, following declining health. Surviving are daughters, Sis. Alma Maibach, Sis. Christine Dotterer (Mansfield), Sis. Donna Young, and Sis. Delphine Nieman, with whom he made his home; sons, Bro. Carl, Harold, Bro. Richard (Phoenix), and Maynard (Tucson). One brother, Bro. Alpha survives.

"The one for whom you cared with
such abiding love
Has found the wondrous shining
path up to the home above,
The home where joy forever dwells,
where loved ones but await
For us to share their happiness,
beyond the heavenly gate."

We are so glad to have visiting with us this week thirty-eight children from the Dessie Scott Children's home in Kentucky.

Here in our area we have had flash floods, drownings and such. We still can see that man is helpless with the power of the elements, and we can also see that God is still powerful and the Master of all the universe.

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

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Martha Kieser
Delores Duckworth

A very interesting event was the dedication of the cattle and hogs that were shipped via truck to Miami and by plane from Miami to Haiti. This shipment was a part of the Heifer project supported by our World Relief committee. The dedication service was held at the farm of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys Knobloch and was attended by a group of brothers, sisters and friends from the central Illinois churches. Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria) gave the speech of dedication. Bro. Dave Knobloch (Wm and Gladys' son) and Bro. Benj. Hodel of Roanoke accompanied the shipment to Haiti. We trust it is a very worthwhile project and that it can be pleasing to our God.

We welcome Bro. Verle and Sis. Lavonne Kieser and their two young sons, Wesley and Kurt, who have moved to a farm in our area and will now be worshipping with us.

We held our annual business meeting: Bro. Loris Stisser, Sunday School; Sis. Marvel Knobloch, primary teacher; Bro. Sam Kieser, church treasurer.

Bro. Ed Ehnle replaces Bro. John Endress as trustee. John has held this job since before our building was ever started. We are thankful to him for all the time and effort he has put forth during the building of this our house of worship, and until now. He is married to Sis. Lucille Stoller, and they are parents of three children, Dale who is married to Cindy Jackson, & Dennis and Pamela at home. Our other trustees are Bros.: Ed Guingrich, whose wife is Doris Fehr; Ben Ehnle (Audrey Reed); Elvin Rumbold (Loretta Martin); Ray Klumpp (Eunice Feucht); and Bro. Ed Ehnle (Verla Baurer.)

Richard Tanner is home safely from Viet Nam and has received his discharge. We are thankful for his safe return.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on the last Sunday of June and was attended by many.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Ella Wagler — Rosella Obermann
Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, Draw me, my Saviour; so precious Thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast. Shelter me safe in that Haven of Rest. Shelter me safe in that Haven of Rest.

On Sun. June 22, our Burlington Bible Class, was host to the Taylor, Pulaski, and Oakville Bible classes. After the afternoon services, the 4 churches each sang 3 or 4 hymns before the congregation. "Nearer Still Nearer, Close to thy heart" was one of the hymns our Bible Class sang. One could certainly feel His nearness in our midst. He provided a very enjoyable day for all.

Hospitalized are Julius Gerst and his wife, Sis. Sahara. Our latest report was, they are feeling much better and hope to be home soon. We pray for them both a speedy recovery.

Friend Dan Scott has been inducted into the armed forces. He and his wife, Sis. Janelle are spending some time with their parents, before reporting for basic training.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris of Stronghurst, Ill. Mrs. Don (Laretta) Morris is the daughter of Sophia Mellinger of our congregation.

Our high school graduates this year are small in number. Sherry Woodward, daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward is our only graduate. We wish for her the very best in life and ask the Lord to be with her in all her undertakings.

We were happy to see Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger back with us. They have been absent a couple of weeks; both have been taking treatments at Excelsior Springs Mo.

"That gate ajar stands free for all, who seek through it salvation, the rich and poor, the great and small, of every tribe and nation."

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

God again called a loved one from our midst. Bro. Bill Levy went to his rest on June 7, after almost three months as a hospital patient. His patience to bear the pain and setbacks he experienced was indeed seen by those who cared for him during this time; it was uplifting to spend even a few minutes in his room during the course of a busy evening at the hospital. (I work evenings at the hospital where Bro. Bill was a patient). Funeral services were held June 10 by our local ministers, with burial at the Bluffton Church Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lillian; his son, David (with the army at Ft. Carson, Colorado) and three

daughters. The family wishes to express their deep thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown to them during the time of illness and bereavement.

As Bro. Bill Levy had been our Church Treasurer the past five years, a new treasurer was needed. Bro. Ken Honegger will serve in this capacity the remainder of the year.

A college graduate was Steve Stoller (Norman), on June 9. His plans are to enter Medical School at Indianapolis this fall.

Hospital patients have been Bro. John Pence, with a cut tendon of his left hand, and Neil Stoller (Norman), who underwent corrective surgery on his right upper leg, the result of an accident nine years ago. Following ten days of traction, our young friend was placed in a body cast, including his right leg, and returned to his home a few days later, where he will be in bed about 6 weeks. These are long days for a growing boy who will be 13 the 31st of July, and mail would surely help to pass those hours. His address is: 8726 Maravilla Dr., Ft. Wayne 46805.

A day of many blessings and rejoicing for us was Father's Day, June 15, when our daughter, Joyce Eisenmann, was baptized and added to the household of God. We were indeed happy to have many of our families share with us this blessed week end. (One of my greatest concerns and prayers when I married Joyce's father has been answered, and surely tears of joy came to my eyes and a prayer of great thankfulness was uttered to my God when Joyce came to me in the early hours of the morning, "I want to be like you are!"—Only those parents who have experienced this can truly know what it means to a parent's heart!)

Following the baptismal rites, Holy Communion was served by Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler. Surely we are edified and refreshed.

Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Elmer Bucher, Francesville; John Bollier, Leo; and Loren Stoller, Latty. We thank all for their inspiring messages.

A son, Robin Richard, was born June 19 to Bro. Richard and Sis. Sharon Meister of West Lafayette, first time parents. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Edna of our congregation.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria Stoller Miller and their children, Yvonda, Duane, Rhonda, and Darren, who have moved to Ft. Wayne from the Latty Congregation. Their address is 5910 Abbott, Ft. Wayne, 46806. New address for Bro. Jim and Sis. Marge Braker is 5211 Eastwick Dr. Ft. Wayne, 46805.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us Sunday, June 29. We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of our friend, Donnie Banwart. After nine months, Lonnie and Donnie (twins) are again equally yoked together. Lonnie and Donnie are the sons of Bro. and Sis. Raymond and Kathryn Banwart. Lonnie was added to the body of Christ last September, and Donnie now in June.

Other visiting ministers during the month were Bros. Sam Huber, Gridley; Charles Marti, Lamar; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington; and Arnold Gerst, Chicago. Bro. Arnold Gerst and family had an extended visit here, as their son Mark became ill with a leg infection.

Bro. Will Sinn has returned from the Santa Fe Hospital in Topeka, where he spent 60 days. He had surgery and is improving.

Bro. Harold Kraft and family have moved back to the city. They have been assembling with us, but Bro. Harold's work took him out of town, so they have been living near Pittsburgh. We are happy to have them back in our midst.

Our graduates this year were Linda and Sondra Sinn from high school, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sinn. Ft. Scott Junior College graduates are Connie Miller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Miller, and Ruby Sinn, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dannie Sinn. Their son, Bro. Charles Sinn graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan; Joyce Sinn, daughter of Mrs. Sophia Sinn, was a graduate from Emporia State College of Emporia.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sorry to have omitted Randy Somerhalder's name from our high school graduates. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Somerhalder and had left for Lamar before graduation.

We are happy to report that Philip Metzger is now home and the tests taken at KU Med. Center gave a good report.

Bro. Joe Aberle ministered to us Sunday morning. He brought Sis. Mary here to spend the week with Sis. Doris Bahr, who had major surgery and was released from the Kansas City Hospital yesterday.

Another pleasant surprise at church greeted us. Sis. Sarah Beyer returned home from California, where she had been caring for her sister and brother.

Two weeks ago we took Sis. Lydia Bahr back to Wichita with a flare-up in her hip again. She is to remain there for several weeks, to receive weekly injections in the hip.

The farmers continue to struggle with the wet weather. We've had so many rains it's hard to keep track anymore. Some of the alfalfa is dying because of the wet. Some fields continue to remain unplanted. Harvesting wheat goes slow.

WHEN WE GET DISCOURAGED, IT IS good to remember that a farmer plants his seed and waits. To keep stirring up the planted seed would be one of the worst things he could do. . . But to prepare the soil, to plant the seed, and then to wait—this is an expression of faith.

In a period of restlessness, it is wise to choose the right course, take a step, and then wait. God has a way of opening doors for such people, but God can't be hurried; so recognize waiting as the virtue it is at the right time.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

Our Sunday School students enjoyed another two weeks of Vacation Bible School, which ended with an evening program enjoyed by all. Special thanks to visiting ministers, Bros. Verlin Stoller, Norman Stoller, Bob Meyer, Wendell Gudeman and Henry Beer for their participation in evening Bible Study classes.

We are thankful to receive two new souls into the fold: Sis. Diane and Bro. Ronald Gerber. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Clem and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland. Ron is the son of Richard and Ruth Gerber. Bro. Floyd Wieland, Bay City, was our guest minister on that day.

Hospitalized were Bro. George Laukhuf; Dwight Stoller, son of

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy (admitted for a finger injury); Kaye Stoller, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther, (eye surgery).

Sis. Lydia Schlatter wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all who have remembered her with cards and gifts on her recent 88th birthday.

The John A. Stoller reunion brought many visitors to our congregation. Among them were ministering Bros. Ernest Graf, Akron; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; and Edwin Ringger, Gridley.

Harvey Stoller, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene, is home for a few days, after completing basic training at Ft. Sam. He will then return for further training to Ft. Benning Georgia. Our hearts and prayers go out to you who must leave your home and loved ones to serve your country.

We pray keep their bodies strong, their minds alert, their courage high, their faith in Thee. . Increase their faith. May they feel a warm robe of heaven-sent assurance, born of the heartfelt prayers of family and friends and, O bring them safely to the arms of those they love again!

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Bill Funk and his family, as his father, Bro. Joe Funk of Gridley, passed away.

Our Sunday School is out for vacation until September. When it resumes, Bro. Joel Wuthrich will be a new teacher. He was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Bill Funk, who was recently voted in as our new ministering brother.

Have you ever thought of this? If the world hates us for good that we are doing, we don't have to worry; we'll have reward. If the world hates us for evil we would do, we would not have any reward awaiting us.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Friends Sandra Plattner and Douglas Aberle were united in marriage on June 14. Bro. Eugene Marti officiated at the wedding ceremony, which was held at the Fellowship Hall. A reception was held there following the ceremony. Sandra is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Plattner, and Doug's parents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Aber-

le. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

Sis. Janice and Bro. Ben Wysong are the parents of a new daughter, their third child. Erin Dawn was born June 17. She has a brother and a sister to welcome her home.

Linda Lehman, daughter of Bro. Andy and Sis. Irene is now employed at the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. She will begin a three-year course in nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital this Fall. She is staying in the home of her aunt. Bro. and Sis. Russel Zimmerman of Morton.

Ramon Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Aberle, graduated from dental school in June. He has been attending UKC, University of Kansas City, Missouri. He will enter the Air Force in September and be stationed at Panama City, Florida.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Alpha Strahm and Bro. Clarence Yackley. We enjoyed their visits and appreciate the efforts put forth.

The Bible class students were invited to Princeville the last week-end of this month. They were accompanied by some of the teachers and parents. They had a very enjoyable time.

Our Sunday school election was held. Teachers for the coming year are: Bros. Velmer Meyer, Walter Strahm, Ben Wysong, Eli Meyer, Roger Aberle, with Bros. Roger Hartter and Steve Aberle as substitutes; Sisters Loree Plattner, Arlinda Strahm, Susan Plattner with Sis. Phyllis Strahm as substitutes.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay and Dorothy Bertsch

We've been having dry and dusty weather. The cattle on the ranges are dying from lack of water and scarcity of hay. We hope the Lord will bless us soon with that which is needed so badly. Many people come here for various respiratory ailments, and find the dry climate very beneficial. On the other hand, the ranchers are in need of water and must have it to survive. It seems that no location can have everything.

Our congregation is rather small during the summer months, due to vacationers. Sis. Martha Blessman is spending the summer months with her daughter in Wisconsin. Our ministering Bro. Noah Herman and Sis. Lorraine, his wife—and their daughter Lorry Jo are

spending several weeks in the Peoria area.

Since the Phoenix church has been blessed with four ministers, they are taking turns to serve us each Sunday. We appreciate this very much and pray that the Lord will bless them for it.

Mrs. Ruth Griffith and Peggy Griffith, daughter and granddaughter of Bro. Jay and Dorothy Bertsch will soon be moving back to Tucson for one year. They now reside in California. The husband and father, T/Sgt. Wm. B. Griffith will be stationed in Thailand for a year.

Our church meetings are held each Sunday at 10 A.M.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, 11 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.—Church Services.

We are so happy and grateful for our place of worship, made possible by the many loved ones from various states who generously donated toward it.

We extend a hearty welcome to one and all to come visit and worship with us whenever possible. Address of our church is 954 South Magnolia, Tucson.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Experiences and the fellowship of our Bible Class at the annual gathering of our youth group in Lester will long be remembered. The many hours of organization and planning were rewarded by cooperation and an enjoyable weekend for the many attending. The presence of the Lord was felt, and we know each will be rewarded for their kindly efforts.

There were two babies born on June 11. Randy and Deanna Ludwig were blessed with a new boy, Scott Arnold; and Eli Jr. and Margaret Grimm were blessed with a new girl, Peggy Lynn. We're thankful our church continues to grow. May the Lord bless them.

This month two engagements were announced: Sis. Doris, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, to Bro. Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Oscar and Francis Zaugg; and Sis. Glenagene, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Glen and Francis Domnick of Morris, to Bro. Melvin, son of Sis. Nima Fehr. May these souls be blessed with the Lord's help in these important undertakings.

The prayers and thoughts of our congregation were with our church

in Japan, especially on Sun. June 29 when Bro. Jim Fehr and Sis. Sharon Metzger were united in marriage there. We were happy his parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, and two aunts, Sisters Betty and Eunice Knobloch, could make the journey across the ocean with Sis. Sharon. Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger and family were delighted to receive a phone call from the newlyweds and their son, Bro. Leland, who was able to obtain a leave from duty in Vietnam to attend the wedding.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Louise, wife of Bro. Ray Anliker, for major surgery, and Sis. Evelyn, wife of Bro. Ivan Schmidt. Accident victims were Ray Allen, small son of Paul Jr. and Emy Banwart, and Steve son of Bro. and Sis. Eugene and Evie Bruellman. Both required numerous stitches.

Four youths of our congregation became involved in a car accident; Robert, son of Bro. and Sis. Faye and Marie Gress, suffered a fractured jaw. A car from Lester that came to the Moser reunion had a serious accident close to West Bend. The most serious injured was Kathy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Nathan and Irene Knobloch of Lester, and Madonna, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jake and Alice Wolf; less seriously injured and released were Kathy's brother Kevin and Madonna's sister Clara and Colleen. May the Lord be with them all.

Bro. John Benninger suddenly passed away of a heart attack on Sat. June 28 at the age of 85 years. He repented in younger life. Surviving are three daughters and four sons: Ann; Mrs. Pete Lenart of Elgin, Ill.; Dorothy; Mrs. Oscar Dohl of Story City, Ia.; Ruth; Mrs. Harold Mathews of Abrams, Wisconsin; Herbert of Tempe, Ariz.; John Fredric of West Bend; Walton of Blue Jay, Calif.; and Lester of Champaign . . . two sisters, Mrs. Anna Anliker and Ida (Mrs. Silas Banwart) both of West Bend.

The Schmidt reunion was held at Fairmont, Minn. on July 4. 187 were in attendance. The Gerber reunion was held at Call Park in Algona, Ia. on July 4 with 172 present. The Jacob Moser reunion was held at Whittemore, Ia. on July 5, with 145 attending.

We rejoice the Lord has called a dear friend to repentance; he is Norman, the son of Bro. and Sis. Oscar and Francis Zaugg. May God grant him much grace.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Gene Marti of Sabetha and Bro. Alphi Moser of Morris. May God bless them for their efforts.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Our young people gathered together for our annual Sunday School Picnic. It was such a blessing to see the little tots, along with the older youth, and also a great many of our older youth. I am sure the Lord was looking down upon us in the evening, when all of our voices were raised in songs of honor and praise to Him.

We have such a wonderful group, if only more of our accountable youth would only give their hearts to the Lord, what a more blessed congregation we would have. **YOUNG PEOPLE, WE NEED YOU TO HELP US.** We need anyone that will come, taste and see and work for the Lord. Our Lord wants YOU.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We were happy to have visiting ministers Bro. Dave Kieser and Bro. Art Baurer.

Sis. Nancy Roth and Bro. Glenn Pfiefer were married June 22. May the Lord bless them together. Along with many guests for the wedding, we were glad to have visiting ministers, Bro. Al Fisher, Bro. Maurice Frank, and Bro. Jim Ringger.

A baby girl, Sandra Jean was born June 2, making Mr. and Mrs. John Meister a new Dad and Mom. Grandparents are the Andrew Meisters and Oscar Bollingers. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Nancy Steffen are also a new father and mother, with a baby boy, Daniel Harvey being born June 4. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen and Mrs. John Mueller.

Bro. Art Bahler has been chosen to teach in Sunday School. May God grant a special anointing that his class may feel the presence of the Lord Jesus.

Bro. Chris Huette is home from having a cataract removed. Bro. Dave Hartman has been hospitalized.

We welcome home Duane Schieler, who has been discharged from the Service.

An annual Sunday School picnic was held June 29, with everyone invited; a goodly number attended.

With us that day was Bro. Merrill Laukhuf from Latty.

Sis. Rosa (Rieger) Steffen, 83, passed away; funeral services for her were the 4th of July. She was married in 1940 to Bro. Ed Steffen, who preceded her in death, and whose children survive: Sis. Edith Zimmerman, and Elmer, Ray, and Herman Steffen.

Bro. Steve Roth was united in marriage to Sis. Jill Isch of Bluffton. Bro. Steve is in the army, but we welcome Sis. Jill when she and Steve can return to be with us.

INVITATION TO SOLDIER'S REUNION

A reunion will be held for all servicemen who were discharged from the U.S. Armed Services, with ETS since Jan. 1, 1967, at Fairbury over Labor Day week end. Supper is planned for 4:00 PM on Sat., Aug. 30 at Lincoln Auditorium. Anyone wishing more information should contact Bro. and Sis. Harvey Steffen, 522 S. 5th, Fairbury Ill. 61739.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

The engagement and approaching marriage has been announced of our Sis. Doris Stoller, daughter of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha Stoller, and Bro. Robert Meiss, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edith.

Sunday, June 22, marked a joyous event in the lives of Bro. Will and Sis. Ollie Gramm, it being their Golden Wedding Anniversary! Their children planned an open house for them, and over 200 guests attended.

Truly Ollie and Will have many reasons to give thanks and praise to the Lord. Their five children were all brought up to love and fear the Lord, and in due time repented and were baptized. They are all married, and there are twenty-six grandchildren and one little great-grandchild. Their two oldest grandchildren are also converted.

Ollie and Will wish to thank everyone who sent them cards, gifts, and flowers, and those who attended their open house. You all helped make it an unforgettable and blessed occasion.

A boy was born to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtgall. William is stationed at Ft. Sam.

Bro. William Witzig, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Dorothy Witzig has been inducted into the service, and is stationed at Ft. Leonard-

wood, Missouri. Bro. Bill who was recently converted and taken into the church, appreciates what he had to take with him. May God give him, as to all other God-fearing young men, grace to be strong and steadfast among the ungodly people they must mingle with.

Bible School is over. Our Sis. Nadine Ringger was in charge. Enrollment was ninety-seven students. The theme was, "This is our Father's World." A program was held at the end of the two-week session.

Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton, Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, and Bro. Robert Grimm from Goodfield were our visiting ministers.

Bro. Joe Funk, age 84, passed away at Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, June 20. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Grusy, and the following children: Sisters Ella Schlipf and Louise Witzig, Bros. Leo, Wilbert, Alvin and Roy, all of Gridley, and Bro. William, Garden City, Iowa. The congregation extends their sympathy to the family.

We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Edith Meiss, formerly of Gridley and now living in Bloomington, in the death of her father, Bro. Andrew Koehl, who passed away in Fairbury.

Bro. Ben Hofer is a patient in Fairbury Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected, after undergoing surgery June 28. Ben is in his eighties; we wish him a speedy recovery. We are glad to report Sis. Elizabeth Stoller is improving nicely, and is able to get around the house with the aid of a walker. Sis. Katie Funk has returned home from Fairbury Hospital, where she was a patient for a few weeks.

Bro. Philip Moser, who was in the hospital a number of weeks with a broken back, has returned to his home but plans on returning to the hospital at a later date, when he will undergo surgery. Our friend, Marion Funk, daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violette Funk is a surgical patient in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Sis. Grace Kiefer, age 70, passed away in Mennonite Hospital, where she had been a patient for several months. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Roth, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, several sisters and one brother.

Bro. Joe Funk, who has been a student at the University of Illinois, has gone to New Zealand to further his studies more extensively.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Oh wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!

True wisdom its pages unfold;
And tho' we may read them a
thousand times o'er,

They never, no never, grow old!
Each line hath a treasure, each
promise a pearl,

That all if they will may secure;
And we know that when time and
the world pass away,
God's word shall forever endure.

The word of the Lord endureth forever.

Our week of Vacation Bible School began in the evening of June 16 by all joining in singing these words. What a blessed week we were privileged to enjoy. The children attended classes for various age groups and all adults (from 16 through the 80's) were welcome in the adult class. On Monday, Bro. Ben Schlatter from Toledo was our teacher for the birth, life and teachings of Christ. Tuesday, Bro. Merrill Laukhuf of Latty had the death and resurrection of Christ. Wednesday, Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman led the discussion on Christ's last appearance and ascension, the actual beginnings of the "Church." Thursday, Bro. Henry Beer of Milford talked on the historical founding, the teachings, traditions, doctrines and customs of the Apostolic Christian Church. The week ended with Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne speaking on the prophecies of the end-times. Our deep appreciation and thanks go to each of these brothers who so ably helped in our study of "The Word of the Lord." We also thank each who in any way contributed by teaching, helping and attending the classes.

We thank Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville and Bro. Joe Ransier of Rittman who worshipped with us on Sunday June 22, and ministered to us.

There is joy in the home of Bro. John and Sis. Katherine (Stoller) Oesch, who are parents of a son, born June 27. Little John Jay will be abundantly loved by his big brother and 13 sisters, who welcome their baby brother.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Marjorie Beer Hollinger (Paul), Sis. Helen Bricker (Richard), Sis. Theresa Stier and Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl). Danny Sauder (teenage son of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue) was on vacation with his family when he had an emergency appendectomy. We are pleased that he is home again, and appears to be recuperating well.

The fact that life is indeed uncertain was evidenced recently by the death of our friend Kenneth Cordrey. Kenny had gone to work in the morning and as he became ill while there was returning home, when he suffered a heart attack, and his life was over. May the Lord send a double portion of comfort to Kenny's wife, Sis. Martha Fuhrer Cordrey, whose father passed away just two weeks prior to her husband's death. We also extend sympathy to his two sons, John Cordrey of Fairborn, Ohio, and Bro. Raymond Cordrey of Bryant, S.D., his brother, Donald Cordrey of our congregation, as well as to his mother, three sisters and four other brothers.

We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Christine Dotterer (LaVern) on the death of her father, Bro. Ezra Beery of Rittman.

Another seat is vacant. Sis. Katherine Matthes Houston has gone to "ever be with the Lord." "Aunt Katie", as she was known to many of us, was a faithful sister for many years. She was the daughter of one of our former elders, the late Bro. William Matthes Sr. She seldom missed attending morning services to worship with us until the past few months, when declining health necessitated her being first in the hospital and then in a nursing home. She so wanted to go "home" and expressed the hope that the end would be easy. The Lord granted her wish and on June 24, at the age of 87 years and 8 months, she quietly went from this life to the next, as she slept. Bro. Rudolph Graf conducted services. We will miss "Aunt Katie" and her reminders that she was praying for each of us in our different problems; but we are thankful the Lord has called her to Him. We extend our sympathy to her three sons who so faithfully cared for their mother, as well as to her many relatives.

When comes to the weary a blessed release,

When upward we pass to His kingdom of peace,
When free from the woes that on earth we must bear,
We'll say "good-night," here, but "good-morning" up there.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Albert Frieden, 57, who was one of two LaGrange (Mo.) men killed in a barge explosion and fire. The accident happened as they were unloading high octane gas from a barge. Albert was born Aug. 31, 1912, the son of the late Bro. Fred and Sis. Rose (Grimm) Frieden. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and five children, five brothers and four sisters, including Sisters Betty (George) and Rose (John) Hoerr of our congregation. Burial was at our church cemetery.

We are sorry to have two families leave our congregation. Bro. Ron and Sis. Kayleen Heiniger have moved to Morton. Bro. Ron taught Math at Junior High in Quincy, and Sis. Kayleen was employed at St. Mary's Hospital as a R.N. Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst and family are moving to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Dick has been working for some time. They have sold their home here in Quincy, so are moving to their home in Michigan. We have come to love these families and will miss them in our assembly, and will miss the children in our Sunday School. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new homes.

We have been fortunate in having ministers at Wed. evening services. Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, was in Quincy on business and spent the evening with us.

The Bro. Kenneth Sauder family, Mansfield, were on vacation, and while staying in Quincy for the night their son, Danny, became ill. He was taken to the hospital, where he submitted to an emergency appendectomy. We appreciated having Bro. Kenneth minister to us on Wed. evening and enjoyed meeting him, his wife and family.

Danny stayed at the hospital several days, but his family returned to their home. He recovered nicely and was able to return home.

Bro. Arnold Gerst and family were visiting Sis. Marjorie's family in Quincy and spent Wed. evening with us. They planned to be in Oakville with his parents, Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst, but

because of car trouble they also spent Sunday with us. They used to live here . . . so are especially glad to have them visit us.

We had a blessed Sun. on June 29 when two dear souls were baptized and became our brother and sister in faith. They are Elwood, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley and Marcia, daughter of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter. They were proved on Sat. evening by our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville. They are both young in years and could have many years to serve the Lord. We pray they will always look to Him for guidance and help, and may we be a help and example for them to follow. It takes us back to our own conversion, when we also had a new life to live for and with our Lord, and know we (speaking for myself) often failed Him, but He upheld us. May we continue to abide in His love.

We would like to thank Bro. Noah for his love and kindness to us here at Taylor and hope his health will allow him to continue to care for our needs.

Mrs. Charles Linstrom, mother of Sis. Rosella Kolthoff is a hospital patient. She fell in her home & injured her ankle and is also having tests.

Bro. Will Butikofer has not been very well. He hasn't been able to assemble with us as regularly as he would like.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." With this thought and desire in our minds and hearts, we again conducted a week of Bible School, with the next five lessons being taught on the following Wednesday evenings. There was a good attendance, and we were happy that some of the children brought friends and neighbors to learn of the teachings of the Lord. During the first five evenings of V.B.S., the adults who were not teaching were privileged to hear ministering Bros. Norman Stoller, Harry Bucher, Water Steffen, Jack Bollier, and Edward Frank speak on topics of deep interest and great concern. Their enlightening messages were appreciated very much.

Our annual church picnic was held June 8. Even though there were showers, they perhaps served

to draw us even closer together in fellowship, as we gathered inside the shelter house.

The Bible Class attended Christian Endeavor at Leo June 15. We are grateful our children have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with those of other congregations, and that they can partake in singing praises to the Lord.

The following Sunday, the Junior High and Bible classes spent a very enjoyable day as guests of the Leo Sunday School.

A short but impressive program was given in honor of our fathers on Sun., June 15. As someone said, the little children were just precious as they spoke their meaningful pieces. Who can listen to these sweet, innocent little ones and not resolve to fill the roll of parenthood or even grand-parenthood just a little better?

We are thankful that two more of our young friends have yielded their lives to the Lord. They are John Schini, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Viola, and Eric Meister, son of Elmer and Edith. John, Eric and Diane Zimmer are looking forward to giving their testimonies in the near future. It is our hope and prayer that more hearts may be moved to turn to the Lord in repentance. The joys and blessings experienced in living a fully surrendered life far surpass any pleasures the world can afford.

Independence Day seemed to have a deeper meaning than ever this year. As we see and hear of so many evil forces taking over, it makes us more appreciative of the freedoms we still have, but causes us to wonder what the future holds in store. It certainly behooves us to be more watchful and prayerful. How wonderful it is to be able to take all of our burdens to an Almighty God, who even marks the sparrow's fall!

We are happy Sis. Rosena Hueni is able to assemble with us again. Bro. Will Leman has become somewhat weaker. May the Lord be near him, and continue to give added strength and comfort to Sis. Anne.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

Our guest ministers have been: Bros. Russel Rapp, Morton; Joe Zimmerman Jr., Morton; Eli Sommerhalder, Burlington; Ed Hohulin,

Goodfield; Earl Kilgus, Remington.

June the 15th was the day that Sis. Mary Kay Anliker and Bro. Gary Rumboldt from Morton exchanged wedding vows, being said before Bro. Russell Rapp and a large group of witnesses. May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

Engagement—Sis. Beverly Shambach from Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Merle Rocke. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline.

Deaths: Sis. Hannah Schumacher, wife of Bro. Ben, passed away June 8 in the hospital, after having surgery; she was 68 years old. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor at Morton, Jeanette at home. Bro. Vernon Leman had charge of the services. Our church and community were saddened when Brother Chris Hodel was called to his heavenly home so suddenly. He passed away July 2 at the age of 80. His funeral was July 5, conducted by Bro. Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Elizabeth; three daughters, Sis. Ann Wagler, Haiti; Sis. Marie Goetzinger, Goodfield; and Sis. Florence Wuthrich, Eureka; two sons, Bro. Harold, Metamora; and Bro. Robert, Roanoke. May God in His love comfort both of these dear families.

In and out of the hospital were—Lloyd Wettstein, medical; he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert & Verena. Merle Wiegand, son of Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand, fell and broke his arm at his home . . . and Dale Schumacher, medical, the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Charlene.

Sis. Bena Fehr has been a patient several weeks at the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Judy Knecht is a surgical patient in a Chicago Hospital. She is the wife of Bro. Ernest.

Saturday evening we were privileged to hear the testimonies of three of our friends, who confessed they had repented. Bro. Ed Hohulin helped Bro. Leroy Huber in this work. The girls were Marjorie Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lula; Joyce Leman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dave and Ann; Lola Blunier, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Verda. They were baptized July 6 and now are our sisters in faith. . . So may God ever be as near them, as He has been thus far, and forever more. May many more souls realize

their lost condition before it is forever too late.

Bro. Merle Rocke has been sent to Viet Nam for further duty in the armed services. He spent a furlough at home before leaving. May God watch over each of the soldiers who are in the line of duty.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Robert and Janice Sutter

We were thankful that ministering Bro. Verlin Stoller and his family from Ft. Wayne could worship with us.

On July 6, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Kathy Rinkenberger of Cissna Park and Bro. Richard Sutter. May the Lord be with them and bless them.

There is beauty all around
When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound
When there's love at home.

Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling sweet on every side;
Time doth softly, sweetly glide
When there's love at home.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Wendell Anliker

Christ is the answer to all life's problems, and He does fully satisfy the thirsty soul, but still, there is a battle to fight and a victory to win. Sometimes, we in the service feel that the road to life eternal gets pretty rough and rugged at times with the many trials and temptations and the evil that does encompass us. A Christian is like a tree: He matures slowly and has to encounter various kinds of weather—sunshine and shade, fair weather and foul. A Christian is also like a runner; in contending for the heavenly prizes he has to undergo continuous discipline and training. So all the vexations, trials and difficulties which we as believer's experience do not indicate any flaw in the divine arrangements, but are a part of God's wonderful plan. Even though the storms of life are a little rough at times, we must thank God for the strength He imparts and the assurance that "He that overcometh shall inherit all things".

We welcome back from Viet Nam Eldon Banwart—West Bend, and Gary Bauman, Goodfield, who will finish their time in the service here at Ft. Sam. Those who have started basic training are:

Bro. Glen Heinold, LaCrosse; Bro. Stanley Wuthrich, Milford; Bro. Ben Huber, Francesville; Randy Stisser, Princeville; Karl Koehl, Morris; and John Schaffer, Forrest. Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Beebe, Cissna Park, arrived here the 28th of June. Robert will be entering the Basic Medical Officer's Training Course at Ft. Sam July 1. Bro. Bill Baumgartner, Bluffton; Stanley Steiner, Cissna Park; and William Schmidtgall, Gridley, received orders to stay here at Ft. Sam as clerk typist.

Ministering Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, West Bend, were with us June 7 and 8. Sis. Helen Zaugg, West Bend, came with them to see her son Bill. On the 22nd, ministering Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin was with us. We are thankful for the spiritual food they brought to us.

We want to welcome Tom Martin's wife, Jessi, who came down to be with Tom. Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice Martin, Peoria, brought her down the 1st of June.

We were sorry to see Bill and Charlotte Metzger leave us the 15th. Bill is taking a 30-day leave before going to Viet Nam. Terry Nussbaum, Forrest, left for Ft. Lewis, Washington; Harvey Stoller, Latty left for Ft. Benning, Georgia. We trust the Lord will be with all those who have left us. Bro. Dave Kaeb, Fairbury, and Charles Leuthold, Lester, are home on leave now and will be taking advanced medical upon their return.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who might be down in this vicinity or coming this way, to stop and visit with us.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

A daughter, Sharon Kay, was born June 17 to Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer.

A group from here attended the Dessie Scott Childrens Home in Kentucky on July 4, when the new building built by our churches was dedicated. The dedication message was given by Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman. Many others from Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, also Bro. Lester Huber and his family were there.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville, on Father's Day. He gave us a very inspiring message of the duties of a Christian father.

Our friend, Jennie Sinn, wife of

Albert Sinn submitted to surgery. She is in the Porter Memorial Hospital at Valparaiso. We wish for God's blessing for a good recovery; also, Sis. Josephine Meiss, wife of Bro. Roland Meiss is a medical patient at the same hospital.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

It was a blessed privilege to have Elder Bro. Leroy Huber in our midst. He assisted Elder Bro. Sam Anliker in serving Holy Communion. In his meditation, Bro. Leroy compared the Lord's Supper to the Jewish Passover, how only the Israelites were to partake of the Paschal Lamb and that "There shall no stranger eat thereof" (our closed communion), "But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof." Therefore we who were strangers, but have now been purchased by the blood of Christ and have been spiritually circumcised or cut off from the world, are no longer strangers, but servants.

Among those suffering physical discomforts are Bro. Chris Sauder, who remains a shut-in, and Sis. Emma Wernli, who had the misfortune of falling and injuring her back, just as she was recovering from a fractured right arm. We trust that those who are shut-ins can be shut-in to Christ—that it can be a time of spiritual enrichment for them; a time when they can truly meditate on spiritual things and grow in grace.

Other visiting ministers were: Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita, Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, and Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha. We appreciate their labor in the Lord.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser

As our summer season again approaches, we will have many who will be going on vacation and perhaps many visitors coming to California. We pray that God will watch over and protect all those who journey, that they may return home safely.

THO'T: Keep your light shining, and God will put it where it will be seen!

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

Funeral services were held for Sis. Ricka Messner, who passed

away at the home of her daughter, Sis. Minnie Nohl, on Wed. June 18 following a brief illness. She was 92 on June 4. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alvin Nohl Sr. (Sis. Minnie) of Hancock and Mrs. Joe Reber of Graham, Washington; 4 sons, Bro. Frank Messner of Hancock, Bro. Arthur Messner of Burlington Iowa, Bro. Richard and Bro. Louie Messner of Phoenix; one brother, Wm. Spohr of Elgin, Ill. Bros. Paul Fehr and Harold Gramm had the services. Sis. Ricka certainly was loved by everyone that knew her; she will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to this dear family.

Miss Beverly Mae Messner (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Frank Messner) was united in marriage to Leonard Minke on June 14, at the home of the bride's parents. Bro. Paul Fehr officiated. May the Lord add His blessing as they go through life together.

Hospitalized were Sis. Pauline Tohm and Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall. We pray they will have a quick recovery.

The engagement of Sis. Glenagene Domnick and Bro. Melvin Fehr of West Bend was announced. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha K. Steiner

We were certainly blessed with the visits of several ministering brothers: Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Roy Grimm, Taylor; John Bahler, Rockville; Raymond Banwart, Fort Scott. We invite them all to come again soon.

Some of our brothers who had assisted in the building of the structure at the Dessie Scott Children's Home in Pine Ridge, Kentucky, returned with their families over the 4th of July to see the completed work and visit the children during their open house. This has certainly been a worthwhile effort.

A few from this area had the opportunity to attend the memorial service at the church in New Martinsville this past month. Services are not held at this church during the year; all those in that area who wish to assemble with our brethren attend the Sardis church. The memorial service included brethren and friends alike from far and near. Time seemed to recede a few decades as we sang, listened, and prayed in the little church constructed about 100 years ago. It

was a memorable experience and one that will be long treasured.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele
Emily Frautschi

June high school graduates were: Jane Fetter, Pat Stevens, & Karen Newman. May the Lord sustain and guide them in their choices for the future. Sis. Lois Schlatter recently graduated as an X-ray technician from Toledo Hospital. She will be missed, as she is returning home (Junction) to work. Bob Reineck graduated from Ohio State University and has taken a job in Bridgeport, Conn. Jim Newman has accompanied him and will be working there during summer vacation.

Connie and Dave Sanclaint (Connie is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Frances Laidig) welcomed Kelly Ann into their household on June 9. She was born on her daddy's birthday. They will be moving to Saginaw, Michigan, soon, as Dave has been transferred there. Bro. Dick and Sis. Beulah Clark moved back to Bluffton, after living in the Toledo area six years. We wish both families God's blessings in their new home.

Tillie Laukhuf has moved to Harbor Springs, Mich., again for the summer. Her address there is: Harbor Point, Cottage 103, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Friend Mrs. Irene S. Bernice of 823 South Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, died June 23 after a five-year illness, at age 54. Funeral was from the Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Ohio, Wed. June 25. Bros. Jesse and Lorentz Emch officiated. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Joseph; a son, J. Ernest; a daughter, Marilyn; her mother, Sis. Sedona Habeger; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Carden, Mrs. Alma Hageman; and two brothers, Ernest and Paul Habeger. Our sympathy is extended to the family; may God be their comfort always.

Sis. Louisa B. Lance is at home convalescing, after having surgery at Youngstown Hospital North Side. We wish her well.

Sunday, July 6, Bro. Ed Aeschleman and family were our guests, and we could rejoice together listening to the God-inspired message. Tuesday evening July 8, Elder

Bros. John Bahler and Rudolph Graf were with us. Many good teachings were given, as Bro. John used for his text the 12th chapter of Romans. We welcome them to visit us again. When the Lord opens the way, we invite others to visit our church in Girard.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Gloria McKelvey, Mon. July 7, a son, Carl David and a daughter, Carla Anne. Gloria is a daughter of Friend Glenn and Sis. Ann Enyeart of Girard.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

ONLY ONCE— We live. The years of childhood, when once past, are past forever. It matters not how ardently we may wish to live them over. . . . So it is with the other stages of life. The past has gone beyond our reach. The record stands forth in bold characters, open to the all-seeing eye of God. There it stands, and one day we shall give an account of it. **Now is the treasure possessed unawares.** Today is a day which we never had before, which we shall never have again. It rose from the great ocean of eternity, and again sinks into its unfathomable depths.

How wise and how profitable, to make good use of today. We are pleased to relate that our friend, Leann Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie, is doing just **this**. . . . for she has confessed peace with God and man, and is now awaiting the time for proving and baptism. Alfred and Marie Kieser were baptized on Sun. June 22. They have four small children, which made their conversion an even **more** thrilling experience. Now, the responsibility of raising these little ones can be shared with an all-wise Saviour. What more could one ask! Bro. Silas Leuthold was here, from Princeville, to help with the provings and baptisms.

We were also blessed with visits from several other ministering brothers, Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend, Bro. Albert Aberle from Tremont, and Bro. Roy Ehnlé from Bradford. We enjoyed each one very much. Indeed we are blest to be permitted to hear the word proclaimed by so many of His servants. I often marvel . . . how different is the delivery of each sermon, and yet how similar the message.

A baby boy was born to friends

Gary and Karen Weigand on June 5. His name is Rodney Lou. He is their second child, and their second son. Bro. and Sis. Henry and Perceida Weigand, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser are the grandparents.

Mark Goetzinger, son of Sis. Marie, was married to Laurel Eldredge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Eldredge from Deerfield on June 24. Mark is stationed in Germany, and Laurel plans to join him in a month or so.

Sis. Katie Goetzinger is at home with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Dunlap, after having been a patient at the Eureka Hospital for 3 weeks. Katie fell in her home, hurting her leg quite badly. However, there were no broken bones; she is improving satisfactorily. Sis. Carolyn Rokey hurt her leg and was confined to her home for several weeks. We are happy to see her in our midst again.

Our regular Sunday School classes and our Wed. evening services will be discontinued throughout the months of July and August, as is our usual custom in Goodfield. Both will be resumed the first week in Sept.

Card of Thanks: We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the many prayers, cards, flowers, memorial contributions, words of consolation, and all deeds of kindness received during the illness and death of our daughter Cindy. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. May God bless you all. Bro. Wesley and Sis. Mildred Knapp.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

On June 18, our friend Steve Leman was given the opportunity to give his testimony of repentance and conversion. He was baptized on Sun. June 22. He is the son of Bro. Rowland and Sis. Verla Leman.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Doris Hodel are the parents of a daughter, Linda Renae.

Tim Leman, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Anne, suffered a compound fracture of his leg when he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle.

Jane Schumacher, wife of Jerry Schumacher, is again able to assemble with us, after being hospitalized with meningitis. Bro. Ezra Schlipf underwent surgery July 7 at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He is reported to be getting along well. Jane Beer is also in the

hospital, having undergone surgery. She is the wife of Benjamin Beer, who passed away in June. Leta Aeschleman is at the St. Francis hospital. She underwent surgery July 9. We wish her God's blessings, as well as all who are in the hospital, and hope they will soon be restored to good health.

We want to thank Bros. Vernon Leman and Ed Aeschleman for their services. We owe a word of appreciation to our visiting ministers, as well as the ministers of our own congregation, for their services given in our behalf.

Our Annual Sunday School picnic was held June 29 at the Roanoke Park in the Community Building.

Bro. Fred Siebenthal has returned home from the hospital, after having had surgery, and has shown considerable improvement. Bro. Fred received a lot of nice cards and gifts while in the hospital. He wishes to thank all for their cards & gifts & a special word of thanks to all the ministers who visited him, as well as all who remembered him in prayer. Bro. Fred and Sis. Ellen feel so fortunate that their prayers have been answered again.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Indermuhle

A blessed evening was had by all who attended church services with us on Sat. evening, June 28. Those who came to minister to us included Bro. Henry Wackerle from Bay City, Bro. Joseph Ramsier, Rittman, Bros. Lawrence Emch and Jesse Emch from Girard. On Sunday we all journeyed to the little church in the hills of West Virginia for another inspiring day. God's glory was richly revealed in His creation on that day. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

Sis. Almeda Brake wishes to thank all who remembered her in any way during her stay in the hospital and while convalescing at home.

A baby boy, David Neil was welcomed into the home of Bro. John and Sis. Paula Figel. David has one brother, Andy.

Bro. Bill Brake is finishing his cooperative work program with the Akron University Engineering School by working for the Warner and Swasey Co. in Ft. Dodge, Iowa

this summer. We wish him God's guidance and protection.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

We welcome Bro. Larry and Sis. Jean (Belsley) Kaufman to our congregation. Larry's work brings him and his wife to our area.

Our friend Kenneth Koch, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Francis, has left for service. We utter a prayer in your behalf, Kenneth. May God keep you in his care.

Jon Greiner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Emma, and Peggy Ann Kirby of Atchison, Kansas, were married June 21 in Kansas. May you find the blessings of God in your life together.

Philip Koch, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol, was stricken suddenly with an appendicitis attack. He underwent an operation and is home again, recuperating nicely.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann Steiner brought little Ruth Ann, to live with them and little Jeff. She was born June 29.

June 29, the Sunday school picnic was held at the park shelter. Then evening services were held, in which we were impressed with God's message sent through Bro. Ben Maibach, Detroit. Other visiting ministers sharing the pulpit were Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka & Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton. We cannot count the numerous blessings God does give and has showered down upon us, especially this past month. Let us hold and build on them lest they slip.

Thank you dear God for bringing Bros. John and Corbin Bahler, Rockville, Bro. Silas Leuthold and Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson, into our midst. Truth and sincerity were very present as they expounded the message of Jesus Christ unto us. To add to the joy of the day, Bro. Steve Sauder and Bro. Ed Koch were added to the body of Christ, having become sons of His. Steve is the son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna. Ed has come back from the Rockville area to live with his sister, Sis. Hannah Koch. We could see the wondrous work of God in these two; Steve was called in the flower of his youth and Ed was called in the eleventh hour, as his age is plus threescore and ten. Someday their rewards will be the same, if they remain true and faithful.

Sis. Lena Burka passed away at

Hopedale Nursing Home July 4. She leaves to mourn: sons, Joe and Clarence; daughters, Miss Christine Burk, Mrs. Joe (Hulda) Cox, and Mrs. Alvin (Martha) Feldman; one sister; and five half-brothers. Funeral services were held July 7. During services it was read in Psalm 90, "For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Sis. Lena passed fourscore years, but now she has flown away to await the great judgment day. We believe her prayer was that her children would also come to Jesus, so they can meet again on yonder shore.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

We were all very happy to have Nancy Souder give her testimony and be taken into church. Bro. Sam Aeschliman from our Bluffton church was here to assist Bro. David Bertsch.

Bro. Homer Reineck from the Toledo church spent one Sunday with us, ministering to our needs and refreshing us on our Way. We're happy to have the Henry Schwartz family back from Florida. Henry is one of our volunteer workers in helping to put out **The Silver Lining**.

Vacation Bible School was held here two weeks, with a children's program on Sunday evening. The program was very nice and well attended.

John Klopfenstein spent a few days on leave with his family.

The Bremen young people visited us; we enjoyed them . . . also appreciated help from their Sunday School teachers and song leaders.

Our friend, Joe Rice is still critically ill in the hospital. Elda Steiner underwent eye surgery and is getting along as good as can be expected.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We were richly blessed by the visits of the following ministering brothers: Silas Leuthold, Princeville; George Yergler, LaCrosse; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; and Roy Wieland, Bay City.

Several members of our sister church have worshiped with us for

the past several years. Our congregation rejoiced as six of them became united with our brotherhood on June 15. We welcome Bro. Louis and Sis. Theresa Stammer and Sisters Marie Kulyan, Christine Fuhrmann, Maria Benko and Susanna Gangloch.

Sis. Kay Baumgartner of Cissna Park and Bro. Duane Reutter were united in marriage by Bro. Al Fisher in Cissna Park on May 25. Bro. Josh Broquard solemnized the marriage of Sis. Nancy Roth of Fairbury and Bro. Glen Pfeifer, on June 22 in Fairbury. We are happy to have both of these couples with us in Chicago.

Many of us gathered in a forest preserve on the afternoon of June 29 for our annual Sunday school picnic.

Our thoughts and prayers have gone forth on behalf of Sis. Minnie Lehman, who underwent surgery, and Bro. Maurice Frank who suffered a heart attack. We wish them much strength and courage from our Lord above.

The engagement of Bro. Rich Sutter and Sis. Kathy Rinkenberger of Cissna Park was announced on July 6. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We have many sick ones in our community. Bro. Sam Hari was a medical patient, but is home. His wife, Sis. Mary was taken to Americana Nursing Home in Champaign. Sisters Nettie Oberfel and Lillie Kellerhals were hospital patients. Sis's. Elizabeth Martin and Lydia Ehman and Friend Roger Gudeman, son of Brother Will and Sister Ann are medical patients. Friend Clara (Mrs. Herbert Hofer) had major surgery. May the Divine Healer comfort them and make their lot bearable.

Engagement was made known of Sis. Kathy Rinkenberger and Bro. Richard Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale.

Bro. Noah Herman was with us the evening our elder brothers met with us. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

Sis. Katie and Bro. Albert Steiner wish to thank all of their relatives and friends for their thoughtfulness, help and love shown to them while they were in the hospital.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Zimmerman, George

Gramm, Henry Sabo and Merle Bucher.

Sis. Lena Feller was called to her much-longed-for rest July 7 after a long illness. She had attained the age of 92 years. She is survived by daughters, Sisters Priscilla Knapp, Lillian Kaufman, Lydia Moser; and one sister, Ida Eisenman. Funeral services were held July 9. Bro. Frederick Knapp, assisted by our local ministers had the services. May God comfort the family.

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG,

NEW YORK

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Shamback

College graduates are John Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice and Bro. John Schamback, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois. John has accepted a position near Akron. We wish the Lord's blessings for him and will surely miss him in our congregations.

Our high school graduates are Sis. Susan Hirschey, Betty Jeane Rauhe, James Beyer, Linda Virkler, Jan Virkler, Debra Petzoldt and Lynn Virkler. Our best wishes go with them in whatever they do, trusting they will each remember the precious teachings of their youth.

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Pernal Virkler observed their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of their son, Alton. They also have another son, Elwood. May it be that they have many more happy years together in the service of the Lord.

Sis. Ella Zahn observed her 90th birthday. This dear sister is still very active, doing her own housework, enjoying good health and is able to attend church regularly at Naumburg.

A daughter, Teresa Ann, was born to Kendall and Judy Virkler. Grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler and Mrs. Ruth Dosztan.

Gary Schamback and Karen Johndrow of Rockville were united in marriage June 28. Gary is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois of Naumburg. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their life together.

Hospital patients have included Sis. Leveda Herzig, Sis. Marian Henry, Andrew Virkler, Harriet Lasher, Pernal Virkler, Linette Virkler and Sis. Cora Beyer. Sis. Cora is recovering from a fall in her home.

Our visitors have included Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo. Bro. Homer left with us many precious teachings to ponder.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

We are thankful for the ministers who visited us. Bro. Joe Kaiser was with us, after recovering from his recent illness. He expressed his thankfulness that God had restored his health enough that he can continue to proclaim the gospel.

We were blessed by Bro. Aaron Steffen's message, wherein he exemplified the meaning of comfort in the following verses with an experience in his own life. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." We who are in need and receive comfort from God are more able to help comfort others. May God bless the labors of love of the brothers who proclaim God's word.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

Once a little girl was walking with her father on a moonlit night. As she gazed in awe at the twinkling stars, she exclaimed, "Oh Daddy, if the bottom of Heaven is so pretty, how beautiful the top side must be!" How thankful we all should be that because of Christ's shed blood, any who believe and follow Him may some day see and live in the beautiful "top side" of Heaven.

We enjoyed a few days with Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr, Sisters Betty and Eunice Knobloch, and Sis. Sharon Metzger on their way to Japan for Sharon and Bro. Jim Zehrs' wedding. Eimer, Matilda and Sharon are all from West Bend. Betty is from the Lester congregation. Eunice's home is Elgin, Ill. We have some wonderful memories of their visit.

Then one Sunday evening we received a phone call from Bro. Merle Rocke of Eureka. He was on his way to Viet Nam and had a layover in Hawaii. In a short time we were at the airport and enjoyed a pleasant hour of fellowship with him. We pray that God will protect Merle and the many other

brethren and friends in the service, whenever they may be in dangerous places, either physically or spiritually. If any other servicemen or vacationers should stop in Honolulu, please call us at 871-726. We truly enjoy the visits of everyone. Aloha!

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Jack Bollier, Leo, spent a Sunday with us. It is so very refreshing to sit under the sound of God's gospel. May we wait on the Lord when we reach for God's blessings, and not through lack of faith draw back before the Lord has given what He intends for us to have. The Bro. reminded us that if, as in these modern times, the heavens are being measured and the very foundations of the earth are being searched out (as discovery of atoms of which everything is composed), then how near is the Lord's return? Think of it!

Our dear Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty, spend a Thurs. evening to minister to us and to assist in electing a Sec.-Treas. and an usher. Bro. Richard Schlatter was elected as the Sec.-Treas., will also act as the Secretary to the Trustees. Bro. David Manz was elected usher. May God give both brothers grace to be faithful stewards in their new work. God looks into all of our hearts, and knows our intentions and is merciful and patient.

Sis. Evelyn Manz has safely gone through her surgery and is expected to be home by the time this month's news is out. We surely thank God for his tender care of our dear sister.

Sis. Lois Schlatter, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther, since completing her studies as X-ray tech. in Toledo has come back home to live with her parents and has accepted a position with the Defiance Hospital.

We received a very pleasant surprise when Bro. Frederick Knapp, Congerville met with us on a week night service. Acts 27 was meditated upon; let's be careful and not drift away in little lifeboats. There is no **easy way out** of the trials of life, and God wants us to **stay with the ship**, for united we stand, but divided we fall. We want to be successful overcomers. We were again blessed with a visiting minister; Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley read to us from Phillipians, chapter

4 and mentioned, how strange it is that if happiness were advertized in the newspaper, many would certainly respond, yet it's been offered to all of us, right here in the Bible for generations to see.

Bro. Kenneth Manz, son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn, is attending Purdue University at Fort Wayne under a scholarship from the Aro Corp. of Bryan.

Our ministering Bro. Henry Manz and daughter, Sis. Henrietta are visiting in Switzerland and Germany. They are with some folks from Rittman and are expected home soon.

Our cups were surely **full to overflowing** the last Sunday of June. Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton was in our midst, speaking to us from God's word. He told us that the greatest thing that can happen to anyone is falling on his knees and becoming a Christian, and asked us, "Do we take for granted our being here in church on the Lord's day?" If it were not for His love and grace, we would not be given this liberty.

LAMAR, MO.

Marie Marti

"... this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." This brotherly love was shown to us when Bro. Kenneth Sauder came many miles to visit us. We were abundantly blessed by the messages brought to us by Bro. Sauder. He concluded one of his messages with this thought: How are you building your spiritual house? Will it be one which pleases God? As we live, so shall it be. We were also happy and grateful that Bro. Arnold Gerst visited our congregation. Bro. Gerst ministered to our spiritual needs and we invite him and Bro. Sauder to visit us soon again.

We were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Bro. Don Banwart of Ft. Scott. Don testified that he had come to the place where he needed to make a choice—choose the path which leads to God and eternal life or the path which leads to eternal destruction. Don chose the one which points heavenward, and his happiness was revealed.

Sis. Caroline Banwart was hospitalized for medical attention. We hope and pray that she will soon be well enough to return home.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Kaywin Martin

It is with sadness I write my second and last article to represent the church in Union City. We will be moving from the East, having been here one short year, and with regret we say farewell to those dear ones we have grown to love. It was a beautiful lesson in faith for us to leave the Midwest, where we had lived all our lives, and come to this place so far from our home and find a warm welcome waiting from those of our faith.

We will be happy to welcome home our ministering brother, Ed Aeschleman, wife Nancy and their family. They have been on a much-deserved vacation.

One of the dear sisters here tells of how her father left Switzerland to come to America. He lived for many years in Union City, and one day found that there was a church of his mother's faith just a few short blocks away.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Susan Zimmerman

We are thankful for the blessings brought us by visiting brothers. Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Bro. Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Bro. Ray Ehnle, Princeville; Bro. Al Scheitlin, Elgin; Bro. Edwin Hohulin, and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield were with us.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Daryle and Jan Hari, Chicago; Larry Bocca, Mansfield; Bro. Roger Levy, LaCrosse; Bro. Keith Funk, Gridley; Bro. Jay Plattner, Peoria, who are at the U of I for summer school. Bro. and Sis. Steve and Velma Rinckenberger have moved to Monticello, Ill. from Roanoke. We're glad to have them worship with us.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Kathy Rinckenberger, Cissna Park, and Bro. Rich Sutter, Chicago. Sis. Kathy attended the University of Illinois. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

"Tell the joyful tidings, bear it far away! For a precious soul is born again." We are thankful that two souls, students at U. of I. have become "Soldiers in the Army of the Lord." We welcome Bro. Steve Leman, Roanoke, and Bro. Steve Sauder, Tremont into the fold.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

Our monthly hymn singing was held this month in the church basement.

We wish to extend sympathy to Sis. John Schrock on the death of her brother, Bro. Chris Hodel of Eureka.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Bea Diel, Sis. Rose Schupbach, and Sis. Marie Farney. Marie has been transferred to the Kiowa Manor Rest Home.

FORREST, ILLINOIS
Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider

Sis. Shirley Kachelmuss, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Kachelmuss and Bro. Ernest Herman, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Herman, Morton were united in marriage by Bro. Perry Zimmerman on June 22. We ask God to add His blessings, and we are happy they will continue to assemble here with our congregation.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn—God has called a faithful servant to his rest; on June 27 our ministering brother Andrew Koehl passed away. His health failing the last few years, Andy assembled in the congregation, but supported us with prayers and his presence. Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton held the services.

He leaves to mourn his dear wife, Sis. Martha; four sons, Bro. Clarence, Bro. Leroy, Bro. Virgil of Forrest and Maurice of Fairbury; four daughters, Sis. Bernice Cox, Sis. Velda Huette, both of Forrest, Sis. Edith Meiss, Normal, Sis. Eldora Hoerr, Peoria. Two brothers, Bro. John, Forrest, Bro. Walter, Fairbury; two sisters, Sis. Mary, Fairbury, Sis. Emma Schmidgal, Hancock, Minn. Bro. Andy was a minister in our area for 37 years. We, along with his family will mourn the vacancy.

Funeral services were also held for our friend Allen P. Loomis, who passed away July 1 after being a patient at Fairbury Hospital almost 5 weeks. He is survived by his wife Elva; one son Lee, Chatsworth; and one daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Cox, Indianapolis. We sincerely hope Mrs. Loomis continues to assemble with us.

I once heard a saying, "Human improvement is from within outward." God has awakened two dear souls to see their lost conditions and put their lives into His will. Rebecca (Kaisner) Kupferschmid, wife of Bro. Gary, and Gregg Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Stoller.

Bro. William Kupferschmid

spent a few days at Gibson City Hospital, but is home again. Bro. Sam Honegger is a surgical patient at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Alvin Kilgus submitted to surgery at Carle Clinic, Champaign. Two friends have had mishaps, Mark Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Aberle has received a cracked shoulder bone from a road accident and is in a partial cast. Dale Zimmerman, son of Bro. and Sis. Glen Zimmerman, spent several days in the hospital with extensive burns on his face and arm from an overheated car radiator.

News has been received by Bro. and Sis. Leroy Koehl that their son Bro. Ronnie has been wounded in Vietnam. Bro. Ronnie has lost his right leg above the knee, besides several other injuries. He has been sent to the General Hospital, Valley Forge Penn. They have left to join Ronnie; we give a united prayer that courage and faith will endure, and plead with God to extend His Hand of healing to Bro. Ronnie.

Terry Nussbaum, son of Bro. and Sis. Dean, has been visiting two weeks before departing to Ft. Lewis Wash. to continue his army duties.

Bro. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, and Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, helped our ministers serve our congregation Holy Communion.

THANK YOU! I want to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, gifts, visits and the food that was brought in during the time I was in the hospital and since returning home. Everything was greatly appreciated. May God bless everyone. Sis. Laura Knapp.

LANDERSVILLE, ALA.

Billie Jo Harville

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able. . ."

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 16; it was a wonderful week of blessing for us. We had a good number to attend. It is good that we can fellowship together and learn more about God and his great love.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Sam Kilgus and Verlin Stoller. We sure welcome them and their family.

Hospitalized are Audrey McCaghren, Patsy McCaghren, Will Posey. Kathy Jones is a surgical

patient in the Decatur General Hospital.

MORTON, ILLINOIS
Mrs. John Oberlander
Mrs. Ken Getz

Our Morton congregation will miss the fellowship of the Howard Rapp family, but know they will be welcomed into the Indianapolis congregation. Bro. Howard has been a Sunday School teacher for many years. Sis. Delores (Beyer) Rapp has spent many hours caring for the sick at Restmor Nursing Home.

Bros. John Schick Sr., Ben Freidinger, and Dan Kaufman are retiring as our Brotherhood Aid representatives. These brothers have devoted much time and effort to this project. They will be replaced by Bros. Glen Stieglitz, Kenneth Kaiser and Herman Schmidt.

Those in the hospital are Bros. Eric Koehl, Henry Rapp, Jacob Stevig, Otto Baer, and Sis. Verna Pfister Getz. Recuperating at home are Ella Marie Stieglitz Bartlemay and Bro. Albert Sauder. Sis. Irene Schwarzentraub Stoller, wife of Bro. Walter, has been confined to her home. A card of good cheer might be appreciated.

A baby boy (Jacob) was born to Bro. Wm. and Sis. Jane Ebach Martin. He was welcomed home by three brothers.

Bro. Sam L. Getz celebrated his 91st birthday, and is still able to be about and in church every Sunday. May the Lord continue to grant him blessings of good health.

Bro. Gary Rumbold and Sis. Mary Kay Anliker were united in marriage June 15; they will be making their home in Morton. Bro. Ernie Herman and Sis. Shirley Kachelmuss were married June 22; they will make their home in Bloomington. Bro. John Oberlander and Sis. Joan Getz were wed June 25; John and Joan will also make their home in Morton. May the Lord grant these loved ones many happy years together.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Earl Zeltwanger. We wish to thank these dear ones for giving their time and effort so unselfishly.

Sis. Clara Miller Grimm wishes to express her sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful deeds of kindness offered her during the loss of her dear husband, Sam, and her recent illness. May God bless you.

Our Morton church congregation is quite large. Many times your reporters do not receive all the news. Perhaps you could call to our attention news that is to be included in our monthly article. This letter is written the last week of the month. May the Lord be with each of you daily.

(Editor's not: The following was sent in for the last issue, but it is being used this issue.)

Dessie Scott Childrens Home

The above named project is rapidly drawing to a close. It seems impossible that this beautiful building started such a short time ago is now ready for use. The Lord has had His hand over this job from the very beginning. Two weeks ago the count was made, and we found that over 175 Apostolic Christian brothers, sisters and friends had lent a hand in the construction of this building! This does not count those behind the scenes that have donated food, air transportation and many other items too numerous to mention. Help has come from many states where our churches are located, especially Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa.

How wonderful it is to think that there are still people in this world that are willing to forsake the luxuries of modern day life and work for the Lord, rearing children forsaken by parents. Many of those working in the home receive less pay per month than many factory workers get for six hours work! They however receive the great blessings that the Lord bestows upon those that work for Him. Each house parent has from 8 to 12 children to mother through the trials of life. They do this in a quiet Christian-like manner that shows great dividends. The ages of the children at present go from about 3 to almost 18. Problems do arise, but it seems that the Lord is always there to give the correct advice to the "parent" handling the case. Daily devotion is a common thing at Dessie Scott, so the children have all heard His word while at the home in a manner that is a credit to the Lord.

Let's not forget the wonderful children of Dessie Scott and the good work being done there. We could remember them in our prayers, with some financial support and an occasional visit perhaps!—the move is now ours.

May the Lord bless all who have supported this work in any way! Your least Brother in Faith, Jack Krantz.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

We were happy to have Bro. Nathan Stoller with us. Bro. Nathan, being filled with the Spirit, left lasting impressions on our hearts. May the Lord be with him further and grant the needed grace to carry out his duty as the Lord wills. We are always glad to have them come "home."

Our Bible Class, teachers, and some parents spent a very pleasant and unforgettable week-end with the loved ones in Oakville. All wish to thank them for their generous hospitality and love.

We were glad to have Bro. Clifford Grimm of West Bend with us. Since all but one of our ministers was gone, he was most welcome and much used in the ministry. Precious teachings were given, and we are so thankful for humble, sincere, young brothers to carry on our faith. Let us always keep in mind that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Helen Baer and family in the loss of her dear God-fearing mother, yet we rejoice, trusting she has gone to a better home.

We have had several hospital patients. Sis. Hulda Martin is responding to therapy and is showing improvement. We trust her hospital days will be few, and that she will be able to be at home with her sisters soon. Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach is hospitalized, following a heart attack, but shows satisfactory improvement, so hope she will be coming home soon too. Sis. Natalia Feucht is recovering from recent surgery and is recuperating in her home. Sis. Betty Wagenbach is able to be out again, following surgery. Orval Eberle has been undergoing tests and treatments. We hope his sick days will soon come to an end, for he has been ailing for quite some time.

A most pleasant week-end was enjoyed by many when the Bible Classes from Lester and Sabetha came with their teachers and parents to Princeville. Many precious friendships were made, and we trust the young folks will cherish these memories for a long time. The last Sunday of the month of

June terminates Sunday School for a few weeks, during the hot summer months. In the evening, many gathered for the annual Sunday School picnic (including our visitors). It was a beautiful evening, and as we gathered in God's great out-of-doors under the majestic trees, how we were truly blessed. Before us lay a table heavy laden with food, and in different groups children of different ages, and then the parents and grandparents. As the groups sang, I was impressed. The little ones singing "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam"—how many little sunbeams they are! Then the "Creation" song was so appropriate, and lastly the combined Bible Classes singing, "In Days of Youth Seek Ye the Lord" and "Come Unto Me." It touched my heart as they sang, and we all hope and pray the words will fall deeply into their hearts and take root. We could feel the Lord's nearness and thank Him for all His blessings.

I was most pleased with the wonderful response given with contributions for *The Silver Lining*. Thank you much, and may God bless you all. Your reporter, Ruth Ricketts.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Sis. Elaine Steffen, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille, has graduated from a 3-year course in nurses training at Purdue and is now a nurse at the Rensselaer Ind. Hospital, near her home. We trust she will be blest in many ways as she takes care of the sick.

Bro. Sam Kilgus went to Alabama. He and Sis. Elsie spent some time there a number of years ago. No doubt it was interesting to see the many changes.

John Schieler, son of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Mary Jo received an army commendation medal for outstanding and meritorious service while serving in the Army. He and his family have been residing at Ft. Campbell Ky. They also spent 3 years in Germany. He will leave in July for a tour of duty in Viet Nam. We pray for his continued welfare and protection.

We congratulate Bro. Jim Braker, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara; as he graduated from Business Administration School, International College, Ft. Wayne.

Larry Pitmans of Indianapolis have a baby girl, Ronna Rae. Two

brothers welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. Ordell and Sis. Marjorie.

We are happy to have Sis. Eliza Getz with us again, after her trip to Germany to see her son Eldon, who is in service. He was on leave, so they enjoyed traveling to five different countries; Sis. Kellenberger from Iowa took the trip with her. We cannot be thankful enough when we have the privilege and means to take these trips, as it is very educational and enlightening in many ways to see how other people live. She was gone 3 weeks.

Remington went to Wolcott in the evening for one week of Bible study. May each one that took part be blest for their efforts, and trust that each child will benefit therefrom.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan".

Shut Ins: Sisters, Mrs. Amos Steffen, Mrs. Mary Ann Fiechter, Mrs. Leonard Dubach.

Birth: A son, Douglas Daniel, to Bro. and Sis. Dan Reinhard.

Weddings: June 8, Sis. LuAnn Tonner and Bro. Dave Klopfenstein were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman. July 6, Sis. Jill Isch and Bro. Steve Roth were united in marriage by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Engagement: Sis. Judy Ringger has announced her engagement to Bro. Hubert Isch. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ray Ringger and Sis. Mrs. Joe R. Isch.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our friend, Bertha Liechty, has moved to Bern into one of the apartments built and owned by Bro. Emil Strahm.

Sis. Pearl Meyer has two new grandchildren, Bryan, born May 15, to Virgil and Doris Meyer; he joins two brothers in the home. Tara Kay was born June 12 to Steve and K'Lynn (Meyer) Gugelman; three-year-old Cindy is happy for a playmate.

New Sunday School teachers elected are Bro. Stephen Hartter, Sisters Marilyn Rokey and Janette Strahm.

We joined Sabetha for evening services when Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix was our guest minis-

ter. It was a blessed evening.

Bro. Morris Rokey is wearing a cast on his hand due to a broken bone, suffered in a tractor upset.

Hospital patients: Sis. Lena Baumgartner for a short stay, Friend Ernest Gerber with a recurring infection in his foot.

One of our friends in Vietnam sent this poem to his parents. No doubt there is no question in his mind but what God is alive.

GOD WILL HEAR YOU

At sleep at last, the day was long,
Another day passed, and closer to home,

And as I sleep the war drags on,
And many will die before the next morn,

And as I sleep and dream of home,
A rocket has hit, but not one alone.
I jump out of bed and head for the door.

Another rocket hits, and I dive for the floor,

Down to the bunker for what good it will do,

For God's the only one, that knows if it's you.

As the rockets pour in, I sit and pray,

Dear God, listen to me, hear what I say,

This world is not perfect, and neither am I,

I know I've done wrong, but don't let me die.

As the last rocket hits, and the sound fades away,

I know God has heard me, and I know what to say.

Thank-you, dear God, for hearing my plea;

I'll be a better man for this, just wait and see.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli—Carol Messner

Are we ashamed of our faith?
"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Our Bible Class enjoyed their annual Sunday School Picnic at Lester this year. We want to thank them for their efforts.

Stan Messner, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine, was home on leave from the Navy before going back on a ship heading for the Philippine Islands.

SP4 and Mrs. Steve Howk and Brian were home on leave. He is

the son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice.

Some of Sis. Emma Schmidt's family were week end visitors here following the Schmidt reunion.

Begin the day with God.
Kneel down to him in prayer;
Life up thy heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Open the book of God,
And read a portion there,
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou are—at home,
abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God;
Thy spirit heavenward raise.
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

The month of June brought us many lovely visitors, for which we thank the Lord.

There's a tie of noble kinship
In a soul who loves the Lord;
There's a friendship warm and lasting

If he heeds the Master's word.
There is mutual understanding
And a sympathy so kind

In the tie of Christian friendship
As on earth we ofttimes find.
When at last these ties are riven,
When we're called to go on high,
Oh how sweet to meet in heaven,
Friends forever, you and I."

Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach ministered to us on Father's Day, and Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford on the following Sunday. They left us many good teachings. It is truly a miracle that the Lord listens to our feeble prayers, and sends us just what we need on Sunday to carry us through the following week. We have a serious duty to pray fervently for our elders and ministers, that God's word might always be spoken to us in truth and purity.

Our congratulations are extended to Gordon and Sherri Henney and Edwin and Mary Lou Grawburg. Both couples were married in June, and we wish each a blessed marriage, with Christ guiding them in their daily lives.

During the winter months we spent our time working together on World Relief projects; toys quilts, clothing, bandages, etc. One Wed. evening we spent packing all of these items. We have come to experience the joy of giving, and we trust that the underprivileged who receive them might feel the radiating warmth of Christian love in our efforts . . . for all that we do is for Christ "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

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No Greater Burden

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The church the Lord is building, do you see? It is built on the only Foundation, and rises in the skies! His word is the life. Here the word fits the newborn saint in place. There, a verse becomes reality in putting a finishing touch.

Unity is oneness. Together on His word. "Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; **namely**, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren."

The problem at hand was not small. Certain men had been teaching wrong at Antioch. Something was causing discord in brotherly circle. Should circumcision be made a rite and requirement? Should the list of the law be made a requirement for membership? After much discussion for and against, Peter stood up. He pointed out. . . The Gentiles first heard and believed through words spoken by his mouth. God knew the heart; He gave the Holy Spirit. He made no difference between them and the Gentiles. Peter spoke of "a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear". There is danger in such adding.

Agreement came; it was worked for. . . "And they wrote **letters** by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren **send** greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:"

Paul would deliver other guidance. Sparingly, even severe words and sharp action would be needed. All would chord together. God does not want a brother's heart troubled when there is no need. "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain

which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, **Ye must** be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:"

Breathe together; be in oneness; become in accord. Peace we must work for. Peace is not always accepting what is said. If it is not grounded on scripture, a picture of scripture, there's bound to show up the poor material. Peace is always with the word when worked of God.

The hearts of the brethren fit well then. "It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

How much are we willing to hazard? There is a cost that the truth might continue. There is silent suffering. These men were brave to please the Lord. That was the number one aim. Good things are strongly cemented. "We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth."

Good schoolmen have learned. You can teach a child a lesson. But, catch his interest, fire his enthusiasm? That mind will soar. God knew this all along. Demerits? only where necessary. He clearly describes in Scripture. The heart of faith in grace will bring obedience. "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;"

To have added more would only have clouded the needful. The place for learning would be for pupil to soar to undreamed of heights. In

grace is the work of God. Therein we trust the heart to Him.

God's finger points out to avoid contact with abomination: "That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

Indeed, all the serious sins carry telltale signals to God who sees into the heart. Like a flickering tube, or a dying star. The duty is plain. Fare ye well.—You prosper good. Grow in grace. For those who keep themselves, the "Fare ye well" is a joy and comfort. Such a program!

"So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle: **Which** when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation."

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