



And now, brethren, I  
commend you to God, and to  
the word of his grace, which  
is able to build you up, and

to give you an inheritance  
among all them which are  
sanctified.

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

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# The Lord Jesus Christ Cares About You

Bro. Willis R. Ehnle

In this series of articles, we have considered education, employment, marriage and family life. In this article we should like to consider old age and death.

For many of us old age will never be a problem, because so often we are called out of life in our youth or middle age. God has permitted it to be, that many serious diseases have been brought under control, but the threat which our youth must be careful of now is the automobile, which each year mauls and destroys thousands of young lives while they are still in the prime of their beauty and vigor.

Nevertheless, on the average, people are living longer, and it behooves even our youth to think about what they are going to do in

their sunset years. Something noble, something honoring Christ should be in the center of those plans, even though it should be only the smile of a word of **encouragement toward godliness** for every youth who passes by.

In His parable of workers to be hired to work in the Master's vineyard, Jesus Christ indicated that those still standing in the market place at the eleventh hour were still being entreated to come. Thus it is abundantly clear that the Lord Jesus Christ cares about you, even though you are now elderly. Those of us in Christ can expect Satan to attack us more violently as our physical strength diminishes with age. Then again we must simply cling to Jesus Christ, who has

made the atonement for us, for He is the Son of the living God; He died and arose again, and apart from Him we have no hope.

Physical death, which is the separation of the soul and spirit from the physical body, is an experience. By faith we have the understanding that death for the true believer is a wonderful experience of breaking free from the last stronghold, and we soar away to heights unknown, in Jesus Christ. Death for the unredeemed, we understand by faith to be a sinking into despair and everlasting regret, but we have better hopes for you, because the Lord Jesus Christ cares about you, and to follow Him is a life of much courageous, meaningful activity and wonderful adventure.

## SPECIAL CHILD

Bro. Elmer J. Bucher

We do not understand, dear Lord,  
The meaning of this care  
That makes the tears flow often  
And would sink us in despair.

We gaze into the cradle Lord  
And with our eyes behold  
A child sweet and precious  
Yet a mystery untold.

There are so many others Lord  
Who do not know the care  
There is with special children  
And how much we need their  
prayer.

We need their fellowship dear Lord  
When we have weary grown,  
For Satan seems to press us down  
When we are left alone.

We do not ask of you dear Lord  
To take our care away,  
But help us bear it humbly  
As we live from day to day.

Then also we would ask, dear Lord  
To touch each brother's heart,  
That they might help us battle  
Against Satan's fiery darts.

The darts of bitterness dear Lord,  
The thought that it's unfair,  
That others have a healthy child  
And we're assigned this care.

We know it is not right dear Lord  
For us to think this way,  
And many are the hours we  
Have kneeled down to pray.

Our load is made much lighter Lord  
When someone comes to see,  
If there is any way at all  
That they can help be.

Please don't be angry with us  
Lord;  
We need to talk to you,  
Lest we be overtaken  
As so many people do.

We know it is not right dear Lord  
To murmur or complain,  
Or wish you'd chosen others  
To endure this grief and pain.

We know we're no exception Lord  
For any home could be  
The home where special children  
Are part of the family.

'Tis thus we are resigned dear  
Lord,  
Yet this we ask of you,  
Please touch the hearts of brethren  
So they help to see us through.

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## VISIT SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE

Elder Bro. Noah Bauman, Rittman, and Ministering Bro. Henry Manz, Junction, along with others who accompanied them, visited the servicemen in Germany. We spent 2 Sundays at Neuhutten, Germany and were able to hold English services for the soldiers both weekends in the Altersheim in Neuhutten and in the Heinz Maurer home.

We met the following boys in the service at Neuhuetten: Bros. Eldon Getz, Remington, and Harlan Metzger, West Bend. And Friends Carlos Bahler, Fairbury; Jim Gasser, Rittman; Jim Hinrichsen, Goodfield; Dwain Laukhuf, Latty; Tom Menold, Morton; Herb Steffen,

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Fairbury; Dan Wieland, Bay City, Hank Young, Cissna Park. Marvin Bauman, Rittman, was visited at camp in Frankfurt.

We were privileged to witness provings (in the German language) and baptisms at Neu-huetten. We found much love in Germany and Switzerland; it is uplifting to feel that tie that binds and to feel that others so far away are also striving to do God's will. In addition to Neu-huetten, we met loved ones in Bern, Neu-hof (Sunday forenoon), Schaff-hausen, Stafa (Sunday afternoon), Zurich, Switzerland, and Heidle-berg, Germany. Even though the scenery is beautiful, the highlight of the trip was being with the the beloved church people and the Bauman relatives. Words just cannot express the great love that was shown toward us by the service boys and the German and Swiss people. May God bless each one for their kind love and hospitality.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL.

##### Lyle and Lois Stoller

June 23 was eventful day for the family of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edith Meiss. The engagement was made known of their son Bro. Robert to Sis. Doris Stoller of Gridley; on this day they announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Glen Gudeman of Normal, son of Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park. We wish God's blessings on each couple as they walk hand in hand down life's pathway.

Steve Meiss, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edith Meiss, who is with the Army, has been transferred to Thailand. May God watch over Steve.

Those who so willingly lent themselves to bring us God's most precious and Holy word were: July 6, our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard and Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; July 13, Bros. George Gramm, Gridley; Ben Fehr, Roanoke and Noah Herman, Tuscon; July 21, Bros. Henry Grimm, Morton and Noah Herman, Tuscon; July 27, Bro. Robert Grimm, Goodfield. We were richly blessed by the messages they brought and thank each for visiting and ministering unto us.

Valerie, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Mariam Metz, submitted to a tonsillectomy. She has recovered nicely and is able to attend church with her parents and sister again.

Our Bible Class & their teachers attended the Youth Fellowship Day

at the Peoria Fellowship Center. An enjoyable day of fellowship was spent meeting other young people of like faith.

We welcome into our congregation Bro. Ernie and Sis. Shirley (Kachelmuss) Hermann, who were recently married and are living in our community. Their address is: 1806 Ft Jesse Rd, Normal Illinois.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

##### Mrs. George Butikofer

We will commence with a happy note. Arthur Schneider gave his testimony of having found peace with his Maker and was baptized. Elders Leo Moser from Lester and Paul Butikofer officiated. After the baptism, communion was served. 'Twas a blessed Sunday for us.

Our mid-weekly services have begun. The first Wed. evening of every month is devoted to regular church services, the balance to Bible Study. Everyone is welcome. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

#### THE LOOM OF LIFE

As time weaves the threads of life into

A pattern of planned design,  
The majesty of God's mighty hand  
Guides the shuttle line by line!

Sometimes the threads are dark  
and rough,

Like shadows that cloud the blue.  
Sometimes God's weaving is golden  
bright,

And shimmers with sunshine too!  
But when the last thread has drop-  
ped in place

And the shuttle and loom are still,  
You will find there's a lovely pat-  
tern

Woven by God's perfect will.

The countryside is very lovely. We sighted two deer in our hay-field, a rabbit, squirrel and a chip-munk in our lawn, and we have a nest of robins in our lilac bush. We thank our Maker for such pleasures.

#### Trip to Ft. Sam

Bros. John Schupbach, Dale Moore and Paul Butikofer left from Clermont Airport . . . destination, San Antonio, Texas. What normally should have been 7 hours flying, we encountered storm over Kansas and Oklahoma—it took us about

14 hours, but never did we doubt the Lord's protection.

Upon arriving we got a taxi to take us to the apartments, where we were greeted by several of our brethren and friends. Bro. Wendell Anliker, along with many others gave us a warm welcome.

Temperature, around 100 degrees. However, we were conveyed to an air-conditioned motel and spent a restful night.

Sunday proved to be a blessed day; as we gathered under the shade trees at the chapel, we could feel the warmth and love of God. It is also evident the waters are stirred, as two of the boys have turned to the Lord. May God give them grace to wholly surrender their lives to Him, and may others also seek their salvation.

After fond farewells, we were taken to the airport, soon came down the runway to wave to the loved ones who had shown such hospitality.

Homeward bound. After two short hours of beautiful flying, we are faced with thunderheads all along the northern horizon, so are soon grounded in Oklahoma. Monday morning we flew home without incident, and we are very thankful for a safe return to our loved ones.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

##### Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

"Asleep in Jesus" . . . this loving brother is John Gudeman. His dear wife, Sis. Laura (Kahler) had told him she will meet him at "The Eastern Gate". So suddenly he was able to go meet his Saviour, which is also a comfort to his son, Richard; his daughter, Sis. Maxine (Harold) Gutwein, and their three precious grandchildren. Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Elmer Bucher have eased the sorrow greatly. Our whole church will never forget his friendly handshake of love.

This will be the last time our Dear Sis. Mary Wuethrich's name will be in the Silver Lining, as at last she could go to her heavenly Home. Her dark clouds were turned to a Silver Lining, as the memories that she left to her dear husband Leon, and children Susan, Cheryl, Larry, Marsha and Carol will never be forgotten, until their wish will be granted to again **Meet Her There**. Dear Mary not only had a great love for her family, but everyone. Her last words Bro. Wendell said was, To be remembered to

everyone, and Bro. Elmer had words of farewell love to say about her.

Bro. Henry Beer, who is a lover of nature, came to us and spoke of the love of God.

Now we want to tell you about a "Southern Smile of Love" that we were privileged to see on our visiting minister, Bro. Lavoyd Moore of Athens. If we could just do what he so lovingly told us, we will continue to be happy. Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington visited with him.

I must close with this "Sunshine" experience. In church, as one of my "Sixteen Sunshine Grandchildren" came to me, he had this paper from Sunday School: "Please write down how I tried to spread sunshine this week by being kind, unselfish, obedient or helpful. This slip of paper will be colored yellow and placed in a 'Sunshine Jar', as we try to learn how to please God". Thank you sincerely.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Due to the time zone split in our area, it has been decided to change the starting time of our regular services to 10:30 EDT. This will remain in effect as long as the time difference exists.

Our dear friend, Pete Luthi, is entering the hospital for surgery. We commit him into the Lord's care, both body and soul.

Our thanks to Bros. Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler for lending themselves, in the absence of our home ministers.

Our Sunday School vacation is the month of August. Classes will be resumed in September.

Thus united and in concord,  
Let us walk the path of life  
Hand in hand, O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive.

Thus it is our Saviour's pleasure  
As His footprints plainly show.  
May God's love, our greatest treasure,  
Richly every heart bestow.

Only he is called a brother  
Whom the tie of love does bind;  
And the love of God, the Father  
Filleth soul and heart and mind.

With the love of God inspired,  
There is joy for us on earth;  
May the Spirit we've acquired  
Grant us blessing, peace, and mirth.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber FAITH IS THE KEY WHICH OPENS ONES' LIFE TO GOD

**Engagements:** Sis. Ruth Kipfer has made known her engagement to Bro. Keith Baumgartner; parents of the betrothed couple are Bro. and Sis. Martin Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Chester Baumgartner. Sis. Marcene Gerber has made known of her engagement to Bro. Dave Gilliom; parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Louis Gilliom.

**Birth:** A son, Gregory Phillip to Bro. and Sis. Phillip Stettner.

**Shut-In:** Hospitalized was Sis. Marge Ringger.

**ENLIGHTENMENT:** The Bible as a book stands alone. There never was, nor ever will be another like it. As there is but one sun to enlighten the world naturally, so there is but one Book to enlighten the world spiritually. May that Book become to each the place of our counsel, the guide of our journey, the inspiration of our thought, and our support and comfort in life and in death.

The BIBLE contains: 3,566,480 letters, 733,746 words, 31,163 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The **longest chapter** is the 119th Psalm; **shortest**, the middle chapter, the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The **longest name** is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word "AND" occurs 46,227 times; the word "JEHOVAH" 6,855 times. The **longest verse** is the ninth of the eighth chapter of Esther; the **shortest verse** is the thirty-fifth of the eleventh chapter of John. **In the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the alphabet.** The Bible contains two testaments. **THE OLD IS LAW; THE NEW IS LOVE. THE OLD IS THE BUD, THE NEW IS THE BLOOM.** In the New, GOD is reaching down for man. In the Old, man is in the valley, but can see the sun shining on the mountain-tops. In the NEW he is on the mountain-top, basking in the sunlight of GOD's infinite LOVE.

### MANY SIDEDNESS

I tell you that Jesus challenges the attention of this world by His many-sidedness. He meets the needs of all classes & conditions of men. As deep answereth unto deep,

so does he respond to the movings of each soul of men. Call the roll of the world's workers and ask, "What think ye of Christ?"

To the artist, He is the One altogether lovely.

To the architect, He is the Chief Corner-Stone.

To the astronomer, He is the Sun of Righteousness.

To the baker, He is the Living Bread.

To the biologist, He is Life.

To the builder, He is the Sure Foundation.

To the carpenter, He is the Door.

To the doctor, He is the Great Physician.

To the educator, He is the Great Teacher.

To the farmer, He is the Sower.

To the florist, He is the Rose of Sharon.

To the geologist, He is the Rock of Ages.

To the philanthropist, He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the servant, He is the Good Master.

### WHAT IS HE TO YOU?

It was an announcement that the description of Christ was discovered in an ancient Latin text in the Vatican Library at Rome.

#### "He is Called Jesus"

"There appeared in these, our days, a man of great virtue named Jesus Christ, who is yet living among us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as the prophet of truth.

"He raises the dead and cures all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, such as the beholder may both love and fear. . . ."

In the midst of his head is a seam, a partition in the hair, after the manner of the Nazarites. His forehead plain . . . his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful . . . His nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended. His beard is in color like his hair, not very long. . . His look innocent and mature.

His eyes, clear and quick and luminous. In reproving he is terrible, his eyes piercing, as with a two-edged sword, the greedy, the selfish and the oppressor, but look with tenderest pity on the weak, the erring and the sinful. Courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen

him weep. In proportion of body most excellent—a man for his singular beauty surpassing the children of men.”

Submitted by a brother in faith from Bluffton.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

#### Carolyn Dotterer

Bill Sanders, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Sanders, has been announced for proving in the near future. We look forward to hearing his testimony.

On July 17, Aldo Yackley, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Yackley, and Joyce Medkiff were married by Bro. Roy Farney. May God bless them richly in their new life together.

“This is one of those bright precious moments granted thy beloved from above.” We enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship when Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Rudy Graf, and Ben Maibach spent a short time here and ministered to us. We thank God for the many precious teachings, and pray that he will bless these brothers for their efforts.

Our prayers are with Bro. Ernest Elsasser, who is recuperating at home from a stroke he suffered several weeks ago.

How thankful we are when another soul can find the Lord. May God grant an abundance of grace to Mrs. Jerry (Louise) Roth, who has turned to Him in repentance.

Candy Rose was born to George and Christine (Dubach) Schuster on July 1. Welcoming her at home is a sister, Penny.

### LONG BINH, VIET NAM

Barry J. Isch — Merle G. Rocke  
Though great dangers oft surround us

Passing through life's stormy sea,  
Where the clouds of gloom and darkness

Hover o'er our heads and we  
Through the tempest must keep rowing,

In distress and scarcely knowing  
Whether we, the poor, unknown,  
Of our Lord are left alone.

Yet the Lord is ever near us;  
He doth guide our vessel's course;  
He would test our love and firmness,  
Giving storm and wind their course.

That our faith be shown in clearness

Seemingly He hides His nearness;

If we plead with fervent will.  
He will bid the sea be still.

Oh how such words give comfort and encouragement to the lonely soldier. We must testify that as often as we lie on our bunks, reading God's word or our Zion's Harp, we can feel the presence of the Lord in our midst.

Bros. Floyd Frieden, Barry Isch, and Merle Rocke have been permitted to assemble regularly for Sunday worship services. At times we have been permitted to meet with Bro. Ed Kupferschmid and Friends Mark Steiner, Dean Eisenmann and Roy Wiegand.

Each time we have held taped services, whether in a vacant chapel, a sandbag bunker, or a grove of rubber trees, we have witnessed the fulfillment of Christ's Promise, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Those of us who expect to be in Vietnam for quite sometime experience mixed emotions as we expect these brothers to return to the states soon; Ed Kupferschmid, Aug. 9; Floyd Frieden, Aug. 24. Ed expects to finish his service at Ft. Carson, Colo.; Floyd, at Ft. Sam Houston. May God grant these dear ones a safe return. We will greatly miss them, and shall never forget the experiences and blessings we have shared.

We would appreciate it if anyone who is sent to Vietnam would notify us in advance. You would most likely process through the 90th replacement Bn. here at Long Binh, and we could tell you how to contact us when you arrive.

In humility we thank all who have uttered prayers to God on our behalf. As often as we play a tape and hear a brother pray for us, we can't stop tears of joy coupled with unworthiness from welling up in our eyes.

Surely these words best express our constant thought:  
Though the burden oft be grievous,  
Thou canst comfort and relieve us;  
Guided by Thy hand alone,  
**Thine, and not my will be done.**

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

#### Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nussbaum of Frankfort Ind. have a baby girl, Jynene Marie. Jack is the son of the late Andy and Mary Nussbaum.

Sis. Anna Stortz is recovering nicely after having surgery.

Clarence and Geraldine Peters

and family of Morton visited. They used to assemble with us when they lived at Kentland.

A number went to Elgin to the funeral of Sis. Kathryn Schamback. Her brother, Bro. Ed and family lived here for a time, her mother used to work for my mother when we were small, and her home was here . . . last time she was here enjoyed meeting her, with her friendly and happy smile.

Dean Paul arrived Mon. Aug. 4 to Bro. Ralph and Sis. Helen Waibel; They also have a little girl Elizabeth Sue.

Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel have spent several weeks on a European trip.

Bro. Odell and Sis. Marjorie Pittman observed their 25 wedding anniversary. May God be their guide and stay in the years ahead.

Bro. Lavoyd Moore, Athens, was with us on Fri. evening and Bro. Harold Messner from Winthrop for services on a Wed. night. May God give each one faith and courage to spread the word around. . . . Tell the joyful news wherever man is found, spread the the blessed tidings all the world around. . . . **whosoever will may come.**

For all the heartaches and the tears,

For all the anguish and the pain,  
For gloomy days and fruitless years,

And for the hopes that live in vain,

I do give thanks, for now I know  
These are the things that help me grow.

Each deed we do, each word we say  
Affects some other soul,  
And we may help it to attain  
Or keep it from its goal.

For if our influence is bad,  
We shall impair the weak,  
And undermine their courage for  
The virtues they would seek.

But if we guard our actions and  
We speak with grace and care,  
Our influence on others will  
Be equal to a prayer.

Our greatest service and the best  
Example we can give  
Are gentle conversations and  
The noble way to live.

And surely God will bless us in  
The hour of our need,  
If we will try to be like Him  
In every word and deed.

Why do we allow destructive thoughts toward our fellowmen creep into our lives? If we are willing to forgive, God will supply the power to forgive our resentment toward others and grant us new beginnings, when we desire it with all our heart. He will cleanse and fill us with His redeeming love.

**A Christian should never let adversity get him down—except on his knees.**

When looking for "secret faults" remember you can begin at either end of sin and always find "I" in the middle.

**Consecrated Christians, like mirrors, should always reflect the glory and joy of the Lord.**

You are writing a gospel,  
A chapter each day  
By deeds that you do,  
By words that you say;  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true;  
Say what is the gospel  
According to you?

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer**  
The afternoon of July 20, Bro. Dave Kieser performed the ceremony uniting Joyce Stahl, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Edith, and Dale Blunier, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda of Eureka, in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. May the Lord bless this union. They are residing on a farm near Eureka.

Bro. David and Sis. Beulah Ehnle have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Roger Blunier, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Elizabeth Blunier.

Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach is enjoying her home, after being hospitalized for a few weeks. Sis. Hulda Martin is showing improvement from therapy treatments and has been permitted to spend a few hours in her home. Orville Eberle has submitted to major surgery and is slowly improving; however, he is still receiving care in the intensive care ward. Bro. Chris Martin hasn't been feeling so well, and was confined to his home for awhile. We trust the Lord will be near the shut-ins and make each day more bearable.

#### Gateways to God

Gateways there are that lead to God—

They are so near it seems so odd  
That women, men should pass  
them by

And never ever even try  
To turn the latch or raise the stay  
So thoughtlessly they go their way  
Across the earth's expanses wide,  
When just a little touch, inside  
They'd find sweet-smelling flowers  
—sod—

And gardening among them, GOD.

On all these gateways is a name,  
And not a single one the same,  
A sentence maybe or a phrase,  
And as these humans go their ways  
They see the letters written there,  
Stewardship and love and prayer,  
Charity and sacrifice. . .

And oftentimes they read them  
twice,  
And then again—some hearts are  
small—

They may not read the words at  
all.

And may not enter, yet each swings  
For those sincere to heavenly  
things

Away from narrow worldly pride  
To better, finer joys inside.  
Away from greed, away from hate.  
Why in the darkness must we  
wait?

Why must we tarry, deaf and blind,  
When—this is surely true—behind  
These gates past which we daily  
plod

We'd find the Master Gardner,  
GOD?

"Oh how lovely is the morning,  
when it is begun with God." Many  
voices blended in singing this  
beautiful hymn one Sunday when  
we had visitors from various  
places. It truly warmed our hearts  
to see the benches being filled to  
hear the simple word of God,  
brought in sincere, humble way by  
our Bros. Roy Wieland of Bay City,  
Paul Butikofer of Elgin, and Lynn  
Klopfenstein of Alabama. There  
was heard a pleading invitation to  
repent, to live faithfully, and gain  
the reward awaiting the faithful.  
No one can imagine the joy that  
peace of heart gives. It is so simple  
and so little is required, yet the  
world offers so much; many are  
deceived and wait for a more conven-  
ient day. This is the day of grace.  
If we would pass from this world  
today, where would your soul spend  
eternity? We were so very happy  
for our visitors, and hope and pray  
all received manifold blessings. We  
are thankful to God for these pre-

cious hours so needful in this busy  
world of sin and tumult. Before we  
parted the beautiful hymn 213 was  
sung, and one could feel the pres-  
ence of God: "May now the grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, The peace  
and love of God, The fellowship of  
His Holy Spirit, Abide with us all,  
Yea, with us all! Amen.

When the dark days come, and the  
clouds grow gray,  
All men must brave them as best  
they may,

With never too much repining;  
And bravest is he, when the sha-  
dows fall,  
Who sees in the gloom of his dark-  
ened hall  
The light of his faith still shining.

In those lonely days when his heart  
shall ache  
And it seems that soon shall his  
courage break,

There is only one place to borrow,  
One place to go for the strength he  
needs.

He must bind with faith every  
wound that bleeds,  
And cling to his faith through  
sorrow .

Bro. Sam Grimm is convalescing  
at home following surgery, being  
hospitalized several weeks.

A thank you, for all the cards,  
visits and prayers while in the hos-  
pital and since returning home.  
May God bless you all! Elizabeth  
Wagenbach

I know not the way I am going,  
But well do I know my Guide!  
With a childlike faith do I give my  
hand

To the mighty Friend by my side,  
And the only thing that I say to  
Him

As He takes it is, Hold it fast!  
Suffer me not to lose the way. . .  
And lead me home at last.

If we could see beyond today As  
God can see,

If all the clouds should roll away,  
The shadows flee;  
O'er present griefs we would not  
fret,

Each sorrow we would soon forget,  
For many joys are waiting yet For  
you and me.

If we could know beyond today  
As God doth know,  
Why dearest treasures pass away  
And tears must flow;

And why the darkness leads to  
light,  
Why dreary days will soon grow  
bright. . .  
Some day life's wrong will be made  
right;  
Faith tells us so.

**LESTER LOWA**  
**Emelie Knobloch**

Among the ill:

Mrs. Wm. Moser has returned to her home, after nearly two months of hospitalization following a serious car accident. She had severe facial injuries which required much surgery. Lou Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch is in a cast, after breaking his arm.

Delores Feucht, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Feucht had 3 fingers injured in a chain on a lawn mower. A week later it was found necessary to amputate her index finger behind the first joint. Five of our young folks were involved in a car accident. Three were treated and released but Kathy Knobloch remained at the Emmetsburg Hospital for a couple weeks (with facial and leg injuries.) She is recuperating at home, but must have some dental surgery. Madonna Wulf was transferred to the Sioux Falls Hospital, where she underwent surgery on both legs. She is able to be in a wheel chair, with both legs in a cast.

Brian Teubel was seriously injured, when a part from a tractor tipped and fell on him. He was hospitalized with a fractured pelvic. He is home and in a wheelchair. Tom Knobloch had painful injuries to a toe, from a power lift on a cultivator.

Gary and Cindy Metzger went to Taylor to visit Beth Ann Moser who is in Nurse's training at St. Louis. On their return they were in an accident; the car was a total loss. Bro. Wm. Wulf had three fingers injured in a feed grinder. Bro. Albert Knobloch smashed a couple of his fingers. Sis. Lydia Nester, who was hospitalized for observation had surgery and is at the home of her son.

Carol Wulf fell from a horse while visiting near Peoria. She was in the Procter Hospital for treatment. She was flown home, after she had a brace fitted. Bro. Ted Gerber was hospitalized for observation.

Little Lisa Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Knobloch was hospitalized, after she got into ant

poison. Dan Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger had hernia surgery.

Our elderly Sis. Lena Maurer celebrated her 83rd birthday.

Sis. Betty and Eunice Knobloch arrived safely from Japan. Bess reported that such fellowship and hospitality can only be experienced by loved ones of like faith and mind. This is only tastes of the greater joys we will share in the great Beyond.

Larry Leuthold, son of Bro. and Sis. Paul Leuthold is engaged to Mardi Balde of Sioux Falls. Bro. and Sis. August Feucht announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon to Carl Strahm of Sabetha; an October wedding is planned.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, a daughter, Virginia Ann, June 13. Little Virginia was hospitalized for several days for observation, but is doing well. To Bro. and Sis. Roy Metzger, a daughter, Angela Rose, July 31.

We had a blessed privilege to have Bro. Henry Sabo and Bro. Uriel Gehring expound the Gospel. Bro. Uriel read from Luke 12, revealing to us what our reward will be when we lay up treasures for ourselves and not toward our Lord.

For our loved ones who are traveling today: I read this poem with true meaning.

When traveling the highways and  
byways today,  
We run into roadblocks and detours,  
you know;  
We often must turn to our road-  
maps for help,  
To guide and to show us the right  
way to go.  
Friend when we're traveling the  
highway of life,  
The road's often rough; the way  
ahead dim,  
But an all-loving Father provided  
a guide;  
Our Bible's the roadmap to lead us  
to Him.

**TAMAHATA, JAPAN**  
**Willis Ehle**

On Sunday, Aug. 3, Bro. Kent Ringger of Bluffton visited our Shioda and Tamahata churches. He is stationed in Vietnam; we are grateful he could visit us and that we could speak one with another of things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Sis. Nancy Schrock departed for her home on Sat., Aug. 2. Sis. Carol Schrenk is coming to replace her as

kindergarten teacher. Our next need is for an elementary school teacher, to replace Sis. Marie Neihouser as of Sept. 1, 1970. Marie's commitment ends as of the end of the school year in the spring of 1970. Anyone interested should please so inform the local elder, who in turn may inform the missionary committee of your interest. The missionary committee makes the final decisions on sending teachers or any other workers.

**TUCSON, ARIZONA**

**Jay and Dorothy Bertsch**

I, Jay Bertsch, would like to talk a little of old-times. I'll be sixty years old on my next birthday. I'd like to talk of my great-grandfather, John Bertsch Sr. From what my father told me of this John Bertsch, he came to this country with his family and settled on a farm on the old Graber Rd., near Leo, where at the present time some of my aunts and uncles still reside. My father, Samuel Bertsch moved to the Bluffton area, where he got married and lived there until he passed away in 1951. Our family consisted of 8 boys ( of which I was the oldest) and two girls. My father was the oldest in his family. I don't know if anyone living in Leo would remember my great-grandfather. At my age, there are two things I can remember about him. When I went to Leo with my father to visit my grandparents, my great-grandfather was also living there, and had his own room. I was five or six years old, but I still remember how he'd call me and my brother, Herman, into his room and gave us rock candy and also some red apples, which he kept under the edge of his mattress. If my memory serves me right, he lived to be close to 100 years old .

We are having nice weather here and have been blessed with some rains, which was needed badly. This desert region doesn't get much rain; all the farming is done by irrigation. The main crops are cotton, alfalfa hay and citrus fruits. Copper mining and ranching are two main industries.

This is the ideal country for winter visitors. We would extend a welcome invitation to any who would like to make Tucson their winter home.

Our church group is still relatively small, due to those who are still summer vacationing.

**RITTMAN, OHIO**  
**Florence Hartzler**  
**Mrs. Ben Blough**

We welcome into our congregation two sisters from the Akron area, Sis. Emma Webber and Sis. Mary Zollinger. Their new address is RD 1, Marshallville Ohio 44645. They are now making their home with Sis. Lydia Steiner.

The family of Sis. Sarah Tanner wishes to thank all for the many kindnesses shown to them during the recent illness and death of their dear mother and grandmother. May God bless you for your deeds of love. We sadly miss the presence of dear Sis. Sarah.

Our hospitalized included Marge Maibach, Sis. Ella Widmer and Bro. Carl Stoller. We pray that God will be near those who are ill and that their suffering will be eased.

Sis. Doris Indermuhle of our Sardis congregation and Bro. Denny Miller were united in holy matrimony July 27. On Aug. 3, Sis. Joyce Marty and Bro. Fred Stoller took their marriage vows. May God bless the lives of these loved ones.

**ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA**  
**Marilyn Graf**

We were blessed by the visits of elders, Bro. Rudolph Graf, Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Joe Waibel. We thank them for their visit and for their enlightening sermons. We enjoyed a church dinner with them and the Maywood congregation during their stay here.

Bro. Art and Sis. Joy Bauer from Princeville spent several Sundays with us, while they were visiting Joy's sister, Sis. Judie Bittner. We enjoyed their visit and invite them to return at anytime.

Sis. Carol Schrenk had a brief layover in Los Angeles on her way to Japan, where she will teach for two years. We wish her God's blessings in this venture.

**BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**  
**Marlene Mosher**

We were happy to have with us Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Bro. Merle Laukhuf and Bro. Arthur Gude- man. These brothers delivered some wonderful messages from our Lord.

Friends Edith Ramseyer and Rodney Laukhuf of Latty were united in Holy Matrimony. Edith is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Herbert Ramseyer, and Rod is the son of Bro. and Sis. Merle Laukhuf. We wish the couple happiness in their new life together.

Sis. Marian Knochel was able to assemble with us again, after being bound at home after foot surgery. Sis. Emma Zimmerman is in the hospital.

Pauline Rylance passed away, after being hurt in a storm at her home. She was the daughter of Sis. Lena Lambert and the late Wm. Lambert. She leaves behind: her husband, LaVern Rylance; two daughters, and a grandson. We pray for the bereaved ones, that their load may be made a little lighter.

**CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth**

Our visiting ministers were: Bros. Ed Frank, La Crosse; Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin. We thank them for their visits. Bro. Robert Walder of Bloomington was appointed our new minister. His wife is the former Gloria Stoller, daughter of the late Bro. Lowell and Sis. Clara Stoller Huber of Princeville. Bob and Gloria have two small children, a girl and a boy. We wish them all God's grace and the best for them. Bro. Chris Miller and Bro. Elmer Grusy were appointed to help Bro. Alvin Farney with the Crop Insurance.

Bro. Conrad Schurter had a serious heart attack and is in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was in the intensive care unit for sometime. He is improving, but progress is slow. We hope he will continue to improve and will soon be able to be in his own home again.

Our Sunday School pupils are having vacation through the month of Aug. Classes will resume Sept. 7.

Sis. Lena Schieber has been with us the last few Sundays. This coming Sunday she will celebrate her 89th birthday. We are always glad when she can be home for a week end and come to church. She has been staying at the Eureka A. C. Home for over a year now.

The remodeling project has started on our church. They plan to enlarge the baby room and cover the north entrance to the church. The brothers and friends have been donating quite a lot of time and work towards the project.

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

**LAMAR, MO.**  
**Marie Marti**

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." May God comfort the loved ones of Bro. Ben Banwart, who departed this life on July 28 at the age of 86. May they find comfort in knowing that he has finished his course in faith. Bro. Banwart served the Lord and the church faithfully for many years. We feel that he has reached the goal for which he was striving and is resting at peace with the Lord. Ben Banwart was born in West Bend Sept. 16, 1882. He was married to Cecelia Marti in 1906. Surviving are 4 sons: Bro. Arthur of Lamar; Bro. Harvey of La Crosse; Bro. Raymond of Ft. Scott; and Lloyd of Springfield, Mo.; three daughters, Sisters Pearl and Marie of the home and Sis. Clara Frank of Oakville; 6 brothers, Bros. Emil and Joe of Ft. Scott; Eli and Oscar of Lamar; Elmer of Detroit; and Charles of Dill City, Okla.; and 4 sisters, Sisters Elizabeth Marti and Sis. Louise Hartman of Sabetha; Sisters Esther Schaefer and Sophia Nohl of Hancock. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

On the week-end of Aug. 2 and 3 we had the privilege and pleasure of again meeting and greeting loved ones, some of whom we had not seen for many years. It was so good to again have in our midst many dear ones who came for the reunion of servicemen that had attended the Lamar church.

"Meet today in social union.  
 Spend the hour in sweet communion  
 As in seasons past,  
 Christian friendship is a treasure,  
 Pure in nature, rich in measure,  
 Filling us with heavenly pleasure,  
 While the moments last."

**Hymns of Zion**

These lines so appropriately describe the warm, loving, friendly Christian fellowship which we experienced during these two days. On Sunday we were blessed and spiritually strengthened by the God-inspired messages brought to us by Bros. Henry Manz, Edwin Ringger, and Perry Zimmerman. The thought was expressed that the reunion on this day was truly a blessing, but how much greater the glories of that heavenly reunion some day, with those who faithfully serve the Lord.



Oscar Banwart spent ten days in Burge Hospital in Springfield, Mo., as a surgical patient. We are thankful to God that he is home and improving.

This poem was submitted by the members of Ben Banwart family:

#### Dad

Vain the tribute we would pay him;  
words cannot express  
What it meant to have him with us  
and our thankfulness.  
Sweet the memory he has left us,  
though our hearts are sad;  
Great the blessing that was given,  
just to call him Dad.

#### LATTY, OHIO

##### Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

In the hospital. . . Marshal Stoller was admitted for toe surgery. She is the daughter of Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva. She is at home and fully recovered.

On July 19, Friends Rodney Laukhuf, son of Bro. Merrill and Sis. Dolly, and Edith Ramseyer, daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Naomi of Bay City, were united in marriage. On the following Sun., July 26, a reception was held for our Latty congregation at the home of Bro. Merrill and Sis. Dolly. We wish them well in their new life.

Brenda Mae Stoller, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Beulah, and James H. Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Mullen, have announced their engagement. They plan a Sept. wedding.

This has been a busy time of year, with our farmers harvesting the ripened grain.

#### HARVEST-TIME

The harvest fields are bending  
With precious, ripened grain;  
More reapers now are needed,  
Ere Christ comes back again.

The call must now be heeded,  
We cannot say Him nay;  
Since He has died to save them,  
We must go forth today.

We'll come again rejoicing,  
A reaper's crown to gain;  
The Harvest-Home is coming,  
When Christ comes back again.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

##### Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Nothing is so bad but what it could be worse, often comes to mind when we take a few moments and count our blessings. We're thankful Bro. Silas Banwart escaped more

serious injury, when he sustained a broken collar-bone and facial lacerations in a car accident. He was hospitalized for a time, but is able to assemble with us again. Other hospital patients were Bro. Alfred Fehr and Sis. Evelyn Schmidt, for medical, and Bro. Eugene Bruellman with back trouble. These are all home and improving, as well as Bob Gress and Kathy Knobloch of Lester.

On Sunday Aug. 3, Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha united Sis. Doris Fehr and Bro. Martin Zaugg in an impressive marriage ceremony. May the Lord bless this important undertaking.

Michael Lee is the name given to the new son born to Richard and Dorothy Zaugg on July 17. He has two brothers and a sister to welcome him home.

How thankful we are that the Lord is still calling, and friends answering. Ruth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, and Barbara, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Esther Banwart are seeking the Lord's guidance in repentance. May we ever be mindful of seeking souls in our prayers.

Many thanks to Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington and Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha for expounding the teachings of the Lord unto us. May they be blessed for these deeds.

Bro. Silas Banwart wishes to thank everyone for prayers, visits, cards and gifts while in the hospital and since his return home.

Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger and Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr wish to extend a hearty thank-you to the Japanese congregations, Bro. and Sis. Willis and Lois Ehnle, and Bro. and Sis. John and Betty Claus for all of their love and kindnesses shown them and other visitors; special appreciation is for their many efforts to make the wedding so very nice.

Arnold and Elaine Wilderman have a new son named Gregory Allen, born July 26. They have one other son.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

##### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

We were privileged to have a number of visiting ministers. They are as follows: Bros. Noah Schrock—Oakville, Uriel Gehring—Burlington, Ray Banwart—Ft. Scott, Joe Kaisner—Forrest, Hartzell

Kaisner—Detroit, Lynn Klopfenstein—Athens, Charles Hemmer—Peoria.

July 13, Sis. Arlene Tanner and Bro. Jerry Banwart from Burlington, Iowa, were united in marriage by Bro. Noah Schrock. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul and Sara Tanner. His parents live at La Crosse. They will live in Burlington, where he is employed. May God bless their marriage.

In the hospital is Bro. Leonard Hartter, due to injuries he had from a fall at his work. Sis. Bena Fehr is a patient in Eureka Hospital yet, but is showing improvement.

Another friend is seeking the Lord. It is Lee Blunier. We can only hope and pray that many more will come to Jesus and be saved before the door of grace will be closed forever.

Sunday School classes, (with the exception of the Bible Class which had no vacation), were started August 3, after a month's vacation.

We know not what the path may be  
As yet by us untrod,  
But we can trust our all on Thee,  
Our Father and our God.

1. COME. Never miss church, unless it is absolutely necessary.
2. COME EARLY. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
3. COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate.
4. TAKE A PLACE TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH. Leave the rear seats for those who come late, and mothers with children.
5. BE DEVOUT. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our utmost reverence.
6. BE THOUGHTFUL OF THE COMFORT OF OTHERS. Never expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.
7. HELP STRANGERS. If they have no book, share yours with them. Sing! Join in the worship!
8. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT STRANGERS ARE THE GUESTS OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.

9. GIVE A GOOD OFFERING TO GOD. "God loveth a cheerful giver".
10. NEVER RUSH FOR THE DOOR AS THOUGH THE CHURCH WERE ON FIRE. Speak and be spoken to. Be congenial!
11. NEVER STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS NOT PERFECT.
12. REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES THAT YOU ARE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### Elna Grimm

An old lady when asked on her 100th birthday, "To what do you credit your long life?" replied . . . "Prayers,—and that don't mean 'gimme' prayers. Some folks are always asking God to 'gimme this' and 'gimme that'. Me, I always prayed 'thankee' prayers, You see, I always been sprightly: my eyes have been good, always heard well, never had any miseries that amounted to much. . . I was always so busy workin' that I never had time to get too fat. I was always a great hand for sunrises, so gettin' up at the crack o'dawn every sunny day started the day out just right. When it rained, and there weren't no sun, it made me feel good to see the way my growin' vegetables stood up straight with their shoulders back. Truth to tell, if a body takes time to thank God for all the good things He's given him, he'll be so busy sayin' 'thank-ee' prayers that he won't need to be sayin' 'gimme' all the time."

We rejoice with our Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie Hohulin, as their daughter, Leann was proved on July 19 and baptized on July 20. Their family is now "complete" in the Lord. This must surely be encouraging for our Bro. Ed, as an elder. We are grateful for them as a family, and pray for them, as we do for ourselves, that we might remain true and faithful to the end. Bro. Roy Sauder was here to prove Leann.

**New babies:** A baby girl, Kelly Renee was born to our friends Dick and Carla Hohulin on July 14. Bro. Eli Hohulin and his wife, Lois from Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson from Cherry Valley are the grandparents. A baby boy, John Roger Jr., was born to Friends John and Linda Rokey on July 28. Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey

from R.R. Eureka and Mr. and Mrs. Al Goeken of Delavan are the grandparents.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

#### Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Visiting ministers delivering inspirational messages to our congregation were, Bro. Harry Bucher, Valparaiso, Bro. Noah Herman, Tuscon; and Bros. Sam and Earl Kilgus, Remington.

Tammy Sue, infant daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Wava Kaupp, was still born in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington. She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

The community was shocked Tues. Aug. 5 when our friend, Emmanuel Keurth died while walking through his bean field. Emmanuel, who was 55 years old, is survived by his wife, the former Lucille Price; three sons, Kenneth, Kieth and Steven; and one daughter, Delores. Emmanuel and his family worshipped with us regularly, and he will be missed in church as well as in the community. We extend to his family and to Bro. Harold and Sis. Wava Kaupp our sincere sympathy.

Our friend, William Schmidtgal, who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, enjoyed a seven-day leave with his parents and other relatives, and has returned to Texas, accompanied by his wife and infant son.

Bro. Ben Hofer, who spent his 87th birthday in the hospital, is now in the Americana Nursing Home in Bloomington.

Marion, daughter of Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Violette Funk, has returned home and is recovering nicely, after having surgery a number of weeks ago.

Bro. Lloyd Stoller has returned home from Mayo Clinic, where he underwent surgery for removal of a tumor from his hip. We are so glad to see how well he is recovering, and that he is able to attend services, even though on crutches for awhile. Lloyd is the son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Marie Stoller.

Bro. Philip Moser is convalescing in his home, after undergoing surgery in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. We wish all our shut-ins and patients a speedy recovery.

Bro. David and Sis. Gloria Wettstein have moved from Peoria to Streater, where David will be teaching this coming year. They will attend services in Gridley.

Sis. Judy, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig accompanied

by several other sisters from other congregations, is vacationing in Europe for a number of weeks. Elma Lou, daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf, has returned home from Europe.

Byron, son of Sis. Laura and the late Harold Martin, and Carolyn Louise Aberle, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Aberle, from Sabetha were united in marriage on Aug. 3, in Kansas. They will make their home in Gridley, where Byron is employed. We wish them God's blessings in their union.

"My sincere thanks to all my relatives and friends who remembered me with prayers, cards and visits during my stay at the hospital and since returning home. While I was in the hospital I had my 87th birthday and received 106 cards. God's richest blessings to each and everyone. Ben Hofer"

Addresses: Byron Stoller, 606 Blair Dr, Normal Ill 61761; Joe Stoller, 702 SE 22nd St, Ft Lauderdale Fla 33316.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

#### Mrs. Gus Weltz

#### Miss Della Witschey

The annual Witschey reunion will be held at City Park here on Sunday, Aug. 24. This brings together a number from many points to enjoy the day.

J. Howard Riggenbach underwent surgery in the University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va., on Aug. 6, and reports of his condition are good.

Roy Riggenbach of Limestone Ridge has been a patient in the local hospital for several weeks and is slowly improving.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood has been able to return home, after a several day stay in the local hospital.

Mrs. Nell Epplesheimer and Mrs. Fred Berthel of Wheeling are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich.

Walter Emch seems to be gaining in health and strength since he is at home, after several months in the hospital.

Miss Margaret Witschey visited with relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

Several from here attended the wedding of Miss Doris Indermuhle and Mr. Dennis Miller, at the Sardis Church on July 27. They also attended the reception at the home of the bride.

Miss Mary Witschey held a family picnic at her country home on

Sunday, Aug. 3, with more than fifty relatives and close friends attending. Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and son of Cleveland, O., visited recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Emily Tanner**  
**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

On July 9, we were privileged to hear of the conversion of Naomi (Reeb) Perrine. The following Sunday she was baptized, and is now one of God's precious children. We're so thankful for each dear soul who can seek and find their soul's salvation.

Youth Fellowship was held at the Fellowship Hall July 13. Attending were youth from various churches in this area. Bro. Uriel Gehring was guest speaker in the evening.

Bros. Joe, Merle, and Hartzell Kaisner, Elias Somerhalder, Harvey Grimm, Edwin Bahler & Noah Herman visited our congregation. We thank all for coming and for the kind deeds and fellowship we are privileged to enjoy with one another.

We welcome Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila (Funk) Witzig in our assembly. Before their marriage, both attended the Gridley church. Their address is 1201 W. Columbia Terrace, Peoria Ill. 61606.

The engagement of Sis. Jill Heinholt of La Crosse and Bro. Jay Plattner, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hannah Plattner was made known to our congregation. We wish them many blessings from above.

Diana Messerli, daughter of Bro. Daniel and Sis. Miriam Messerli, became the bride of Darrel Taylor, son of Mrs. Rena Taylor on June 15.

Terry Haefli, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Ilene Haefli was married to Dan Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowen on June 27.

Deanne Klinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klinger of Chicago, was married to Douglas Hartman, son of Lloyd and Sis. Elizabeth (Schlipf) Hartman on June 28. They will be living in Rosemont, Ill. (a suburb of Chicago).

Kay Plattner, daughter of Bro. Marion and Sis. Ella Plattner, and Gary Monagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Monagle, were married July 27. Our best wishes are extended to these dear friends for their happi-

ness, and pray the Lord will bless their marriage.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy (Staub) Herrman are the parents of Jeffery Staub, born July 16. This is their first child.

Sis. Ida Hoerr, 89, a resident of Peoria almost all her life died July 12 at St. Francis Hospital, where she had been a patient two weeks. She was married to George Hoerr in 1904; he died Oct. 21, 1958. Ida had been keeping house and lived alone, and had attended church services regularly up until she was hospitalized. Surviving are two sons, Bros. Joe and Oscar Hoerr, both of Peoria; two sisters, Misses Louisa and Dena Belsley; and one brother, Joe P. Belsley, all of Morton.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Rose Heinsman. Sisters Ida Otto, Edna Klein and Phoebe Eberhardt have all been hospital patients. Sis. (Miss) Emma Binkele has gone to live at the A. C. Home in Eureka.

### STEP BY STEP

He does not lead us year by year,  
Nor even day by day,  
But step by step our path unfolds;  
Our Lord directs our way.

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

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

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

For truly forlorn is the man who  
weeps  
When his dead lies buried in floral  
heaps  
And friends his path are lining.  
And a pitiful creature He's doomed  
to be,  
If he cannot look through the  
gloom and see  
The light of his faith still shining.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**  
I met God in the morning

When my day was at its best,  
And His presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered;  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea. . .  
So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled  
way;

You must seek God in the morning,  
If you want Him through the  
day!

Can you think of a better way to start your day than to begin it with "God in Prayer"? Surely if we seek Him in the morning, He will go with us all the day through as expressed by the poet in the above words—

Sis. Katie Stoller is now staying with her daughter, Sis. Elaine Erb, and family (George). Her address is 1017 Moeller Rd., New Haven 46774. She does enjoy mail and wishes to express her thanks to those who have remembered her.

"Promotion Sunday" in our Sunday School was held on July 6 for all classes.

The engagement of Bro. Bill Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen, was made known on July 20 to Sis. Pam Pfister, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Ruth, of Mansfield.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of the Athens Church was our visiting minister. We thank God for his visit and the message he brought to us.

Blessings and fellowship was enjoyed by a number of our congregation who gathered together to sing, read the scripture, and bring a word of prayer this past Sunday afternoon for my Dad, Bro. Will Beutel of Tremont, who spent a short ten days with us, and Sis. Katie Stoller. This was greatly appreciated by them! Sometimes we do not **fully** appreciate the privilege of being able to assemble in **God's House**, but this is a privilege greatly missed by those who are deprived of it through physical disability—Just ask them!

**Illness and Accident** is something we do not like to think about, but we know it is about us all the time—Holly Schulz, daughter of Leon and Betty, had minor ear surgery and has had a satisfactory recovery, for which we are thankful. . . Our friend, Dan Pfister, son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian, was a passenger in a truck involved in a fatal accident. How thankful . . . that his injuries were minor, and he did not require hospitalization. Our hearts

go out to the family of the little 14-month old girl whose life was taken . . . Neil Stoller, son of Bro. Norman and Sis. Joan, is back in the hospital for further treatment, following the removal of his cast (due to leg surgery) 8 weeks ago.

September is the month for the Silver Lining collection for the Ft. Wayne congregation. Donations may be made to either of your reporters during this time. Thank you.

The following poem was sent to me by my brother, Alvin, written while stationed in Korea in 1953—

"Remember that poem you sent me? I was sitting here today and I made a little poem myself":

#### **I'LL STILL THINK OF YOU**

I may be a soldier in a far distant land,  
But I'll think of you wherever I am.

No matter where I go or what I may do,  
Just remember this one thing, I'll still think of you.

Wherever I wander, wherever I roam,  
No matter what happens, I still think of home.

Though sometimes I'm lonely and sometimes I'm blue,  
Just remember this one thing, I'll still think of you.

My time here seems long, but every day  
The time grows shorter that here I must stay.

Though strangers surround me and friends here are few,  
Just remember this one thing, I'll still think of you.

Think of the time when I'll be back home,  
For I shall return, and never more roam,

Happy day that will be, is it not true?  
But until it comes, I still think of you.

#### **MANSFIELD, OHIO**

**Aaron A. Sauder**

How the world will grow with beauty

When love shines in,  
And the heart rejoice in duty,  
When love shines in.  
'Tis the glory that will throw Light  
To show us where to go,  
O the heart shall blessing know,  
When love shines in.

Love has entered the hearts of Sis. Pamela Pfister and Bro. William Steffen, whose engagement was announced July 20. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Ruth Pfister; Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen Steffen of Ft. Wayne are the parents of Bill.

Carl and Sis. Ruth Sauder Weiss have announced the marriage of their son, Ronald Layland, to Marilyn Tish on July 4. May the young couple seek the Lord's guidance in their life together.

Sis. Helen Bricker (Richard) was again a hospital patient, where she underwent surgery. Bill Bidinger spent several days in the hospital. We are thankful each is recovering and has returned home.

I shall walk thro' the valley and the shadow;  
I shall follow where my Lord has gone before.  
Thro' the mists of the valley He will lead me,  
Till I rest on the Evergreen Shore.

We shall miss Sis. Elizabeth Kraus, who resided in our Church Home for several years and worshipped with us, and is now resting on the "Evergreen Shore." Sis. Kraus was called from this life on July 18 at the age of 82. As she had made her home in Akron for many years before coming to our community, the body was returned to that city for services and burial.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Ruth Maliz Pfister (Clarence), whose brother passed away.

#### **MILFORD, INDIANA**

**Marguerite Hoerr**

Another little boy has been born to Stanley and Ginger Price. Little Mitchell was welcomed home by his big brother. Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate Price are the paternal grandparents.

Bro. Harlan and Phyllis Beer have become grandparents. Little Scott is the son of Barney and Debbie Beer and was welcomed by their entire family. Our congratulations on the births of these babies. May God bless their lives and those of their families.

Bro. Ezra Beer had major surgery. We are thankful to report, he has returned to his home and is making a very satisfactory recovery. Admitted for major surgery was Bro. Dick Hunsberger. He remains in the hospital, and our prayers are with him, as they were

with Bro. Ezra during his hospital stay.

Sam Lehman and Vonda McCoy of Pierceton were united in marriage, by Bro. Theo. Beer at his home. A reception followed for the young couple, in the church basement, where their friends and family gathered to congratulate them. Sam has returned safely from Vietnam, and is the son of John and Maydene Lehman of our congregation.

A number of Bremen and Milford couples hosted a Ft. Sam Houston reunion at West Park in Nappanee on Aug. 3. On Sunday, we were blessed with a good share of them remaining and worshipping with us. Visiting ministers that day included Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; his son-in-law, Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester; Bro. John Steiner of Oakville; and our neighboring minister, Bro. Verdin Feldman of Bremen.

Bro. Arnold Gerst of Chicago was a visitor in our congregation, on the Sunday Sis. Nettie Haab gave her testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized and received into the membership. We are always grateful to brothers who are willing to stand before us and lend themselves to God, so that they might minister His word. We thank them for coming.

I will be collecting Silver Lining subscriptions from the Milford congregation during the month of September. Anyone who has not already done so and wishing to renew their subscription may pay me in person or mail their contribution to me at my home, R. R. 1, Milford. Suggested rate, \$2.00 per year.

#### **SHIODA, JAPAN**

**Toshio Uchida**

**His delight is in the law of the Lord and in this law does he meditate day and night.**

Brothers and sisters in America, we thank God for His abundant mercy. At the Shioda Church also the brothers and sisters are well.

Our three churches gathered together for a fellowship meeting. It was especially a ten-year anniversary meeting for the Tsutsujigakoka Church in Tokyo. There were many who attended. The main theme of the meetings was "The Christian Life." The brothers and sisters in their daily life must live so as to be a good testimony before seekers after the Way; this was especially stressed. We also spoke

of the need for seekers to be able to know God's truth as soon as possible. **All who seek and all who desire shall find and he who knocks on the gate shall have it opened for him.**

It will be wonderful if in the future we have the opportunity to gather together in large numbers from time to time to speak together. Bro. Willis is to decide the next large gathering, to be held around the end of October.

Sis. Nancy Schrock returned to the U.S. on Aug. 2. She faithfully taught our kindergarten children for two years. Her sincere and pure life in Japan was a good testimony to seekers after the Way. All of you in America should also please thank her.

At the Shioda Church, we hope to have a baptismal service in the near future for a young man who is a student. **Let us give thanks unto the Lord, for his grace is deep and His mercy never runs out.**

To all brothers, sisters and friends in America, may God's blessings be upon you.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

##### Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday in July. The children look forward to this day, especially the younger ones. Awards were presented to those with perfect attendance.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jill Heinold, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth, to Bro. Jay Plattner of Peoria, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Hannah.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma Pfeiffer entertained at a reception honoring their son, Bro. Glen and his bride, the former Sis. Nancy Roth of Fairbury. They are making their home near Chicago.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sylvia Banwart entertained at a reception honoring their son, Bro. Jerry and his bride, the former Sis. Arlene Tanner of Eureka. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene are making their home at Burlington, Iowa. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Harvey Banwart and his family, of the passing of his father, Bro. Ben Banwart of Lamar.

Sis. Lydia Marti and our son David both submitted to surgery. Both are getting along fine.

#### AKRON, OHIO

##### Kathy Graf

We were very happy to have Ministering Bro. Corbin Bahler from Rockville with us on Sunday, August 3. We wish to thank him for his service and hope he will return soon.

We had our annual Sunday School picnic on Aug. 2 at one of the Sand Run Metropolitan parks. Here, whether in the warm beautiful sunshine or under the tall cool trees, we enjoyed some of the many rich blessings God has given for mankind to enjoy. In addition to a good attendance by the regular congregation, we had some out-of-town visitors.

Sis. Emma Webber, who has lived in Akron for many years, has moved to a new home and will attend the Rittman church. She will live with her sister, Sis. Mary Zollinger, and Sis. Lydia Steiner at Box 25, RR 1, Marshallville Ohio.

Sis. Elizabeth Kraus, who was originally from Akron and has spent the last years of her life in Mansfield in the home, passed away on July 18, at the age of 82. Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield held the services, here in Akron at the Fairlawn Billow's Funeral Home.

Work on our new church is coming along fine. The brick is within 2 weeks of being finished. The steelwork is finished and the arches are ready to set. Plumbers are also working at this time.

#### BERN, KANSAS

##### Esther and Stella Moser

Sis. Janice Lehman is taking a course in X-ray Technology at the Methodist Hospital; her address is 233 Crescent Ave., Peoria Ill. 61606. Sisters Marilyn Rokey and Janette Strahm have graduated from LPN school. Both have employment at the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

Bradley Scott was born July 17 to Bro. Alpha Jr. and Sis. Mamie Strahm. In the home to welcome him are big sister Ada Jean, brothers, Dean, Rodney, Curtis, Edwin, Kyle and Michael.

From Switzerland comes the announcement of the birth of a daughter, named Claudia, to Bro. Henry and Sis. Lilli Frolich.

Lt. David and Margie Flentie spent a 30-day leave from the Navy with their parents, Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Julia Metzger. They were enroute from San Diego to New Port, Rhode Island.

We thoroughly enjoyed our guest ministers, Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville, Albert Aberle, Tremont. We thank them for their willingness to serve us the good and holy word, and extend a hearty invitation to come again.

#### WATCH YOUR WORDS

A careless word  
May kindle strife;  
A cruel word  
May wreck a life.

A bitter word  
May hate instill;  
A brutal word  
May smite and kill.

A gracious word  
May smooth the way;  
A joyous word  
May light the day.

A timely word  
May lessen stress;  
A loving word  
May heal and bless.

#### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

##### Martha Kieser

##### Delores Duckworth

We were happy to see so many young folks, when the Roanoke and Princeville Bible classes gathered with us. Bro. Dave Kieser came that Sun. afternoon to be with us, too. We thank each one who came. It was nice to see our church nearly full, and a blessed day.

Ronnie and Sue Eberle are parents of a baby boy. Kreig Allan has a brother, Kevin to welcome him home. His grandparents are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Marie Eberle of Princeville.

Our Bro. David Knobloch has left for the service. Our prayers go with him, that he can be protected by God's almighty wing. His parents are Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys Knobloch.

Bros. Roy and Ed Ehnle's mother, Sis. Julia Ehnle, who resides at the Eureka Home, has been hospitalized for several days. Her daughter and husband, Sis. Mary and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner were here to visit her and spent a Thursday evening in church. We are happy to have had them come.

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

**OAKVILLE, IOWA****Martha K. Steiner**

Bros. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) and Roy Wernli (Lamont) were with us for a blessed Sunday. We certainly enjoyed their visit.

Larry Scott is the first son of Larry and Sandra (Heiniger) Heckenberg, born July 17 in New York. They have one daughter.

The four children of Bro. Edward and Sis. Joan (Wiegand) Lanz have a new baby sister, Joan Renee, born July 11.

Sunday School teachers elected for the next term are Bros. Sam Wegman and Jerry Kurtz and Sis. Marge Hodel.

**BREMEN, INDIANA****Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer**

It is no secret what God can do;  
What He's done for others, He'll  
do for you.  
With arms wide open He'll welcome  
you;  
It is no secret what God can do!

It filled our hearts with joy and happiness as we listened to our dear friends, Diane Zimmer, John Schini, Eric Meister and Terry Zimmer testify of God's great love and compassion toward them as they turned to Him in repentance, and how He welcomed them with arms wide open. Our wish and prayer is that many more would come to know the Saviour's wonderful, unfailing love. The following day, Sun. July 27, Bro. Joe Waibel assisted Bro. David Bertsch with the baptisms. We welcomed our four converts into the Fold. May God's grace and His Holy Spirit lead and guide them in their new walk of life.

Hospital patients from our congregation were: Sis. Pauline (Silas) Laidig, who underwent surgery; Sis. Karen (J. N.) Feldman and Friend Teena Meister, daughter of Roy M. All are improved and able to worship with us, for which we thank our God. Sis. Pauline Clauss who lives with her neices, Ernestine and Mildred Meister, has been in poor health the past few weeks. May God grant her a speedy recovery.

On July 28, our dear Sis. Ida Stuart went to be with the Lord. Her sudden passing was a shock to all. She is survived by her husband, Steven, and one son, Ed and his wife Ruth. Ida was the daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lydia Getz, formerly of Bremen. Others to mourn her passing are two sis-

ters, Lydia (Souder) and Marjorie (Frautschi) both of Grabill; two brothers, John and Oscar of Fort Wayne. Bro. Earl Zeltwanger conducted the services. We know that Steve, Bud and Ruth have many wonderful memories of their loved one. Among these memories would be the Getz and Stavenik Family Reunions they attended only a few short weeks before she left them. Our sincere sympathy to the family; may they find strength in these precious memories, and the promises of God.

**How blessed the dead who die in the Lord,**

**For their works do follow them,**  
thus saith His word.

Though we cry out in anguish and dark is the way,

We know that He giveth us strength for the day.

This comforts the heart, though tears dim the eyes,

Of him who on God's precious promise relies.

So may we look upward, our hope fixed on God,

And follow the pathway our loved one has trod.

Milford and Bremen were hosts for the Ft. Sam Reunion, which was held Aug. 1 and 2 with ETS between July 1, 1961 and Jan. 1, 1965. We were happy to have these families worship with us on Sunday and hope they can assemble with us again. A very inspiring message was brought to us by visiting minister Wayne Gerber from Lester, and also a few words from Bro. Walter Rager from Toledo, who visited our congregation.

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

We could again witness we are going down the valley one by one, as we heard the singing of the beautiful hymn for our two dear sisters that were laid to rest.

Sis. Lydia Ehman, age 83, passed away at Iroquois Hospital, after being in poor health for sometime. She leaves to mourn one daughter, Sis. Elsie; a son, Bro. Richard; one sister, Nettie Otto; and a brother, John Otto. Funeral services, were held July 16. Our home ministers officiated.

Sis. Elizabeth Martin, age 82, passed away at Iroquois Hospital, after a long illness. Survivors include step children, Earl, Arthur and Maurice; daughter, Sis. Louise

Honegger; a brother, Charles Schott; and two sisters, Mrs. Dena Ruppel and Sis. Ida Frank. Funeral services were held July 16. Bro. Harry Bucher conducted the services. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

Sis. Mary Hari has returned to her home; she is being cared for by her husband, Bro. Sam. Darla (Mrs. Richard) Feller had major surgery. . . Bro. Harold Locher had major surgery, and is getting along nicely. Sisters Katie Maul and Eliza Schmitt were hospitalized a few days. Sis. Ida Eisenman is a hospital patient for tests and observations.

Jeffery Dean was born to Vernon and Joan Clauss on Aug. 1. He has a brother and a sister to welcome him.

Our friends, Lester Maul and Marilyn Greene were married. Lester is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Violet; Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greene.

Bro. Fred G. and Sis. Bena Knapp moved into an apartment in Cissna Park, after a long stay with their daughter.

Our friends, Dorothy (Maul) Martin and husband and family met with a car accident while vacationing, and were all hospitalized at Springfield, Ill.

We thank Bro. Noah Herman for the blessings he brought. He so plainly pointed out the way which we must take.

Our aged aunt who is confined to her home wishes for us to include this poem for the sick:

**What God Hath Promised**

God hath not promised skies always blue,

Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.

God hath not promised sun without rain,

Joy without sorrow, peace without pain—

God hath not promised we shall not know

Trial and temptation, trouble and woe.

He hath not told us we shall not bear

Many a burden, many a care. . .

But God hath promised strength for the day,

Rest for the laborer, light for the way—

Grace for the trials, help from above,

Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.

**I Must Shop**

I must go shopping very soon;  
I've put it off too long.  
I let mere trifles interfere;  
This lax delay is wrong.

I have to change self-righteousness  
I chose the other day.  
I will get humility instead;  
It wears so well they say.

I must get more of tolerance—  
It's in demand this year.  
I need material for peace;  
There's lack of this I hear.

I need patience; I want to match  
The kind my neighbor wears.  
I think it will improve my looks  
In place of fretful cares.

These are the things I need;  
A lack which I deplore.  
I chide myself because I failed  
To shop for them before.

**CROGHAN—NAUMBURG,  
NEW YORK****Carol Virkler****Mrs. David Shamback**

Funeral services for Sis. Marian Henry were held Sunday, July 13, in the Croghan church.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback and their family in the sudden death of his sister, Sis. Kathryn Schamback of Elgin, Ill.

We are happy to report that each of our dear ones have returned from the hospital. Bro. Leon Ebersol is able to worship with us again, after a long illness; also, his wife, Sis. Mabel is feeling quite well. Jack Virkler, Bro. Hiram Farney, Sis. Cora Beyer and Andrew Virkler have been able to return home.

Melvin and Norma Zehr are the parents of a son, Matthew Aaron. He is welcomed by Delite, Dawn and Melvin. Grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler.

The Naumburg congregation enjoyed their Sunday School Picnic. At their annual meeting, Bro. John Karcher was elected as trustee.

At the Croghan annual meeting, Bro. Clifton Virkler was elected trustee and Bro. Clyde Virkler Sunday School Superintendent. We wish each one the needed grace to carry out their duties to the honor of God.

We enjoyed Ministering Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville. We received many wonderful and precious teachings under the sound of God's gospel.

**CARD OF THANKS:** I wish to thank everyone from near and far who remembered me with cards, gifts and prayers while I was recovering from a fractured pelvis. I am especially thankful for the prayers. Sis. Cora Beyer

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN****Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler**

We enjoyed having Elder Bro. David Bertsch minister to us on Sunday, July 20. Bro. David spoke of how God is so willing to forgive, if we but just ask and acknowledge our sins, using the example of the two malefactors who were crucified with Jesus. "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." After services, Bro. David and Bro. Ben Maibach read and spoke on the memorandum. May God bless Bro. David for coming to visit us.

Our prayers are that God will go with Bro. Gene and Sis. Joyce Strunk, as they return to their home in Morton. We enjoyed having them assemble with us while Gene was going to school this summer at Eastern Michigan University.

Jeannete Belsley, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois, and Patrick Allen were united in marriage on Sat. July 12. May they invite God into their hearts and home, as they begin life as husband and wife.

We are more apt to count our blessings when we pause to think of those who with poor health must suffer. We miss seeing in our assembly Sis. Christine Dimitrie, who is confined to her home. Sis. Mary Kovach is now in a nursing home, and Bro. George Aldea has not been well enough to assemble with us. We know they covet our prayers that God will make their afflictions bearable.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS****Carolyn Zimmerman****Juanita Schneider**

"Dear God, take a message  
To the one you called away;  
Tell him that we miss him more  
With every passing day."

"No one knows how much we miss  
him;

No one sees the silent tears,  
For we've had to go on smiling,  
These long and lonesome years."

These lines are printed in the

fond memory of Scottie Zimmerman, who has been gone now three years on August 21.

Sis. Bernice Cox submitted to surgery and has returned to her home. Our aged friend Lydia Armbruster is our shut-in this month. She fell at her home and broke her hip. She was confined to Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington for several weeks and is now at the Fairbury Hospital. May the Divine Healer help her grow in physical and spiritual strength. Bro. Charlie Tyler spent a few days in Fairbury Hospital after having been overtaken by the heat when cleaning in his garage.

A little brother for Trent, and a second son for Bro. Albert and Sis. Jeanne Edelman was born July 26; he has been named Kip Leroy. Although Jeanne is home again, little Kip remained at the hospital. Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kans. are the grandparents. We all pray little Kip may continue to gain strength daily.

May God's servants continue to plant good seeds of righteousness, and we will surely reap a crop of God's love. We spent a very blessed day with Ministering Bro. Lavoyd Moore, Athens; also Bro. Hartzler Kaisner, Detroit, spent a Wednesday evening service with our congregation. Thank you, Brothers!

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS****Wendell Anliker**

We are happy to have Don Scott and his wife Sis. Jenelle, Burlington, with us. Don arrived here at Ft. Sam the 8th to begin his basic training.

We enjoyed visiting with Bro. Henry Sabo and Bro. Ben Stavenik from Mansfield, who were with us the week end of the 12th. Bros. Henry and Ben brought us many wonderful teachings of God's precious word.

The week end of the 12th brought us Ministering Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, Kansas. He reminded us about the prophecies of the end-times and how they are fast fulfilling themselves. It certainly behooves us to take a look at ourselves to see where we stand with God, for we know not when our journey here is over. Life is so uncertain.

Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk (and daughter, Sis. Linda and Robert) were here the 12th to visit their son Duane.

Bro. David Kaeb, Fairbury and

Charles Leuthold, Lester left for Ft. Riley, Kansas. We trust the Lord will be with them in their new duties. Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Beebe, Cissna Park, left for Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, where Bob will be taking further training.

Our friend, Bill Zaugg, West Bend, will be going to Viet Nam after a short leave at home. We trust the Lord will be with Bill.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Wayne Miller and family in the loss of his brother, Gene, on July 25.

Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us on July 27 to serve us Holy Communion. .. Luke 22:19, "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." May we dedicate our lives anew unto the service of the Lord.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Sam Huber of Gridley, Kansas, and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction.

Bro. Ben Banwart of Lamar, the father of Bro. Raymond, has gone to his eternal rest. He leaves two brothers here in Ft. Scott, Bros. Joe and Emil. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Joe Banwart and Sis. Anna Lou Mattix have been hospitalized, Joe for tests and X-rays, and Anna Lou for injuries received in an automobile accident. Both are home and improving.

Many of us joined in the "Soldier's" reunion at Lamar on Aug. 2 and 3. We dismissed our services on Sunday to assemble with the Lamar congregation. Many of them came to Ft. Scott to join us in services on Sunday evening. Bro. Henry Manz ministered unto us. What a joy such a reunion puts into our hearts. We feel this is a foretaste of the joy divine when we meet in reunion on yonder shore.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Mary Hohulin

Once more the regular summer session has come to an end. We were thankful for the ministers who came to our services each Thursday evening. The students here do appreciate this and look forward to it each week.

Those visiting us were Bro. Si-

mon Wagenbach (Tremont), Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria), & Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield). Bro. Joe Schrock, who serves as our advisor, conducted our meeting on July 10 as a Bible study. He advised us to stay with our precious faith even in time of trials.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach brought to us the teachings from I Corinthians 15. He reminded us that, as we love our God and Father, we should also love His word and base our faith and conduct on His word.

Bro. Jim Hoerr ministered to us from the second chapter of Philipians. He brought to our minds the fact that without following these teachings we would surely fall short of our goal. He also exhorted us to do as the Lord did and go out of our way to love others.

In our last meeting for the regular summer school session, Bro. Willis Wiegand conducted a Bible class on our church and what it means to the members. He reminded us that each member is dependent on another and that we need each other. He concluded the service by saying that the church needs us but most of all, we need the church.

We are very happy for Sis. Leann Hohulin who attends ISU. She was proved and baptized on the week end of July 20. We wish her God's blessings.

Three more students have finished their schooling at Illinois State University at the end of the summer school session. Sis. Beth (Hodel) Rocke will be teaching in Eureka, and Bro. Bob Meiss will teach in Washburn. Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein left to do his student teaching in the Chicago area. We wish them the blessings from God in the future.

We welcome any of the students who will be attending ISU or any other school in our area to our Bible Study on Thursday nights. The first two meetings of the fall session (Sept. 11 and 18) will be held in Fairchild Hall; after that, they will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Lounge of the Union. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In order that everyone in the area is included in any of our plans, I would appreciate knowing of anyone who will be attending school or working in the Bloomington-Normal area. Please send the names and addresses to Mary Hohulin, 312 E. Frye, Peoria Ill 61603.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz  
Bros. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, Ernest Graf, Akron, and Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty were with us for evening church recently. Bro. Henry Beer, Milford, spent a Thursday evening at our church. We are always happy when ministers can find time to visit our little flock. Bro. Beer explained how the peace and quiet of the Shepherd's life was, compared to the stress and strain of life today.

It comes to my mind of a beautiful sampler tacked to the wall by my bed in the Heinrich Stutz home in Stafa, Switzerland:

"Sorg, aber sorg nicht zu viel  
Es kommt doch so wie Gott es will,"

which means something about **not striving too much because it will go according to God's will anyway.** You brethren who know German can interpret it correctly and can appreciate the meaning.

Sis. Minnie Dotterer has been in Mansfield since the death of her brother-in-law, Bro. John Fuhrer. She is caring for her sister, Sis. Katie Fuhrer. We miss the pillars in our church when they are absent.

Bro. Edwin Hohulin, Goodfield, spent a short time with us one Saturday morning. He met with some of the trustees to explain the installation of the new fence for the cemetery. The trustees have purchased and placed a fan in the assembly room, which we can truly appreciate on these very warm days.

Friend Roland Manz (Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Ruth) has surrendered his life to the Lord and has been announced for proving. If only more could see the great advantage in walking the narrow path of life! As much joy as it brings to us when one turns to the Lord, think how our dear Lord must rejoice.

Bro. Adam Manz spent nearly a week in the hospital, after cutting his hand. He is improving, and we hope he can assemble with us soon. Bro. Emanuel Manz hurt his hand in a farm machine, cutting two fingers to the bone. He is also improving. Sis. Evelyn Manz is home from the hospital and is able to assemble with us. Friend Mary Manz is slowly improving, and we hope she will soon be able to come to



church again. Each one has their place in church, and we need each one. We might think we are not even missed, but God has a spot for each and there is nothing that takes the place of assembling together.

Ministering Bro. Henry Manz and Sis. Henrietta returned home safely from Europe after a very blessed trip. Being concerned the morning we were to leave for home, I opened the Testament and read the chapter containing this verse which was a great comfort: Which hope we have as an **anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast**, and which entereth into that within the veil. . . It seems many times we need more faith. While up on the plane it seemed it was a little rough, perhaps part of it was my imagination, and I became quite fearful. Again I opened the Testament and it fell open to Chapter 5 in Hebrews. This time it was Verse 7 that really comforted me and I read it over and over: Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears **unto him that was able to save him from death**, and was heard in that he feared. We of course want the Lord's will to be done, but I suppose we become over-anxious to meet our loved ones when we get so near home. May God always increase our faith.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

**Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser**

We were happy to have with us the following visiting ministers: Bros. Joe Waibel, Rudy Graf, Ben Maibach, and Art Baurer. We pray God's blessings upon these brothers and thank them for their visit and for lending themselves to our congregations. We all can say we received many precious teachings, and pray we may be doers of God's word and not only hearers.

Bro. Ben Ammann has not been able to assemble with us since July due to illness. We pray if it be God's will he may be restored to good health.

Sunday Aug. 3 we were all happy to see Sis. Nettie Locher assemble with us again. She came in her wheel-chair and again is an inspiration to all of us.

We were happy to have Sis. Nancy Schrock visit us on her return home from Japan, where she has been teaching school for two years. We pray Nancy will be

blessed for her endeavors, and wish her God's blessings.

THO'T: Living without God means dying without hope!

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

**Mrs. John Oberlander  
Mrs. Ken Getz**

For the second time in just a few months, death has entered one of our homes. Mary (Rapp) Jones passed away June 29. She was the daughter of the late Bro. Barthol and Sis. Julia Rapp. She is survived by her sister, Sis. Hannah Rapp, and two brothers, Albert and Joseph Rapp.

Sis. Kathy Zimmerman and Bro. James Heiniger were joined in marriage on July 6. We pray God will guide their lives always, but especially while Jim is in the service of our government.

Barbara Kaisner, daughter of Bro. Victor and Sis. Ruth (Zimmerman) Kaisner and Duane Aberle, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Emma (Beutel) Aberle were married July 26. May God be with them in their future lives together.

Those who have been in the hospital and confined to their homes are: Sis. Kathryn Rapp, Tom Kaisner, Gustav Laidig, George Greiner, Richard Berger, Barbara (Mrs. Norman) Ricketts, Sis. Elizabeth (Altorfer) Getz and Sam Brandt.

We have received many blessings from our visiting ministers: Bros. Ben Maibach, Verlin Stoller, Marvin Stieglitz, John Bahler, Corbin Bahler, Joe Zimmerman Sr. and Cleo Rinckenberger.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce (Grimm) Domnick have a baby girl, born July 31. Jan Elizabeth was welcomed home by one brother and three sisters.

**Are We Awake? ? ?**

**"If We Don't Come Apart,  
We Will Come Apart."**

If we don't come apart from our earthly ambitions, neglect the assembly of God's people, and haven't an avid desire for the wholesome word of God, then there is a grave danger that our souls are falling apart spiritually. Then life, nor death will be sweet, facing the judgment we all must meet.

#### Condemnation

When souls of men are tempted  
And yield themselves to sin,  
How Satan rejoices triumphantly  
And proudly displays his silly grin.

#### Hope

Yet a soul need not despair,  
Repentance and confession frees!  
For Satan is never there  
When a praying child is on its knees.

#### DELIVERANCE

So upon your knees if you will go,  
And a full confession you will make,  
God will pardon and ne'er say no;  
Peace is yours, for Jesus sake.

#### REDEMPTION

Now, wasn't it worth all your tears  
To attain His precious peace?  
No more worries, no more fears,  
Oh what comfort, sweet release!

#### Christian Beauty

When a child of God lives  
In His infinite grace,  
There's no need to tell,  
It shows on your face.  
Submitted by Bro. Irvin Leman

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

**Mrs. Herman Schaefer  
Mrs. Carl Joos**

Bro. and Sis. Joe Moser Jr. are the parents of a little boy. He has been named Larry Dean. Larry arrived on July 10. He has one brother, Paul. Allan and Ilene Burnham have a little daughter, born to them on July 12; she has been named Renee Ilene. She has a brother also.

Sis. Pauline Tohm has been a patient at the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Friends David Martin (son of Bro. and Sis. Karl Martin), Elgin, Ill., and Jean Griener (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Griener) exchanged wedding vows Aug. 2, with Bro. Paul Fehr officiating. We wish them the blessings of God.

**We are going down the valley one by one.** Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, conducted the funeral services for Sis. Lydia Feuchtenberger on Aug. 6. She was 85. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Emil (Addie) Nesler of Elgin, Ill.; Mrs. Ros Greiner of Morris; Miss Marie Feuchtenberger of Pasadena, Calif.; three sons, W. P. Feuchtenberger of Hoffman, John Feuchtenberger of Hancock, and Bro. Joe Feuchtenberger of Morris. Our sympathy goes out to the dear family.

We had many visiting ministers; they were Bros. Roy Grimm, Taylor; Arthur Baurer, Princeville; Joe Stoller, Princeville; Nathan Stoller, Bradford; Charles Marti,

Lamar; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; and Albert Scheitlen, Elgin. We thank them all for their visit.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont. We enjoyed their visits and appreciate all efforts put forth in bringing us the word.

The engagement of Sharon Feucht of Lester and Carl Strahm of Sabetha was made known. They plan to be married in October.

Carolyn Aberle, daughter of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Irene was married on Aug. 2 to Byron Martin of Gridley. He is the son of Sis. Laura Martin. The wedding was held at the Fellowship Hall, with Bro. Eugene Marti performing the ceremony.

Hospitalized were Bro. Joe Hartter and Bro. Aaron Moser.

Our Sunday School has recessed for the month of August. It will begin again in September.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman**

We were happy to have Bro. Eli Somerhalder visit us on Sun. July 13. This was also the Youth Fellowship Day in Peoria. Many of our young members and friends enjoyed the day with other young folks.

Bro. Art Legel's engagement to Sis. Lillie Rassi of Morton was announced on July 20.

Bro. Leroy Huber visited us on Wed. evening, July 23. We always enjoy having visiting ministers with us. On Sunday, July 27, the Bible Classes from Forrest and Fairbury were with us for the day. The young folks had a nice time, as they did the next week-end when our Bible class visited in Bradford. It's a real blessing to see our young people enjoy the fellowship with one another.

Sis. Alice Funk was in the hospital for several weeks, but is able to be home again. We ask God's blessings on those who are shut in. Our dear Sis. Tille Fehr is in the Eureka Home, and has been unable to worship with us for many years. We miss her, and ask a special blessing for her and her dear family.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Kay Descarpentrie are parents of a little girl. Les and Pam Sauder have a baby

girl, and Gary and Phylis Sauder a baby boy.

Bro. Frances Rother was with us Sunday, Aug. 3. We surely thank him and all of those who come to visit us.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of Holly Noe, whose life was taken in an automobile accident. She was the granddaughter of Bro. Ben H. and Sis. Lena Martin. She is survived by her parents, Vincent and Florence Noe and two brothers, Steve and Mark.

The following poem in her memory was written by her aunt, Sis. Betty Yergler.

#### In Remembrance of Holly

God sent a little "angel"  
In nineteen fifty-four,  
As perfect as a rosebud.  
Who could have asked for more?

Year by year the angel grew;  
You knew your home was blest.  
Always sweet—a ready smile,  
She gave much happiness.

Watching her grow—a lady now  
Her radiance filled the room  
So much as the rosebud  
As it opens to full bloom.

God didn't send a guarantee  
Nor hint how long she'd stay;  
You only know **He giveth,**  
And He also **taketh away.**

God sent another Angel,  
At night when all was still;  
He had a special place and task  
That only she could fill.

He knows your tears and sadness;  
He knows your heartaches, sore.  
In faith you know His ways are  
right,  
Her eternity secure.

Ezra Schlipf wants to **thank you** for the many cards, prayers, gifts and visits while in the hospital and at home. May God bless you for your kindness.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

**Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer**

The Rassi Reunion was held at the Rudie Haerr home on July 4. We were glad to have several assemble with us on the following Sunday.

We certainly enjoyed having Bro. Clarence Yackley with us last month for our baptisms.

Galen Frederick was born to Bro.

Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab on July 18. They have two other sons, Greg and Grant. The maternal grandmother is Sis. Louise (Fred) Grimm and paternal grandfather is Bro. Elmer Haab, Milford.

We always enjoy the picnic with the Sunday School children and especially do we enjoy their singing. We were glad to have Bro. Albert Wuthrich with us that Sunday. We are having Sunday School vacation during the month of Aug.

We appreciated having Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, with us.

Vernon Huber, who has been stationed in Quincy at the Naval Station, left the 11th for Viet Nam. His wife, Judy and children are staying here during his absence. We were so sorry to see him leave, and pray the Lord will protect him and bring him safely home.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Mary Jane Leuthold**

**Josephine Schaefer**

It was indeed a blessed day when we had Elder Bro. Russell Rapp in our midst for the provings and baptisms of our new ones in faith: Sis. Mary Woerner, Sis. Carol Sinn, Sis. Sally Beutel, and Bro. Richard Sauder. We rejoice that they could turn to the Lord in their youth, that their life could be filled with the fullness of the blessings of the Lord.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 3, little Timothy Alan, infant son of Simon and LaVonne Wagenbach Jr. went to be with the angels, after 20 short hours of life. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Simon Wagenbach III. Maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Witzig of Gridley and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach of our congregation. Bro. Dan Koch had the services.

This past month found Sis. Til Koch on the sick list. She was hospitalized with a blood clot.

Duane Aberle and Barb Kaisner were united in marriage on the 26th of July in Morton. Duane is the son of Bro. Al and Sis. Emma Aberle of our congregation, and Barb is the daughter of Bro. Victor and Sis. Ruth Kaisner of Morton. We would wish for them a life of blessings from the Lord.

On July 13, Renee Michel, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Helen, came into Sunday School bubbling with the news of a new little sister, Marlise Lynette, who was born that morning. No doubt Keith was

equally thrilled about his new little sister.

### URBANA, ILLINOIS Susan Zimmerman

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Frances Rother, Morton; Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley; Bro. Edwin Hohulin, Goodfield; Bro. Joe Stoller, Princeville. We thank them for the blessings brought us through their services.

At our annual business meeting, Bro. Bill Zbinden was elected as trustee; Sis. Laretta Leman and Sis. Connie Zbinden are the new Sunday School teachers; Bro. Steve Rinkenberger is the new superintendent of the Sunday School.

Bro. and Sis. Ken and Myrna Weertz and their children, David and Julie will be leaving soon to live in Akron. We wish them God's blessing as they leave our congregation. Though we are absent from one another in body, may our hearts be united in the love of Christ.

Bro. and Sis. Paul and Millie Leman and Bro. and Sis. Daryle and Janet Hari will be leaving Urbana to go to other work. We wish the Lord's blessing.

As there can be no height  
where there is no depth,  
So there can be no triumph  
where there is no trouble,  
No smile where  
there are no tears,  
No roses where there  
are no thorns,  
No hope where there  
is no fear,  
And no Crown where  
there is no Cross.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

**Delores Messerli—Carol Messerli**  
Our Sunday School resumed classes, following two months' vacation.

Engagements made known are, Paulette Teig to Dale, son of Bro. Cornelius and Sis. **Delores Messerli**; Jeanine Troska to Stanley Messner, son of Raymond and Sis. Bernadine. Stan recently went to service.

Sam Miller, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Sophie escaped serious injury in a car accident. He is recovering at home, after a two-week stay in the hospital. Surely the Lord watched over this dear friend.

Many pleasant hours were enjoyed with Bro. Ernie and Sister Marcelle Dapper and children, who

spent their vacation with us. This is home to Sis. Marcelle, daughter of Bro. Fred of here.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Messner are the happy parents of Amy Elizabeth, born Aug. 4. Todd, Jason, and Lisa welcome her home. Carol is your faithful reporter.

Sharlene, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt is recovering from minor surgery.

Dare to be loving, and trusting and true;

Treasure the hours with those dear to you.

Dare to be kind; it's more fun than you know.

Give joy to others, and watch your own grow.

Dare to admit all your blessings, and then

Every day count them all over again.

Dare to be happy; don't be afraid—  
This is the day which the Lord hath made!

### CHRISTIANS?

"Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew

My secret thoughts and feelings and everything I do?

Oh could they see the likeness of Christ in me each day,

Oh could they hear Him speaking in every word I say?

Could I be called a Christian if everyone could know

That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?

Oh could they hear His echo in every song I sing:

In eating, drinking, dressing, could they see Christ in me?

Could I be called a Christian if judged by what I read,

By all my passing moments and every thought and deed?

Could I be counted Christ-like as I now work and pray,

Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others everyday?

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Connie Gutwein

We are all very sorry to see Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise Getz leave our congregation. Howard was attending classes and teaching at Indiana University in Bloomington. They are now residing in Morton; Howard will teach at Illinois State University in Normal. Howard, Louise and their four children gave us all much love, and we came to love them dearly. They were such

a help to all. We pray God will watch over them, and bless them in their new home. Mary and John Isch organized a farewell for them at a park. Many were in attendance. May God bless Mary and John for their labor.

Everyone in Indianapolis would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers. It's a great joy to be able to meet and greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We appreciate your time and effort to come and worship with us. We especially want to thank those who worshiped with us this past month.

Many of you know, the brothers here are looking for land on which a church can be built. We are praying that God will bless and guide these brothers, as they try to find land which is suitable.

### HONOLULU, HAWAII

#### Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

We were pleased to welcome Bill Metzger of Lester to Hawaii. His original orders for Viet Nam were changed, and now he is stationed at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. We have really enjoyed having him spend his free week ends with us, and are looking forward to the arrival of his wife, Charlotte (Wagonbach) and baby daughter, Stephanie, when housing becomes available.

On the first of August, Sis. Nancy Schrock arrived from Tokyo on her way home, after two years of teaching in Shioda. A few days later, Sis. Carol Schrenk arrived from the mainland, enroute to Japan to take Nancy's place as kindergarten teacher. Carol lived and taught in Elgin (Ill.) last year; originally she was from Chicago. Their fellowship has been a blessing for us. Nancy has left for California and then home to Congerville; Carol will be leaving shortly for Japan.

THO'T: If you were on trial for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Marguerite (Kilgus) and Ben Lorch realized their lost condition and turned to the Lord for their personal Saviour.

Sis. Rosemary Meiss, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss, is engaged to Bro. John Hartman, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Betty Steffen have become new parents, as a precious baby girl, Sarah Ann, was born to them July 26. She was named for two great aunts and Earl's mother. Grandparents of the new baby are Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Steffen, and Mr. and Mrs. Gera Peters.

Sandra Schieler was married to Dale Stoller at the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. Alton Schieler, with Bro. Josh Broquard performing the ceremony. Dale's parents are Bro. and Sis. Orie Stoller.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Bach and Bro. and Sis. Alph Steffen have returned home from a 3-week trip to Europe to visit their sons, Duane Bach and Herbert Steffen, who are stationed in the service there. They visited with other service boys and toured some European countries. Accompanying them was Reuben Bach's daughter, Sis. Bonnie and Sis. Judy Witzig, Sis. Delores Baer, and Sis. Martha Fritz; when the Bachs and Steffens left for home, the girls went to Norway to visit an exchange student that had formerly been at Fairbury.

Bro. Emil and Sis. Anna Hertlein made a 3-week trip to Europe, where they visited relatives, including Emil's sister in Germany. They also visited a hospital, a children's home and an old folk's home which Anna's Uncle Chris Obergfell had sponsored.

Sis. Lorene Kloter has returned home from the hospital to recuperate from surgery. May God grant her a speedy and full recovery. Sis. Carrie Roth has been hospitalized; we wish her a recovery.

Bro. Henry Kaeb passed away at age 82. He was born in Germany, came to the United States at age 16, and later married Florence McKinley.

Bro. Carl Widmer, our oldest brother, passed away at age 83. He was born in Switzerland. He married Martha Baer, who survives, along with their children: Edwin of Gridley, Harry of Iowa, Lloyd of Canton, Sis. Lucille Richardson—Sibley, Sis. Madlyn Zimmerman—Metamora, Sis. Anna Belle and Sis. Doris. A couple weeks later, Bro. Carl's son-in-law passed away, Bro. Bud (Elven) Richardson. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sis. Lucille (Widmer) and children: Carl, Ronald, Jerry, LuAnn, and Rita. May God comfort the bereft families.

We were happy to have visiting ministers Bro. Ervin Stoller of Latty and Bro. Harold Massner of Minnesota.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our lot is found in pleasant places;  
A goodly heritage is ours.

To Him whence come all gifts and  
graces,

Let us give praise with all our powers.

He chooses us of His free grace  
And makes us His peculiar race.

This came to the mind of Bro. Joshua Broquard at the beginning of our morning service, after having experienced a blessed evening, when who is now Sis. Minnie Huber gave her testimony of her conversion and peace with God. Then we selected Bro. Wm. Gudeman to be our new minister. May God be with him and all our ministers of the Gospel in this important calling, and may they have grace to preach the word without fear or favor. Minnie was baptized after the afternoon service. She can now with the author of the hymn say, **I'm a lamb of Jesus' flock; Untold blessings are my lot.** We pray that many more will come to the Lord, so that their lot also could be found in pleasant places.

Our other guest ministers were Bros. Merle Kaisner, Harold Messner, and Albert Fisher.

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of Sis. Katherine Schambach, while driving her car on the way to work. Katherine will be missed by her family and others, and we extend our sympathy to the bereft ones she left behind, when she went on to her home in heaven. Bros. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest conducted the services.

We had some visitors from Rockville, Sisters Ida and Rose and Bro. Chris Luginbuhl, who came to visit with their cousins, Bros. David, Henry, Nathan & Herman Kellenberger. In conversing with Chris, he mentioned that they have relatives living in Switzerland by the name of Bachofen, also cousins of theirs, and they read the **Silver Lining**, and in this way we would extend our greetings to them, even though we have never met them in person. Bro. Chris said his granddaughter, Karen Virkler, brought him to Elgin from Rockville.

Births—A son, Paul Matthew, July 21, to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Carolyn Haas; the grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Haas and Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger. A son, Rodney James, July 19, to Bro. Thomas and Sis. Kathleen Schifferer; the grandparents are Fred and Sis. Louise Schifferer and Bro. and Sis. Nathan Kellenberger. A daughter, Sharon Anne, Aug. 5 to Bro. Wm. and Sis. Sandra Kinsinger; the grandparents are Ben and Dorothy Jones and Bro. and Sis. R.O. (Pat) Kinsinger.

Bro. Edward Gudeman has returned to his home, after a stay in the hospital.

Jim Wewetzer and family spent a couple of weeks here with his parents, Brother Albert and Sister Julia Wewetzer. They assembled with us around God's word. We always enjoy having our friends with us, especially when they come from a distance and have been absent for sometime. Their home is in Lynchburg, Va.

#### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

A little boy, their fifth son and seventh child was born Aug. 6, to Sis. Carol and Warren Gottier. Grandparents of the child are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Fannie Lanz and Bro. John and Sis. Edna Gottier.

Hospitalized for surgery—now again on the mend, Bro. Ernest Gerber extends his sincere thanks for the many cards and other remembrances he received during his illness and convalescing period.

Bro. Chester Luginbuhl and Sis. Pamela (Pam) Wheeler became husband and wife when they took their vows on Sunday July 27, solemnized by our elder, Bro. John Bahler. Several from various places were present at the wedding, of which were included Bro. Arthur Gudeman and Bro. James Ramsier. Parents of Chester (Chet) are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola (Vi) Luginbuhl and Mrs. Elois Wheeler. May God's Spirit dwell in their home and hearts.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Ella Wagler — Rosella Obermann

We heartily welcome our newlyweds, Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene (Tanner) Banwart to our congregation.

Little Kip Allen Massner was welcomed into the family of Bro. Allen and Sis. Ann Massner and their young daughter, Paige.

We sympathize with Sis. Alice Rinkenberger on the death of her sister, Sis. Grace Kiefer of Gridley.

The nature of the accident and amount of injuries incurred which hospitalized Steven Frank are unknown. Steven was enroute home from Vietnam, when he was injured in Okinawa. He has been brought to the hospital at Denver.

Sis. Janelle Scott rejoices to have found an apartment near the church apartment, which gives her and her husband Don, who is in the service at San Antonio, opportunity to fellowship with the brethren and friends there.

### PORTLAND, OREGON Connie Steffen

Greetings from Oregon. We have been enjoying a beautiful summer. The days are warm . . . and evening cool. We have had many visitors, and though each name can't be mentioned, we have enjoyed each one very much. We hope your memories are as pleasant as ours. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Glenn Hackenjos (Altadena) and Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha). We truly appreciate their teachings and the hours of fellowship spent.

Sis. Rose Miller was hospitalized for a few days, but is now home and getting along fine. When someone is missing from our congregation, it gives us extra joy to see them back, so you can imagine how happy we are to have Rose assembling with us regularly.

We were privileged to have Vacation Bible School for 5 days this year. The children seem to enjoy it so much, and we never know how these little seeds of truth and love, and most of all His word, might grow in the hearts of these little (and not so little) people.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Rinkenberger will be leaving our area to return to their home in Chicago. They were attending "Summer Schooling" at O.S.U., Corvallis, and we will miss them. They so faithfully came many miles every week end. May the Lord bless them for all the joy they have given us. Sis. Marlise Miller will be returning to Peoria for her last year of nurse's training. We will really miss her too, but look forward to the time when she will be able to "stay home" in Portland.

Our lives are made of meetings and partings, with fleeting hours between. The things we say and do, our ACTIONS and REACTIONS,

in those hours will be remembered long after we are gone. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

### WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

Happy parents of a new baby boy are Earl and Carol Carter. Timothy Earl was born July 26, and is welcomed home by his sister Sheryl. Maternal grandmother, Mrs. George Sinn of Ft. Scott, has been staying with her daughter a few weeks to help Carol. Paternal grandparents are the Leland Carters of Ft. Scott.

Martin Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy testified of the wondrous saving grace of Jesus Christ, was baptized and welcomed into the fold. We wish Marty grace and strength to finish the race which he has begun and to be true and faithful to life's end.

Hospitalized was Sis. Mae Aeschleman. However, she has been able to return and assemble with us again, for which we are thankful.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sis. Hattie Farney and her family, in the death of her great-grandson, Stephen Conrad. Little Stevie died of a sudden illness at the age of four years. He is survived by his parents, Steve and Sue Conrad, and a sister Cozette. Maternal grandmother, Lucille Cessnun is Sis. Hattie's daughter. The songwriter wrote:

"When we see a precious blossom,  
that we tended with such care,  
Rudely taken from our bosom, how  
our aching hearts despair!  
Round its little grave we linger, till  
the setting sun is low,  
Feeling all our hopes have perished  
with the flower we cherished so.  
We shall sleep but not forever;  
there will be a glorious dawn.  
We shall meet to part no, never, on  
the resurrection morn."

May our loved ones receive comfort in these words.

### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Many of us gathered at the Fellowship Center for a farewell din-

ner for Frances and Henry Schwartz. They plan on making their home in Florida, where they have spent the winter. This area is where Henry was born, and Frances came when they were married 48 years ago. We will surely miss them and wish them God's richest blessings in their future home.

We were pleasantly surprised at one of our Wed. evening services to have the two Bro. Stollers from Ft. Wayne ministering to us. They came to attend the missionary meeting (held once a month).

Our friend, Joe Rice is critically ill at the hospital. James Winzeler and Kalisa Souder both have been in the hospital and are out again.

Our dear Sis. Mabel Klopfenstein Hall went to be with the Lord Sun. morning Aug. 10. Funeral services are Wed. Aug. 13. She is survived by her husband Edward, a daughter and a son.

The words in No. 833 in the Gospel Hymns were a wonderful comfort to me, and should be to others whose loved ones have passed away.

Beautiful robe so white,  
Beautiful land so bright  
Where there shall come no night . . .  
Beautiful crown I'll wear  
Shining with stars so bright  
Yonder in mansions fair,  
Father us there.

My dear sister, Ida Getz Stuart went to be with the Lord since the last Silver Lining went out.

### GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch QUESTIONS

I heard a voice from the infinite  
say:

What did you do for your soul today?

Did you help the world sing a happier song?

Forgive someone who had done you wrong?

Did you help a stranger on life's hard road?

Did you try to lighten another's load?

Restore the dreams to an empty heart?

Give a failure a brand new start?

Did you coax a smile to a tearful face?

Stand by somebody in disgrace?

Go out of the way for some wandering boy?

Did you build, when twas easier to destroy?

Did you plant a kiss on a lonely cheek?

Did you prove you were gentle, kind and meek?

I heard a voice from the infinite say:

What did you do for your soul to-day?

### Princeville

#### Should I? . . . or Shouldn't I?

A Bible class teacher handed me the article . . . Several thought it might be beneficial for others to read, and asked me to send it to you, and you can do as you feel best.

Throughout the ages, Christians have been preplexed with the problem of making decisions. Many things, such as movies, dancing, drinking, smoking, gambling, etc., are thought to be wrong, but the best reason which many people have to give when asked why they are wrong is: "Because my church says so!"

We believe that the Bible is the word of God, therefore authoritative and infallible, and thus our only infallible rule of faith and practice. The Bible does give us many principles by which we are told to live our life so that it may be pleasing to the Lord.

Here are ten principles from the Scripture whereby we may judge any questionable thing that presents itself in our lives. Whenever you are confronted with a questionable thing, prayerfully ask yourself these ten questions, answer them honestly before the Lord, and you can be sure that God will direct you through His word to walk in the right path.

#### 1. IN DOING THIS THING, AM I TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT I BELONG TO CHRIST, AND THAT HE DESERVES PREEMINENCE IN MY LIFE?

In I Corinthians 6:20 we read: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body". The next time you are trying to make a decision on something of a questionable nature, remember first the awful price that Christ had to pay for your salvation. As a result of this tremendous price that was paid for you, you are supposed to glorify God

in your body. In Colossians 1:18 we read: ". . . that in all things he might have the preeminence." One sure way to give evidence that you belong to Christ is to give Him first place, at all times, and in all things in your life.

#### 2. DOES MY DOING THIS THING GLORIFY GOD?

First Corinthians 10:31 says: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. In order to do all things in your life to the glory of God, it might be necessary for you to cut some things out of your life.

#### 3. CAN I ASK GOD'S BLESSING ON THE THING THAT I AM ABOUT TO DO?

In I Thessalonians 5:17 we read: "Pray without ceasing." It is a good policy for a Christian to make everything he does a matter of prayer, asking for God's direction and blessing. It is very obvious that God's blessing cannot be sought for many of the questionable things.

#### 4. DOES DOING THIS THING BUILD ME UP (PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY)?

First Corinthians 10:23 tells us: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." Paul realized that there were many things which in themselves were not wrong, but at the same time they were not edifying. The Christian life is supposed to be a life of growth and building, and in I Corinthians 14:26 we read: "Let all things be done unto edifying."

#### 5. CAN THIS THING ENSLAVE ME IF I DO IT?

We read in I Corinthians 6:12: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." Again Paul said that while many things are not wrong in themselves, they may at the same time take over a place of lordship in our lives. Paul said in Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ. . . ." and the fact is, Christ must be Lord of all in our lives or He is not Lord at all.

#### 6. DOES MY DOING THIS THING GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL?

First Thessalonians 5:22 says:

"Abstain from all appearance of evil." It is here clearly stated that while some things are not necessarily evil themselves, if they even have the appearance of evil they are to be avoided. Rather than to risk the possibility of presenting an inconsistent testimony, it is always safe to say that it is no sin to abstain, while it may be sin to indulge.

#### 7. IF I DO THIS THING, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF CAUSING SOMEONE TO STUMBLE?

We read in Romans 14:21: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" Paul realized that many Christians are more prone to fall into certain sins than others are. In I Corinthians 8:9-13, we are told to take heed, lest our liberty to do something questionable should become a stumbling-block to cause a weaker brother to fall into sin. Verse 12 clearly says: ". . . when ye sin so against the brethren . . . ye sin against Christ." Just stop and think for a minute how great that sin is if we, by doing some questionable thing, should set up a stumbling-block which should prevent someone from coming to know Christ as his or her Saviour!

#### 8. AM I IN DOUBT ABOUT THIS THING?

In ROM. 14:23 we read: And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. . . . You keep saying to yourself that there is nothing wrong with this thing, but you know that deep down inside there is a twinge of doubt. If you cannot do this thing in true faith, nothing wavering, then the Bible says you are condemned for doing it.

#### 9. WOULD DOING THIS THING EMBARRASS ME IF CHRIST WERE TO COME WHILE I WAS DOING IT?

According to the Scripture the Second Coming of Christ could happen at any minute. Christ's own statements in the Olivet Discourse (see Matthew 24:36, 42, 44, 46) teach the imminence of His return. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (II Peter 3:14). If we would only realize that in one second we could

be standing before our Saviour, many of the things we do would be eliminated from our lives. . . But even more amazing is the fact that Christ is now with us, whether we perceive it or not!

10. CAN I DO THIS THING AND BE SURE TO RECEIVE WELL DONE FROM MY MASTER'S LIPS WHEN I STAND BEFORE HIM IN JUDGMENT?

In II Corinthians 5:10 we read: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." How often do we stop to think that we must give an account for all that we have done when we stand before Christ? If only we would ask ourselves before we do these things: "Could Christ say well done to this when I stand before Him?"

Have you asked yourself these questions prayerfully and honestly before the Lord? Then, the decision is still yours to make, but now you know something of what the Bible sets forth as guidelines, when you are confronted by something questionable. Can you still do this thing as a Christian?

**You Will Never Be Sorry**

- For thinking before acting
- For hearing before judging
- For forgiving your enemies
- For helping a fallen brother
- For being honest in business
- For thinking before speaking
- For being loyal to your church
- For standing by your principles
- For stopping your ears to gossip
- For bridling a slanderous tongue
- For harboring only pure thoughts
- For sympathizing with the afflicted
- For being courteous and kind to all.

**In Christ We Have:**

- A LOVE that can never be fathomed;
- A LOVE that can never die;
- A RIGHTEOUSNESS that can never be tarnished;
- A PEACE that can never be understood;
- A REST that can never be disturbed;
- A JOY that can never be diminished;

- A HOPE that can never be disappointed;
- A GLORY that can never be clouded;
- A LIGHT that can never be darkened;
- A HAPPINESS that can never be interrupted;
- A STRENGTH that can never be enfeebled;
- A PURITY that can never be defiled;
- A BEAUTY that can never be marred;
- A WISDOM that can never be baffled;
- RESOURCES that can never be exhausted.

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## MARVELLOUS GRACE

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The workings and doings of God can be seen. If we are willing. Grace is what sets apart. The only-of-its-kind. It is that success in which the humble walk and work. The glory of His grace shines beautifully. . . But, we in human addition can bring a mistake, and we may think it to be right.

We need to recognize grace. "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision."

The grace of God works in us. This same grace brings fruit in our brother. We have a duty to join hands. We should give the encouraging right hand of fellowship. We need to urge to work and let work, where beautiful eternal fruits abound. "Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do."

How carefully do we search? What is His voice in the matter? God makes known how He feels when we ask. It may be in ordinary circumstances, by a regular brother, in an ordinary sort of way. If we are keen in spiritual matters, we will want this. To face a mis-

take can hurt, but Peter must have been happy when he looked back. How much it means to correct a course to be closer to what matters most. "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed."

Here was a current not from that sweet will of God. Peter drew a line, his own reasoning. He put a fence up which God never intended to go up. He pointed a finger of the heart at some with whom God was well pleased. He carried a rule and tried to attach to grace.

Galatians 2:12: "For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision." It was a serious matter to tamper with grace. Then, when one is blamed, God is doing the speaking. It is just.

Peter was a shepherd. The sheep and lambs had found pleasant pasture. He had skillfully guided; no dangerous wolves robbed the elect. The brethren had found abundant joy. Now something else. Uncorrected error in his job would show up in a thousand and more diminishings. Much was given to Peter; much would be asked. To dissemble

was to separate in a manner that was untrue, to act in a false way. "And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation."

The Lord had shown much patience and mercy. Peter's whole life was one thrown on the Lord's care and grace. Had the Lord demanded absolute justice without mercy? Peter never could have made it. Now his idea judged another. In God's sight, it was wrong, to elevate such a demand. Gentleness of the Spirit in dealing as we have been dealt with is a good feeling, wrought in grace.

"But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

When all is said and done, we do want what is right, don't we?

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

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