

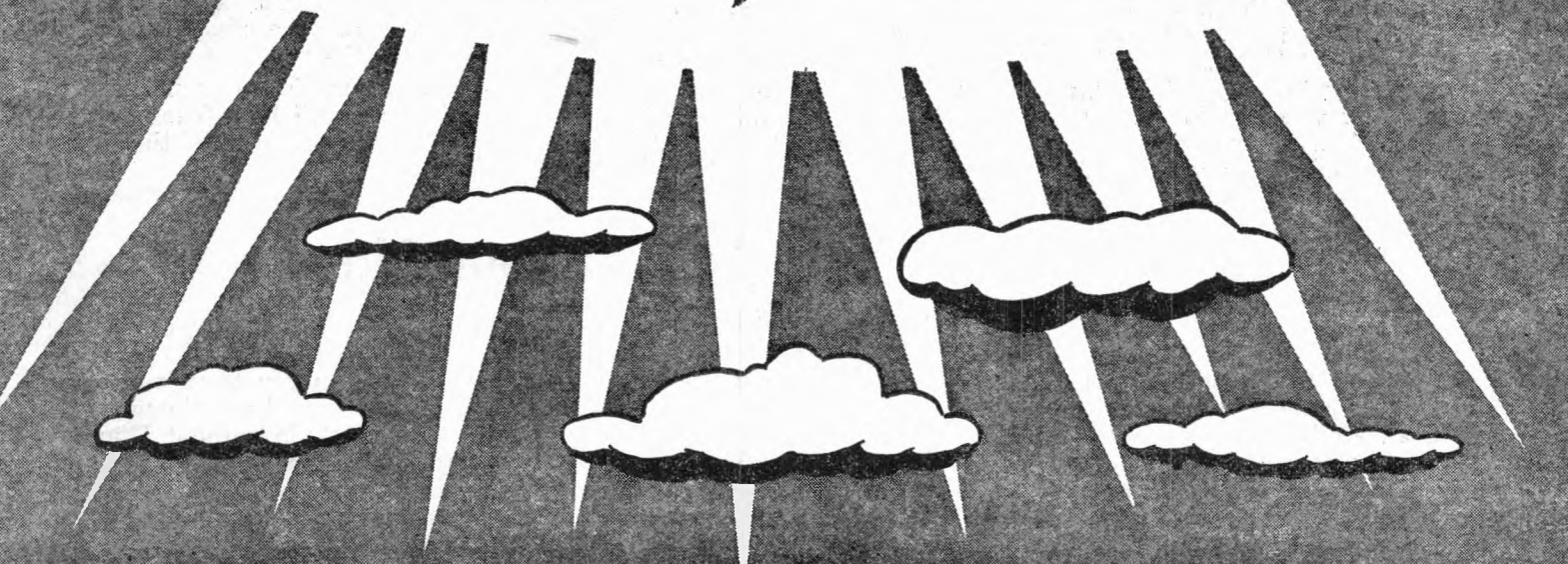
This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed

forth this, which ye now see and hear.

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Until I make thy foes thy footstool.



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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# AWAKE OR PERISH

Bro. Art Gudeman

There isn't any question but that we are living in the Saturday night of this age. As it was in the days of Noah, so it is today. The perilous times have come; iniquity is abounding; the love of many is waxing cold. Lawlessness is heading toward its awful climax. It certainly is time to wake up, read God's word, and see where we are. The Lord said to the Pharisees, O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

The Bible is still very much up to date. The lawlessness and the spirit of dictatorship in the world, the confusion of nations, and men's hearts failing them for fear, all of these things were prophesied centuries ago in God's word.

When Paul was on his voyage to Rome, he told them exactly what was going to happen. The ship captain didn't agree with him; so they listened to the captain and sailed into complete shipwreck. Will we

leave all these lessons go unheeded?

Oh, that the people of this nation would awaken and take heed to the call of repentance that is going out from many a pulpit. Sometimes we forget that the final message of our Lord to the church was the message of repentance to five of the seven churches in Revelation. I really believe this must begin within the church, and when this happens, we will find the answer to the heartache and distress of this day.

I don't know whether or not Samson looked any better after he had his hair cut, but one thing sure, he lost his power, and unless I have missed my guess some of the churches have allowed the world to give them a haircut, and thus have lost their distinctiveness, renounced their separation, and lost their power. Unless there is a wholesome repentance and humbling before God, and confession of

sin from top to bottom, they are going to discover that the devil will have increasing control, and they shall be brought to a shameful and heart-rending end.

We in our churches must wake up; modernism and worldliness must be put aside, for we have no time to lose. **Knowing the time, it is high time to awake out of sleep. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.**

We need to watch and pray,— Watch that we may pray—and pray that we may watch.

We may then ask, "What shall we do?" Paul says, Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Will we awake? or will we perish? For it will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

## What Will You Do Without Him?

Submitted by Bro. Simon Bahler, Altadena

I could not do without him;  
 Jesus is more to me  
 Than all the richest, fairest gifts  
 Of earth could ever be. . . .  
 But the more I find Him precious  
 And the more I find Him true,  
 The more I long for you to find  
 What He can do for you.  
 What will you do without Him?  
 Is He not kind indeed?  
 Did He not die to save you?  
 Is He not all you need?  
 Do you not want a Saviour?  
 Do you not want a friend?  
 One who will love you faithfully  
 And love you to the end?  
 What will you do without Him  
 When death is drawing near . . .  
 Without His love — the only love  
 That casts out every fear?  
 When the shadow valley opens,  
 Unlighted and unknown,  
 And the terrors of its darkness  
 Must all be passed alone.  
 What will you do without Him  
 When He hath shut the door,  
 And you are left outside because  
 You would not come before?  
 When it is no use knocking,

No use to stand and wait: Hear  
 For the word of doom tolls thru  
 you  
 That terrible, Too late.  
 You cannot do without Him.  
 There is no other name  
 By which you ever can be saved.  
 No way, no hope, no claim.  
 Without Him — everlasting loss  
 Of love and life and light,  
 Without him — everlasting woe  
 And everlasting night.  
 Why should you do without Him?  
 It is not yet too late.  
 He has not closed the day of grace;  
 He has not shut the gate.  
 He calls you, hush; He calls you.  
 He would not have you go  
 Another step without Him,  
 Because He loves you so.  
 What will you do without Him  
 When the great white throne is  
 set,  
 And the Judge who never can mis-  
 take  
 And never can forget —  
 The Judge whom you have never  
 here  
 As Friend and Savior sought —

Shall summon you to give account  
 Of deed and word and thought?  
 You need not do without Him,  
 For He is passing by;  
 He is waiting to be gracious,  
 Only waiting for your cry.  
 He is waiting to receive you —  
 To make you all His own.  
 Why will you do without Him?  
 And wander on along?

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**AKRON, OHIO****Kathy Graf**

A son, Craig Edward, was born to John and Janis Graf. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Bethi Graf. Craig has one brother, Scott and two sisters, Lisa and Julie.

Open house for our new church for those coming from our Ohio churches will be April 5. The dedication will be held on April 12.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Joe Ramsier. We wish to thank him for his service.

**ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA****Freda and Rhoda Minger**

We have had many visitors, and appreciate the short visit made by Bro. Paul Banwart and Bro. Earl from West Bend. We especially enjoyed having Paul at his age to visit us, and are thankful for a quiet evening, to sit and pause over the many teachings that gave us food for thought, and to encourage us on life's pathway.

Sis. Mary Witzig has been confined to the hospital, due to surgery; we are happy to say she is home with her family, feeling much better. Her mother, Sis. Helen Klotzle has been absent from our assembly. Bro. Clarence Graf has submitted to surgery, and we are thankful to God in restoring his health, and hope he continues, as we surely need our older brethren in faith. While convalescing in his home he has written this:

**What the Risen Lord Means to Me**  
**Bro. Clarence Graf — age 65**

I can best express this by my life's experiences. He is a God of mercy and love. He had mercy and compassion on me when I could repent, and He forgave my sins. I can pray to Him in affliction and sorrow. He hears my prayers. Then I too should praise Him when all goes well.

He is so willing to forgive us our shortcomings and mistakes—a good example that I should follow! He loved all mankind, which inspires us to love our brethren and friends, and to appreciate the fellowship of those of like faith. To meet and greet them is our privilege. His willingness to suffer—A lesson to me all my life.

He was led by the good Spirit—So He also leads us to all that is good, and warns us of the evil, if we heed Him. His obedience to the Father teaches me that I should

be obedient to His teachings, and love and respect the shepherds of the flocks, who so faithfully watch over us. He blesses us with sufficient earthly needs. May I always be content with what He gives me and do good with the same. He had mercy on me when I called to Him. So I have faith He will hear the pleas of our unconverted children and friends.

And finally He gives me that promise of eternal life, if I stay true and faithful to Him. This He has promised to you and to me.

**ALTO, MICHIGAN****Loretta Steffen**

Our ministering Bro. Elmer Schrenk, Friend Fred Grawburg and Sis. Kathrine (Mrs. Fred) Grawburg were all hospitalized.

We rejoiced to have Bro. Irvin Stoller minister to us on Feb. 22. It is a marvelous thing how the Lord can bring a messenger into our midst and reveal his truth so clearly. The praise and honor belongs to the Lord.

The Alto ladies have been busy working on their World Relief projects. We devote the winter months to this because so many are farmers and cannot readily gather in the summertime.

2 Tim 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Many of you may not realize what takes place behind the scenes, but Ed writes the reporters an encouraging letter each month to pep us up a bit! Frequently he asks us to write about things which happen in our own spheres.

My little sphere is **Motherhood**, with all its joys and sorrows. It often seems that we place the emphasis on the wrong things. We insist that our children scrub their hands and forget to remind them that honesty and love are much better virtues. Evidently my instructions have influenced one of my little boys, as I listened with a thrill to those sweet childish lips singing the familiar words of the hymn, "Marching to Zion". Then, he sang the last line, "And dust around the throne, and dust around the throne!"

Where have I been putting the emphasis? Their tender little minds don't realize that dust is only here on earth; it will never enter

heaven. Do we realize we must fill our children's hearts and minds with love, truth and faith in God. We must place the emphasis where it belongs now, before they leave us . . . We must lay aside our dusting and our mending, and teach them of Jesus and His love. Teach them true values, before the world can, so that throughout their lives these childhood memories will be instilled . . . How will we answer Jesus on "that great day" when He says, "What did you tell your children about me?"

We have one more happy event to put on record. Ernest and Sis. Lena Roth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 1.

**BAY CITY, MICHIGAN****Marlene Mosher**  
**Carolyn Knochel**

"Now it is accomplished, I'm no longer mine. . . ." We rejoiced as five more souls were added to the fold, and welcome Bro. Ed and Sis. Esther Meister, Bro. Rodney Wieland (Bro. Howard and Sis. Mildred), and Sisters Sally and Sandra Schlatter (Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret). More have turned to the Lord in repentance; Corrine Wieland (Bro. Howard and Sis. Mildred), and Julia Wackerle (Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye). Truly we can say, My Cup runneth over—yet there is room for so many more!

We have had great sorrow in the passing of our beloved ministering brother Henry Wackerle. Bro. Henry was 77 years old and served us faithfully for many years. He is survived by his widow, Sis. Ida; two sons, Bro. Frank and Bob; one daughter, Mrs. Max (Elaine) Bahler; six brothers and two sisters. Our prayers go to the Great Comforter to be with the family.

Sis. Amelia Kibbler, whom many knew as Mother Kibbler, passed away at the age of 92. She has not been able to assemble with us for sometime, but remained with us in spirit. She is survived by five sons.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. George Yergler, Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Bro. Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit). Their many good teachings are treasured in our hearts.

As spring fast approaches and there is talk of what seeds to plant, let us each try to plant a seed of goodness in someone's heart. One kind word may do it!

### BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

"And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre."

At our annual election of trustee, Bro. Morris Edelman was re-elected treasurer. Bros. Melvin Rokey and Alvin Strahm are his co-workers.

Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend was our guest minister at a regular Wednesday evening service.

After lengthy stays in the hospital, Sisters Louise Esslinger (major surgery), Emily Lortscher (medical and nursing care), and Marie Leuthold are able to be home again, however unable to assemble with us.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Leah Bauman in the tragic death of her son Noah, 58, and his wife Pat, 48. The pickup Noah was driving collided with another car. Noah was instantly killed; Pat died 36 hours later from burns. Their 14-year old daughter is recovering from severe burns. Along with the daughter, two sons also survive, one living in Wichita. They were on their way home to Topeka, after visiting him. The other son is with the Armed Forces in Vietnam.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

**Martha Kieser Delores Duckworth**  
Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend has been our visiting minister. We were happy to meet him for the first time.

We are rejoicing with five young souls who have turned their backs on this world of sin. We wish for each an abundant measure of that priceless grace of God.

Many families in our area have had flu. The doctors have diagnosed it as Asian flu, and some have been quite ill for a time. Our sister, La Vonne (Verle) Kieser is spending a few days in the hospital, suffering from a blood clot in her leg.

We are awaiting the bursting forth of the springtime buds and flowers, which always renews our faith, as it shows us the wonderful creation God planned.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL.

#### Virgil and Shirley Funk

Sis. Dorothy Harsh's son, Drew left for service. He is stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas.

We were privileged to have the following ministering brothers

serve us: Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke; and Joe Zimmerman, Morton. May the Lord reward each servant with much grace to preach the whole gospel.

We are mindful of where our dear Lord's preaching led Him, to such a cross, to bring joy and peace to any seeking heart, yearning for righteousness, possible through His triumphant rising from death, through the power of His Father.

As the cross led to such a victorious ending, so must we be willing with God's power to go through much tribulation to inherit those beautiful mansions. This should not discourage, but encourage us to know Jesus will soothe our tribulation and then give us eternal rest, free forever from the clutches of Satan. What greater love could have been given. To fail our wonderful God after such a supreme sacrifice couldn't help but bring eternal remorse and anguish.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

#### Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

A good prayer, though often used, as when we pray for those who are sick and shut-in, is still fresh and fair in the ears and eyes of Heaven. He that planted the ear, shall He not hear? Or He that formed the eye, shall He not see their needs? Bro. Obed Gerber; Sis. Judy (Ken) Kipfer, who has a broken am; Sis. Judy (Patrick) Dubach, surgery; Sis. Marjorie (Truman) Baumgartner; Sis. Mary (John) Moser; Todd Gerber (Bro. Dale and Sis. Londa) who suffered a skull fracture from a fall; Bro. Roger Eisenmann; and Andy Shively, six-year-old son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Sally Shively, who underwent an emergency appendectomy. All have been hospitalized, and we wish them continued improvement and good health.

Our congregation was favored with the visits of the following ministers: Bro. Walter Rehklau and Bro. Walter Rager from Toledo, Bro. Merle Laukhaut of Latty and Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago. We heard many teachings of Love. The spectrum of love has: Patience: Love suffereth long; Kindness: and is kind; Generosity: love envieth not; Humility: Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; Courtesy: Doth not behave itself unseemly; Unselfishness: Seeketh not her own; Good Temper: Is not easily provoked; Guilelessness: Thinking

no evil; Sincerity: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but in truth.

Truly this message of love set the stage for the wedding of Sis. Lou Ann Fiechter and Bro. Bill Rager of Latty, which was solemnized by Bro. Sam Aeschliman on Feb. 15. Their parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter and William and Sis. Elsie Rager. Many blessings and good wishes to this couple.

Births: Dennie and Susie (Schindler) Baumgartner welcomed their first child, Heidi Marie. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Justine Baumgartner. A first child, a son, Corey Kent, was born to Susie and Russell Gerber. The grandparents are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Sylvia Gerber and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Schwartz. Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher became the parents of their first, also a son, Chris Michael. Steve was able to have several days leave and be with his wife, but will soon return to complete his duties in Korea, where he is stationed. Grandparents of Chris, Bro. Robert and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva Bucher of La Crosse. Bro. Robert and Sis. Louise (Fiechter) Reimschisel are parents of a son, Kraig Lee; and Lanae Sue made her arrival to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Ann (Gerber) Reinhard; Bro. Al and Sis. Colleen (Decker) Ringger are the parents of their third child and first son, Daniel Al. Bro. Nile and Sis. Phyllis (Isch) Bucher are the parents of their third child and first girl. They named her Trina Lynne.

We are thankful that the Lord has returned Bro. Kent and Sis. Janice Ringger safely to our congregation, after serving his duties in the service.

May the glad dawn  
Of Easter morn  
Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve  
Of Easter leave  
A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night  
On thine heart write,  
O Christ, I live for Thee.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

#### Emma Unsicker

As Easter Day approaches, our hearts fill with love and praise for our risen Lord and Saviour. These words express the joy and hope Bro. Lou Gerber gave me: "The

rising of our Lord means to me that the words spoken by God through His prophets in the Old Testament became a reality in Christ's death and resurrection, thereby making salvation possible through His shed blood and giving hope of eternal life to whoever asks Him."

Bro. Henry and Sis. Leah Souder wish to thank everyone for the love and deeds of kindness shown them during Henry's illness. Each card, letter, visit and gift was much appreciated. They wish the Lord's blessings for all.

Many of the Bremen folks enjoyed a blessed Sunday evening Singspiration at Milford.

Ron Meister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meister is now serving in the air force. May God protect and be with him wherever he may go.

Bro. Freeman Conrad and family were in an auto accident, while on their way to church. Freeman received neck injuries and was placed in a cast. We pray he may have a speedy recovery.

We in the Bremen church extend our sympathy to Mrs. Carol Zimmer of South Bend, in the passing of her son, William Zimmer, age 42. Mrs. Zimmer is a relative to Mrs. Herman Hueni Sr., Mrs. Lou Gerber, Eugene and George Zimmer of our congregation.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Bro. Glenn Pfeifer has been appointed trustee, and Bro. Daryl Hari usher.

Bro. Maurice Frank has been advised by his company that his office in Madison, Wis. is to be closed. He is taking an early retirement, and he and his family will move to Ft. Wayne after June 1. They will attend the Leo congregation.

We are all happy and rejoice that Friend Norma Frank, daughter of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Lucille, has found the need to cast her lot with the Lord. She has found the peace that can only come from the Lord. We wish her grace and strength for a long life in the service of her King.

On March 8 we held a communion service, with Elder Bro. Geo. Yergler assisting our local elder, Bro. Al Fisher. After the communion service, we had a church supper, and presented Bro. Geo. with a small token of appreciation for his many years of serving the Chicago congregation through the Spirit of the Lord.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Nada Baumgartner

Sue Zimmerman

**Men ought always to pray and not to faint.** Yes, so much can be accomplished through prayer. Prayer is a beautiful art that needs to be exercised more. We were privileged to have Bro. Chuck Hemmer, from Peoria, with us for a Wednesday evening service on Feb. 25. He expounded on Chap. 6 in St. Matthew's Gospel, giving us an exhortation on prayer. He said we should pattern after the Lord's prayer, including, giving praise, honor and glory to God, praying for ourselves and others, praying for forgiveness.

We are very happy to have five new converts in our group. They are: Rich Schock, Elgin; Greg Rassi, Morton; Teresa Hufford, Colfax; Alan Schweigart, Tremont; and Dana Taufer, Morton. May God give them the needed grace in their new walk of life.

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Joe Kaiser, Forrest; Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Jim Ringger, Bradford; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; and Bob Grimm, Goodfield.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp  
From Bethlehem town to Calvary  
The Christ betook His way.

O'er roads that wound uphill and down,

Our Lord went forth each day  
Prepared to do His Father's work,  
The plan of God divine,  
Nor matter cost or grief or pain,  
The will, O God, not mine.

From Bethlehem town to Calvary  
The Christ still leads today.

In spirit and truth He speaks  
And hears us when we pray  
Thy will, O God, not mine be done,  
All glory be to Thee.  
O let me walk that road of love  
That leads to Calvary.

Our congregation has surely been blessed with the inspiring messages of visiting ministering brothers. Those who have lent themselves to speak God's holy word were Bros. Don Sauder and Ben Fehr from Roanoke, Ed Hohulin from Goodfield. Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard and Dan Koch were here for the proving of our friend, Roger Miller. Following the proving, the elders shared with us the deliberations of the conference. The following day

Roger was baptized and received into our precious faith as a brother. A day, such as this is a day of rejoicing, not only for Roger and his dear parents; Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty, but for all of us.

Two precious older couples of our congregation had the special privilege granted, in observing advanced anniversaries. Bro. Ben. and Sis. Lulu Zimmerman celebrated their 59th anniversary on Feb. 12 with their family and a few friends in the home of their daughter, Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma Schieber. On March 1, an open house was held in recognition of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. Joe and Sis. Cora Schumacher, at which they enjoyed meeting many friends and relatives. Both of these couples enjoy relatively good health and assemble with us every Sunday. I'm sure they feel the Lord has blessed them many times and has surely been good to them.

On Feb. 15, little James Allen was born to Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda Knapp. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Tammy and Sandy, and his brother Benje. His maternal grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch of Lester and Bro. Ben and Sis. Elsie Knapp of our congregation.

My mother, Ida Nussbaum is again able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day, as is Sis. Elizabeth Hartter. This is a blessing these dear ones really appreciate, after being incapacitated. Could it be that those of us who enjoy good health are not as appreciative as we should be, when we are able to assemble each Sunday and at mid-week?

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Our Croghan congregation was saddened at the passing of a beloved brother and sister in faith. Bro. Philip Farney passed to his eternal reward on Feb. 4, and the funeral was held at Croghan church Feb. 7, Elder Bro. John Widrick officiating. He is survived by a son, Perry Farney. Sis. Elva Schulz passed out of this life Feb. 17, and her funeral was held on Feb. 20 at Croghan Church, Elder Bro. John Widrick officiating. She is survived by two sisters, Sis. Sarah (Hiram) Farney, Sis. Lena (Jonas) Virkler, and two brothers, Bro. Asa and Bro. Arthur Virkler.

Our beloved Ministering Bro.

Ralph Beyer is very sick and in the hospital. Our congregations join in seeking God's sustaining comfort and grace for dear Sis. Nina and her family.

Hospitalized and home again are Bro. Raymond Stockburger, Bro. Theodore Rohr and Sis. Celia (Lowell) Virkler.

Little Benjie Herzig is recovering from a serious appendix operation. We are thankful that God spared him, and he is able to return to school. He is the son of Theodore and Gertie Herzig of Naumburg.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle**

On Sunday, Feb. 8, we were blessed with many visitors. It was certainly inspiring to hear the voices harmonize in beautiful singing and to hear the word of God brought to us by the visiting ministers, Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville and Bro. Roy Wieland of Bay City. Messages were from the gospel of St. Luke. One verse in particular which comes to mind is . . . "And he spake a parable unto them to **this end**, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" It was pointed out that today so much emphasis is placed on communication, and yet we do not take full advantage of the most wonderful means of communication — the privilege of prayer, as God is always ready to hear us.

Tom and Kay (Maibach) Moilanen are the happy parents of a new son, Karl Edward, born Feb. 13. Todd is elated at having a baby brother.

Junior high and high school Sunday School classes, along with parents and teachers from Bay City, Alto and Toledo, spent Saturday, Feb. 28 with our Sunday School classes. The day ended with singing at church and a supper.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss**

Hallelujah! The Lord arose,  
our ransom now is paid.  
The Son is victor over death;  
Who'er believes is saved.

Bros. Willis and David Wiegand were our guest ministers; we were reminded how necessary it is to be firm in faith, and that the thief on the cross next to Jesus had faith. He did not say, "If you come unto your kingdom" or "If you are the Son of God", but "Lord, remember

me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

Sis. Mary (Howard) Kimball has been able to return to her home, after being hospitalized for a back injury. We hope she will soon be back among us. Sis. Ricka (Jacob) Stettner, 632 Forest Avenue, Elgin Ill. 60120, was taken ill; she is somewhat improved. We miss her at our meetings. We also miss Sis. Helen (Leo) Banwart, 25 Golfview, Carpentersville Ill. 60110, who has had surgery. We would welcome them back into our midst.

Our aged Sis. Sarah (Fred) Braun, R. 2, Box 20, Elgin Ill 60120, has been a shut-in for some time, but she is thankful that she can still knit bandages for our World Aid Project, although her eyesight is diminishing. She does her best and says this helps pass the time somewhat. May God be her constant companion and helper.

We welcome back into our church circle Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger, after a tour of duty in the Service; we are thankful that God returned them home safely.

Birth: To Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger, 444 South Street, Elgin Ill 60120, a son, Neal Lynn, March 4. The grandparents are Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger of Elgin and Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier of Roanoke.

A baby girl just four days old has been welcomed into the family of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Ada Mae Steffen Schrock. She was born March 9, and her name is Sara Ann. They live at 470 Ryerson Ave., Elgin Ill 60120.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

**Mrs. George Butikofer**

Wild geese are winging their way northward to their summer nesting-spots. At the moment I hear a meadowlark pouring forth its melodious notes. Both of these assure us that spring is at the threshold. Springtime is such a joyous one. Christ's resurrection and the blossoming of spring flowers help to make it such a welcome occurrence.

We have had quite a few ill folks in our congregation. Our friend, Clarence Thoman underwent surgery. He is getting along real well, for which we are thankful. Clarence's sister, Mrs. Andrew Braker is having tests taken at the hospital in Iowa City . . . hope she

will receive a good report. Sis. Marie Schmied, Bros. Laurence Gehring and Ed Pulfer were all hospitalized at West Union because of colds, which are very prevalent in this area.

Want to share a poem which my grandmother Gehring received when she was yet a mere girl.

One by one thy duties wait thee;  
Let thy whole strength go to each.  
Let no future dream elate thee;  
Learn each hour what these can teach.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee;  
Do not fear an armed band.  
One will fade when others greet thee;  
Shadows passing through the land.

Do not look at life's long sorrow,  
See how small each moments pain.  
God will help thee for tomorrow,  
So each day begin again.

Every hour that fleets so slowly  
Has its task to do or bear,  
Luminous the crown, and holy  
When each gem is set with care.

Hours are golden links, God's token,  
Reaching Heaven but one by one;  
Take heed lest the chain be broken  
Ere the pilgrimage is done.

Her husband, my grandpa Gehring was a minister in our church for many years.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits . . . "When thou hast thanked thy God For every blessing sent, What time will then remain For murmurs or lament."

Surely we would have no excuse to murmur or complain if we truly worship God in truth and Spirit.

Our visitors were Bro. Robert Pohl—Burlington, Iowa; Bro. Clarence Kachlemuss—Forrest; Bro. Edmund Kloter—Fairbury; Bro. Raymond Roth—Burlington, Okla.

Those who were in hospitals: Bro. Gerald Leman was a medical patient, also Harold Wettstein, medical. Both were in our local hospital. Sis. Martha Grusy has been in the Pekin Memorial Hospital a month, where she underwent a major operation. She is the wife of Bro. Alf.

May God be near and heal all the dear ones with His healing power.

Friends Harvey and Sharon Martin are seeking the Lord in repentance. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Andrew and Martha Martin. We rejoice with them, as do the angels in heaven when souls repent.

Bro. Ed Kupferschmid has returned home from the army, discharged.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

#### Who shall roll the stone away?

This was the concern of the women on that first Easter morning. They were seeking the Lord Jesus, and so an angel had rolled away the stone, sat upon it, and spoke to them tidings of great joy. Sometimes a stone may block our path. Angels are still busy today. God makes His angels spirits. Angels still roll stones away for us if we, like they, seek Jesus Christ, and angels will sit upon the stones as trophies of triumph, and speak to us tidings of great joy.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydia (Baer) Aberle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 1 at a family dinner, given by their children. They were married Feb. 29, 1920. They have 10 children: Bro. Elmer, Bro. William, Reuben, Harold, Lt. Col. Ezra (in the Air Force, Japan), Mrs. Elizabeth Culk-in, Sis. Ann Maurer, Sis. Rose Huette, Sis. Leota Byrd, and Lois of California. The Aberles wish to thank everyone that remembered them with cards and expressions of love.

Bro. George Broquard is home from the hospital in Urbana, recuperating from eye surgery. Bro. Elmer Aberle had a fall, breaking his leg, and Bro. Dave Hartman was hospitalized.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker

As I've been driving to and from work through the countryside lately, I have to marvel at God's marvelous creation. With the spring rains we've been getting, the grass is green, the trees are in full bloom, and it seems like the flowers are popping out overnight. When beholding such beauties as this, it's hard to believe that mankind has brought such sin and corruption. What a great unhappiness He must have suffered when sin first entered this world, and as He looks down upon this sin-sick world of to-

day, we wonder how much longer he will allow such conditions to exist . . . But God in his great love and compassion had another plan for mankind. How wonderful it is that yet today we still have a chance to enter into this beautiful Garden of peace, love and beauty through His wonderful plan of salvation.

Yes, the door of salvation is still open for the weary traveler lost in sin. I would like to share this little poem with you, which I believe summarizes our feelings as children of God.

Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that  
we do;  
Yielding allegiance gladhearted and  
free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for  
me.

Those who were transferred were: Bro. Darrell Stoller to Ft Polk La, Bro. Jay Kellenburger to Ft Leonard Wood Mo., Bro. Roger Hitz to Korea, David Bach to Germany, and Bro. Bill Witzig received orders to leave for Germany in the near future. We enjoyed the many hours of fellowship together; we trust that God will be with them.

We want to welcome Bro. Keith Schmidgall from Morris and Phil Baumgartner from Bluffton, who started basic training Feb. 16. We were spiritually blessed the week-end of the 14th, when Elder Bro. Paul and Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend brought us many words of strength and encouragement.

Having lived in our new apartment for over a month, we certainly have been blessed with many hours of Christian fellowship together with those whom are stationed here and also those who have visited us. Our doors are always open, and anyone who travels through the San Antonio area, we extend a hardy invitation unto you to stop and pay us a most welcomed visit.

Our new address is: Apostolic Christian Church Apartment, C/O Person's Name, 463 Eleanor Ave, San Antonio Texas 78209. Phone Area Code (512) 824-9803.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

Our converts profess peace and, with the Lord willing, they will be given the opportunity to bring forth their testimonies on March

15, namely, Connie and Evelyn Miller and John and Ruby Sinn.

On Feb. 6 Bro. Jacob and Anna Pfister celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They give the Lord credit for longevity of life and the blessings they have shared together.

They were married at Gridley, by Anna's father, the elder Bro. Joseph Huber. Their four children were here to spend their anniversary with them, Mrs. Gus (Ruth) Sinn of Fort Scott, Mrs. Ephraim (Eunice) Koehl, Mrs. Charley (Esther) Koehl (Hancock), and Mrs. Wayne (Dorothy) Schmidgall, Morris. The following Sunday, Jacob's only living sister, Sis. Lydia Farney of Kiowa, and many of their grandchildren assembled with us to worship with them. Bros. Sam Huber and Joe Aberle, both nephews of the couple, occupied the pulpit and brought us timely messages for the occasion.

Jacob is now inactive, but he served his Lord in the ministry for 37 years. Both are enjoying good health, with the exception of Jacob being quite crippled with arthritis. Bro. Jacob said, the rising of the Lord has brought joy and the release from Satan's snare. Although 60 years have brought happiness, trials and adverse conditions at times, both can still say, "The Lord has never forsaken them". They wish to take this means to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and all favors shown unto them.

Other visiting ministers were, Bro. Paul Banwart, and Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend, and Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Marv Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Many of our congregation have been experiencing sickness, including both your reporters, and it seems the doctors have no name for it. We trust all will soon be well again, and able to assemble around God's precious word.

As we look out, we can see signs of life pushing forth through the earth—and we know that spring soon will come. It seems we are all eager for those first sunny spring days, when we can be outside. How close we feel to God!

With March comes Easter this year . . . . When our Lord and Saviour arose from the grave and brought salvation to all mankind—Does His rising bring sweet music

to your ears and a precious hope for the hereafter? If not, dear friends, "Why Not Now, Why Not Come To Jesus Now"?

Address change for Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Honegger and Marlene: State Rd. 116 West, Bluffton Ind 46714.

#### FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

#### A Bride's Prayer

Oh God, my heart is filled with a happiness that is so wonderful. This is my wedding day, and I pray that the beautiful joy of the day may never grow dim. May its memories become more precious and tender with each passing anniversary. Thou hast sent me one who seems altogether worthy of my deepest regards. May I prove and remain a true helpmate.

We know this is the prayer of Sis. Sandra Huber, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred Huber, as she became the bride of Bro. Junior Price, of Milford. Bro. Wendell Gudeman committed them to the Lord for His blessings. Bros. Merle Bucher of La Crosse, Bro. Theo. Beer, Walt Steffen and Elmer Hartter of Milford gave us many blessings for the day.

"Love of flowers, music and poetry are triple sisters." You can guess who spoke these words to us, Bro. Henry Beer.

From Morton we had such devoted brothers and sisters visit us, and tell us about the future "Home for the Handicapped." May they be richly blessed for their great deeds of kindness.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gutwein received "twin news" in Florida, that their daughter Sis. Suzanne has twins. The father, Herb, is real happy they are boys.

Don and Pam (Gutwein) Vogt are also happy with their second baby son. His great-grandmother is Sis. Cristine Gutwein, whom many know, and must be in a Nursing Home, remaining about the same.

Sis. Barbara Wuethrich had to enter the hospital, after her dear husband, Bro. Chris was laid to rest. She had fallen after his passing and needs hospital care, but we certainly pray she can be relieved of her pain and return home. Dear Aunt Cordia Leman could come home to Uncle Henry again. They are so fortunate to have two

daughters, Sis. Frances and Sis. Lois continually care for them.

Sis. Nuest asked me to give a "Thank You" to the many who remembered them so kindly during her shut-in time.

Our whole church want to show our appreciation to the brothers who were given jobs for the next few years, Wayne Huber, Ellsworth Pelsy, Dale Ward and Morris Eschleman. Of course for all the brothers and sisters who serve so willingly, in so many ways, we sincerely "Thank You", and may "God bless you real good." Hope you can say—"We do what we like, and like what we do."

Thanks: Since it would be impossible to thank each one personally, I wish to take this opportunity to say thanks to all my friends and relatives for their many cards, flowers and visits, also the ministers for their visits and prayers during my convalescing in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each one of you. Mrs. Barbara Wuethrich.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Caroline Emch

Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser wish to thank those who remembered them with prayers, gifts and cards during Carl's illness.

We have been blessed with several visiting ministers, Bro. Rudolph Graf, on Feb. 8. He read from Romans 12. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Bro. Eugene Pamer from Akron, Bro. Ben Stavenik from Mansfield, on Feb. 15. Bro. Ben read Heb. 13. He stressed on the words the Apostle spoke, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. Bro. Eugene read from chap. 6 in St. John, sermon of faith and courage, even as Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes and divided them among the disciples. Bro. Fred Marty from Rittman on Feb. 22 read Heb. 3 and St. Matthew 4. He reminded us, Beloved Brethren we are fortunate and should be thankful to God that we have such a High Priest as our Lord and Saviour. We want to thank the brothers for their inspiring messages and hope they will visit us again real soon.

We are so thankful that the Lord is still calling souls to repentance; Friends Joe and Donna Durkin have repented, received peace with

God, and were announced for baptism.

The Lord seen fit to relieve Friend Maude Emch from her many years of suffering on Feb. 13; she is the widow of the late Friend Robert Emch. Our sympathy to Sis. Charlotte Emch.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser in the passing of their daughter-in-law (Sis. Elda Bauman Gasser), her husband, Bro. Robert Gasser and family, and her parents, Bro. Noah and Sis. Bertha Bauman and family from Rittman.

Heaven's open gate discloses  
What for them in grace reposes,  
All that fondest hopes can bring.  
In white robe the Bride's appearing,  
Knowing that the time is nearing  
When in joy she'll greet the King.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Many of our loved ones that have been ill are able to assemble with us again. Sis. Marie Emch has been on the sick list for some time. Bro. Joe Emch has been in the hospital for two weeks; he hemorrhage'd inwardly, is home again and is doing very well. Bro. Lorentz Emch is able to attend church, after missing six Sundays. Sis. Marie, Bro. Joe and Bro. Lorentz wish to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, visits and cards received during their illness. May God bless you.

Sis. Ann Enyart and Friends Joe Durkins are on the sick list.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder  
Mrs. Andy Young Jr.

How appreciative for springlike weather, after a "colder than normal winter". It renews our faith in God to view resurrection of plants, after months of dormancy. A small comparison of the great resurrection of souls—"and I will raise him up at the last day."

Thanks to our elder, Bro. Sam Anliker for two timely messages, namely "The Good Samaritan", St. Luke 10, and "The Vine And Branches", St. John 15. After regular services he presided over our annual election. The only changes: Bro. Ephraim Young as S.S. Supt. Bro. Loren Strahm as Vacation Bible School Supt., Sis. Edna Somerhalder and Sis. Wilma Young, as Silver Lining reporters.

Bro. Matthias Strahm was hos-



pitalized 6 days for a heart condition. We are thankful he has recuperated sufficiently to assemble with us.

A farewell Hymn singing was held at Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisiteen Strahms for Bro. Dave Kaeb. He reports to New Jersey Mar. 5, as a replacement in Germany. His presence in our assembly the past 6 months was inspirational. May the Lord's Spirit continue guiding him.

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven that friend Susan Kraft (daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft) has turned her back to the world to follow the Savior. We wish her the necessary grace.

We were privileged having our elder Bro. Sam Anliker with us again March 1. He admonished us to take the Bible, the timetable to Heaven, search therein, and we will see which station we're in. Surely these are the latter days.

Bro. Samuel Huber ministered to us two Sundays. He quoted many passages of scripture which foretell the last days, clearly describing our present times. May the dear Lord bless the ministers who were willing to meditate the word and grant us grace to heed these warnings.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Elizabeth (Frank) Beyer and other relatives in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Jacob (Lena) Schneider, 85 years of age.

Sis. Lydia Bahr has returned to Gridley, after spending several weeks in Wichita to be near her doctor.

"I was asked to write what it means to me to be in church. It means a lot. Even though I can't understand all the brothers say. I enjoy the fellowship with those of the same mind; it means a lot to be present in the Lord's house and receive spiritual food." — Sis. Rosa Bahr (A quotation from an older sister who has had a hearing defect since childhood.)

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Mrs. Craig Gutwein

Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville joined us for worship on Feb. 8. We enjoyed a day of many blessings and much fellowship.

Several joined us for worship on the 15th. There was much joy to be found in everyones hearts on this sun-shining February Sunday.

We were grateful to the Lord

for sending Bro. Henry Souder from Bremen to us on the 22nd. We received many blessings from Bro. Henry's ministering.

### Where there is Love

Where there is love the heart is light;

Where there is love the day is bright.

Where there is love there is a song  
To help when things are going wrong.

Where there is love there is a smile,  
To make all things seem more worthwhile

Where there is love there is quiet peace,

A tranquil place, where turmoils cease.

Love changes darkness into light  
And makes the heart take wingless flight.

Oh blest are they who walk in love—

They also walk with God above.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

#### Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher are the parents of their first child, a boy Chris Michael on March 5. Bro. Vernon and Sis. Bucher are the paternal grandparents. Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida Aeschleman of Bluffton are the maternal grandparents. Bro. Steve is on a 25-day leave from Korea. A boy, James Allen was born Feb. 10 to Bro. Garry and Sis. Lois Bucher. Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva Bucher are the paternal grandparents, and Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst of Oakville the maternal grandparents. A boy Mark Edwards was born Feb. 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pfeifer. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma Pfeifer are the paternal grandparents.

Kenneth Pfeifer, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma, was married to Miss Susan Boesch of La Fayette on Feb. 4.

The engagement of Miss Carolyn Metz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Metz of Forrest to Bro. Thomas Frank, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea Frank, was announced.

Sis. Josephine (Roland) Meiss submitted to surgery. She is home, and is improving nicely.

Visiting minister was Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty.

Bro. Roger Hitz, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lena Hitz is home on a two-week leave. When he returns, he will be sent to Korea. May God bless and protect him while he

is there, so he can return to his loved ones.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each one who remembered me with cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since I returned home. May God bless you all. Bro. Elmer Heiniger

### LATTY, OHIO

#### Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

It is a joy to bring you the glad news that four more dear friends have found peace with their God and will soon be ready for baptism: Rodney and Ede Laukhuf, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Merrill Laukhuf; Suzanne Wieland, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clemens Wieland; and Phil Grant, son of Bro. and Sis. Tom Grant. To add to our joy, LeAnn Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, has accepted the call of her Saviour and seeks to be one of the fold.

We welcome to our congregation Sis. Lou Ann (Fiechter) Rager, new bride of Bro. Bill Rager (William and Elsie) formerly from the Bluffton congregation.

We had burial in our church cemetery for Bro. Alfred Gerber, with services at the Fort Wayne church. He went home to be with the Lord after a long illness. He was the brother of Sis. Ollie Laukhuf and was laid to rest by the fresh grave of his departed brother, Jesse Gerber.

Our congregation was saddened by the tragic accident which proved fatal to our dear Sis. Alma Ringger, 64, wife of Nathan Ringger. She suffered from multiple fractures of the legs and chest. Surviving besides her husband are six daughters. Mrs. Leroy (Louise) Beatty. Paulding; Mrs. Charles (Betty) Hofacker, Cecil; Mrs. Walter (Loretta) Schultz, Ney; Mrs. John (Frances) Taylor, Hicksville; Mrs. Dwight (Wanetta) Pinkerton, Ft Wayne, and Mrs. Marian Meyer, Marietta, Ga.; two sons, Lawrence and Charles, at home; three sisters; two brothers. Services were held Friday, March 6.

We were glad to see Sis. Bena De Long back in fellowship with us after a long winter illness.

Bro. Alvin Klopfenstein is in the hospital, for tests. We hope he will not have to stay long. Twin daughters of Bro. Bill and Sis. Janice Laukhuf, Treva and Trenna, were hospitalized for tonsillectomies. Their father, Bill, has also been

quite ill with the mumps and flu. We wish them all well.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy Stoller are grandparents of their first grandson, born to Wendell and Glenna on Feb. 8. He was named Troy Eugene. One week later on the 15th, a daughter was born to their son, Lonnie and Shirley, Misty Malynne. God bless them both with their new bundle of joy.

Winter, with all its scenic beauty will soon be left behind and we will be looking forward to spring, with a new fresh beauty to behold, again God's handiwork.

We leave you this time with . . . A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. A smile creates happiness, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad. None needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

"Truly we are living in a wonderful time." When Bro. Merrill Laukhuf of Latty visited our congregation on Sunday, March 1, he told us this statement was made 350 years before the birth of Christ. Merrill then applied these words to the present, as he reminded us of the privilege we have to be living in the time of God's grace, in the time when salvation through Jesus is offered to each one, in a time when God's word is gathered together and contained in one book, the Bible. Truly we are living in a wonderful time. Thank you for your visit, Bro. Merrill.

Sis. Elizabeth Wahl is a hospital patient, having undergone surgery, and Bro. David Beer has returned to the hospital. May our Heavenly Father strengthen and heal as He knoweth best.

He carried the cross to Calvary,  
Carried its burden for you and me;  
There on the cross He was  
crucified,  
And, because He suffered and bled  
and died,  
We know that whatever our cross  
may be,  
It leads to God and eternity . . .  
For who can hope for a crown of  
stars

Unless it is earned with suffering  
and scars,  
For how could we face the living  
Lord  
And rightfully claim His promised  
reward  
If we have not carried our cross of  
care  
And tasted the cup of bitter  
despair . . .  
But if you are searching to find the  
way  
To life everlasting and eternal  
day—  
With faith in your heart take the  
path He trod,  
For the way of the cross is the way  
to God.

"If any man will come after me,  
let him . . . take up his cross, and  
follow me."

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Elizabeth K. Kaisner Easter

Let us sincerely observe the  
resurrection of our LORD and  
SAVIOUR:

This is that great thing I know;  
This delights and stirs me so;  
Faith in HIM who died to save,  
HIM who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Jesus, God of majesty.

Sis. Julia Milinkovich has been in the hospital with surgery; she is one of our older sisters. Sis. Nettie Locher is confined to her wheelchair and has been in church lately; may God comfort and bless them in their suffering and make all things bearable for each.

Arise my song to CHRIST the  
KING,  
From whom the fount of life did  
spring,  
When from the grave He did arise  
To sever death's deceiving ties.

Earth trembled with His wondrous  
might;  
From Heaven came an angel  
bright.  
The stone was moved from its  
repose  
When Jesus Christ from death  
arose.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

New officers elected for our church were: Bros. Glenn Price Sr. as trustee, John Hoerr—Treasurer, Maurice and Bob Beer—ushers, and Nelson Beer—the personal

property insurance representative. Bros. Glenn Price Jr. and Ned Speicher were elected as Sunday School teachers.

Max Beer, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Alice, was united in marriage to Ginger Shipley of Syracuse on Feb. 21. The young couple will make their home in Milford, where Max is associated with his father in the nursery and landscaping business. May God bless their life together.

On Feb. 22, Bro. Glenn Price Jr. and Sis. Sandra Huber were married. Junior is the son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate of Milford. They will make their home southeast of Milford. We welcome Sandy to our church home and pray they will have happiness and many blessings as they begin their lives together.

New babies were welcomed by their brand new parents: To Mike and Carolynn Zimmerman, a little daughter named Kara Lynn; Carol and Dane Rumpfelt, a little girl named Teri Lynn; and Sam and Vonda Lehman, a son, Douglas Ray.

Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer are the parents of their second child, a little girl named Renee Marie, and Butch and Kathy Stookey have welcomed their second child, a son named Jeffrey Earl.

Another daughter was born to Bro. Willard and Sis. Sue Schieler. She has been named Stacy and is their third child. God's blessings on the lives of all these new little babies. May their homes be filled with happiness and joy.

Bro. Eli Gerber has undergone surgery. We are happy to report he has made a satisfactory recovery and was able to be in church this past Sunday.

Sis. Anna Stieglitz sent us a note from Goshen Hospital, where she was still a patient. "Enclosed find money for the Silver Lining. I read it on my hospital bed. The paper is easy to read and inspirational." It will be a joy to all of us to have her able to assemble with us soon again.

New wainscotting has been installed in our dining room, and extensive work has been done on the rest rooms to remodel them. Jesus told us to keep our spiritual house in order, and we also find satisfaction in keeping our church home in good repair. Many brothers, sisters and friends have volunteered to

clean, after the carpenters and plumbers were finished.

A Singspiration was enjoyed one Sunday evening, with our neighboring Bremen church as guests. Inspirational numbers were sung by various groups and the congregation. The fellowship we enjoyed with them was a major part of the evening's blessing.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

The engagement has been announced of Sis. Bonnie Moser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin, and Bro. Larry Nohl, son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence, both of this congregation. We wish them God's richest blessing.

Sis. Viola Aupperle has moved to Minneapolis, where she will make her home. We certainly will miss her in our congregation, and am sure she will be a blessing to the Minneapolis church.

Sis. Mary Luthi has been hospitalized. May she feel God's nearness.

Bro. Carl Feucht was our visiting minister. We thank him for his visit.

### A Prayer For Sons

We loaned him to our country, God,  
To serve as it seems best;  
We couldn't bear the parting but  
He's no different from the rest.

And though such strange and  
distant miles

Are in between, please do  
Watch over him and keep him  
safe—

I'm counting so on You.

For You know most of all the grief  
When a mother gives a son,  
For Mary knelt beside your cross  
And wept when day was done!

So gentle, loving Saviour please  
Watch over him today,  
And speed the hour when all our  
sons

Can come back home to stay.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

We of the Morton congregation have been uplifted in faith by the repentance of 20 dear souls, ranging in age from 15 to 20. Our prayers have truly been heard.

Ted Schick, son of Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Feucht Schick, who

was hurt in an automobile accident last November is recovering very satisfactorily. We would enjoy receiving a card of cheer. He is in the Methodist Hospital, Peoria.

Words of encouragement were given us by Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha. We appreciate his love shown unto us.

Bro. John and Sis. Rose Schambach Teubel celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. We wish them God's blessings.

Those who have been in the hospital and are now convalescing are: Sisters Sarah Huetter and Jan Martin, Bros. Willis Geiger, Levi Ricketts and George Ackerman.

Our congregation was saddened to hear of the death of our dear sister in faith, Christine Woerner, 84, who has lived in the Morton area since moving to the U. S. in 1906. She is survived by four daughters: Sis. Marie (Mrs. Carl) Schick, Mrs. Richard (Lillian) Dallinger, Mrs. Norman (Mildred) Weyland and Mrs. Gordon (Emma) Taylor; three sons: Louis, Edgar and Alvin; and one brother, Carl Kieser.

What does Easter mean to us? We have asked two people of our congregation this question. One has been in the faith many, many years and the other is one of our new converts.

### What Easter Means to Me!

As the years take their flight in my Christian life, Easter still has a real meaning for me. Were it not for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, joy could not rise from the depths of grief I have sometimes experienced, and move my lips to praise.

Easter, therefore, will always remain a day of joy and cheer, and no matter how dark the clouds of the world, I shall never forget that the Light of the Cross cannot be blacked out, for it is the symbol of my spiritual faith in a better and happier world. Bro. Sam L. Getz.

### A New Story

In the past, Easter has been new clothes, an Easter basket with Easter eggs, and another Sunday to hear the old story—but this year the old story will be a new story. Because of faith and new belief, the story will have deeper meaning and the reality of Christ's suffering will be felt deep within my heart. How thankful I am that Christ died for me on the cross and paid the supreme sacrifice that I might be saved through grace. What a joy and comfort it has been

to me to know that the Lord has left the door of grace open in these last days, so that many could yet find peace with their Lord. We can never thank Christ enough for all that he has done for us. I await that glorious day when I can rejoice with Him in His Father's kingdom. Carla Vierling (With the help of the Lord!)

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Andrea Lynn is the new little girl at the home of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris (Rocke) Kuntz. She was born Feb. 6 and is welcomed by two brothers, Michael and Steven. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna Rocke.

We have truly enjoyed greatly the visits of several ministering brothers: Bros. August Bolliger and Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; Gerald Sutter, Taylor; Bros. Uriel Gehring and Robert Pohl, Burlington. We thank them very much for bringing us the word of God in all its truth and purity.

Bro. John Frank has been in the hospital for several weeks due to a heart attack, and is now getting along pretty well. He would enjoy cards and letters from brethren and friends, and is in Room 315, Eastman Unit, Burlington Hospital in Burlington. His home address is 725 Louisa.

Sis. Sarah Gerst (Julius) wishes to express her thanks and appreciation for all those who have remembered her with cards, letters, and visits while she has been unable to resume her normal activities, due to a broken hip. We hope she will be up and about before too long.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Veva Dominick announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Ronald Largent, son of Mrs. Anna Largent of Hanna City.

A daughter, Lisa Annette, was born Feb. 10 to Bro. Tom and Sis. Jeanette Hoerr.

Bro. Alfred Rapp Sr. died Feb. 7 at his son's home in Decatur. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Johanna; one son, Herbert. At the present time Sis. Johanna is living in Decatur with her son and family.

Bro. Alfred Simon died Feb. 14. He was born in France, a son of John and Bertha Meyer Simon, but

lived in this area most of his life. Surviving are two brothers, Jacob and Bro. Henry Simon, and five sisters; Sis. Louise, who lived with him on a farm in Hanna City, Edna, and Sisters Margaret, Emily and Martha Simon.

We welcome Sis. Pam Stichling in our assembly. She moved here from the Burlington Iowa congregation.

Bros. Ben Fehr and Harvey Grimm were both very welcome guest ministers. The Mortonaires were assembled with us at our March Hymn Sing. They had a very lovely selection of hymns which they sang for us.

Bro. Albert Hunziker and Sis. Tillie Luthi are hospital patients.

Our dear Sis. Elizabeth Voelpel observed her 95th birthday Feb. 21. She has not been able to assemble with us in church for approximately 7 years, but she does so look forward to partaking in Holy Communion. For several years now she has been served in her home. She enjoys daily reading in the Bible and the Silver Lining, although she doesn't know all the people she reads about, yet there is that bond of love that means so much to her. She lost the sight in one eye when a prowler in her home beat her so unmercifully a number of years ago, but she is so thankful that with the help of a magnifying glass she can still read. Her daughter, Ruth, lives with her in a very neat and lovely home, where you can see that cleanliness is next to godliness. Elizabeth is able to get up and dress herself every day and still enjoys knitting, too.

Mrs. Hulda Streitmatter had been in the hospital for seven weeks, but is glad to be home now recuperating.

As the time of Easter draws near, we again anticipate partaking in the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion. We can never be thankful enough that our Lord and Saviour died upon the cross, shed his precious blood for the remission of our sins, and arose from the grave, ascended to heaven to be the intercessor to our Heavenly Father, so that whosoever will may come and have eternal life.

"The Simon family wishes to thank everyone for the many kind words of sympathy and deeds shown unto them in the loss of their brother, Alfred. May God reward you richly for your love."

### God's Love

God gave me life here on earth to live;

He gave me a heart willing to forgive.

He gave me two hands and taught me to pray;

He blessed and forgave, when I'd lost the way.

He gave me light, with an eye to see,

But most of all, love, God gave unto me.

God lifted me from the depths of despair;

His mercy endures; He answered my prayer.

His precious word heard, by His servant was given;

He paves the pathway that leads into Heaven . . .

God gave me hope, faith, joy and peace,

Above all virtues, love, through Christ Jesus will ne'er cease.

Written by Louise Finck

Bro. Jim Hoerr met Bros. Carl Kinsinger and Joe Waibel in New York March 2. They plan to be gone 16 days. Their first day was to be spent in Germany, and then proceed to India. May the Lord's protecting wing be over them and guide them so His will may be done. On the way home they plan to stop in Zurich, Switzerland, and also in Germany again.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA Wilma J. Pulfer

We are enjoying rain in Phoenix at this writing, not the lovely sunshine as most of our visitors expect when they travel to the Valley of the Sun.

Phoenix was blessed with many visitors from twenty-five congregations during the past month.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Al Langhofer from Wichita; Loren Strahm from Gridley; Merle Bucher from Kouts; Bro. Elias Somerhalder from Burlington, Oklahoma; Elder Bro. Paul Banwart from West Bend; Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend; and Elder Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris. We thank them for their visit to our church and for their many inspiring messages.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

Once more the cold winter days will soon be a memory; we look for-

ward to the beautiful springtime. How wonderful it is to feel the warm breezes in your face . . . Soon we will again be observing Easter Day, the most wonderful day! The day when our Lord and Saviour arose from the tomb. What a great love did He show! What are we doing to show our love for Him?

I suffered much for thee, More than thy tongue can tell,  
Of bitterest agony, To rescue thee from Hell;

I've borne, I've borne it all for thee.  
What hast thou borne for Me?

I wonder how many times we ponder over them and think what the Saviour really did for us.

It was so nice to have Bro. LeRoy Ehnle with us. Roy advised all to stay close to God and wait for the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Early in the morning of Feb. 25, Sis. Louise Martin heard her husband, Bro. Sam, make a little unusual sound. She asked what was the matter and had no response. Upon looking at him, she found he had stopped breathing and had passed from this earth. He had been real cheerful when he had gone to bed. How good that he had prepared his soul many years before. Brother LeRoy Huber of Eureka, and Brother Joshua Broquard of Fairbury conducted services on Feb. 27. Our local ministers also took part. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. His survivors include his faithful wife, Sis. Louise; six sons; Bros. Glenn and Ray of Iowa, Bros. Elmer of Edelstein and Dale of Princeville, Lyle of Lasalle and Sam Jr. at home; five daughters: Sisters Wilma, Elda, Adelle and Vera, and Mary all at home; a brother, Bro. Chris; four sisters, Sis. Martha Hemmer, Sis. Mary Scholl, and Sisters Louise and Hulda, all of Princeville.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks for all acts of love during this time. The visits, cards and prayers of their loved ones helped carry their load. May God bless you all!

Our aged Bro. George Kieser spent a few days in the hospital, recovering from the flu. His faithful daughter, Sis. Dorothea, who tenderly cared for him, stayed with him the night of Feb. 25. She went home to rest, and was to return to bring her father home. She had been home a short time when a call

came, saying her father had quietly slipped away. He had gone to his Heavenly Home.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, Feb. 28, with our local ministers officiating. Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont also took part. Bro. Arthur Baurer told how he had been an inspiration to him and to us all as a quiet, faithful brother. He realized the power of prayer, and when Arthur visited him in the hospital he enjoyed a prayer.

He was laid to rest in the church cemetery, beside his wife, who had passed on nearly eleven years ago. Survivors include his faithful son, Bro. Ludwig; and five daughters: Frieda and Esther, Sis. Dorothea, all at home; Sis. Marie of Peoria, and Pauline Little of Peoria; one brother, Karl Kieser of Morton.

Little did we realize that so soon after going into our new edifice two brothers would be called out of this life so suddenly.

We never tire of having Bro. Harvey Grimm spend time with us and thank him for his sincere teachings. He spent a Sunday morning with us.

We have several in our congregation who have been unable to worship with us for some time, and we miss them. Sis. Lena Stichling has not been with us for several years, but is always cheerful and glad to have callers. Bro. George Miller has been unable to come to the house of worship. Sis. Josephine Endress has not been with us during the winter months, and we hope now that the weather will soon be warmer she will take courage and assemble with us. Sis. Elizabeth Stoller has been confined to her home, but is improving. Our friend, Emil Stahl, has undergone surgery, and is showing satisfactory recovery.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl Rumbold have gotten interesting reports from their son, Howard, who is stationed at Tripler General Hospital at Honolulu, Hawaii. We are glad he did not have to go to the fighting countries.

One Sunday we had a large number of young folks in Sunday School from various congregations. How pleasing it must have been to God to see so many young folks spend Sunday morning in the house of worship. As one of our older brothers remarked as he looked over the group, The field is indeed ripe for harvest.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY Veronica Bucher

How soon will Christ return? As Bro. Ed Bahler, from Remington, had our evening meditation on Feb. 4, we could realize how late it really is, by the fulfilling of God's word. We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our Bro. Ed, in helping with our Wednesday night services every two weeks.

"Just as I am without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come . . ."  
As we were gathered together on Feb. 18 for another service, and sang this hymn together, we were rejoicing that another soul, Curt Bahler, had answered the calling to come to Jesus. May God grant him an extra portion of grace, especially as he enters the service of the government while seeking his soul's salvation. Bro. Norman Stoller, from Ft. Wayne, had our services that evening. Through His word, we were shown how much Christ has done for us—we shouldn't be ashamed of Him, but work . . .

We want to extend our best wishes to Sis. Deb Wuethrich, as she leaves our Purdue fellowship to marry Bro. Ned Speicher, from Milford. We have enjoyed her presence for the last 1½ years, and pray that God's blessings will continue to be with her and Bro. Ned always.

A large number assembled together at our March 4 meeting, as La Crosse was the visiting congregation. Bro. Ed Frank held our service, and brought out how we shudder to think how people defied our Lord when they tried Him, and hung Him on the cross. Is it any different when a soul today is brought up to know the plan of salvation, and then continues to live in sin and reject his calling? The following poem, written by one of our students, brings out the thought that Bro. Art Gudeman then brought to us—When they crucified our Lord, were you there?

The world today is scornful  
Of that act in days gone by,  
When men nailed Jesus to the cross  
And left Him there to die.

We criticize those people  
Because they failed to see  
The life God offered to them,  
Through the Man of Galilee.

The Saviour walked among them  
Doing wondrous works and deeds,  
And showing them the way to  
Satisfy their wants and needs.

We criticize those people,  
But the people of today  
Are walking down the road of life  
In such a sinful way.

Don't think because you didn't  
watch

As Jesus died that day  
That you are any better than  
The ones who heard Him say,

**Oh Father please forgive them  
For they know not what they do.**

Those words Christ spoke so long  
ago

Apply to me and you.

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

Sis. Emily Kilgus was in the hospital for foot surgery. Her mother, Sis. Elsie is home from the hospital for several weeks. Sis. Mary Bahler has been moved to the Americana Nursing Home in Lafayette, after being in the hospital due to a broken hip. She is slowly recuperating. Ed Frey has been taken to the Nursing Home at Kentland, Ind.

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Helen Waibel and children have moved into their new home, which they build themselves, with the aid of his father, Bro. Herman, and his father-in-law.

Word comes to Emma (Hageman) (Paul) Pelsey that her brother, August Hageman passed away March 3 at Peoria. He used to work around here and was also a brother to Julis Hageman (deceased), who lived here, for many years were neighbors to us when we lived on the farm. He worked for our folks when he first came from Switzerland and always called our place his home.

Bro. Richard Leman had all of his family spend Sun. March 1 here, including Bro. Clarence Kachelmus of Forrest.

We are very thankful for three converts, Curt Bahler—(Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois' son), Mick Culp, (Coleen Clauss' husband), and Wayne Steffen (Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffens' son). May God in His mercy grant grace, light, wisdom and understanding to many souls.

### Easter-Time

Stark, still  
In Friday's sky

The tortured cross beams etch  
 Their agonizing burden—Christ,  
 Still . . . Stark,  
 But wait,  
 Within three days, what miracle!  
 The stone rolled back; the Christ  
 Victorious!  
 Alive!

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

##### Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

"Finally from hottest smelter, faith receives its seal and shelter, as the gold that's purified; for the greatest joy of heaven, having suffered much and striven, God's be-  
 lov'd are glorified." After many weeks of much suffering, the Lord called our dear Sis. Elda Gasser home. She is now at rest, near to the heart of God. We all feel the loss of this dear one, but we can say the Lord knows best, and what He does is well done. Comforting words were spoken by Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Henry Sabo, and not only the family but we too benefit from their words of love and kindness. Surviving are her husband Bro. Robert; daughters Sis. Barbara and Beverly; sons Jim, Jerry, Jeff and Neil; her parents Bro. Noah and Sis. Bertha Bauman; one brother and four sisters.

It's so nice to see Sis. Irma Hilty back in church. We are happy and thankful for her recovery from illness. Surgical patients were Sis. Minnie Riggenschach and Sis. Louise Riggenschach. Others requiring hospital care were Craig Saurer, Lex Beres, Sis. Lydia Steiner, Sis. Anna Hodavan, and Kenny Spence. We pray the Lord will continue to heal those who must suffer in this life.

A very welcomed baby girl arrived at the home of Betty and Walter Marquart. She is named Michelle Ann, and has two brothers, Michael and Steven.

Best wishes and many blessings from God are extended to Don and Gail (Davis) Riggenschach, who were married. Don is the son of Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Riggenschach.

The Sunday School season has arrived again, and for some it is a new experience. We have new scholars, new teachers, and many have gone to a new class . . . But the story of Jesus is not new; it is an old, old story, and we pray that we will learn more of Him as this year 1970 goes on, and then when December comes, we can say we had a blessed season.

Sing Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

What a glorious song! To be able to say the Lord is risen for me, so that I might rise, too, on the Resurrection Morning. Easter, the time of new birth, when God's creation will bloom forth, and His Son is glorified. Let's all ask ourselves, what does the Lord's resurrection mean to us? Can we all say He died for us, I live with Him, I will be with Him through eternity? If you can't say these words, then now is the time to change, and achieve this new goal and gain this great serenity of living for Christ!

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

##### Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffmann

Bro. Richard and Sis. Rachel (Blunier) Leman are the parents of a baby daughter, born Feb. 6.

Our friends, Rich Gerber, Don Weidman and Tim Hohulin escaped serious injury when their car became involved in an accident on a snow-covered highway. The fourth passenger in their car, their friend John Daraban was hospitalized, but made a quick recovery from his injuries (which were quite serious). The accident proved fatal to the driver of the other car, who was Craig Van Meter, a graduate from our high school this past May, on his way to work on the night shift. We deeply sympathize with his family and are grateful that the others' lives were spared. It was a coincidence that all who were involved were from the same school.

Funeral services were held March 1 for Sis. Emma Schlupp, who passed away Feb. 26. She was the daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Hodel Schlupp, both deceased. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Lydia Fischer (Eureka), Elizabeth, Barbara, and Mrs. Ida Wenger of Roanoke, and two brothers, Joe (Eureka) and John (Roanoke).

Those of our congregation who were hospitalized were Bro. Ben P. Martin (Mayos), Bro. Fred Sieben-thal (Eureka), and Sis. Edna Stoller (Eureka).

Christian Endeavor was held at Roanoke on March 8, with the Bible Classes of all our Central Illinois churches participating.

#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

##### Philip Wingeier

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Bro. Rudolph Moser, who was hospitalized for a while, is back to their apartment, just a little stronger. We trust God will give him strength that he will be able to go in and out again.

Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Sis. Lorene and part of their children have been here. On Feb. 22, Ben was in Bay City where he assisted Bro. Waibel with proving and baptism. March 1 he was at his home church in Detroit, returning here after that date.

Other visiting elders and ministers: Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Roy Sauder, George Gramm, Ezra Feller, Elmer Hartter, Henry Beer, and Albert Schneider. Each one ministered unto us the beautiful word of life.

After service Sun. Feb. 22, the brothers and sisters of the Sarasota church planned a dinner in observance of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. George Sauder of Bradenton, Fla. and Eureka. About 62 were present at the dinner, including the Sauders' three children, Kenneth and family of Clearwater, who brought with him the two other sons, Wayne and Gene who had flown in from Illinois on a surprise visit for their parent's anniversary.

The Sauders wish to thank everyone who took part in the dinner. Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, letters and gifts.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bro. Henry Wackerle family of Bay City Michigan. Bro. Henry will be missed for the many kind deeds everywhere.

Again we approach the Easter season, which is but a few weeks, when we are all reminded how our Saviour suffered on the cross for each of us.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

##### Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

The annual business meeting was held: Bro. Paul Haab is new trustee; Bro. Stan Heimer was chosen to run the recorder.

Will Cottrell, father of Bro. William Cottrell has been hospitalized with a heart condition. He has shown some improvement.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Stratton and son have moved to Quincy from Kansas City, where he received his training and graduated from Chiropractic School. Mrs. Stratton is the former Cheryl Hodel.

Vernon Huber was returned from Viet Nam because of his

health and has been in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and Herman Kellenberger read and meditated on the memorandum. We appreciated their visit and having them bring us God's holy word.

Mrs. Charles Winfield, mother of Sis. Charlene (Dick) Sutter, had major surgery. She has shown some improvement.

Many in this community have been quite sick with the flu.

We have had a cold winter, with below zero temperature several times, and more snow than usual. Now the warm breezes are blowing, the green grass is showing through, and soon all nature will come to life, even as we are about to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. How fitting that both should come at the same season of the year.

Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, spent last Sunday with us. We enjoyed having them with us, and may the Lord's blessings be with Bob, as he continues to proclaim His word.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

Emily Frautschi  
Mary Ann Weigele

Sis. Naomi Rehklaue was called home to rest, after many years of illness. She and her sisters, Lydia and Priscilla, who survive her, lived in a nursing home in Toledo the past 3½ years.

Appointed as Sunday School teachers were: Sis. Lois Newman for the Junior Bible Class and Sis. Mary Ann Weigele for the Primary Class.

On Sat. Feb. 28, our Sunday School enjoyed a day of fellowship with other young folks from Bay City, Alto and Detroit.

We are glad to report that Bro. John Fetter and Emmy Kaeppler are both back to church, after surgery. Sis. Frances Laidig is home, after undergoing tests in the hospital at Ann Arbor.

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

It is by the guidance and help of God that I am able to send news of our Shioda church to you brothers, sisters and friends in America who experience the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We especially ask you to pray for Bro. Ehnle, who works for the church in Japan, as well as Sisters Carol and Marie, who are busy

every day in the school and kindergarten, which results in very good study for the children. I pray that these children will become faithful followers of God's word. I know that the Lord promised in John, **Whatever you shall ask in my name, I shall give it unto you.**

I spoke on John 14 at this week's Sunday service. "I am the way, the truth and the life", as written in verse 6 are really wonderful words, and I believe they strike the hearts of many seekers or friends. If by what we speak a soul that is lost can be saved, our Heavenly Father will also rejoice.

Peter said the Lord's word would remain forever. The world is becoming worse and worse. However, joining with Bro. Ehnle and working together, I shall speak the holy word to many people. II Timothy 3:12 "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." We shall not lose courage. We shall fight to the end for the glory of our Lord. We shall not submit to the temptations of Satan, but strive onward.

The Shioda church is being blessed. Also, many people are coming to the English classes. Many young students come to the Saturday night class, and it is very enjoyable for all. To teach the holy word to these young souls is one of the tasks of Bro. Ehnle. Please, everyone in the church in America, encourage Bro. Ehnle and his family and Sisters Carol and Marie, if you see them. Finally please give words of encouragement to Junk. Hatsuami, and my daughter, Hatsuone, who are visiting in the states.

May God's grace be abundantly upon you.

(Translated by Willis R. Ehnle)

#### TAMAHATA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

The Lord's servant must not quarrel. He must be kind to all. He must be gentle and patient in correcting those who oppose him. This is II Timothy 2:24 in everyday English, and it certainly sets a noble and high standard for us to attain in dealing with others.

The Tamahata church continues on hopefully, with a number of young people attending who have a keen interest in God's word.

Bro. Hisato Inoue is still hospitalized as a result of his auto accident last fall. He appears to have recovered, but is now suffering

from severe headaches. May it all work out for spiritual benefit.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer  
Mary Jane Leuthold

Friends Ken Locke, son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Doris, and Carol Lynn Hodges (Delavan) were married Feb. 15. May you find much happiness in your life together.

We wish to sincerely thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Chuck Hemmer, Peoria; Bros. Gene Marti and Joe Aberle, Sabetha; and Bro. Ray Roth, Burlington. We heard and cherish many precious teachings sent through them from God.

"Precious Memories how they linger" were words spoken by one of our home ministers, as he concluded Sunday evening services that ended a very blissful blessed week end, when friends Jerry and Carolyn Prather related their testimonies of their repentance, and were baptized and raised to a newness of life, now a brother and sister to us, and a precious child of God.

There were so many rich teachings brought by our visiting ministers that I would like to share a few of them with you. We were told that we escaped Satan's snare once when we repented, and we should stay free from him now. We enter into a war with Satan and his hosts, and it shall last as long as there is breath in us. We do not go with clubs and fists; we have a more powerful weapon, SINCERE PRAYER.

Another brother told the unconverted person that he may be offended because they are classified as an unbeliever. They say well we believe the word of God, but the brother mentioned it occurred to him that it is just like when we drive down a highway, and see a lot of signs, telling us to turn, detour, or the road is closed, and we follow the instructions. Suppose we did not . . . suppose we proceeded, and crashed. Isn't it the same with God's word?

Another brother mentioned that the word of God tells us **Ye shall be betrayed by kinsfolk**, and how behind the iron curtain a parent mentions the Lord or gift of Salvation to his child . . . at the peril of their own life. We wonder how many yet in those lands yet worship in sincerity and truth. The Lord said he had reserved 7000 souls who had not bowed down to

the image of Baal. We do not know who the children of God are today. The Lord can reserve to himself a multitude . . . So we leave that to Him.

Sis. Mary Winzeler passed away Feb. 27 at Restmor Home, Morton. Services were held Sunday March 1. Those of the family are sisters, Katherine Winzeler, Mrs. Aaron (Bina) Bertsch and a brother, Pete Winzeler. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Friend Pete Winzeler has been hospitalized. We hope his stay will be a short one.

### TUCSON, ARIZONA Tucson Sewing Circle

Here in the Southwest we are enjoying the warm sunshine. It is amazing in the mornings to see that snow has fallen on the mountain ranges that surround the city of Tucson. It is beautiful to see the mountain peaks covered with fresh snow.

Visiting elders were Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris and Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix. We also had several visiting ministers, Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita, and Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas. We thank them all for their visits.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman announce the marriage of their daughter, Laurie, to James Mila Maclachlan of Tucson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Maclachlan.

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY Ed. Aeschleman

The signs of spring give us new courage, as we look forward to the rebirth of God's great creation. The winter in our area was long and cold, with much snow, making it difficult for many of our congregation to get to church.

The Amelia Dobos family express their thanks and appreciation to all who remembered them during their time of sorrow, when the Lord suddenly called their dear husband and father home. Andrew Dobos passed away Dec. 20, at the age of 60.

The Union City church is located at 2410 West Street. Services start at 10:30 and 12:30. We all join Bro. Philip Webber in making the invitation which he submits as follows:

We are glad to notice that each year a number of our brethren from the Midwest and West, particularly our ministering brethren,

make a trip to the East coast churches.

We invite all who make such a trip to stop over in Union City and get to know our small but unique community. With members living in the major middle-Atlantic seaboard cities of Wilmington, Delaware; Philadelphia, Penna.; Newark, N. J.; and of course Union City, our church is located just across the Hudson River from New York City. Few, if any areas in the U. S., offer as diverse opportunities as does our own in the fields of business, education, the professions, technology and others. Each year we are also pleased to host a number of servicemen from stations such as Fort Dix, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, and Valley Forge.

We welcomes all who visit and fellowship with us, and will be more than ready to help in the locating of any who may be considering a permanent residence in our area.

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA Mrs. Gary Anliker

A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
a sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures from  
the storehouse of our God.  
They are the things that can't be  
bought with silver or with  
gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
and love are never sold. . . .  
They are the priceless things in life  
for which no one can pay.  
And the giver finds rich recompense  
in giving them away.

Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest, was with us for our February meeting. It is interesting to hear an old soldier of the faith speak of his experiences. Happy is he that puts his trust in the Lord. We were reminded we should be a help to one another so we can walk this narrow pathway of life. Those that are not God's children are watching us. Let us ever be a light unto them.

### WEST BEND, IOWA Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Words of the hymn writer come to mind as we review the happenings of the past month, "Joy here alternates with Woe".

A new son, Jud Lowell, was born to Lowell and Sis. Jan Fehr. He was welcomed home by three sis-

ters. Bob and Kaye (Meyer) Banwart have been blessed with twins, Virginia Marie and William Paul. They were welcomed home by two brothers and one sister. These joys were offset when the death angel came to gather a tender bud for the Master's bouquet. Little Melissa, daughter of Philip Jr. and Barb Fisher of Iowa City and granddaughter of Bro. and Sis. Phillip Sr. and Katherine Fisher of here, was laid to rest Feb. 18. "During her short almost nine months on earth she brought much joy to those about her. May we strive to leave a path of joy as we travel our pilgrimage journey toward Home." This was brought to mind by Bro. Duane Metzger, who was assisted by Bro. Clifford Grimm and Bro. Noah Gerber at the funeral.

As we think of our hospital patients, may we utter a prayer of Thanksgiving for the health shared unto us. Bro. Elmer Fehr and Mrs. Ray (Lydia) Wilson both remain in the hospital, but show improvement. Brent, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Bruellman, is recovering from a tonsillectomy.

A blessing not too often enjoyed was afforded to Bro. and Sis. Eli and Lena (Banwart) Grimm, who with all of their thirteen children observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house for friends and relatives, followed by a family meal. They would like to thank everyone for remembering them with cards or in any way which helped make this such an enjoyable experience. Our thanks to Bro. Albert Wuthrich for the messages brought to us while here for this occasion.

A reception was held for Mike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Banwart, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rasmussen, following their wedding Feb. 28. May the Lord bless them as they begin their life together.

How fortunate we are to live in a climate that reacts to the Easter season in the same manner the teaching is revealed. After the grave, the glorious resurrection of our Lord is echoed in the earthly plant life which after lying dormant in the cold responds to warmth and bursts forth in new splendor and vigor. So must we, not only at this season, remind ourselves of the weight of His cross and how it was overcome in triumphant victory.



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

In my Saviour's resurrection  
 There is comfort; I am blest.  
 In His life my hopes renewing;  
 In His love my soul shall rest.  
 Everything I have in Thee,  
 Life and hope and victory.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly . . . And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish . . ." The Easter season is upon us, when we observe what Christ did for us. "And whatsoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." We should prayerfully remember this throughout the year.

A daughter, Kelly Jean, was born Feb. 26 to Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois Messner. Nancy, Joe, and Kendall welcome their baby sister home.

We enjoyed having Sis. Louise assemble with us these last few Sundays. She has been visiting her daughter, Evelyn Zimmer of near here. Sis. Louise and Gust Mohrman lived here many years ago. I can remember her being with my mother.

**WOLCOTT, INDIANA**  
**Arles Kropf**

Our annual meeting was held early in February. Due to an increase in Sunday School pupils in some classes, it was necessary to add extra teachers. New ones elected were Bros. Leon Waibel, Richard Stoller, Vernon Furrer, Ted Hofstetter, Nate Lehman and Bob Reuter and Sis. Viola Stoller. Bro. Leroy Kyburz is our new trustee, and Sis. Gladys Widmer is in charge of World Relief Sewing.

Bro. Alfred Bahler performed the ceremony on Feb. 7 uniting in marriage Glenna Blume, daughter of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma, to Michael Minniear of Chalmers. We wish them God's rich blessing in their life together.

Colleen Ann was born on Feb. 14 to Bro. Lloyd and Pat Kyburz. David and Pam are also thankful for baby sister.

Quite a number of our congregation have been ill with the flu. Joe Stoller has also been hospitalized, due to a heart attack, but has now been dismissed and is improving. Sis. Sophie Farney, who suffered a broken hip this winter, has been

dismissed from the hospital back to Lake Manor Home.

We were blessed on Feb. 22 by the visit and ministry of Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley. Ed reminded us of the great need for parents to take time with their children in teaching them the ways of Christ. Bro. Elmer Bucher was with us for midweek services, teaching us of the necessity of remaining "low" and being obedient to the word

**BURLINGTON, IOWA**  
**Verna Woodward**  
**Rosella Obermann**

The busy season is about upon us. We trust the Lord will provide for us those things that are needful for an earthly and spiritual life.

Hospitalized were: Sis. Lillian Massner wife of Bro. Adolph Massner. She spent several weeks at Iowa City in the University Hospital, undergoing tests and X-ray. Lil is home and feeling some better. Bro. Lloyd Massner is still in the hospital at Iowa City. He is in Mercy Hospital with back surgery. He has two more weeks in Iowa City, and then plans on being transferred to Burlington Hospital.

We pray for a quick recovery, the Lord's help to help them thro' these trying days of pain and suffering. We miss them and all those that have been ill with the flu etc. at our Sunday and Wed. night services.

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

On Feb. 26 we were privileged to hear the testimony of Mary Anderson. She told us she was taken into conviction, and was wretched and miserable. On Sunday she was baptized and is now our sister-in-faith; we rejoice with her. After baptism, we were privileged to partake of Holy communion. Bros. Noah Schrock and Perry Zimmerman assisted in carrying out these important duties. We are very grateful for their help in serving us. Other visitors were Bros. Arnold Gerst and Dale Eisenman; they brought us the message so clear and plain, reminded us to be the salt of the earth and let our light shine.

We are happy to have Sis. Ida Eisenman assemble with us again. Sis. Carrie Waldbuser was a hospital patient for treatment. Bro. Aaron Bauer has been a hospital patient for treatments and medi-

cation. We are thankful they are both returned home again.

A son, Christopher Benjamin was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rudin Feb. 27. He has a sister and a brother to welcome him. Bro. Ben and Sis. Marie Laubscher and Bro. Ben and Sis. Evelyn Rudin are the grandparents.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS**  
**Carolyn Zimmerman**  
**Jaunita Schneider**

We have two engagements to announce. Sis. Carolyn Metz of our congregation to Bro. Tom Frank of La Crosse; Carolyn is the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Metz, and Tom is the son of Bro. and Sis. Edward Frank. Carol Menold of Dunlap was announced to Dale Zimmerman, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred. They are planning an August wedding. We sincerely wish both couples blessings from God and much happiness.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Burlington, made an evening visit on his way home from Cissna Park, Sun. March 1. and filled our spiritual cups with many loving teachings for faithful endurance and unity of our precious faith. The Fairbury congregation joined us. The following Sunday, Bros. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, and Elmer Bucher, Francesville, were in our midst, and we enjoyed a very blessed day.

Sis. Martha Honegger had further surgery on her feet and is in partial casts. We are looking forward to her assembling with us again. Bros. Eli Walters and John Eisenmann were surgical patients in Fairbury Hospital. Both are home and doing quite well. Sis. Alice Lehmann spent some time in the Gibson City Hospital.

We would like to leave you this month with the following description of an Easter morning nearly 2000 years ago: As we proceeded, the timid approach of twilight became more noticeable; the intense blue of the sky began to soften; the smaller stars, like little children, went first to rest; the beams of the planets soon melted together, but the bright constellation of the west and north remained unchanged. Steadily the wondrous transfiguration went on. Hands of angels hidden from mortal eyes shifted the scenery of the heavens; the glories of night dissolved into the glories of dawn. The blue sky now turned more softly gray; the

great watch-stars shut up their holy eyes; the east began to kindle. Faint streaks of purple soon blushed along the sky; the whole celestial concave was filled with inflowing tides of the morning light, which came pouring down from above in one great ocean of radiance, till at length as we reached the tomb, a flash of fire blazed out from above the horizon, and turned the dewy tear-drops on flower and leaf into rubies and diamonds. In a few seconds the everlasting gates of the morning had been thrown open, and the Lord of day, arrayed in glories too brilliant for the gaze of mortal man, began his state. It was a new morning unlike any before. The Lord has risen; the tomb was empty.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Elna Grimm

The beautiful, wonderful, heart-warming story  
Of Easter is told once again, in its glory . . .  
As green blades of grass push their way thru the sod,  
And blossoms unfold to remind us of God.

New baby animals scurry about;  
The brooklets are babbling with new baby trout . . .  
Gay flowers bloom to brighten the earth . . .  
It seems that wherever we look, there's new birth.

Beautiful birds have returned, and they sing,  
To bring us the message "It's Spring, oh, it's Spring!"  
Yes, it's a wonderful, heart-warming story.  
Of Easter, as told once again, in its glory.

New birth: Mr. Roy Roth, and his wife, Sis. Corrine of Goodfield, have been blessed with twins. Little Shannon Joy, and Shawn Roy were born on Feb. 9 . . . though they were not expected until April. They were very small, and consequently confined to incubators. However, they are reported as gaining very favorably, and their four sisters are anxiously waiting to welcome them home. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Roth, all of Lamar. A baby boy, Jeffrey Lyle, was born to our friends, Lyle and Lynn Hunzicker

of Washington, on Feb. 24. The grandparents are Mr. Joe and Sis. Clara Hunzicker of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Potter also of Washington. Jeffrey has two older sisters.

We enjoyed the visit of Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgal of Eureka, and thank them for their inspired message.

Bro. Harold Plattner has recovered from a bad fall, in which he broke his knee earlier this winter. Sisters Clara Zobrist and Violet Hohulin, and Bro. Norman Muselman were all hospitalized. Bro. Norman is still confined to the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are for his speedy recovery.

### Notice

A black laminated coat was taken by mistake from the Goodfield church one Sunday in the past few months. The coat which was left in its place is similar, but lighter in weight and slightly different in size. The owner is one of our older sisters, and she would appreciate it very much if it could be returned.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

In the Hospital: Sis. Emma Grusy, Bro. Albert Grusy and Sis. Lillian Fenton are patients in the Bloomington hospitals. Bro. Roy Alt, who had surgery a number of weeks ago, is convalescing in his home. Sis. Marjorie Witzig, who was hospitalized for ten days, is improving nicely in her home, and is able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Lena Funk is improving from her illness, but still is not able to attend services.

Bro. Loyd Schumacher and his group from Eureka were our guest singers for our monthly "Singspiration". We thank them for their beautiful singing and hope they will come again. The Gridley choir also pleased the audience with their excellent singing. Thank you too, Gridley.

Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm have returned home from a vacation in Florida.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Christy Koch

"Oh the bitter pain and sorrow  
That a time could ever be  
When I proudly said to Jesus,  
"All of self, and none of Thee".

Yet He found me; I beheld Him  
Bleeding on the accursed tree,  
And my wistful heart said faintly,  
"Some of self, and some of Thee".

Day by day His tender mercy  
Healing, helping, full and free,  
Brought me lower while I  
whispered,  
"Less of self, and more of Thee".

Higher than the highest heavens,  
Deeper than the deepest sea,  
Lord, Thy love at last has  
conquered,  
"NONE of SELF, and ALL of  
THEE".

As this hymn "None of Self and All of Thee" states, the least we can do is to give our ALL to Jesus, who bled and died a cruel death for us. How we rejoice that two more of our students, Marcia Kahler, Morton, and Sandy Pfaffman, Peoria, have made their decision to give their ALL to Jesus.

Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke, reminded us that our yoke is easy and our burden is light; it only becomes heavy when we don't yield to the Way of the Cross. Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, told us that faith is the most powerful weapon that God gives to us, and that we should use it as a shield to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, told us that we do not need to know the exact date when Jesus is coming; we should always be ready for the Day and find strength in the continuity of God's word. Bro. Joe Schrock gave us this thought-provoking question—"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

### LAMONT, KANSAS Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

With the approach of spring, we look forward with joyful anticipation to the commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection.

As we read in the Holy Scriptures, we can sense how disheartened and fearful the small band of Christ's followers had become, following Christ's crucifixion. Mary Magdalene, arriving early on the first day of the week, saw only that the stone had been removed, and immediately ran to tell Peter and John. John, arriving first, would only stoop and look in the tomb, but did not enter. Simon Peter, the impetuous, quick-tempered, blustery disciple who had

been shamed into denying Christ by a mere maid, entered the tomb and confirmed their suspicions—the tomb was empty! Only then would John enter it also.

But did they go in search of Him or His body?—they returned to their homes! Mary remained by the tomb, weeping. Jesus appeared to her. What a joyous meeting! Mary hastened to tell the disciples of her encounter with the risen Lord.

Later that same evening, Jesus appeared to the disciples as they were gathered together. Thomas who was absent was not fully convinced that it was Christ until eight days later, when he saw Christ and received the gentle admonition that he should be believing, not unbelieving.

This tiny band of disheartened disciples, taken and transformed by their realization of what their Lord and Master had done for them in bringing them salvation and endowing them with the Holy Spirit, set forth to tell all who would listen of Christ and salvation. This, over the nearly twenty centuries since Christ's birth, has been multiplied many times over, until today there is hardly a place on earth in which the name of Christ is not known. Ours is truly a wonderful salvation wrought for us by a compassionate, loving God through His beloved Son! Who can doubt His wondrous works?

It was our privilege to have as guest ministers Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris. We wish them God's grace and blessing in their labor for the Lord. It is only as we are spent for Christ that our lives take on any meaning for Him.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Billie Jo Harville

It is Easter-time, and everyone is reminded of our Lord Jesus' death on the cross. God had so great a love for us that He sent His Son to die for our sins. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. "It is the kind of love that we need in this world today; it is this kind of love that Jesus had when he, the guiltless one, went to the cross to die for our sins. God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Bro. Henry Beer and Alice were

visiting in our community. We sure enjoyed being with them. We pray God will grant them good health, and supply their needs. Hospitalized were Eunice Beerman and Price Byars; they are able to be back in church.

Ann Klopfenstein has undergone surgery, but is doing fine and is back at home. Everyone remember to pray for little Arlon Byars in his illness. He is at home now and gets to attend church some, but has to go back for test and treatment once a week.

Dessie Letson, mother of Sis. Manley Hale, is confined in the hospital with flu; she is improving slowly. We pray she will soon be back home with her family.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Wertz — Della Witschey

There has been an epidemic of influenza here; in some homes every member of the family was ill at the same time. Conditions have cleared, and with the coming of spring we have much to look forward to.

Mrs. Lena Widmer Frayer, 80, passed away on February 11, following a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late John and Ella Rothlisberger Widmer. She leaves three daughters, one stepson and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Myrta Gorby fell, breaking a hip, and is doing nicely, looking forward to coming home, after being a patient in the Morgantown Hospital and the Glen Dale Hospital.

Howard Riggenbach is home, doing fine, and is anxiously awaiting the time when he will be able to get out again.

Mr and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown and Mrs. Frank Witschey of Wadsworth, O., were guests of relatives.

E. B. Frumm, husband of the late Lucy Witschey Frumm of Jeannete, Pa., has been confined in a hospital there, but is doing nicely.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Henry Wackerle of Bay City. Our sympathy goes out to his good wife Ida and the other members of his family.

Divine love has always met every need. A bright and glorious Easter to all.

#### PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Dave Wiegand

"Come, see the place where the

Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead . . ."

Christ rose to everlasting life . . .  
He brought us hope anew.  
And may His love bring special joy  
At Easter-time to you.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ray Martin and his family in the passing away of Ray's father, Sam Martin of Princeville.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Joe Steiner

We rejoice that there are still souls that heed the word of God and are turning unto Him in repentance. Linda Lehman, daughter of Bro. Andy and Sis. Irene has made a good beginning; she is in nurse's training in Peoria. Karen Huber, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary has turned to the Lord. Bro. Sam and his family are now living at Holton, Kansas and join us often for worship services. Also beginning their pilgrim journey are friends, Joe Henold and his wife, Tillie. We wish them all the grace of God, that they might be strengthened and sustained in their journey toward that Heavenly Home.

A son was born to Kathy and Robert Steiner on Feb. 13; he has been named Jason Arnold, and is their first child. Grandparents are Reuben and Opal Steiner, and his great-grandmother is Sis. Edna Steiner.

Darin Marti is wearing a cast on his right arm, as he suffered a broken arm and a broken finger in a farm accident; we hope the bones will heal properly, so that it may soon be removed. Bro. Jonathan Bieri has been in a hospital in Toneka.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Ollie Strahm on the death of her brother, Oney S. Rokey, who died Feb. 26.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella Steiner of Tremont, and Bro. Ronny and Sis. Vicky Anliker of Francesville. Bros. Joe and Ronny were stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas a few years ago, and while there they visited our congregations often. We had a potluck Tuesday evening at our Fellowship Hall, and spent the evening in singing and fellowshiping together. They spent a day or two visiting relatives and friends here, then went on to Ft. Sam Houston

to spend the week end. We thank them for their visit and invite them to return.

### STUTT GART, GERMANY

**Duane Schrenk — Cedric Messner**  
The brothers and friends visiting the Maurer family were: Terry Nussbaum, Hark Young, and Jim and Kathy Heiniger. Kathy has just arrived in Germany and seems to be enjoying it immensely.

Hark Young has finished his tour of duty and will be leaving for the States. His brother, Lynn Young and his wife Anna Marie (Maurer) Young left last month for the States. We wish them all God's best.

As I looked out, and seen the white flakes of snow coming down and covering the earth, I couldn't help but think, God is still merciful and kind to His people. There is nothing too great or too small the Lord can't handle, so let us take it to Him in prayer, and cast all our cares upon Him, for he careth for YOU.

I would like to close with this one little thought, and may it help you as it did me. "If we were put on trial for being a Christian; would there be enough evidence to convict us."

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

**Howard and Joyce Baumgartner**  
If you bring a happy heart to each experience,  
You will always walk the sunlit paths of Providence.

We were privileged to have Bro. Joe Zimmerman, from Roanoke with us Sun. Feb. 1. Bro. Joe stated they had traveled many miles to reach this Haven of Rest. They plan to spend a few weeks in Ft. Lauderdale.

Visiting Sun. Feb. 8, was Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton. We were grateful for his inspiring message. May God bless him for his deeds.

Bro. Geo. Gramm from Gridley Ill. and Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park spent Sun. Feb. 15 with our congregation. We were fortunate to have visiting brothers with us to proclaim God's gospel. We know their efforts are our gain. In the evening, everyone was invited to Bro. and Sis. Bob Sutters' to join in singing.

The solemn hour of Holy Communion was observed and partaken of Sun. Feb. 22, with Elder Bros. John Bahler and Herman Kellen-

berger assisting. The memorandum was read and explained. Bro. Dale Eisemann from Chicago, spent the day here. We are happy to know younger brothers still are gifted with the knowledge in preaching God's word. Bro. and Sis. Al Schneider from Rockville were in our midst. We are always thankful for their visits. There was a pot-luck supper in the church dining room, and evening services.

### LEO, INDIANA

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford assisted Bro. David Bertsch in reviewing the memorandum. We enjoyed a Fellowship dinner at our Fellowship Center.

James and Marie Winzeler entertained the Junior classes.

Announcement has been made of the desire to become united with the church of Janet Klopfenstein and William Hartman.

A wedding shower is planned in honor of Lynette Phillips, who is engaged to David Getz, son of Louis and Bernice Getz.

John Getz, who has been confined to the hospital for an heart ailment, is able to be at home again.

Graveside services of Al White, brother of Mary Lantz were conducted at the St. Joe Cemetery.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

**Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz**

We were very pleasantly surprised one Sunday morning when Ministering Bros. Robert Beer and Ben Stavenick, Mansfield, came to spend the day with us. Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton, spent a Sunday with us. We have heard many kind teachings, and if we follow all we have heard we will have plenty to do.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale were pleasantly surprised for their 40th wedding anniversary. Many of us shared the happy occasion with them. All of their children, two sons, J. D. and Joe, Paulding, and two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Warner, Paulding, and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hart, Washington, D.C., were able to rejoice with them. If it could be God's will, we wish Ma-

burn and Julia many more years together.

The following poem was written by one of our brothers while he was in the service in World War II and was written especially for our dear Sis. Naomi Rehkla, who was sick for many years and who passed away in January of this year:

### Not My Will But Thy Will Be Done

For many years she has been ill;  
She has made the narrow way her choice.  
Of earthly joys she had her fill;  
She willingly heard the Saviour's voice.

Why must she then always be sick,  
When others about are up and well?

Our cross in life we cannot pick,  
Neither can we our ailments sell.

Thrice Paul sincerely did pray  
That the thorn be taken from his body,  
But this was not for him to say.  
God chose the cross and not he.

**Oh, why can't I give up the ghost?**  
Has already been the thought of one

Who would like to be with God's host.

**Not my will but Thy will be done.**

Who are we to withstand God?  
We are as clay in the potter's hand.  
He keeps us clothed and shod.  
A cross He can and will demand.

Our way in life is thorny and steep.  
We were not promised a life of glee.

Christ himself, we read, did weep.  
**Take up thy cross and follow Me.**

Someday when this life is o'er  
And we have been laid to rest,  
We shall reach the other shore  
Which is beyond strife, sin and jest.

There Christ will receive in glory  
Those of us who have loyal stayed  
And said not, His word is but a story.

Yea, those will be well repaid.

Some day she may understand why  
She had to be among the ill,  
But then she may only sigh  
And say, It was good and God's will.

Let us all now comforted be  
By the promise of what will come,  
For some day we may really see  
Why God so left His will be done.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz  
A Child's Question

In a mansion grand and stately  
On a wide and handsome street  
Lived a man of vast possessions  
With his little daughter sweet.  
He had lots in many a city;  
He had houses by the score.  
He had broad and rolling acres,  
And a dwelling by the shore.

And he would often tell his little  
darling  
Of their worth and of their beauty,  
Till before her, thoughts did rise,  
Visions of a wondrous worth,  
Till the child's mind almost fancied  
That there was as yet on earth  
Not a state and not a country  
Where her father did not own  
Lands and farms and stately  
mansions,  
Fruits of labor he had sown.

But into this home of comfort,  
Came a sorrow one day, as a cloud,  
Death does neither stay nor tarry  
As a mandate of the high and  
lowly,  
Each must answer to his call,  
Rich and poor alike . . .  
And this man of vast possessions  
In his costly chamber lay,  
Resting on a bed of luxury,  
Wasting by disease away.  
Skilled physicians waited on him;  
Loving lips pressed cheek and  
brow,  
But the utmost skill and yearning  
Could not change the verdict now.

Then one day the learned physician  
Called aside the little child,  
And he tenderly stroked her  
tresses,  
Spoke in tones low and mild.  
"My little darling, do you know  
That your father soon must go  
To a far off, far off country?"  
With a surprise, suddenly strange,  
And tears and fears in her eyes,  
She went quickly to her father's  
bedside.

Climbed upon the bed beside him,  
Laid her head close to his cheek.  
Once again she smiles, then  
laughing,  
Dashes from her eyes a tear,  
As she asks, tenderly, "Papa, tell  
me,

I would know, Do you own a lovely  
mansion  
In that land where you must go?  
Doctor told me all about it,  
To a far off, far off country,  
How that you must go away.  
Have you there a mansion, say?  
For the going will be pleasant  
And you need not have a care,  
If it is to your own mansion  
In that far off land so fair."

Then the stricken father faltered,  
For although he had built with  
care  
Many a fine and stately dwelling,  
He had yet no mansion there.  
What to him now were all these  
acres,  
Farms and homes and earthly  
gains?  
What to him now he lay dying,  
Were the many mansions here?  
He must leave them all now  
forever,  
And he had no mansion there.

Life and death follow one an-  
other. It cannot be otherwise. It  
has been so from the beginning of  
time. All must at one time or an-  
other make this experience, how-  
ever. The passing of Bro. Henry  
Wackerle, at Bay City brought  
sorrow to this community and to  
many of us personally. Having  
known him and to be in his com-  
pany was truly a pleasant experi-  
ence. His life was dedicated to the  
work of the church in which he be-  
lieved and strongly supported to  
the last. We sorrow not because of  
his death, but mostly that we shall  
see his face no more. We offer our  
sympathy to his dear wife, Sis. Ida  
and to the members of his families.

As the result from falling in her  
yard, Sis. Lena Kupferschmid is  
wearing a cast on her arm. An ex-  
amination showed two breaks. Del-  
phene (Lanz) Buckwold had  
surgery and is hospitalized.

The families of Bro. Ernest Ger-  
ber, who lost a dear wife and moth-  
er, requested that this column  
offer thanks to all, for their kindli-  
ness, cards and messages of sym-  
pathy. They had celebrated their  
fiftieth wedding anniversary in the  
month of October last.

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# CONVERSION

Henry Souder Jr.

The truth is always, everywhere the same. Certain things must come to receive God's promise.

Look at Saul before he was saved: "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, . . . Mean, murdering, with spiteful hate. His bloody push plunged the saint to martyrdom.

Yet, this common thread weaves the same story in man. In fact all of us were such. We were not with the holy church. We stood back. Before turning, all give an unwritten consent they do not wish to be classed with God's people.

The fabric of sin makes many a measly garment. It ties into the same trade, and carries, if kept to a sad forever, with wretched friends. Men and women, young or old must pursue some course. Saul was mixed up, confused. He went "And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem." Many men in high religious circles are today just like this. Many preachers hate the true word.

It pays to ask God for an open heart. For ever and ever there's profit for one who truly calls upon God. Just like Saul's journey, God can make anyone's pathway. The inward light can put any sinner

into conversion. Conviction comes with amazing power. "And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:" What happens today is just as remarkable, just as wonderful.

A voice shows us just what we are. Pray for light. When that comes, it is easy to get down from our make-believe thrones. The hills, the low places, the rough . . . how that does show them up in clear outline: "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Who are you, Lord? The soul had been slumbering . . . entirely dead to God and life. The amazing thing of conversion is the complete cut-off of former things, and the looking toward God. One who had been intent on daily meanness, now wondering. . . "And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

Conversion is not a mountain-carrying thing. It seems so when we pack our own load. It is not out of our own power. Some voices say, all you have to do is give your statement. They really bring man's hand, and hold back divine leading. When we put our trust in God, light for the day is forthcoming. "And he trembling and astonished

said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

That's what it takes. When there is power and grace, the soul is glad that the Lord has called. Willingly we show just what we have been. It's not hid from God, but His word says that by our words we will be justified, made right. "And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

The Lord leads as one is able to go. The Lord's glory struck Saul blind. He was not able to see. . . And really that is what happens. Conversion is a complete work. When the Lord comes with this, how everything that once held is blinded out. "And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus."

Now, why does the Lord ask that we truly repent? He wants us pure and holy, a happy child in a happy kingdom. The Lord does not accept a sham belief. Our words and our intent to right a wrong show the deep intent of our soul. Our words are our showing of repentance that bring us as a sinner, and a sinner we must be, to faith in cleansing blood.

"And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."