



And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.

And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

I KNOW IT, BUT I CAN'T DO IT

Bro. Ed Souder

Rain on a cool Saturday afternoon can be very depressing, but it didn't stop Jim Turner from making those around him happy. Jim was sixty, very common, unusually friendly, and successful as a chief mechanic in a large plant.

We met on business terms, but our conversation soon turned to religion. After discussing several religions, Jim said that he felt all religions are like a wheel with spokes: they all lead to one central hub, God. That simply isn't true, and I knew I had to tell him. I told him that Mohammedanism doesn't lead to God. This led to much more conversation, and Jim finally said that if we help others, do good in the world, and don't swear or smoke, we will all be okay in the end. How can you offend such a good guy by telling him the truth? I knew I had to, and his wife seemed happy that we were talking.

"You must do more, Jim. You must believe in Christ, be cleansed with His blood and be baptized," I said. What a relief when Jim didn't take offense. He wanted to talk some more. He told me that he was previously married for five years. He was married to his present wife for twenty-three years, came from a conservative religious background, was never baptized, was very active with his first wife in church work (even taught Sunday School), but didn't go to church much after his first wife died. I told Jim that he couldn't go to heaven if he wasn't saved. His answer was frank: "I know it."

Jim told me about his first wife. She died of tubercular meningitis. She was ill only three days and became completely delirious. She couldn't talk to or recognize anyone. Periodically, he would have to take his finger, put it into her mouth, and rake the peeled-off skin from the tongue and mouth, or she would choke on it. In this completely delirious condition she suddenly opened her eyes, sat up in bed, reached her hand out and said, "Here is Jesus! Here is God!" Jim's first wife then fell backward and soon was dead.

Soon after Jim's wife died, his sister came to him and asked him if he hadn't felt something strange and unusual about "such and such" a time. She said at that time she (his sister) was on her knees praying for Jim's wife, and felt such relief. It was at the same time that Jim's wife saw Jesus and God.

As Jim kept talking, another thing became apparent. His mother was a wonderful person. He told me that her funeral was the largest funeral their church ever had. She talked Christ and the Bible to her children at every opportunity. When she grew old, she lived with her daughter, Jim's sister. One morning his mother telephoned many friends and spoke to them of Christ. She then told her daughter that she was going into her room to lie down and that her daughter should get some rest, because she would soon need it. After about an hour had passed the daughter looked in and saw her mother, with her hands folded over her chest. Later, the daughter became worried and

checked again. She found her mother in the same peaceful position, but dead. Before Jim's mother lay down, she had written a note which gave directions for her funeral—the songs, and who was to be the minister. Jim's mother laid out all of her funeral clothes and found something that each of her children had given to her. She laid these in the room with a scripture verse on each item, including Jim's.

I finally asked Jim why he didn't live for Christ. He knew the truth. I told him he had to repent and be cleansed with Christ's blood or he couldn't go to heaven. You know what Jim said? "As you get older, it gets harder and harder to become a Christian."

Jim was such a wonderful person, but so hardened as he talked about his wonderful mother. I could tell that he was at the point of tears, but no tears. He would smile that wonderful smile he could cover his emotions with, and keep talking.

I thought of the song, "Lead Me To One Soul Today". I told Jim that you either believe, are saved and go to heaven, or else you are lost and go to hell forever. With no smile on his face he said only, "I know it." Jim didn't say it in words, but I got his message: As you get older, it gets harder and harder to become a Christian—I know you can't go to heaven if you aren't saved—"I know it", but I can't do it!

My dear friend, please listen to me. Are you, too, going to turn Christ away? Don't make Jim's mistake! It's heaven or hell forever! Please.

TRAVEL-TIME

the editor

A dream can look into the future, tell of the present condition of the person, or teach, but then it must chord with Scripture. Since coming home, one night my thoughts noted some kind of a building, near great water. Fierce waves lashed over the ground between, onto the building. Could anyone survive that? Yes, my Bro. Ed. seemed to say, he thought he

could with a life preserver. Then, I seemed in a series of rooms . . . water flowing through . . . there came the impression that showed this current was what brought the Florida climate.

After leaving Alabama and before Ft. Sam, we stayed on the waters of the shining Gulf. . . It was pretty, Biloxi, Mississippi. Not too far began what had happened. . . church steps, no church . . . a whole shopping center, steel skeletons. A cement driveway, someone drove in

once, with a house once on either side—mostly gone . . . with a grouped up rug and a checkerboard. Life's little moves, ARE THEY COUNTING!

The storm had been fierce, 20-inch pines snapped like guns—Dark before 7 . . . the wind and the rain roared . . . the waters rose, high as 30 feet. Men feared and died. The greater Storm. . . Can we not hear its dark waters? It is a time for testing. The Rock shall stand. Our Lord told us not to fear . . . let us

work to keep His faith. Let His peace guard our hearts. Ed's life Preserver can carry anyone through.

Phoenix . . . with those like Bro. Roy Farney holding forth the Christ who suffered on the cross. Here flows the Stream that brings Life to all mankind.

We visited Roy's dad—"He was a good father." Sam was born in a sodhouse in southwestern Missouri, near Joplin—in or near Lapland Country . . . later he moved to Kiowa Kansas . . . now is at the Palms Nursing Home, Phoenix. . . Bro. Paul Fehr was there, and he prayed . . . Bro. Sam said **Thank you**. These older people are here for a divine purpose. Their presence is meant to convey something . . .

Bro. and Sis. Dan Sauder had come to Phoenix, she in 1949. Asthma. She sought the climate . . . Dan sold the farm and came in '51. God leads. Her infirmity became occasion for God's power. . . Church was held first in their home.

The city library is at McDowell and Central . . . a comely building, with palms lining the streets in beauty, and oranges on the ground. . . Like our many media, a library needs watchfulness . . . Some sight is good, some evil.

There was the book about Christmas . . . the lamps were still still lighted in the street when someone tiptoed downstairs (in the book) . . . were shadows and patterns . . . it was the joy and adventure of children and gifts. Reading had, flaming logs and joyful faces, the healthy music of voices. . .

On an infinitely deeper reality, children of God find true love and peace. . . find joy in one another (awaiting the kindling!) We place our gifts, while looking thro' a glass darkly. The ministers have their surprises. . . Families tie their packages as only artists can . . . rich treasures come from every saint in God's own way. The whole rich array of presents from our Father is given for our delight, now and in the forever. Our hope is for ages without end.

Phoenix has indeed a river of pure water. . . From His body, rivers of living water flow forth and sparkle. The weary sea of human faces, sad in sin's tormenting tossing, may find the Christ.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

David Kaeb

The month of May has brought many visitors from the States and many new experiences. The following experience, although frustrating, enlightened me to a common spiritual comparison.

Last Thursday, when going down to Maurers, I took a train to Heidelberg in hopes of getting a faster one to Heilbronn. To my dismay, I had to wait almost two hours for the next train. I decided to call Heinz and Trudy, to visit and help pass my time; the visit was uplifting while it lasted, but the wait was disappointing.

I sat down and looked out of the railroad station in front of me. There was a beautiful green hill covered with tall trees. One can imagine the flowers that blanketed the ground and the birds nestled in trees, chirping with joy. Trains were leaving the station and heading toward that beautiful and serene melancholy. I looked behind me. There were dirty factories, smokestacks, railway tracks, and dirty alleys. There were also trains leaving toward that undesirable place beyond. As I gazed again at the former scene I wondered, "How beautiful Heaven must be?"

"There is a train going to hell. The price of the ticket is sin. The engineer is Satan and the passengers are those who are unbelievers. If you are on that train, you are on the wrong one. Get off at the next stop called repentance and get on the train bound for Beulah Land. The price has been paid by Jesus. He bled and died. He is now the engineer of your train. Your fellow passengers are other children of God.

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Elder Bro. Rudy and Sis. Graf from Akron were with us at Neuhutten on May 10. Rudy reminded the soldiers of the cross, to let our lights shine while in a foreign country, and to keep our bodies a living sacrifice.

Bros. Bill Baumgartner, Ced Messner, and I spent Memorial Day week end visiting the Ernst Lanz family from Stafa, Switzerland. We traveled with the Lanz and Maurer families to West Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Austria.

What does Christ the Risen Savior mean to you? When asked this question, a sister, who has dedicated much time and effort in providing fellowship for the service boys, commented, "He is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh unto the Father except by Him." Is Christ the way for you?

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Sis. Viola Kyburz submitted to surgery and is improving. We wish her well and trust she can soon be back in our assembly.

Ron Kyburz, son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Edna has entered the service. He is at Ft. Knox, but told his mother on the phone he has orders for Ft. Sam Houston.

We pray for his protection wherever he will be sent.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sis. Dan and Margaret Reel. Bro. and Sis. John and Priscilla Anker, and Sisters Madeline and Irene Anker in the loss of their brother, Levi Reel.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel

We are always grateful for all visitors, especially the visiting ministers. Bro. Frank, La Crosse,

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was with us; also Bro. Kellenberger—Elgin Ill., Bro. Wieland—Bay City, Bro. Verlin Stoller—Ft. Wayne were with us, also many visitors from various churches, for the proving and baptism of Curt Bahler, son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois. This took place at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning, and the baptism was right after the morning service. Curt will leave for Ft. Sam June 8. Our thoughts and prayers go with him, as they do with our graduates. May all trust in God and not to their own understanding.

Father's Day is to be observed soon. May we all strive to "Stand up for Jesus, let others know we are redeemed and let our lights shine for Him who loves us.

Bro. Elmer Witzig and others from Gridley Ill. were with us, reminding all of the need, of which the song states, (Did you all on the altar lay?) I'll never forget the altar did lay? I'll never forget the time I heard that song. I hope and trust it left a message on the heart of many.

Sis. Alta Kilgus is in the hospital for surgery. Her sister, Emily and her mother, Sis. Elsie were in the hospital too in the past months. May God grant all improved health.

A father was asked why he wanted a church in his locality. He said, "I want my children to know life as revealed in the New Testament." There we find people sustained by a faith that is unshakable, by a fellowship that is enduring, by a peace that baffles understanding.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Veronica Bucher

Our May 6 meeting held many blessings for us as Bro. Dave Wiegand of Champaign spoke on charity. If we have true love for each other, it will see us through many trials and disappointments. We were thankful that a few of the students from the University of Illinois could be with us.

Bro. Elmer Bucher brought a precious message to us at our last meeting on May 20. Among the teachings was the importance of our Christian fellowship, and the danger of being away from it.

At the close of the meeting, our officers for the next year were chosen as follows: President—Bro. Al Ringger, Vice-President—Jim

Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer—Sis. Bev Kipfer, Silver Lining Reporters—Sis. Linda Ladig and Sis. Emily Heinold.

1970 means "graduation year" for six of our students: Sisters Norma Schini, Mary Heinold, and Shirley Frank, and Bros. Tom Frank, Ardie Bucher, and Ron Kipfer. May God's blessings be with each of you, in whatever you may do.

We want to extend a special "thank-you" to Bro. Edwin Bahler for another year of faithful service to the group at Purdue. We appreciate his labors not only for us, but for the group here for the last 8 years.

May God's richest blessings follow our newly-engaged couples as they are joined in holy matrimony. Our best wishes go to Bro. Rich Stoller (Gridley) and Sis. Andrea Aeschliman (Bluffton), Bro. Bob Honegger (Bluffton) and Sis. Mary Heinold (LaCrosse), and Bro. Ken Schrock (Congerville) and Sis. Janet Overmyer (Francesville). Rich is teaching school in the area, Mary and Bob have been attending Purdue, and Janet is employed at State Farm Insurance.

We will sure be remembering Bro. Ardie Bucher and Bro. Curt Bahler in thought and prayer, as they leave for service June 8. May God's grace be sufficient for their every need.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

A host of friends and relatives were present for the wedding of Sis. Carol Weisser and Bro. Bob Kaiser on the 24th of May. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Chas. and Sis. Wanda, and Bob's mother is Mrs. Ben Kaiser of Milford. They were attended by Bob's two children, Jean Ann and Bro. Steve Kaiser. They will be making their home south of Milford. We wish them happiness and God's manifold blessings.

A little boy has come to bless the family of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Hurd. He has been named Bevan John and has one big brother, Blane, and two sisters, Greta and Gina.

Special attention was called to our high school graduates, after our church services on May 31. Graduating from Fairfield High School was Pat Steffen, daughter of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dot, Pat Beer,

whose parents are Bro. Cap and Sis. Mary Ann; Bruce Hunsberger, son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Melba; & our son, Fred, all of whom graduated from Wawasee High School. Receiving her diploma from Nappanee High School was my sister-in-law, Carol (Mrs. Bernie) Beer, who went back to school, after three children, to graduate. No doubt these five young people have asked God's direction in their lives many times, and our wish for them is that His will can be plainly known to them as they plan their future.

This news is being written just previous to a trip we have planned to Philadelphia with three of our sons. We will visit our son, Bob, who is studying at the University of Pa. this past semester and through the summer. He is working in the research laboratory, under the supervision of our brother, Dr. Alan Beer at the University Hospital. This trip has a twofold purpose, as we look forward to seeing both Bob and Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorothy's family.

ATHENS, ALA.

Irene Haggemaker

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." How many of us Christians often forget this first verse of the 23rd psalm? We catch ourselves wanting this or that, and when if we could just leave it all up to God, as he has promised he will provide our daily needs.

I must say I miss my brethren at the Valparaiso church, but I am thankful to be back with my people at the Athens church. With the help of the Lord I'll try to send in the news.

I'm sorry to report that our dear Sis. Cleo Johnson has had to give up another one of her sons in the Army. Pvt. Donny Johnson, 20 years old, drowned May 8 at Ft. Riley Kansas. She lost another son, Thomas in Viet Nam 2 years ago. Cleo lives at R. 2 Athens.

We were happy to have visiting with us our dear Bro. Henry Kilgus. We know it took great effort on his part to make this long trip for about the 60th time.

From the Francesville church, Bro. Richard and Zura Streitmatter of Joon; with the Streitmatters, and their daughter's, sister Edith we again met with the dear elderly people at the Athens Nursing Home. We always get a blessing

from trying in our humble way to bring a little joy to those who can't go to church.

BREMEN, INDIANA Emma Unsicker

Pro. 4:1. "Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding."

This should be a challenge to all fathers:

There are little eyes upon you,
and they are watching night
and day;
There are little ears that quickly
take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager
to do everything you do,
And a little boy who's dreaming
of the day he'll be like you.

Bro. Joe Waibel was with us to share Holy Communion on the 9th of May. We all were blessed by his sermon on Sunday morning, as he spoke on God's holy church. The members of it are all traveling on a journey together. Some are young and strong, and others are older and weaker, but we must all help each other along the way. We wish to thank him again for his kindness in serving us.

Sis. Leah Souder wishes to thank everyone who remembered her on her 80th birthday. She received many cards and good wishes from near and far, which made her very happy.

TAMAHATA Willis R. Ehnle

Our Tamahata Church is in a valley surrounded by mountains. The Shioda Church where my family lives overlooks the valley from a position partly up the slope, near the foot the mountains. Mt. Fuji is clearly visible and quite striking in appearance from Tamahata, but the nearer mountains block the view from Shioda; instead, the valley and the usually snow covered Japan Alps are visible. Regardless of the lay of the land, it is important that we appreciate and enjoy the marvelous handiwork of our gracious God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work."

As the nearer mountains block the view of Mt. Fuji from Shioda, so it is in life. The things near at

hand which we can feel and touch and possess now, often cause us to be blind to the more glorious possessions just beyond the horizon. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" . . .

Sunday, May 31, we had church services at Tamahata at 3 p.m. as usual. There were thirteen adults present. One young man named Kato wanted to know the most important thing in life other than faith. I told him marriage, not that we must marry, but that if we do it is a very serious and important step in life. He wasn't satisfied and asked what would be next in importance. I told him your vocation or life's work. This seemed to satisfy him. Later I asked him if he had any problems: he said many problems, especially human relation problems at work. Those who are older expect him to speak very politely and respectfully, but he being younger and brought up in a somewhat different system of education forgets and speaks as if he were speaking on the same level. This causes trouble. He said, "Maybe I must change." "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder." This scripture refers to the elder in the church, but it is also a good idea to respect age and experience. "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble," also puts a certain amount of restraint on the older ones.

Before services at Tamahata yesterday we had a short Bible lesson on Romans 9; a high school student, Miss Endo, asked what is meant by verses 25 and 26, "I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God." Israel was called God's people, but now anyone who repents, believes on Christ and follows Him shall be called the children of the living God. Let us encourage one another to serve Him joyfully.

ALTADENA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

Bro. Kenny Schmitgall of the Phoenix church has received his discharge and has gone home. We wish him God's blessings.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." This is our sincere wish and prayer to God for these our friends, that they seek the will of God as they face the day of graduation. Our congratulations to Linda Witzig, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Mary; Emil and Emily Minger, twins of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Freda; and Dale Graf, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mabel.

We honor our fathers, and we feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has provided brothers in faith who are willing to teach and proclaim God's word unto all mankind.

A Father's Prayer

I teach them knowledge, but I
know
How faint they flicker and how
low
The candles of my knowlege glow.

I teach them power to will and do,
But only now to learn anew
My own great weakness thru and
thru.

Lord if their guide I still must be,
Oh let the little children see
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Alma Morris

His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry.

In the parable of the talents, Jesus points out that all people have some kind of gift. Each person's gift is different, yet each gift is to be used in the work of Service for the Master. The danger is that we either fail to recognize the talent we have for service or we bury it in the ground.

God gives to the church persons varying in ability, so that all parts of the work may be done. Whatever our Lord calls to do, we can help one another fulfill our mission.

When we are equipped with the message, we are prepared to witness in word and deed.

Part of our mission is to encourage other persons to fulfill their mission.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

On May 10, Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton had the services. We had a very blessed day. He announced the engagement of Sis. Kathy Isch and Bro. Keith Steffen. Bro. Howard and Sis. Louise Getz and their family, from Morton, spent the day with us. They use to live here and were reporters for the *Silver Lining*. After services, a supper was held at the Holiday Inn in honor of Bro. John and Sis. Mary Isch, who will soon be leaving us to make their home in Florida. They have one son, Andy. They will be missed very much by our small congregation. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Other visiting ministers were: Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott, Bro. Verden Feldman from Bremen, and Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton. They brought us many good teachings. One of the brothers left us with this thought: "If this should be your last day, would you be ready? Satan wants your soul; so does God. Who will gain it?"

We are grateful for the fine reporting Sis. Connie Gutwein has done the past year.

LAMAR

Bonnie Braker

Sis. Marie Marti has well served as our correspondent for many years, but due to the illness of her mother, she wishes to be relieved.

Graduation is both a happy time and a sad occasion. Their journey is a perilous one. It could lead to the jungles of Vietnam. It could bring heartbreak and tragedy. . . Or there could be great achievement. May their path lead to God. Those who are high school graduates are: Bro. Dan Braker, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Lu Etta Braker; Terri Marti, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti and Ivan Frieden, son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Berniece Frieden.

Sis. Bertha Marti and Sis. Lizzie Remm still remain in the hospital. We pray that God will be their constant companion. Alma

Frieden was hospitalized in Springfield, but is home again. She has endured much pain, but never complains. Sis. Marie Stewart is in the Lamar Hospital for medical attention. Sis. Janice Frieden and Linda Braker, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie, were patients in the K.U. Medical Center at Kansas City.

We were happy to have Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger from Ft. Leonard Wood in our assembly. We extend a hearty welcome to all the boys at camp and their families, to come and worship with us.

As we visited the beautifully decorated cemeteries, we pause and remember the loved ones who are gone from us. We too will pass from this world. Are we ready? The same God who made the perfect rose will call us someday. May we be ready.

As Father's Day approaches, we remember many dear fathers who have gone on before. . . Let's look up to our Heavenly Father. He cares for us all. . .

Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong, and kneeling at my knee, he prayed with tears: Dear God, make me a man like daddy, wise and strong. I know you can.

Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed, and prayed. Oh God, make me a child, like my child here, pure, guiltless, trusting thee with faith sincere.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the prayers and deeds of kindness shown during our husband and fathers illness, and now our time of bereavement. The cards of sympathy and memorial offerings were deeply appreciated. May God bless and reward you. The Fred Marti Family

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do. . .

It might be interesting to know the things that we would do, If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you and I.

We were privileged to take part

in the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. Andy Locher, with their children, who were all present: one son, Lenard of Maywood; and four daughters, Ruth Down of Ridgewood, N.J.; Winifred Turner, Lincoln, Nebr.; Clarine McConnell, Tucson; and Lois Strahm, Hawthorne, Calif. They had open house at Bro. and Sis. Lenard Locher's home May 10. Bro. and Sis. Andy Locher live near their daughter, Sis. Lois. They thank everyone who remembered them on their anniversary. We are thankful to God that this privilege has been theirs, and He will help them through life's span.

One of the ministers from Atadena came to Maywood to help out on Sundays; may God bless them for their efforts.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

A son, Derek Allan was born May 16 to Bro. David and Sis. Alice Koehl. Paternal grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Joan Koehl, and maternal grandparents are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Mary Huhlin.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Ella Musselman announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Sue, to Richard Anthony Hevesy, son of Mrs. Louise Hevesy and the late Mr. Hevesy of Peoria.

Mr. Alpheus W. and Sis. Martha Altorfer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house May 10. She was the former Martha Zimmerman of Fairbury. They have two sons, Alpheus William Jr. and Henry Daniel.

Sis. Christine Baurer observed her 98th birthday on Mother's Day. Her daughter, Sis. Eva, with whom she lives, wishes to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and all expressions of love extended to her mother.

Sis. Naomi Fisher and Bro. Theophil Haefli were united in marriage May 20. We wish them much happiness and God's richest blessings throughout their lives.

Bros. Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne and Robert Miller from Portland were visiting ministers. Bro. Bob and Sis. Pearl came to attend their daughter's graduation from Illinois Central College. Bro. Verlin brought Romans 8:28 so vividly to our attention: And we know that all things work together

for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. May we all find comfort in these words.

Hospital patients are Sis. Mabelle Rauhaus and Bro. Manasseh Eberhardt, Albert Hunziker, and Dan Hoerr.

Bro. Will Kupferschmid and Sis. Louise Ruff have moved to our church home, 7023 NE Skyline Drive.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

Saturday evening, May 16, many gathered to hear the testimonies of four young souls who, tired of following the ways of the world, turned their backs from sinful ways, and now are enjoying the blessings of God's children. Bros. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin and Dan Koch of Tremont assisted Bro. Silas Leuthold in hearing the testimonies of Joyce and Dale Blunier, whose parents are John and Sis. Edith Stahl and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Vera Blunier of Eureka, and Donna and Kenneth Gehrig, whose parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille Knobloch and Robert and Helen Gehrig. The following day these four souls were baptized and taken into the fold. We rejoice with them. We were privileged to have Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka with us on Sunday, and his sincere humble teachings were most welcome.

The following Sunday, Bro. Noah Schrock and Joshua Broquard came to be with us. The elder brothers served Holy Communion. As we were being warned about partaking unworthily, God showed His power with thunder and lightning. It brought to my mind how it was when our dear Lord was hanging on the cross and there was an earthquake, God showing His power to those who were standing around the cross and in Jerusalem. As we broke bread together, it was quiet and calm again. We have so much to be thankful for, and should be happy with each other and strive to help one another more and more.

Is anybody happier because you passed his way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today? The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through; is there anyone who's thinking warm and friendly thoughts of you?

Bro. Richard Seidel had the backs of his hands quite severely burned. His tractor wasn't working right and he was draining the gas, when it suddenly ignited, causing flames to burn him. Apparently a trouble light nearby must have caused the flames. Bro. Daniel Feucht has been absent from our assembly due to an injured foot received when a piece of farm machinery fell on it. Sis. Beulah Ehnle is nursing a fractured arm, received in a fall. Sis. Louise (Mrs. Samuel) Martin is receiving treatment in a hospital; she had become ill while attending a funeral. We are happy to hear she is progressing nicely and hopes to be home in a few days. Sis. Marie Siebenthal has returned to the hospital for treatments.

It was a joy to see our friend Liesel Rapp in our midst. She has been absent for a number of months because of illness. May the Lord give her strength so she may worship with us often. Sis. Betty Wagenbach is recovering in the hospital, following surgery. We wish her God's nearness during her convalescence.

Sunday School teachers were selected to fill the vacancies of those who have served their terms: Bros. John Leuthold and Walter Joos, Sisters Betty Feucht and Ruth Ricketts.

There has been much rain in our area, and much flooding resulted. The first Monday evening in June we held services, as Bro. Robert Miller of Portland paid us a visit. During services we could hear the rain on the roof, but inside was comfortable and pleasant. We were reminded of the patience of Job, how he accepted his afflictions and still praised God. We were happy Bradford ministers and many of the congregation came to worship with us. We can be sure it was an evening well spent. We thank Robert for coming and ask that the Lord bless him further.

The Princeville and Bradford Congregation will be hosts to the annual Ft. Sam reunion on August 15. This includes all servicemen and families who entered service between July 1, 1961 and January 1, 1965.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It is really wonderful that the

Lord, our Father in heaven blesses us. . . About three weeks ago when I was working outside of the church, a young man came with a young lady who is living in front of our Tokyo church. That young man asked me, "You are Mr. Yamazaki, aren't you? You remember me? My name is Nishimura and I was attending your Sunday School about thirteen years ago when you were living in Kichijoji. I am sorry that I made you trouble always when I was at your Sunday School and I was a bad boy. I got married with this girl a week ago and we just got back from the honeymoon." Yes, of course I never forget that boy my whole life, because he always made trouble for us when we had time of Sunday School there. However, I really surprised that the Lord sent that boy again before me, with neighbor lady. It's really marvelous to me.

Suddenly I told him, "Oh yes, I surely remember you and really thank to God that He sent you back before me such a wonderful young man. Why don't you come for Sunday morning service here if you are living near?" He said, "I really happy to come sometime when I have time." It really encouraged me to work for Him more and more and also I felt it's surely important job for us Christians who are teaching in Sunday School. I surely thank God that He accepted my daily prayer. I wish he will be good, true Christian with his wife in the near future.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

TOLEDO, OHIO

Diane Reineck

We've had two blessed arrivals, both of them boys. Bro. Walt and Sis. Sharon Rager have named their second son Keith, while Pete and Linda Wekel chose the name Jeff for their first child.

We have graduating from high school three students. They are: Sara Reineck, Jim Frautschi, and

Phil Stevens. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to you.

Sis. Frances Laidig has had surgery in University Hospital, Ann Arbor. We all pray for her speedy recovery, as we miss her smiling face on Sundays.

Mary Ann Breitwieser of Latty will be spending the summer with us in Toledo. She has found employment in the area and will be living with Bro. John and Sis. Karen Breitwieser.

On Sat., June 6, Larry Schlatter, son of Bro. and Sis. Lydia, was united in holy wedlock with Penny Osgood, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Osgood.

As we honor our fathers, may each pause and remember them.

There is a Heaven where peace can unfold.

A life lived for others, a heart that's pure gold,
He'll go there and live there in glory untold—My father.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Cleve Klopfenstein

Bro. Charles Sinn, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Ida Sinn of Ft. Scott has received orders for Vietnam, after graduating from the U.S. Army Medical Training Center. He can be assured that our prayers are with him as he begins his tour of duty overseas.

Bro. Bill Witzig is enjoying a 3-week reunion with his parents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig of Gridley, Illinois. Bill is scheduled to depart for Germany in mid-June.

Our regular Silver Lining correspondent, Bro. Wendell Anliker of Francesville is spending a three-week leave at the home of his parents and relatives. Wendell has been stationed here in San Antonio for nearly two years, and the countless hours he has spent in serving the group will never be forgotten.

God's holy word was spoken to us by Bro. Arnold Gerst from Chicago during the week end of May 10, when he flew to Ft. Sam Houston. We also enjoyed many spiritual blessings during the 4-day visit of Ministering Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City during the week end of May 24. We praise God for the many undeserved blessings we receive, especially those received from visiting ministering brothers.

We expect an influx of new basic trainees during the coming summer months. Arriving in May to begin their two-year terms of service were: Tom Fehr and Bro. Richard Hoffman of Roanoke and Stanley Knapp of Cissna Park.

Our address is: Apostolic Christian Church Apt., 463 Eleanor Ave., San Antonio Texas 78209.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta Steffen

We want to remember all our graduates and offer them congratulations and best wishes. They are: Margaret Feldman, Luanne Blough, Brenda Schutte and Sherrie Henney.

The chapter that was read this morning in church always seems to be fitting advice for those who are graduating and going out into different branches of life, Ecclesiastes 12.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; . . ."

What higher, nobler station could we find in life than to be the children of the living God!

BERN, KANSAS Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger have a mobile home. (Address with service addresses.)

May was the month for Sis. Pearl Meyer to rejoice over two new members in her family. May 15, a son, Gary Lee was born to Virgil and Doris Meyer. Mark, Dennis and Ryan welcomed him into the home. May 16, James Meyer was united in marriage to Jean Metzger. Elder Bro. Lester Hartter performed the ceremony at the Fellowship Center, Sabetha. They will make their home in Bern. Jean's parents are Bro. Ervan and Sis. Ruth Metzger, Elgin (Iowa). We wish them much happiness; may the Lord add His blessing. Then, to make the family complete, Sis. Pearl's youngest son, Keith, had a 30-day leave from Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Sympathy is extended to the Bro. Emil Strahm family in the death of his oldest brother Chris, Emporia.

Note to the Bern congregation: July is the month for the annual Silver Lining collection. Please

hand your donations to your reporters during this time.

FRANCESVILLE Mrs. Herman (Chris) Weuthrich Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

We thank Thee Lord, that Thou hast brought these two beloved souls together, Sis. Janet Overmeyer and Bro. Ken Schrock (Congerville). Thanks to his parents, Bro. Joe Schrocks . . . who certainly brought us uplifting and loving messages . . . and now we will have the joy of looking forward to hearing more of his kind words in the future.

Now a thanks to the parents of these our high school graduates—Sisters, Linda Bucher (Elmer), Pamela Huber (Wayne), Kristine Leman (Sidney), Cathy Novotny (Art), Rhonda Pelsy (Ivan), Rebecca Wuethrich (Bob), and Daniel Gudeman (Wendell), Harvey Gutwein (Harvey) and Timothy Gutwein (Nate). Sis. Cathy gave a part of their commencement exercises and expressed their thanks to their parents who always gave them a good helping hand. Don't we all like to look at the stars? That is what Cathy chose to talk about, a "Star." So we pray that your lives will always continue to shine as a star, to be a blessing to others.

Closing with a parable of our "Shoe." Our Shoe has a tongue. The tongue is comfortable if it is straight, but it hurts when it is crooked. The shoe strings that hang down tell us that our lives can have loose ends. The shoe strings can be beneficial only if they are tied. . . So our lives need to have the loose ends tied to be more useful. As we put the shoe on our foot, we should remember that it does not walk alone, for shoes walk in pairs. We never walk alone through life; there is always another that walks with us; One greater, more powerful, One who is always with us, and comforts and consoles us in life. . . Hoping everyone's shoes fit you good.

LATTY, OHIO Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

We had two hospital patients. Sis. Josephine Wenninger was in for a short time, and now is enjoying good health again. Friend Tom Laukhuf, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marge, is still confined. It is our prayer that he'll

soon be released and able to go about his work again. With Ken still on the recuperating list, Tom has a heavier load than usual. May our Lord be with him.

We had a nice group of graduates again. They are Carol Plummer, a daughter of Bro Rex and Sis. Anna Marie; Ricky Schlatter, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen; Kathy Stoller, daughter of Ralph and Ruth; Kay Stoller, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther; Ray Stoller, son of Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite; Shirley Stoller, daughter of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Edith; and Dave Weninger, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine. We had a graduate from Defiance College, Sis. Carol Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge. When troubles assail, may they ever remember to turn to God, whence cometh all help.

With the passing of Memorial Day, our thoughts turn to those who have passed on in this past year. Our fond memories are of Ronald Eisenman, Bro. Jesse Gerber, and Sis. Alma Ringger. It would be our hope and belief that their lot should be thus:

Songs of gladness, never sadness,
Sing the ransomed ones in heaven;
Anthem swelling, ever telling
Of the joy of souls forgiven.

Ever sunshine, never shadow,
Calm, mild, clear celestial day;
Ever summer in its brightness,
Never winter or decay.

Sweetest music ever swelling
Thro' the courts of heaven above;
Ever singing, ever saying,
God is life, and God is love.

Our Sunday School classes are now attending Bible School. A program will be presented June 12, as a climax of their learning and singing praises to the Lord.

Let us all give a little special thought and honor to our fathers. Let us all remember them in prayer.

WINTHOP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner
We were blessed with visiting ministers. Elder Brethren Leo Moser and Paul Fehr were here to serve us communion. A church supper was held after Holy Communion. The following Sunday Elder Bro. Paul Banwart ministered un-

to us. He left with us as a closing thought, "I need the prayers of those I love."

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We have two young men graduating from high school. They are Mark Schmidt, son of Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel, and Steve Messner, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine.

Elder Bro. Gene Marti from Sabetha stopped here on his way North. We thank him for the special effort he made to be with us Sunday.

Love and unity propel us onward and is the ingredient that lets us forgive one another. Deep love will endure all things, believeth all things and hopeth all things. In this day and age, Satan tries to keep us so busy we have no time to think of God, pray, or daily read our Bible. This being **too busy** is really from Satan. We must have patience to gather into our hearts to build the living faith of our fathers, which is from God alone, not from worldly knowledge, education and books.

Bro. Harold Messner officiated at the wedding of Stan Messner, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine, to Jeanine Troska, May 23. We pray the Lord will be with them in their walk of life together.

Jeanine Messner (Stan) was hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Ray Messner was in for observation. Chad, son of Pat and Barbara Mattes (Messner), suffered a concussion and was hospitalized for observation.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Wilma J. Pulfer

Our friends, Ron and Evelyn Hoerr, have found peace with God. They look forward to their proving and baptism June 13 and 14. We are very happy for Ron and Evelyn, and pray that many more of our friends will turn to our Saviour to work out their soul's salvation.

Hospitalized for five days for tests and x-rays was our son, Shayne. He has scoliosis of the spine. We are very thankful for physical therapy exercises to correct his posture. The day he came home from the hospital, he also came down with the mumps. For a seven-year-old, another ten days of confinement was about the last straw.

College students graduating from Arizona State University

were Sis. Carolyn Dotterer and Bro. Loren Schrenk. Our high school students graduating were Chelley Schupbach and Bob Imch. We wish them success in their future careers.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

We were privileged to have Bro. David Bertsch with us on Sunday, May 24, to help in serving the blessed sacrament, the Lord's Supper. David brought us much food for thought. One verse that comes to mind is Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." The question was asked, how many of us dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to have a purpose firm, dare to make it known. May God bless you richly, Bro. David, for being with us.

We share in the happiness of the engagement of Connie Maibach and Roger Kahler. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach, and Ervin and Sis. Edna Kahler of Morton.

As our graduates leave their schools to pursue greater achievements, may they invite God to direct them. Appropriately read at a baccalaureate service were the words from Eccl. 12:12-13, "And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole **duty** of man."

Airman Keith Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Weber (Donna Maibach) has completed basic training at Lackland Air Base, Texas and has been assigned to Chanute A.F.B., Illinois for training in aircraft maintenance.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Our thanks to Bro. Aaron Steffen of Alto, who was our visiting minister on Sunday, May 31.

Sis. Barbara Bricker was a hospital patient, but has again been with us for worship services. Little Julie Sauder (daughter of Bro.

Kenny and Sis. Sue) had a return visit to the hospital in Columbus, after she fell and broke open the surgery on her lip. We are so thankful the incision is healing nicely now.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." As Father's Day is celebrated this year, there will be many fond memories of a dear one who filled the role of "father" of ten children, grandfather of 53 and great-grandfather of 36, as well as being a devoted husband; in January of this year, Bro. Will and his wife, Sis. Mary (Nee Fuhrer) observed their 59th wedding anniversary. Our Bro. William Joseph Sauder went to sleep in Jesus on May 13, lacking little over three months of attaining the age of fourscore years. His children are Marie Fulk (Glenn), Robert Sauder, Alice Grazel (Frank), Ruth Weiss (Carl), Mildred Dolce (Gabriel), Elmer (Bud), Richard, Kenneth and Donald Sauder, all of the Mansfield area, and Evelyn Manz (Elias) of Paulding. Will was also survived by one sister, Anna Hoffman (Earl), and eight brothers, Aaron, Clarence and Herman of Mansfield, Albert of Morton, Silas of Peoria, Lewis of Bluffton, and Noah and Ora of California. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Joe Ramsier conducted funeral services, which were held June 16. As Bro. Aeschliman looked over the gathering of the many survivors, he spoke of the future reunion of the loved ones in glory and said, perhaps Bro. Will will greet Sis. Mary with the question, "Mother, are the children all here?"

The following poem, written by one of his sons, was read at the conclusion of the services:

As a child the privilege I had
To get to walk beside my dad,
He seemed so very, very tall,
It made me feel so very small.

Then as through time and years I
grew,
His love and virtue then I knew,
And when I stopped and considered
it all,
It made me feel so very small.

Within the hospital corridor walls
As I paced and waited in the halls,
And not one thing I could do at all,
It made me feel so very small.

A giant of giants now is gone
To his heavenly home in the great
beyond,
But the love he gave to one and
all,
It made him seem so very tall.

Oh yes, he's gone to eternal rest,
Now to be numbered with the
blest,
And when the Saviour the roll will
call
To me, he'll stand above them all.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" We were blessed by having with us Bro. Ed Bahler of Remington and Bro. Nathan Steffen of Elgin, Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31. On Saturday evening after a pot-luck supper, Bro. Bahler spoke to our teenage Sunday School pupils on "Ten Commandments for Teenagers." On Wednesday evening, Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park ministered to us. May the Lord bless them for the messages and food for thought that was provided by them.

We are so glad and thankful for the safe return of Art Beery from Viet Nam. Art is the son of Howard and Sis. Lucille Beery. His wife, Aileen and son are very glad to have him home again.

Our hospitalized includes Bro. Albert Gasser Sr., Sis. Selma Hartzler, Bro. John Widmer, and Dick Saurer. We are glad to report Bro. Robert Gasser has returned home, after spending quite a lengthy time in the hospital. Sis. Ellen Weber has returned home from the hospital and is able to gather with us.

Art and Lynn Riggenbach are parents of a little girl, their first child. Her grandparents are Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Riggenbach.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Sarah Webb, who died at the age of 88, after being ill for some time. Sarah was the sister of Bro. Noah Hilty.

On Monday June 1, Sis. Anna Hodovan was laid to rest. Anna, who was 82, died after a long illness. She was born in Hungary, came to this area in 1928, and is survived by a son, John and three daughters, Eva VanNostran, Ann Hodovan, and Martha Mileysvich.

On June 2, funeral services were held for Sis. Emma Gasser, who passed away after a long illness. Emma was the wife of Bro. Ben Gasser and the mother of Sis. Erma Ingold, Sis. Mabel Maibach, Bro. Glen Gasser, Bro. Joe Gasser, Sis. Alma Gasser, Sis. Marie Bauman, and Kenneth Gasser.

The engagement of Sis. Roberta Beery and Bro. Andy Stoller was announced. Roberta is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Martha Beery and Andy is the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Stoller.

The coming marriage of Sis. Joyce Beery and Bro. John Schamback was announced. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery and John, who is living in Akron, is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback of Croghan.

The engagement of Sis. Miriam Hilty and Bro. William Brake of Sardis has been announced. Miriam is the daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty, and Bill is the son of John and Sis. Almeda Brake.

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance." We rejoice that Eva VanNostran has heeded the Lord's calling and has turned to Him in repentance. May the Lord grant courage and strength to all who have made the decision to turn their back to all worldly ways and live in the service of the Lord.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Miller

Sis. Willeta Indermuhle wishes to thank those who remembered her during surgery and convalescence. With the help of the Lord, she is strong enough to care for herself and her dear husband, Bro. Carl, who has been blind for several years. May the Lord give her grace and strength to this end.

A blessed event! On May 14, the Lord gave the breath of life to little Renee Lynn Miller. Her parents are Bro. Denny and Sis. Doris Miller. Renee is our first child. Her grandparents are Glenn and Sis. Ella Miller, Rittman church, and Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha Indermuhle, Sardis.

Eric Robert, infant son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen Indermuhle was hospitalized briefly for minor surgery.

The engagement of Bro. William Brake and Sis. Miriam Hilty, Rittman, was made known. May God ever guide them.

We have enjoyed fellowship with many visitors and want to extend a hearty welcome to any who can come to be with us.

We especially want to thank ministering brethren, Robert Stoll, Girard, and Fred Marty, Rittman, for the many words of instruction brought through them from the Lord.

AKRON, OHIO Katherine Ries

"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou are very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty. . . O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches . . ."

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

In the reading and meditating upon these words, during services, it was pointed out how man has polluted all the good things God has given us, including our soul. To-day, with mankind's concern for the material things of life, we forget the most precious gift of all, our soul!

The month of May proved to be a pleasant interlude from the usual active life of elder Bro. Rudy and Sis. Betty Graf. They spent their vacation at Betty's relation in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, visiting the homes of two sisters and a brother. One week-end was spent with the U.S. Service boys who assembled at Neuhuetten, Germany, for two services, May 10. Rudy tells us "This was a day of blessing and mutual joy. God's nearness was keenly felt, and we thank him for His loving care and protection afforded our loved ones throughout their stay abroad".

Jerry Ritzman and Susan Hopkins were united in marriage May 22. Jerry is the son of Sis. Marie and the late Bro. Forrest. Susan is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hopkins. Jerry and Susan's address is 55 S. Balch St., Akron Ohio 44302. May they find a place for the Lord in their hearts and home as they start their life together. They both graduate June 14, Jerry from Ohio Northern, Susan from Akron U.

Announcements were made of the engagements of Sis. Joyce Beery and Bro. John Shambach, and Sis. Miriam Hilty and Bro. Bill Brake. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth of Rittman. John has been employed in this area for about a year. His parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois of Naumberg. Miriam is daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Ruth of Rittman. Bill is the son of John and Sis. Almeda of Sardis. Bill has been attending our services for the past five years, while completing his education, and will eventually make his home in Sardis with his bride. Our best wishes to both couples, and may the Lord's blessings be forever upon them.

We are happy to have Bro. Noah Baumgartner assemble with us again.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Deal only with the present;
Never step into tomorrow,
For God asks us just to trust Him
And to never borrow sorrow—
For to meet tomorrow's troubles
Before they are even ours
Is to anticipate the Saviour
And to doubt His all-wise powers—
So let us be content to solve
Our problems one by one,
Asking nothing of tomorrow
Except "Thy will be done".

Among those who have been unable to assemble with us for a time, due to sickness or surgery, have been Bro. Don G. Gerber. Sis. Elizabeth Krummen, Bro. Emil Steffen, Sis. Elizabeth (Jacob) Graber, Bro. Jacob Meyer and Janet Schaefer. Sis. Mary Baumgartner and Harry Dubach have both been admitted to the nursing care unit of Swiss Village Retirement Home. We wish them all the Lord's nearness and continued improvement as they convalesce.

Newborns joyously received into family circles are a daughter, Lesley Ranae, to Bro. Galen and Sis. Joyce (Isch) Baumgartner; a daughter, Trisha Kae, to Bro. Bob and Sis. Colleen (Ringger) Landrum; a girl, Wendy Sue to Bro. James and Sis. Barb (Gerber) Felger; and a girl Lisa Jo, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bertsch (who are now stationed in Germany).

A dear friend, Frances Dubach, wife of Harry Dubach, was able to turn to the Lord in repentance,

find peace in heart with her Maker, and be baptized. Sis. Frances has been ill and confined to the homes of relatives, and was also baptized at the home of her sister. We wish her continued strength to face the trials which come before her.

Several engagement announcements were revealed: Sis. Cathy Isch to Bro. Keith Steffen of Fairbury; the parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Clarice Isch and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Lucille Steffen. Bro. Bob Honegger to Sis. Mary Heinold of La Crosse, parents being Bro. Alvin and Sis. Alice Honegger and Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie Heinold. Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen and Sis. Nancy Neuenschwander, both from Mluffton. Their parents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Luella Schladenhauffen and Bro. Wm. and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander. May God's blessings be bestowed upon these individuals as they seek to walk life's path together.

Two friends were united in holy matrimony on Saturday evening June 6 at our Fellowship Hall, with Bro. Sam Aeschliman receiving their vows. They were Diane Aschliman and Von Heyerly. Their parents are Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman and Bro. Clifford and Sis. Helen Heyerly.

June 7 marked the wedding day of Bro. James Schwartz, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth to Sis. Sandra Clauss, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred of Remington. We wish the newlywed couples grace and happiness throughout each day as they strive to do God's will.

A Tribute To Fathers

Our fathers are just wonderful
in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
and accolades of praise,
For the reason Dad aspires
to fortune and success
Is to make the family fond of him
and to bring them happiness . . .
And like **Our Heavenly Father**,
he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
to be always on our side.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward
Rosella Obermann

June 7, what a beautiful day it was. As we arrived in church this morning, we were greeted by the Bible Classes from 4 different churches. We were guests of the

Oakville Bible class. The churches or Bible Classes were from Pulaski, Taylor, Burlington and Oakville.

We were privileged to have minister to us Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin. It was indeed an inspiring message.

May the Lord bless our ministering Bros. and Sunday School teachers who put forth this effort to make the Lord known to all the children of every age of this wonderful plan of salvation.

A delicious meal was prepared by our Oakville sisters. We closed the day with a group singing, praising and thanking the Lord for such a wonderful and blessed day. Thank you, God, for this great day of worship with our children.

It was so good to see Sis. Sara Gerst back in church with us. We missed your warm smile, Sis. Sara. God bless you.

A girl was born to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene Banwart. She has been named Peggy Ann. God bless you and your "little angel", Bro. Jerry and Sis. Arlene.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

**Delores Duckworth
Martha Kieser**

This has been a very wet spring for us. Rivers have gone over their banks, and some farmers are having quite a time getting their crops in. We must trust that the Lord will provide! "It may not be my way, it may not be thy way, and yet, in His own way, the Lord will provide."

He certainly did provide many blessings, when five dear young souls could be added to the fold of Jesus. Susan Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma; Cathy Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marvel; Marsha Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Gladys; Teresa Stoller, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Martha; and Bonnie Kieser, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille are now our dear sisters in faith and we are so thankful. Many visitors came that day to rejoice with us, including Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka), Roy Sauder (Peoria), Silas Leuthold (Princeville). Dave Kieser (Princeville), and Edwin Ringger (Gridley).

Visiting and bringing many precious teachings from God's word were Bros. Andrew Virkler (Bay City) and Walter Rehkla (Toledo).

Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie Kieser rejoice to have little 9-month-old Lanee Joy come to make her home with them.

Sis. Lois Endress is a hospital surgical patient, but plans to return home soon. Ross Elsasser, son of Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen, had surgery, but is getting along real well.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Roy Sauder — Peoria, Bill Gudeman—Elgin, and Phil Sauder, Cissna Park. We thank the Lord for the many blessings received.

Nearly all of our congregation gathered in a forest preserve May 24 for our annual Sunday School picnic. The beautiful spring weather and the fellowship provided an enjoyable afternoon.

We are happy to welcome Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucille Feller from Cissna Park and Sis. Judy Bittner from California to our Chicago church. May they always feel the love of God and His children, as they worship with us.

John, son of Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marg Gerst underwent minor surgery on June 8. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A daughter, Luann Sue was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenmann on June 8. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Lydia Eisenmann of Cissna Park and Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucille Feller. Luann has two brothers, Bradley and Todd.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

As we commemorate Father's Day, we think of the song "Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith . . . true to thee till death."

In speaking to our oldest sister in our congregation, age 95, I asked her what the Risen Lord means to her. She quickly said: He means everything to me; if we wouldn't have him, we wouldn't have anything. She is very alert, and recently spent a Sunday in Princeville. She said, I sure enjoyed it.

Our sick: Bro. Arthur Hari is a hospital patient for observation and tests. Sis. Esther Fisher is a patient, having surgery. May God share unto them a measure of health, and may they look to Him from where all help cometh.

The marriage of our dear friends, Sharon Feller to Dennis

Walder was solemnized May 23 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Feller, by Bro. Ezra Feller. Dennis is the son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lucille Walder. Our best wishes are extended to them.

We are having Vacation Bible School the first 2 weeks in June. We have an enrollment of about 110 children. There are about 60 in the adult Bible class. They will present us with a program at the end of the two weeks. Their theme is "Jesus cares today". May good seed fall into the tender hearts. We thank the visiting ministers that lend their time and effort in teaching our adult class.

To our Graduates:

God bless you and keep you
As you start upon the way
To more achievements, more success
More joys day after day.
God grant you perserverance
And his love to guide you too
And faith and hope to give you strength
In everything you do.

This was handed to us by one in our congregation: Noise has become one of the latest polluters of the air — power motors, jet streams, sirens, rock music, crowds of people. Have you ever thanked God for every drop of pure water or a quiet place to kneel and pray? The Bible tells us the time is coming when this dispensation of grace will be over. The blood of Jesus will no longer cleanse man's polluted soul. In Christ's resurrection there is a way of escape, come what may. Our soul can find peace, joy, rest and victory. He has promised grace for today.

We are happy to announce that our dear friends, Mark Alt, Phil Alt and Jay Rinkenberger have their peace with God and man. They have been announced and are waiting baptism.

Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin was our visiting minister. We are ever thankful when God's servants come and share the inspired word with us.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

A careful man I ought to be
A little fellow follows me . . .
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

Our director of nurses often used to remind we graduates of our responsibilities in setting good examples for our coworkers, especially the student nurses. We never know when we may be a stepping-stone rather than a stumbling-block for someone. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Many were the blessings received as we were privileged to set under the sound of the pure gospel as ministered by our visitors, Bros. Jim Leman—Roanoke, Ed Ringger—Gridley and Al Langhofer—Wichita.

Dennis Knapp son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette, left for Service May 11. He is stationed at Ft. Knox.

On May 9 a tornado went thro' our area, resulting in damage to a number of farm buildings, including hay barn of Bro. Emil Stahls and a tool shed of Bro. Frederick Knapp's. We are thankful no homes were damaged.

Daniel Wettstein, 66, passed away, May 4 at the Apostolic Chirstian Home in Eureka. His survivors are his sisters, Anna and Mary, and his brothers, Bro. John of our congregation; Bro. Charles, Eureka, and Bro. Ben, Gridley. Services were held May 6, with Bros. Joshua Broquard and Vernon Leman assisting our ministers.

On May 17 the announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Ken Schrock, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther, to Sis. Janet Overmeyer, daughter of Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda of Francesville. May the Lord bless them.

We have several from our congregation who have been incapacitated at home or hospitalized. Sis. Lulu Zimmerman, who celebrated her 89th birthday on May 25, suffered a fall which confined her to a wheelchair for 2 weeks. She has recovered sufficiently to be able to walk around the house. Her husband, Bro. Ben is a medical patient at Eureka Hospital and seems to be improving slowly. Sis. Erma Miller is making good recovery from major surgery. Bro. Glenn Knapp was hospitalized for tests and is thankful for a good report. Myra Kay Steffen, daughter of Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois was a medical patient for a few days, but was able to go back to school. Phyllis Schieber of New York City,

daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Lorene submitted to major surgery and is recuperating nicely at the home of her parents. We enjoy having her assemble with us during her convalescence. Mumps have been prevalent among many of our school children.

We are so thankful to know that the door of grace is still open, as evidenced with the calling of our dear friend, LuAnn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marjorie, to repentance. We wish her much grace and strength from the Giver of all perfect gifts.

The return of our college students to their homes for the summer months is a happy time for everyone and it is always a joy to have them assemble with us. Our college graduate is Barbara Zimmerman, daughter of Mahlon and Katherine. From high school, we have graduating: Eddie Miller (Bro. Jake and Sis. Marian), Chuck Schrock (Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly), Sis. Rhonda Sides (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary), Jim Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois), Yvonne Steffen (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary), Norman Wettstein (Bro. John and the late Sis. Caroline), Tom Zimmerman (Bro. Tom and Sis. Lulu). Our eighth grade graduates are Peggy Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marjorie), Lynn Knapp (Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice), Joan Miller (Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty), Marlin Miller (Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion), Ann Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline), Cheryl Schieber (Bro. John and Sis. Alice), Jeff Schieber (Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma), Kent Steffen (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary), Marjorie Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois), and Vern Williamson (Bob and Sis. Doris).

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

We have a number of high school graduates, and we wish them God's blessings in their future plans.

Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington was with us. We received many good teaching from the word of God, and a lovely Mother's Day message. Bro. Robert Miller of Portland was with us for an evening service; we were richly blessed with the word of life. May God continue to give us teachers who will proclaim His word without fear or favor.

In our last month's report we

left out Sis. Helen's last name. It is Sis. Helen Banwart wished her thanks extended to all.

Births: A daughter, Amy Claire, born to Lloyd and Carol Kellenberger on May 15. They live at 223 Hill Ave., Elgin Ill 60120. Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger are the grandparents. A daughter, Stacey Lynn, to John and Ella Martin, 24203 W. Grant Highway, Marengo Ill., born on May 20. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ella Metzger of Lester and Bro. Carl and Sis. Florence Martin of Marengo are the grandparents.

In heaven dwells the countless throng,
That blood-bought, white-robed band,
Which endlessly God's praise prolongs
Thro' wonderful and sweet new songs
And harps within their hand.

Sis. Otilia Kercher passed away at the age of 77 years. We will miss her in our church circle.

John Schmidt, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Alma Rein Schmidt, was returned to the States, after having been wounded by a shell fragment in Cambodia on May 16. He is being treated at Great Lake's Hospital and is allowed to return home on week-ends. The Schmidts live at 671 E. Chicago St., Elgin Ill 60120.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"... God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds

And drives away his fear.

Birth: Mark Benjamin, born May 11 to Willis and Margaret Hodel. He is their 3rd son; they have one daughter.

Visitors were — Bros. Robert Miller—Portland, Joe Zimmerman—Roanoke, Willis Wiegand—Goodfield.

Bro. Dan Wiegand was a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital. Little David Schumacher was a patient one day in the hospital. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Robert

and Charlene. Sis. Judy Knecht is a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. She is the wife of Bro. Ernest.

Engagement—This was an announcement of Sis. Kathy Farney and Bro. Kenneth Hodel. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Ira and Doris. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Glen and Margaret.

Preparations are made for Vacation Bible School to begin June 8 and last for two weeks. It is being held evenings, starting at 7 o'clock. May God bless all who have a part in this. It is hoped that all the children will learn many things to help them learn to be more obedient to parents, teachers, and above all to God.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Bro. Keith Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Steffen, is engaged to Sis. Cathy Isch of Bluffton. Our best wishes go to them. Keith is in the army and last month was sent to Viet Nam.

Chad Thomas Schieler is the new arrival for Mr. and Mrs. Duane Schieler. The new baby's grandparents are Alton and Sis. Schieler.

Sis. Betty Wiegand was selected to teach a Sunday School class.

Sis. Tillie Steffen, Sis. Carolyn Woodard, Dale Stoller, and Kate Haab were hospitalized.

We were happy that Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen extended an invitation to Bro. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria and Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield, to spend a Sunday with us. Also, we were happy to have Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha.

We were fortunate to have Bro. Bob Miller of Portland to accept Bro. Broquard's invitation to minister to us one evening during his short stay in Illinois.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Carolyn Zimmerman

The dictionary defines a FATHER, A person who directs and cares for those he originates. The Bible calls God our "Heavenly Father", who originated our spiritual life, such a close relationship between these two . . . how precious a calling to be a Father. Tread carefully; many tiny feet are stepping admiringly into each footprint, and many innocent eyes watch "Daddy's" walk of life as their image for the future.

The Lord commanded them, Re-

pent ye and be baptized. This command was fulfilled to three dear souls who were taken into the fold. Jeannie Ricketts, daughter of Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona; Lyle Ebach, son of Sis. Clara and the late Bro. Jake; and Janice Ifft, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma, gave their testimonies and were granted this precious privilege. Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, assisted our ministers. Visiting us that Sunday were Ministering Bros. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas; Al Langofer, Wichita; Noah Gerber, West Bend; Edmond Kloter, Fairbury. On Mother's Day we were blessed with the teachings of Bros. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit and Merle Kaisner, Fairbury. What a joy it must be for a mother to hear her son proclaim the true word of God!

Bro. David Schmidgal was our only hospital patient in May. He underwent surgery on his knee at Carle Clinic, Urbana. He has been a shut-in for several weeks, but is convalescing satisfactorily. God has given a tiny new daughter to Bro. Elmer and Sis. LaVonne Lanz; she has been named Lori Lee. Two brothers welcomed her home. We congratulate Bro. Larry Ifft, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Ifft on his engagement to Sis. Shirley Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah Gerber from West Bend. We also extend a sincere congratulations to our many 1970 graduates.

Thank You—My sincere thanks to each one for your prayers, cards, and gifts while I was in the hospital, and since returning home. May God bless each one! Bro. Oscar Schneider.

NOTE: FORREST Subscribers—Annual collection for Silver Lining is due during the month of July. Please give to Bro. or Sis. John Eisenmann.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"Mother, may I use some of your construction paper to make a Father's Day card?" So this morning I helped our little girl as she made Father's Day cards for, "My Dad" and "Dear Grandpa". How those little hands worked as she folded the paper and wrote the words, and ended her message with hearts and flowers, hugs and kisses! May all dear fathers and grandfathers everywhere be blessed on this Father's Day!

Bro. Verlin mentioned in his sermon this past Sunday of a sign along Rt. 24: "At The End Of The Road You'll Meet God!" How will it be when that time comes for you?

Scott Allen Honegger was born May 6 to Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda. He was welcomed home by a sister, Marlene. Grandparents are the Dave Stollers of Latty and the Alvin Honeggers of Bluffton.

Bro. James and Sis. Barbara Felger are the happy parents of a daughter, Wendy Sue, born on Memorial Day. She was welcomed home by two brothers, Patrick (P. J.) and Thomas (Tommy). The Jack Gerbers of Bluffton and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Felger of Ft. Wayne are her grandparents.

We are happy to report that Sis. Emma Clauss is able to assemble with us again after surgery. Bro. Phil was dismissed from the hospital this past Saturday, altho' he must "take it easy" for awhile yet. Phil and Emma wish to express their thanks and appreciation for cards, flowers, gifts and prayers.

Lois Pfister has been transferred to the Richmond State Hospital. How thankful we are to report she is improving! May we all remember her in our prayers. Her address is Richmond State Hospital, Richmond Ind 47374.

School has ended. We at our house are looking forward to a busy summer, with hopes of sometimes just enjoying being home! Our high school graduates are Sis. Yvonne Stoller, daughter of Sis. Lenora, who plans to enter college in the fall, and Don Steffen, (Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen), who has enlisted in the Naval Reserves. We extend best wishes.

We welcome Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella Klopfenstein and Diane to our congregation. Their new address is: 9754 Diebold Rd. Ft. Wayne Ind 46805

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 8-12 for children and adults, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Adult classes will be conducted by visiting ministers in our area. Picnic plans are for Sat. evening, following the Bible School week.

Beautiful words are found in the hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed", as Bro. Verlin also expressed in his sermon, and then asked, "DO YOU?" Will you look forward to that meeting with the Lord? If

not, why wait? We have no promise for tomorrow!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

As we pause in our busy, workaday world to observe this day, "Father's Day", may we realize and recognize that every day is **Father's Day**. "Honour thy father . . . that thy days may be long upon the land . . ."

Do we realize the great responsibilities that fathers carry; their labors of love wrought for our welfare for the earthly, and more important yet, our spiritual needs; the sacrifices so gladly offered; the tears, the concern, the guidance and many prayers uttered—not for self alone but a common concern for family — children, grandchildren, yes, everyone in need of the Master's help.

As our fathers grow older, may we not forget their care for us in younger years, but rather now render in turn those little deeds to aid their failing physical strength; to lighten their load; to bring joy and sunshine into the golden autumn of life. What greater joy can Father receive than to see loved ones choose that better way—the way of the cross which leads HOME.

Our Father

When I behold our father, I read a message there

That TIME has penned upon the face that once was young and fair.

Upon the furrowed brow we read the story of the years

Of sorrows, disappointments—yes, and joys amid the tears.

The silver threads have now appeared among the hair once gold

That tells a story clear and plain—our father's growing old.

The once firm steps are feeble now and oft falter 'long the way,

Yet bravely and courageous he goes toward sunset of life's day.

His life has been of service and his earthly work near done;

In service to his fellowmen—it has been as to the SON.

The Bible yet is Father's choice—how oft to us he read,

That we should also learn its worth as the source of Living Bread.

His toil-rough hands less active now in earth's toils and its cares, And how oft we see them folded now to commune with God in prayer.

His life has been a great lesson as we observe it day after day

And speaks to us of life's best choice—the **straight and narrow way**.

This path leads on and upward; oft thorny, rough—and still

His patient, submissive spirit yields to Thine, Lord, and not my will.

Oh may we e'er remember the lessons his life has taught,

And as we tread the path of life, ne'er turn from it for aught.

May these same unspoken lessons help to keep us from sin and from fall,

That we may answer the roll up yonder, summoned by the Master's call.

There we'll realize the worth of living for our Lord

And be numbered with the saints above and receive the **GREAT REWARD**.

Written by Sis. Clara Nohl

Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford and Bro. Gene Metzger of Lester were our guest ministers. We are grateful anew that His message is still the same, whether it comes from the east or the west. It is seasoned a little differently, which we always **appreciate**.

A few weeks ago our community was in the path of a tornado which touched down near Congerville. Our friends Gary and Sally Bauman had the misfortune of losing their trailer home. We are so thankful that they were not there at the time. However, they were nearby in a barn working with their horses. Gary is the son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman.

GIRARD, OHIO

Caroline Emch

Roger L. Emch graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned a II Lt. in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is the son of Merle and Georgia Emch; his grandmother is Sis. Helen Emch.

Aug. 8, 1969 was the beginning of a new experience for Michio Hirano of Kumamoto Japan. She came to live with the Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch family,

through the American Field Service Program. "Michi" is nearing the end of her year as an exchange student and has adapted to American foods and customs quite well; she has a good working knowledge of English. Michi, has been very well accepted in our church and our home community of Hubbard, Ohio. She has made many friends and given many speeches. The teachings of the Bible have been basically new to Michi, since she is a Buddhist. She enjoys reading in the word and hopes to continue to do so when she returns to Japan. Open house was held on Sat. June 6 for Michi and her American sister, Elaine Emch. Date of departure from Hubbard is June 29.

This is the time of year when many of our young people graduate from high school and college. We wish them God's blessing.

As it is vacation time, we have been blessed with some visitors. We know there will be some passing through, so plan to stop at the small congregation at Girard.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder

Mrs. Andy Young Jr.

"Jesus answered and said . . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We rejoice for two dear souls who have been born again—Sis. Karen, daughter of Bro. Samuel and Sis. Mary Huber; Sis. Susan, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft. Elder Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker with the provings. It brought us back to the time of our testimonies of faith. How refreshing to hear the dear Lord still answers those who come to Him with a contrite heart. Other ministers present: Bros. Raymond Banwart; Wayne Miller; Al Langhofer; and Roy Wernli. There were members present from 12 churches—200 were served after the baptismal service. We welcome all to return.

Our bi-monthly services in Emporia, also our World Relief sewing has been discontinued until further notice.

Hospital patients: Chas. Knapp, observation and treatment; Edward Bartels, father of Sis. Dorothy Young, hernia operation (he was required to return for another week after dismissal); Roberta,

daughter of Robert and Mildred Rodgers, granddaughter of Bro. Jake Beyer, appendectomy. We are thankful to the Lord all have recuperated sufficiently to return home.

High School graduates — Sis. Susan Kraft and Sis. Karen Huber; Carol, daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer; Janiece, daughter of Andy Jr.; Sis. Wilma Young; Dale, son of Robert and Mildred Rodgers; Leon, son of Sylvan; and Helen Bahr, grandson of Sis. Lydia Bahr.

Carol Beyer, daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer, and Jack Maclaskey, son of James Maclaskey were united in marriage May 16. They are living on a farm at Gridley. We wish them success in this life and the needed grace to prepare for life eternal. The church had a shower for them at Kelly Hall.

Two weeks of Bible Vacation School has been held. The children are presenting a program Sunday night.

How welcome to see beautiful sunshine after a week of rainy weather. Most fields were planted before the rains.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

We were blessed with visits from Ministering Bros. Fred Marty, Rittman; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; and our Elder Bro. George Sinn came to share Holy Communion with us. He told us bread is made up of many grains of wheat, just as the church is made up of many members. Just as the grains in the bread are tightly joined together, may the love of God bind us together. One of our dear older sisters wanted so very much to be in church when we had communion. Not being well, she started getting ready at 7:00 o'clock so she could be ready by church time. Oh if only more would have such a desire and would put forth such an effort!

God has entrusted to us the true riches and He expects us to take care of them. Colossians Chap. 3 was read and meditated upon. The 16th verse brought to my mind what my dear mother use to tell us. She thought you were to sing psalms and of course she didn't know many psalms to "sing" and it worried her. Then she read in

the Bible where it said "and spiritual songs", and how it was such a comfort to her. The Sunday this was read I wondered if this might have been the very verse she had read.

Jake Manz (Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate) and Roberta Weller (Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weller, (Continental) were married on May 23. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

Another vacant place has been left in our church. Our dear Bro. Fred Wahl was laid to rest on May 22. May God especially comfort his dear widow, Sis. Lydia (Kipfer), and sister, Sis. Minnie Dotterer; of our congregation. He also leaves one brother, Bro. John Wahl, Cissna Park, and three other sisters, Sisters Catherine Fuhrer, Clara Wahl and Elizabeth Wahl, all of Mansfield. Bro. Sam Aeschliman told us we should not mourn as those that have no hope. Fred served his Lord for many years, and he certainly will be missed.

Ralph Schlatter (Sis. Esther) graduated from high school in May. He has chosen farming in our community as his career, for which we are thankful.

Sis. Janet Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) has finished her semester at Defiance College and is now attending summer classes. Bros. Don and Kenneth Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) are home from college for summer vacation.

A man once said when he was a boy he had to walk through the woods to get milk in his little pail and how good it was to have his father with him to hold his hand. How often a father's words or presence have calmed our fears. May God bless our dear fathers every day.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Lucille Heiniger

Births: Melinda Retha, born March 30 to Keith and Susan Heinold; Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie are the paternal grandparents. Janeen Marie born March 29 to Bro. Daryl and Sis. Janet Hari; Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie Heinold are the maternal grandparents. Michelle Lee, born May 30 to Bro. and Sis. Diana Gude-man; Bro. Art and Sis. Mary are the paternal grandparents.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Heinold, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie, and Bro. Bob Honegger

of Bluffton was announced. They plan an August wedding.

We were saddened by the death of a dear friend, Marvin Heinold, son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold. Graveside services were held at La Crosse. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his parents, his dear wife Martha, 2 small sons, three sisters and four brothers.

Bro. Glenn Heinold arrived home from Viet Nam to attend the funeral of his brother, Marvin. He will return the latter part of June.

Bro. Arden Bucher, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Esther, left early Monday morning for the Armed Forces. May God be ever with him.

Our congratulations go out to the students graduating from high school and college. Those graduating from here are Sisters Dianne and Laurie Bucher, Marsha Troxel, and Rachel Rinkenberger, Don and Ron Yergler, Bro. Tom and Sis. Shirley Frank, Sis. Mary Heinold, Bro. Arden Bucher and Terri Swing.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka and Bro. Ed Alt of Cissna Park. They stressed the seriousness of the times in which we are living. Now is the time to turn to the Lord, for tomorrow may be too late.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Cindy Rassi

We have now ended our spring semester of school at ISU and are thankful to God for each blessing he has given us throughout the year. Our summer Bible Class meetings will begin June 18. We would like to invite all to visit us.

We are grateful to those ministers who have served us in the past few weeks; Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka, Bro. Al Beutel, Tremont and Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville.

We want to give our best wishes and congratulations to Sis. Sharon Wingeier, Alto, and Bro. Terry Zimmerman, Forrest, both students at ISU, who plan to be united in marriage June 7; on May 17, Sis. Maxine Kempf, Roanoke and Bros. David Hodel, Roanoke a student at ISU were announced to be married. On that same day, Sis. Janet Overmyer, Francesville and Bro. Ken Schrock, an ISU student from Congerville were likewise announced. We wish them all God's blessings.

We have many seniors who will

graduate June 6. We give each of them our best wishes and pray for God's grace in their future work.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Carolyn Menold, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Oleta Honnegger Menola, and Charles Feucht, son of John and Florence Dietrich of Elgin were married at the bride's home near Morton. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and Sis. Christine Leman were united in marriage by Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago. Lynn is the son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pearl Keller Klopfenstein of Leo, and Christine is the daughter of Bro. Irvin and Sis. Leona Martin Leman of our congregation. Bros. Maurice Frank and Marvin Stieglitz were here for the wedding. Engagement and forthcoming marriage: Connie Maibach, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Belsley Maibach of Detroit to Roger Kahler, son of Ervin and Sis. Edna Dietz Kahler. A September wedding is being planned.

A daughter, Rebecca Lynn was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Kay Anliker Rumbold. Grandparents are Sis. Beulah Rumbold Funk and Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus Anliker of Eureka. Robert and Gerry Hari Hangartner have a new baby son, Erik J. Hangartner. Erik has two brothers, a sister, and grandparents, Chris Hangartner and Bro. Gottlieb and Sis. Dorothy Hari.

Bro. John Schick Sr., 75, a retired farmer passed away on May 21 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Elizabeth Leuthold Schick; five daughters: Sisters, Maxine (Mrs. Herman) Schmidt, Phyllis (Mrs. Roy) Getz, Barbara (Mrs. Ed) Roecker, Madelyn (Mrs. Richard) Fehr and Wilma (Mrs. Vincent) Bermel, and one son, Bro. John Schick Jr. Our congregation will miss the many kind deeds he did for us. Sis. Anna Heinold, 84, passed away May 29 at Restmor Nursing Home. She is survived by her cousin, Sis. Cora Reckhemmer, and two nephews, Howard and Raymond Heinold.

Bro. Levi and Sis. Faye Martin Pfister and family wish to extend their thanks and appreciation for all the wonderful things done for them when their home burned.

Those convalescing are: Sisters LaVerne Hauter Heiniger, Nettie

Aberle Huetten, Ann Kaufman Kaiser, Hannah Rapp, Lena Rapp Ackerman, Martha Frintz Rapp, Clara Frank Welk, Rose Ehehalt and Karen Berger (daughter of Richard and Beverly Aberle Berger, and Bro. Emanuel Jacob.

Our new brothers and sisters in faith are: Fred Hermann Jr., Jon Zeller, Carol Yentes, Jean Getz, Kathi Roeschley, Theresa Rassi, Patty Pfister, Marcia Kahler, Carla Kaiser, Rebecca Neukomm, Melanie Steiner and Christine Meyering. June 13 we will hear testimonies for six more converts. Our congregation has truly been blessed. We had many visiting ministers during the proving and baptizing of our new converts: Bros. Dave Wiegand, Ed Hohulin, Bob Grimm, Ben Maibach, Ezra Feller, Eli Somerhalder, Roy and Earl Banwart, and Harvey Grimm.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

In the quiet of an early May evening, Bros. Noah Schrock and Harvey Heiniger from Oakville came to spend the evening with us and serve us Holy Communion. It had been quite some time since we had partaken of the Lord's Supper, so we were truly renewed in the spirit.

Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinckenberger have two new grandchildren. Their son, Ken, and his wife, Jill, have a little boy, Scott Ross. He was born on April 1, their first child. Their daughter, Sonia, and her husband, Kirk Wegner, have a little daughter Stefanie Michele, born May 29. She is their first child also.

Let us each one ask ourselves: What kind of church would my church be, if every member were just like me?

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

Sis. Ella Gehring, who for the past 7 years has lived with and helped care for her sister, Mollie Beer, has returned to her home congregation, Elgin Iowa. She is living with her sister, Lizzie Schneider. May God bless her for her deeds of love and kindness.

Our friend, Tom Fehr, and Bro. Dick Hoffman are now at Ft. Sam Houston.

Several of our brothers have been hospitalized and are home again. They are Harry Leman,

Melvin Mangold, Tim Hoffman and Fred Herbst.

The engagement of Sis. Maxine Kempf, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice Kempf, and Bro. Dave Hodel, son of Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Lino Monge of Roanoke announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice, to Bob Sauder, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder.

Friends Jack Blunier, son of Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Sylvia Blunier, and Gail Smock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smock of Manitowish were married May 9. They are at home at 908 W. Market Apt. 9, Normal Ill. 61761. Deb Moser, daughter of Harley and Sis. Gerry Moser, was married to Bob Rippon, son of Mrs. Barbara Rippon of Roanoke on June 6. They are at home at 302 W. Davidson St., Roanoke. Lt. Morris Wiegand, son of Bro. Morris and Sis. Lena Wiegand, and Jeanette Lorres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorres were married May 16. They are visiting their parents, on leave until the end of June.

Our dear sister, Anna Rassi, passed away on May 30 at the Eureka Hospital, where she had been taken that day. Our sympathy goes out to her whole family, especially Sis. Lena with whom she lived. Anna taught Sunday School and Summer Bible School for many years. She also was a cook at the school cafeteria, and will be missed by all of us, including the children who knew and loved her so well.

Several visiting ministers were with us: Bros. Raymond Roth, Burlington; Robert Miller, Portland; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Earl Gerber, Forrest; George Gramm and Harold Schmidt, Gridley. It is always a joy to have visitors and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

A baby girl, Kris Lynae, came to live with Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou Martin. She is a sister to Randall, 16, and Lendall 5 and was born on May 26.

Engagement was announced of Bro. Kenneth Hodel, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Margaret Hodel, and Kathy Farney, daughter of Bro. Ira and Sis. Doris Farney of Eureka.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Philip Wingeier

"And he said unto them, Is a

candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?"

Even though we are absent in body we are in spirit in Sarasota, thinking perhaps many are wondering if we found a suitable location for a tract of land that we might purchase for a future need. We do have various tracts, but is rather hard to make decision off-hand. Our treasurer has started a banking fund for this purpose and reports already, very successful. May God the heavenly Father give his richest blessing toward this good work.

How good it is unto us all, when we trust and obey in the Saviour's ways.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed Aeschleman

We warmly welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Gail Gasser to our congregation and thank God for answering our continued prayers for an increase. Dave has located in Philadelphia, where he is employed by the University of Pennsylvania. The Gassers previously lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We enjoy the company and fellowship of visiting brethren from Rockville, Bay City, Detroit and La Crosse.

Richard Diggelman spent Memorial Day week-end with his parents, Bros. John and Sis. Mary, while on his way home to Rochester from a business trip to Spain. It is always a pleasure to have Richard back to worship with us.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Susan Zimmerman

To me is given boundless mercy
A gift that I did not deserve;
Such wondrous love, it is so
marv'lous
That such for me should be
reserved.

We rejoice with our sister in the Lord, Teresa Hufford, who was baptized June 7. Bro. Al Fisher, Chicago, and Bro. Ed Hohulin Goodfield, spoke from God's word, with teachings of patience and the love of God.

Dan Fehr, from Roanoke, who is attending school at the U of I, has received grace to repentance from the Lord.

As the summer season approaches, we see the students leave . . . May the Lord direct those who have completed their schooling, as

they leave for employment in their fields.

Our visiting ministers have been Ed Alt, Cissna Park; Roy Ehnle, Bradford; Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Al Schietlin, Elgin; Roy Sauder, Peoria; and Earl Gerber, Forrest.

The engagement of Sis. Shirley Gerber of West Bend to Bro. Larry Ifft of Forrest was announced. Larry is a student at the U of I. We'll welcome them in the fall, and wish them the blessings of God as they join heart and hand and serve the Lord as one.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

Spring moves on into summer, and we are enjoying getting out more and more. Our young group rejoiced in the fellowship of our brethren from Elgin—those of the world who think we have so little cannot imagine the joy that comes with being among the children of God!

We are happy to have home again Danny Wieland. Danny, son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina, has been touring Europe since his discharge this spring from the Army in Germany.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden—Laverne Roth

Sis. Deborah Springer, daughter of Sis. Mabel Springer, was our high school graduate. Deborah intends to go into nurse's training. may the Lord bless and watch over her.

Our church building received extensive smoke damage, when apparently a freone line in the furnace from the air-conditioner ruptured and was ignited by the pilot in the furnace. We are assembling in the Burlington School Auditorium.

Due to the smoke damage in our church, Vacation Bible School was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. Bill Schrock, the first week in June. Sisters Kathleen Schrock, Deborah Springer, and Janice Springer were the teachers. Although the number was small, we hope the results will be great.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. John (Rachel) Kraft in the death of her brother, Chris Strahm of Emporia.

Our church was responsible for services at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home, on Mother's Day, May 10.

Our midweek services have been discontinued for the summer months.

Hospital patients have been Bro. John Schupbach and Friend Pete Farney.

We are approaching a Harvest Season, with fields of golden grain waving in the breeze. After over five weeks of hot dry weather, harvest is being delayed by wet and cooler weather. Not only do we wish for a harvest of grain, but a gathering in of souls as well.

Note: We wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you who remembered Emma while she was hospitalized with her broken leg. The many cards, letters, gifts and prayers were all greatly appreciated. Your least Bro. and Sis. in faith, Eli and Emma Somerhalder.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

We were blessed with a visit from our Elder Bros. Noah Schrock and John Bahler. We received many blessed teachings.

Sis. Florence Herzig and Sis. Betty (Bro. Arthur) Herzig have returned home from the hospital. John Ulrich has been unable to assemble with us, but has been out for rides in the car.

We are thankful that Martin and Michael Hirschey, twin sons of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice were not seriously injured in a motorbike accident.

Funeral services for Sis. Julia Hirschey were held May 29 at the Naumburg church by Bro. Robert Beyer. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. LaRue (Blanche) McIntyre, Mrs. Royal (Lucile) Schwendy, and Sis. Doris (Bro. Norbert) Steiner.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Clayton and Sis. Lillian Virkler and their family in the death of Sis. Lillian's mother, Mrs. Ruth Krueger.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida Sinn

The Lord is still knocking. Nancy Kraft, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harold, and Wanda Kraft have surrendered their hearts to the Lord. We rejoice with them all. In the Sinn household, father, mother and daughter are repenting together. Of this we can truly say, **Me and my house will serve the Lord.**

We wish the necessary grace and strength in their endeavor.

Bro. Charles Sinn has finished his training at Ft. Sam and is spending a three-week leave with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Charles and Dorothy Sinn. He reports to Oakland California on June 13. May the Lord watch over and protect him, that he may return home safely.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Sis. Mary Funk, age 86, passed away at her home on Sunday May 31, thirteen days less than a year after the death of her husband, Bro. Joseph. She is survived by two daughters, Sis. Ella Schlipf and Sis. Louise Witzig; five sons, Bros. Leo, Alwin, Wilbert and Roy, all of Gridley, and William, Garden Grove Iowa; four sisters, Sisters Emma Grusy, Lena Meiss and Louise Gramm, Gridley, and Bertha Meiss, Cissna Park; and three brothers, Albert and Emil, Gridley, and William, Eureka. Mary was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church for 72 years. Services were conducted by Bros. Edwin Ringger and Harold Schmidgal, Gridley, and Bro. Joseph Zimmerman, Roanoke.

It is with mixed emotions we leave our old church, and go into a new house of worship. We held our last services in the old church on Sunday, May 17, taking with us many memories . . . times of happiness where many of our loved ones and we found our salvation, were proved and baptized. Loved ones gave their marriage vows . . . last rites held for loved ones.

We do not leave these memories behind us, as these are the things in life that are real and meaningful, and always with us.

Our first service in the new edifice was that of the funeral of Sis. Mary Funk, held Wed. June 3. Then our first Sunday service was held June 7. Open house and dedication dates have not as yet been set.

The annual Bible School has been cancelled for this year, due to the blacktopping of our parking lots.

Bro. Elmer Meiss, who was a surgical patient in St. John's Hospital in Springfield, is able to assemble with us again.

Our last Singspiration for the season was held Sunday, May 17.

Guest singers were from Bluffton, whose songs were greatly appreciated. The Gridley Bible Class and a mixed octet sang a selection of hymns.

Sis. Viola Witzig who was injured in a car accident some time ago, has been dismissed from the hospital, and was able to assemble with us on our first Sunday in the new church. Sis. Elizabeth Stoller, who has been in failing health for some time, is a patient in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington.

We have two new converts, Coleen, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Jean Hodel, and Mike, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifield Schlipf. We wish them God's grace in this most important step of life.

We are happy to have Bro. Earl and Sis. Dixie, and little Casandra Lee back in Gridley. They have been living in Champaign, where Earl attended (now graduated from the University of Illinois).

Friend Jerry and Sis. Ada Christensen and family, who have been living in Dwight Ill., have moved to Washburn, Ill., where Jerry will be principal of the schools there. They plan to continue worshipping in Gridley.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Graduation Day — a long-worked-for goal became real to twelve young people of our congregation: Kathy Brown, Betty Nohl, Kenneth Nohl, Gary Joos, Douglas Schmidgall, Bonnie Watson, Paul Fehr Jr., Davis Wulf, George Sauder, Loren Zeltwanger, Sis. Pam Schmidgall, and Sis. Janice Joos. As I sat in the audience and read the Class Motto, "Today we follow; tomorrow we lead," I thought what a concern for parents and teachers. Have we walked sincerely and uprightly before them; have we set an example that they will yearn to follow? Two of these graduates have surrendered all unto Christ and have become His disciples, and we pray that many more will follow. A hymn goes thro' my mind. "Oh may God grant it that up yonder Some ransomed soul might say to me, God bless thee for when I did wander. I saw God's light in thee." It is so important that we keep our lamps burning clearly and brightly, so that other dear souls may find the way of salvation.

Our dear old brother Henry Nohl underwent surgery in a Fergus

Falls hospital. He was able to come home, but was later taken to the Morris Hospital. We pray for God's mercy and healing power in his behalf. Debra Dogatch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leo Dogatch, is hospitalized from a fall and has to be in traction for 3 to 4 weeks. We wish Debbie a speedy recovery, so she can be home again with her loved ones.

A son, Douglas Allen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Feuchtenberger on May 30. Bro. and Sis. Joe Feuchtenberger are the grandparents.

ROCKVILLE, ILLINOIS

Carlton J. Lanz

Bro. Sherman Lanz left for induction into the Army on Monday June 8. He is the son of Otto and Alma (Moser) Lanz. Prior to his leaving, several farewell gatherings had been arranged. At the close of the afternoon service, Bro. John Bahler, in behalf of the church, wished him the blessings of God and His guidance. Gary Ott, son of Sis. Mathilda and Nelson Ott has been discharged after completing his tour of duty. Ronald Erismann, stationed at Philadelphia in the Navy spent Sunday here with his grandmother, Sis. Elizabeth Erismann and an aunt, Sis. Margaret Cappello. We warmly welcome all service boys to our church and community. Ronnie's parents, Bro. Erwin and Sis. Della live at Bay City.

On May 15, a daughter, Suzanne Marie was born to Bro. James and Sis. Jane (Dombek) Moser. There are two other little girls and three boys in this growing family. The grandparents are John and Hazel Dombek and Sis. Emma (Gottier) Moser.

To have a hope one must have faith, and to have faith one must believe and have a desire. The two new converts, Chris Hansen and Edward Mangold who were baptized on Sunday, testified that they had this desire. Chris, having learned of this faith, became interested and sought further. He at last found what he was searching for—his salvation, and hope, he said. Eddie Mangold, too, had this desire. Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, who is always welcome here, was present at the provings and very ably assisted Elder Bro. John Bahler in this work.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Huldah

Luginbuhl observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home on Sunday June 7. Their house was filled with relatives and friends who had come to extend their cordial wishes and congratulations and to join in singing of the several beautiful hymns. This was followed with Scripture reading and a very fitting prayer offered by Bro. John Bahler. Ernest thanked all present, his voice a bit emotional, for their contributions in making this special event so pleasant. He hoped God would bless all, he added. He then invited everybody to take of the luncheon that had been made ready.

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

L. W. Witschey of Moundsville, a former resident, is not too well. Ray Schupbach has been able to be returned to his home, after a several weeks' stay in the local hospital. J. Howard Riegenbach underwent surgery in the local hospital on May 26 and is improving very nicely. Walter Emch is a patient in the local hospital again.

Miss Kathleen Corliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corliss and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich was married on June 6 to Kenneth Burton Campanizzi, in a home wedding at her home here. They will reside in Wheeling, where she is a teacher in the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz visited on June 7 with their sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Barth, who is a patient in St. Josephs' Hospital in Parkersburg. She suffered a stroke on May 28 and is slowly recovering.

Miss Margaret Witschey was called back to Easton, Md., by the illness of her brother-in-law, Mr. Verda Fankhouser.

Miss Christine Barth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barth, left on June 8 for Daytona Beach, Florida, where she will be employed for the summer months. Miss Mabel Barth, who has spent the past several years in Denver, arrived home on June 5 and will be employed with Pittsburgh Plate Industries for the summer, and plans on attending West Virginia University in the fall, working for a Master's Degree.

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

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, and Ben Fehr, Roanoke. It is always a privilege to sit under the sound of the gospel and receive a blessing.

Timmy and Peggy, children of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter had ear surgery, and adenoids removed. They both got along very well. Davy, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller broke his wrist in an accident at school. Since he has only one arm we thought he would be quite handicapped, but he is able to take care of himself quite well.

Our high school graduates are Cindy—daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr and Sandi—daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell, both from Quincy High; Vicky Sue—daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter; Connie—daughter of Buddy and Barbara (Hoerr) Plank; Kent—son of Sis. Naomi Heimer, all from Palmyra High School. Roger Steffen graduated from Gem City School of Horology at Quincy and will be returning to his home. He is the son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille Steffen of Remington.

When I read the articles in the April Silver Lining, I couldn't help but think of our dear young friend Bill. I would like to share his beautiful experience with you.

Bill was not quite sixteen, handsome and broad-shouldered, a real athlete. He was the only son, the one to carry on the family name. He looked the picture of health, but for sometime he tired easily. After many tests the parents and sister were told that he had acute leukemia. From that time on he was in and out of the hospital for the three months, until the end came.

It was hard for him to realize that he wasn't going to get well; the years ahead seemed full of pleasures, natural to the young. He was told the way of salvation, and about a week before he died he gave his heart to the Lord and a wonderful change came over him, a willingness to give up all his hopes and plans for the future and accept God's will. He was so happy to hear that three of his friends were repenting.

Now the end was near and his loved ones thought he was gone, but he opened his eyes and said,

"Oh, it's just beautiful; I never saw anything like that before", and again, "It's just like one big family".

He kissed his parents and sister goodbye and seeing them weeping he asked, "Why do you cry?" To him his going home was something to rejoice over. In a few minutes he had crossed that dark valley and was at home with the Lord.

I believe that in His compassion the Lord let him catch a glimpse of heaven, to let him see how much more beautiful it was than the life here on earth.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS
Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold

Passive faith but praises in the light

When the sun doth shine;
Active faith will praise in darkest night—

Which faith is thine?

So swiftly does a lifetime pass by and so quickly, it so often seems, are our loved ones called home. It saddened us when Bro. Frank Baurer was called to leave this life so suddenly on May 14 at the age of 63, but God does not leave His children without comfort, and we know it is far better to be with the Lord. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Mary and to his children, Sis. Verla (Edward) Ehnle of Bradford, Sis. Joann (James) Fischer of Morton, Sis. Marilyn Baurer of Peoria, and Sis. Donna (Max) Yergler of Hoopeston, and to the rest of the family and all who loved him.

Sis. Mary asked that we include the following note: "We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone that has helped in any way in our bereavement. It was all greatly appreciated. May God richly bless you for your kind deeds." The Family of Frank Baurer.

Along life's pathway we find that God sees fit that our sorrows should be mixed with joy, and certainly it is a joy when a sinner can testify that they are no longer bound by the chains of sin and darkness, but that they have peace with God. We could witness this in the life of LaVonne Wagenbach, and through her testimony she was baptized into the faith and is now our sister. LaVonne is the wife of Simon Wagenbach Jr. Her parents

are Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig of Gridley, and her husband is the son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach. We rejoice with LaVonne and share her prayers and concern for the many who still have not felt the healing effects of peace with God.

We were blessed by and deeply appreciated the visits of Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley and Bro. John Steiner of Oakville.

June 13 has been set as the date for the marriage of Don Koch to Carrie Schefelbein of Dundee. Don is the son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Til Koch.

Bro. Fred Rowell and Gene Yergler are convalescing at home after their confinement to the hospital, and we hope that before long the same can be said of little Karla Glueck, the five-year-old daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda. Karla had surgery and is still in the hospital, but each day finds her a little further on the way to recovery.

At the funeral of Bill Hohulin, someone mistakenly took a coat belonging to John Zimmerman of Morton, leaving their own coat. The coat which was left is a dark color with small, unobtrusive checks in it, has a zip-in lining and a Schradzki & Co., Peoria, label. It will be appreciated if those who attended this funeral in Tremont will check their coats. John's coat had his name on the inside and was several sizes larger than the coat left; it did not have a zip-in lining, but otherwise it was identical.

Following is a note from Sis. Lena Woerner: "I want to sincerely thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and since my return home. God bless you for your deeds of love and kindness."

Our Sis. Doris (Orval) Roche has been convalescing since May 25, due to an auto accident in Lincoln Ill. at the intersection of U.S. 66 and 121. While waiting at the stop sign, a heavy-loaded semi-truck was unable to stop, hit her car, threw it into the cross traffic. She felt the power of the Almighty guide her thro', only remembering to have a hold of the wheel part of the time to avoid hitting a truck and again to avoid poles, to finally come to a stop quite a ways from the corner, wondering what she was doing alongside the highway. Whip-lashing of neck and a head

injury is her main concern. She feels so fortunate and thankful for being spared broken bones. We wish for her the gift of patience and the healing power from above, that she may soon be able to attend church with us. Her address is R. R. 2, Delavan Ill 61734.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

This season of year always brings with it the high school graduates which are entering the adult world and meeting many new situations. May they ever remember their parents teachings, and never forget there is a Lord above who is waiting for them to put their trust in Him. Our high school graduates are Leann Banwart, Lavilla Zaugg, Mavis Bruellman, Ione Metzger, David Schneider, Eileen Fisher, Robert Gress, Mike Banwart, and Dan Banwart. All of us must continue our schooling in the faith.

Shirley, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber, announced her engagement to Bro. Larry Ifft of Forrest. May the Lord bless this important undertaking.

Our thanks to Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger for lending himself to bring us precious messages from the gospel.

Patty, small daughter of Eli Jr. and Margaret Grimm is recovered from a tonsillectomy. Sis. Mabel Zaugg is getting along better since her hospital stay. Bro. Don Bruellman has recovered from an appendectomy. Bro. Albert Banwart is in the hospital.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

I couldn't sleep the other night and I knew I was missing something, so I prayed, and then I went to sleep was what our 8-year-old Kalisa told us the morning she left with her family, the Dwight Souders, and Pam Bertsch for a vacation. Pam's sister, Cynthia received her nurse's capping June 11 and will be working at the Parkview Hospital, where her other sister, Sandra is.

Joyce Schlatter graduated from Grace College. Terry Stoller, Mark Souder, Jim Maxfield and Lillian Winzeler all home on vacation from their colleges. Nancy Souder and Gary Bollier are our high school graduates.

Pam and Norma Frank are our

newcomers, and we do welcome them. Chris (Martin) Klopfenstein is also a welcome newcomer. She and her husband Lynn are busy getting organized for their new home.

John Klopfenstein is still in service in Texas, Bill Hartman in service in Colorado. Jim Winzeler is in the Navy.

We are happy to report Albert Frautschi has improved to the extent his doctor allows him to go back to work next week. Diane Conrad is improving satisfactorily, but is still a shut-in. Edw. Bertsch remains the same in the long-term unit of the Parkview Hospital.

This community has been saddened with the death of Sgt. Michael Keller, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keller of Ft. Wayne and grandson of Sis. Bertha Keller. He was killed in an explosion at Ft. Bragg.

Our Bible School begins June 15, lasting two weeks. A program is planned at the closing.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL

Virgil and Shirley Funk

Visiting ministering brothers for the month of May include: Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Dave Kieser, Princeville; Don Sauder, Roanoke; Ed Alt, Cissna Park; Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Jesse Shrock, Congerville, and Joshua Broquard, Fairbury. We appreciate their efforts and wish them God's rich blessings.

Bro. Everett Hari has been selected to serve in the ministry. We wish him a rich portion of God's grace and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in order that he can speak the truth without fear or favor of man.

Plans have been made to conduct Vacation Bible School at the homes of Everett Hari and Robert Hany.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

This is strawberry time and also graduating time. Three young people who attend our church received their high school diplomas. They are namely, Audrey Pulfer, Timothy Butikofer and David Pulfer. Audrey plans to attend Kirkwood Community College this coming autumn. We congratulate these folks, and may they let God guide them in their endeavors.

Sis. Ella Gehring, who had been living with her sister, Sis. Mollie

Beer at Roanoke for the past eight years and came to Iowa a few weeks ago, had the misfortune of breaking a hip. She is however, according to her physician, doing quite well. Her address is Palmer Hospital, West Union Ia.

Sis. Lena Schupbach has not been feeling as well as usual. We have not seen her at our church services for a couple of Sundays. We hope that she will soon be feeling stronger again.

Tho't.: Christ's resurrection puts a light in the tomb and assures all who believe of eternal life.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Howard and Joyce Baumgartner

Ministering Bro. Fred Knapp from Congerville was with us on Mother's Day, May 10. In his message, he reminded all mothers of their duty and responsibility in rearing children. It was truly very touching and rewarding.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

This past month has been one of misfortune for some of our loved ones. Sis. Leah and Sis. Dena Fechter were injured when they were involved in a car accident. Dena sustained a fractured rib and Leah a fractured right collar-bone and other possible fractures. Dena is at home and Leah remains hospitalized in Newman Memorial County Hospital, Emporia, Kansas 66801. Sis. Hulda Jacobs was readmitted to Newman Memorial County Hospital with complications, following major surgery which she had had in early May.

Our prayers are with these loved ones, and we pray that our Lord and Saviour will grant them the necessary grace and strength to sustain them in their hours of need.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Even in this evil world and time it is hard to understand what kind of person would break into a church, as occurred in Oakville. There appeared to be no damage except one broken window, and very little was taken; nevertheless, it is a most unfortunate situation when even a church is not safe from harm.

We were glad for the visits of Ministering Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago, and Elder Bro. Herman

Kellenberger from Elgin, Illinois, this past month.

The Oakville Sunday School was host for the Burlington, Pulaski, and Taylor groups on June 7 and spent an enjoyable day together. This fellowship we enjoy, not only among the brethren but among our young people, is a privilege not to be considered lightly.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Mother's Day was an especially blessed day for Sis. Irene and Bro. Andy Lehman, as their youngest daughter, Linda was added to the fold. Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton and Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern came to assist Bro. Eugene Marti with her proving and baptism. We welcome Sis. Linda into the fold and wish her the grace of God as she continues with her nurse's training in Peoria.

A goodly number of the Peoria Choir and a few others chartered a bus the week-end of May 23-24 and paid us a visit. They arrived here on Sat. afternoon. We had a potluck at the Fellowship Hall, then the evening was spent in singing and fellowshiping together. The choir presented a few special numbers, which we enjoyed hearing. We all opened our homes for our brothers and sisters and provided lodging for the night. On Sunday, following afternoon services, they along with some of us went to the Apostolic Christian Home to sing a few numbers for the residents there. Then a meal was provided at the church at 3:00 p.m., after which they boarded their bus for their homeward journey. We enjoyed their visit and thank them for coming. May the Lord richly bless them in their daily walk of life. In Psalms 95:1-2 we read: "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

Bro. Si and Sis. Edith (Hohulin) Knobloch and Bro. Raymond and Sis. Marge (Wiegand) Feucht, all of Lester, were with us on that week end. Sis. Edith and Sis. Marge were former Peorians, as also I am, so we truly enjoyed the week-end.

We held our annual meeting for the selection of Sunday School

teachers. Bro. Steve Aberle, Bro. Fred Aberle, and Sis. Cheryl Metzger were selected for three-year terms. Sis. Mary Aberle was selected to fill the unexpired term of one year which was vacated by Sis. Arlinda (Strahm) Rokey, on her marriage. Bro. Willard Bahr, Bro. Elmer Strahm, Sis. Lois Grimm and Sis. Shelby Meyer are the substitute teachers for the year.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

We are enjoying lovely early summer weather. All the earth is "bursting" with growth, and we with gardens or flower beds can sure see that the weeds are growing just as they have from the time of Adam, but with work we can enjoy fruits of the land.

Sis. Marlise Miller has returned home from nurse's training. We are so happy to have her home again.

Don Cooper, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper, broke his arm (now out of the cast). We are all very glad Don is able to go ahead with his summer activities.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen, our dear parents, are in Portland too, to spend the summer with us. It seems so good to have them here. It's always a joy to greet one's parents and to greet them in the Lord, and our precious faith is a multiplied joy. Won't it be wonderful when we can all meet in Heaven, dear ones and friends to part no more?

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

May we in faith live by the guidance and teachings of God's word, so we may meet our parents on yonder shore. We can be thankful of being reared in Christian homes and Sunday School, that we could learn thro' the patience and comfort of the scriptures and could understand the need of our salvation." Blessed is everyone that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his way." Our Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide our life.

Sis. Karoline Doorneveerd received a call from her son in Viet Nam for Mother's Day.

We are cleaning up and trying to get our town back to order, after a flash flood on our creeks on both sides of Lester. May 28 at 3:30 a.m. we were notified to get dressed,

a flash flood was hitting our town. It started to rain around 11; we had several hard showers, hail after each, before 3. It was believed we received from 10 to 12 inches of rain in about 5 hours. We had several homes damaged quite bad and many basements had water, some basement walls washed away. There was a lot of corn replanted in the path of the flood. Speaking to someone experiencing much damage to his home, he felt it was for a purpose.

I had to recall Bro. Henry Sabo's sermon, concerning our uncertainty here. He says, how we usually are warned of high waters, but such is not always the time when the Saviour closes life's book.

We are thankful God's love again has called a loved one to repentance, Poullette Meyer. We wish her God's blessings.

Bro. Silas Leuthold and Bro. Paul Fehr were with us. Bro. Duane Metzger spent June 7 with us.

We had many loved ones graduating. I feel this is a great milestone in life. Share and converse with the Heavenly Father while making your decision. The basis of a commencement were laid to everyone. "We do not have much time on earth, so make the most of it. Never go so far that you will forget home, for there is no greater love than your people at home.

Among the ill: LeRoy Kellenberger, John DeHaven and Bro. John Moser were surgical patients. Little Perry Mogler has entered the Mayo Clinic for observation. Sis. Emma Leuthold has not been too well. May God help through their suffering.

Linda Hanson, daughter of Thomas Hanson, and Charles Metzger son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Metzger were united in marriage April 10.

Jean Knobloch, daughter of Sis. Iola Knobloch, and Gary Heyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heyer were married June 7 at the home of the bride. Bro. Leo Moser performed the ceremony. Cheryl Rhoads, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhoads of Pickstown is engaged to John Leuthold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Leuthold.

"Brother in Faith Ed Souder . . . I wish to thank the ministers for to visit me in the Methodist Hospital at Peoria . . . and cards and

gifts. I appreciate it very much for remember me in my illness. God bless them all for their kindness. Your Sister in faith, Mrs. Kathryn Liebitz, 327 High St. Creve Coeur Ill. 61611."

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Henry Souder Jr.

Travel to the moon. It is great and dramatic for men. They take pictures. They sample rocks. Much more beautiful, glorious with life, are the views that God gives. We see by faith right into the far heavens: "I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord."

How real will heaven be? Will we have the same grasp in thought? This one went to heaven one time, before he died. It was so actual, he didn't know if he had left his body, or not. "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven."

Repeated in scripture, it is for us to see. God is pointing to something; He wants us to see. While a certain moving, a soaring goes on, there is One above who is calm and knows what He is about. While we may have fears and worries, we can go to Him and get His calm collection of things to come. "And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)"

Heaven shall be much more wonderful than we imagine. How shall our occupation be? What beautiful joys will unfold to wondering eyes? What interests will engage us? There will be **speakings which cannot be spoken**. What portals of untold power, what subjects unkindled in imagination await? What joy to come! "How that he was caught up into paradise, and

heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

A very important fact is revealed for a successful day: "Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities." So often what seems a headache is wings to glory.

Our mind needs training and exercise of God. We don't always grasp what power can be given to stir, till we spur us on. Left to itself, the mind and heart would get misshapen and dull, flabby in its own ways. Our height is measured of God, and that's what we should seek. "For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me."

Cut down to size, that's what we need. What the thorn was we are not told. There is a purpose. The shoe is fitted to each saint's foot. The verse becomes a part of our familiar experience as we draw it to us. The thorn means suffering of some kind. Pain helps us paint in pure color. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

We should pray about those things that bother us. Make it known. Paul had great faith; yet he had to ask three times. No answer for awhile? An example for us. He too wanted to get rid of the

pain. "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me."

There is a secret to successful suffering. Even death can be beautiful. So much difference abides in that **receiving answer**. It is not the nails, but the the restlessness on the nails that is disagreeable. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

What wonders for our overwrought life! Can our weakness be such that therein we should boast? Are hurts and pains such assets to glory in? Is this the way to true riches? Yes, yes. Power encamps on us, encloses us, and lifts us to the skies. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Opposing currents for the natural thought become the sailing currents. Sail on to the new shore, O soul eternal! Sickness and weakness are diamonded jewels on His compass. Insult and injury for Him are chances for faith in God. When we want . . . when we are pursued with word or deed for His sake . . . when we are cramped in something not our own choosing . . . Life's problems, narrow places, shorter ends, this is His choosing. This is the best route Home.

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."