

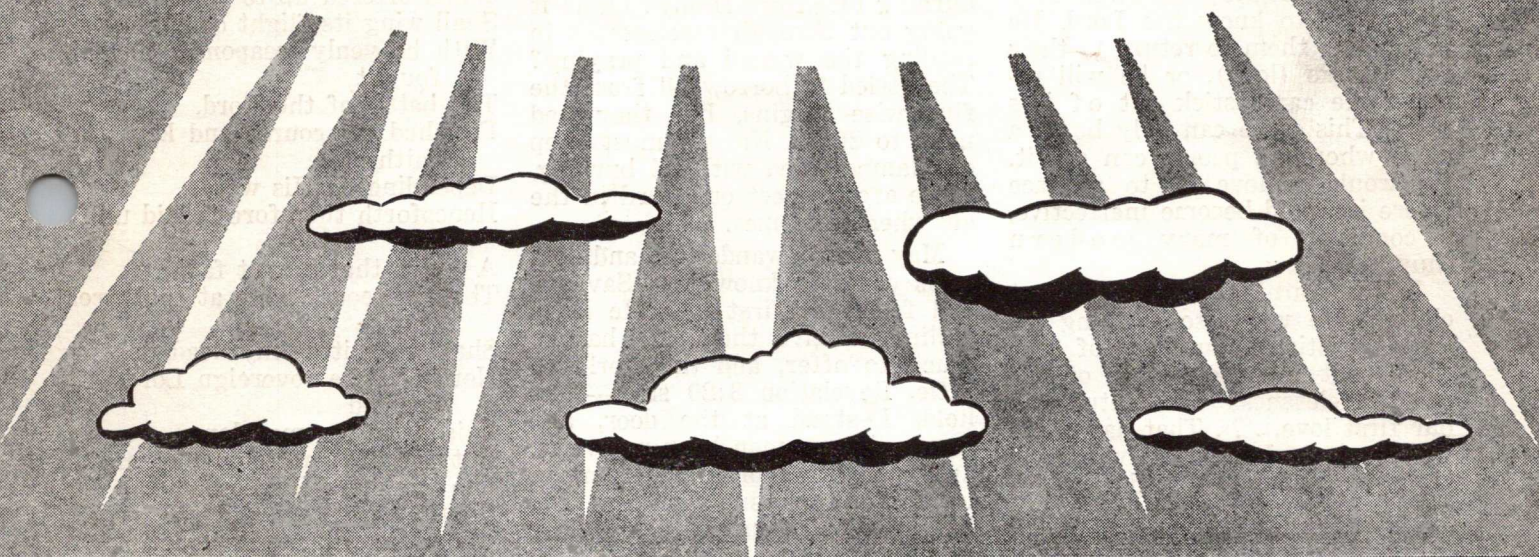
And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean

thing, and I will receive you,

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

A MESSAGE IN LOVE

Bro. George Lambert — Wichita, Kansas

(The editor supplied the title.)

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

This was written to Ephesus, one of the seven churches of Asia, by the Apostle John while a prisoner on the isle of Patmos, off the coast of Greece. This indictment simply reveals that a static condition had set in, and the Ephesian church members had left their first works, perhaps becoming indifferent to the Lord's requirements. Their lights had become dim, not shining as brightly as when they first came to know the Lord. He is warning them to return to their first works (love), or he will remove the candlestick out of its place. This place can only be in a place where all people can see it. He would remove it, to a place where it would become ineffective, a condition of many modern churches today.

In his warning to that ancient church, He was also warning us, the Christian churches of our time, that we also repent of our own carelessness and return to our first love. . . . That day when we found our Lord at Calvary, and He took away our burden which gave us so much joy and peace. That first encounter with this Saviour was a most wonderful, refreshing experience, one we will never,

or should I say, must never forget. It was a precious moment, perhaps the most wonderful moment in all our lives. Are we really living again under these same showers from heaven? If not, then let us also repent and go back to our first love. Let us not allow the problems that beset us in this life rob us of our rightful reward.

Remember, we are only candlesticks without light, unless we are filled with the oil of faith, and are fired with the zeal and love of God. The five foolish virgins had no oil when the groom came, so their lights went out. Is yours burning brightly? Dimly? Or is it going out through carelessness in reading the word and praying? They tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but they had none to spare. No, we must keep our lamps filled with oil burning, if we are to meet our Lord in the air when He comes.

May many wandering and lost souls come to know this Saviour, and feel that first love He is so willing to give them. He has so much to offer, and the world so little. Revelation 3:20 says—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Can we turn a deaf ear to this invitation?

Luke 13:25 says—WHEN ONCE

THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS RISEN UP, AND HATH SHUT THE DOOR, AND YE BEGIN TO STAND WITHOUT, AND TO KNOCK AT THE DOOR, SAYING, LORD, LORD OPEN UNTO US: AND HE SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO YOU, I KNOW YOU NOT WHENCE YOU ARE

Dear children and friends, what are you going to do with this man named Jesus? Which of the above are you going to accept?

My race is run, my warfare o'er,
The solemn hour is nigh;
When offered up to God my soul
Shall wing its flight on high.
With heavenly weapons I have

fought
The battle of the Lord,
Finished my course and kept the
faith,
Depending on His word.
Henceforth therefore is laid up for me

A crown that cannot fade;
The righteous judge at that great
day
Shall place it on my head,
Nor hath the sovereign Lord
decreed
This prize for me alone,
But for all who love, like me,
The coming of His Son.
From every snare and evil work,
His grace will me defend,
And to His heavenly kingdom safe,
Shall bring me in the end.

ALTO Loretta Steffen

With spring in the air, we are happy again to be alive and enjoy God's magnificent creation. The psalmist wrote: "Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power . . . Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

We rejoice, and praise the Lord, that Bro. Joe Oesch was released from a cast. He was in it since December 1970 and is now able to walk and sit again with the help of a walker. He is slowly recovering and must experience many hours

of extreme patience, as he is a farmer at heart, and it's corn planting time.

We had two welcome guest ministers. We truly thank the Lord that Bros. Art Gudeman (La Crosse) and Andy Virkler (Bay City) were able to visit our congregation.

The Golden Years Give Counsel

We have three dear sisters in our congregation who share the privilege of being in Jesus' fold 53 years . . . That is over half a century. For us who are younger, it seems a long time, but for them it seems as a vapor.

On Dec. 16, 1917, three young ladies were baptized. That day the temperature registered 10 degrees below. Church was held in the homes at that time. Bro. Gottlieb Maibach was present to hear the testimonies and perform the duty of baptizing Sis. Anna Wingeier and her cousins, Sisters Lydia and Mary Wingeier. The ice was chopped out of the stock watering-tank, and the three were taken into the fold that blustery, cold day.

Each of them testified that they have found Jesus their dearest friend above all others, in joy and sorrow. They are looking forward to meeting Jesus and their loved

ones who have crossed the chasm to eternity.

They realize the value of the words—"Be true", for they have had numerous experiences to test and try their faith. Anna felt that the scripture is very plain in regard to our conduct, dress and actions as a Christian. It takes much faith, grace and humility to avoid problems. These three sisters are very easy to talk to, and enjoy speaking of spiritual things. We always feel uplifted by sharing our spiritual concerns with them.

Each of these dear sisters have remained unmarried through these years, and I am reminded of the scripture, I Cor. 7:34, "... The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit ...", which I'm sure has been a comfort and joy to them many times.

We spoke of many things, and here are their words for all of hope and solemn sincerity:

On peace: After repentance, we experienced the quiet rivers of peace, but were keenly aware that this priceless pearl of peace was ours only as long as we were faithful, and could be disturbed if we were not watchful and prayerful. We also were told that it was not only the beginning, nor the middle, but the end that would open heaven's door.

Be a benefit to the church: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Only a closer walk with Thee, lean on God's righteousness, and abhor self-righteousness, also "Quench not the Spirit". It is only then that we come into flower, and can blossom in the beauty of soul.

Lydia was stricken with a stroke in 1965 and has proven her faith and love for God, and is worthy of our esteem, in the manner in which she bears her handicap, always cheerful and uncomplaining; and always sees not the worst, but the best in her fellowman.

As we look back over the years, all that we can say—How great Thou art! As life's sun is setting low, we look beyond death and have—

It is as a strong magnet, drawing us from yonder shore, after we can say goodbye here below, and good morning up there, to dwell with the Lord in the beauty of His

holiness, where there will always be, Peace sweet Peace! It is only God's great love, and not by our own merit that we still stand in grace.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Put aside your fears today
And look to God above,
Remembering His promise—
There is no fear in love.

Resolve today to trust in God
And you will understand,
Tho' trial and sorrow come to us,
We're safely in His hand.

We are thankful for guest ministers who visited us: Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville and Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend. We appreciate their efforts, as well as the efforts of those who come to support our monthly services.

ATHENS Zelma Young

God has blessed us with real beautiful weather. It is so nice; the sweet little birds are making their sweet music. It is such a beautiful day and has been for over a week, for which we are thankful... glad to report that Bro. Henry Perry is somewhat improved; he was able to be at the singing Sunday evening. There are not as many on the sick list; as it was; Bro. Oscar Carrell is still shut-in.

We were really blessed Sat. afternoon as we heard the Peoria choir sing all those beautiful songs, and the three brothers that brought the word of God. Everyone enjoyed it; there were several from Athens at the Landersville church Sat. evening, and several from Landersville and Hillsboro at the Athens church Sunday evening. Everyone seemed to get a great blessing to have the good fellowship we had with them. We served lunch at Landersville and Athens, too, and I think they were served lunch Sunday at noon with Miss Clara. It was a blessed enjoyable day.

WOLCOTT Arles Kropf

A precious baby girl, Michelle Elaine, was born April 9 to Michael and Glenna (Blume) Minniear. Mother and baby plan to join Mike at his army post soon.

Our Sunday School children pre-

sented their Easter program on Good Friday evening.

A blessed day was enjoyed on April 25, when Ruth Hofstetter could give her testimony and was baptized. We truly welcome her as our new sister-in-faith. A carry-in supper was enjoyed, after which we shared in Communion. Bros. George Yergler and Wendell Gude- man brought us many good teachings throughout the day.

It has been made known that our dear friend, Pete Luthi has found peace and is longing for baptism. This indeed brings joy to us all, and we trust God will give Pete physical strength, also that he will be able to come to church yet and have his wish granted.

We are also happy that friends Charles and Beverly Klopfenstein are repenting and seeking for this precious peace. God has indeed heard and is now answering the many prayers that have been prayed in behalf of our friends. May many more come while the waters are troubled.

Your reporter is writing this from her hospital bed, where she is undergoing tests.

WICHITA

David and Barbara Hangartner

He could have called 10,000 angels
To destroy the world and be set free,
But He died alone for you and me.

Oh Christian! remember the blood
He shed for all men.
Be careful, Be careful not to crucify him again.

Our hearts fill with joy, when we think of the Lord's resurrection. It refreshes our soul and renews our

THE SILVER LINING

Grabill, Indiana 46741

Editor: Henry Souder Jr.

Published Monthly By the Apostolic
Christian Church of America

Counselors: Theo. Beer, Loren Stoller,
David Bertsch.

News Correspondent: Ed Souder

Send correspondence to The Silver
Lining, Grabill, Ind. 46741.

Second class postage paid at Grabill,
Indiana 46741.

Amt. suggested for a year, \$2.00.

Send zip No. with address. Remember to send change of address.

love for God and our Christian family.

We see the flowers blossoming and the bare trees budding, and all nature's miracles unfold in newborn beauty. We also are filled with newborn hope, that after death's sleep we too shall rise again.

Elder Bro. George Gramm ministered unto us, and reminded us how fortunate we were, free, to still be able to sit and listen in all quietness to God's holy word, without being molested and forbidden from without.

A son was born to Bro. Jeff and Sue Groom. It is their first child; his name is Joseph Edward.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA **Janice Frieden — Janice Springer**

As the trees bud and the flowers burst into bloom, we can see that God's power and love surround us, because man could never create such beauty.

On April 4, our first-Sunday-of-the-month singing was held at the church. Everyone who was there felt richly blessed.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Sis. Rose Schupbach, and Sis. Myrtle Rathgeber were hospital patients at Kiowa. Sis. Emma Somerhalder and Friend Mike Kraft were patients in Wichita.

On Easter, Ministering Bro. Raymond Banwart was with us for a wonderful day of fellowship. Then on April 18, Elder Bro. Roy Farney joined us for the proving and baptism of Pete Farney. We also took communion, in remembrance of how our precious Lord suffered and died that we might live eternally. Oh how it humbles us to remember! Sunday evening, we gathered for a supper to end this truly blessed day.

When we pray, don't ask God to move mountains, but to give us strength to climb them.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

An extra "Loving Message" for "Mother's Month."

This will be a "Surprise" to Doreen Gudeman, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret Gudeman, as this is a letter that she wrote and won her an award: "My mom is the greatest for several reasons . . . My mom takes a lot of time to sew us nice clothes for church and school. She also tries to be patient

with things I do not learn as fast as she thinks I should . . . My mother tells me to be kind to people whether rich or poor . . . Along with many other things she does for us, she tries to make life pleasant for us all . . . I have 1 older brother and 2 younger sisters. She teaches us to be honest toward everybody. She says that honesty will always pay off in the end . . . My mom tries hard to be successful in all she does for us."

"Safe In The Arms Of Jesus." Bro. John Pelsy's prayer was answered, that he could go to his Heavenly Home. His dear wife, Sis. Lydia (Knochel) will never forget the song that was sung for him, while he still lived, "Wash Me and I Shall Be Whiter Than Snow". His children and grandchildren all have such nice memories of him and at the graveside was sung, "I Will Meet You In The Morning." So all good wishes go to all, from their friends and loved ones.

New strength and health is wished for Bro. Emil Pelsy and his niece, Sis. Evelyn Pelsy, and Sis. Ida Tyler, who had to be in the hospital. It always gives a tender-hearted feeling for them.

Thanks, Bro. Merle Bucher, for your Sunday of blessings you brought us. May the Lord bless you all real good.

God's Masterpiece. That is what babies are, little angels. Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth Wuethrich have a baby son, Kirby. Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard also have a son Michael.

Words from a dear sister in faith — "Those who are not sick, are on the go, go, go,—and we that are shut-in, love to get "Stay At Home Presents!!!!"

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY **Jerry Meiss**

As a traveller home returning, we were pleased to joyfully welcome Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton on April 15. He had the services for the entire evening. He pointed out that unless we take advantage of Christ's death, it is useless to us, just as money in the bank is useless unless we draw from it. He encouraged sinners to become winners with Christ. He also encouraged us all to be cognizant of our behavior, to strive to do better, and to realize that we have to contend with sins of omission as well as sins of commission. It was confirmed by

Minister Grimm that we could all have a closer walk with the Lord. Near the end of the service, he let us know that we get out of our spiritual life no more than we put into it, and reminded us that it is often an empty wagon that makes the most noise.

Morton was well represented this month, as we were fortunate enough to have Bro. Joe Zimmerman to convey the gospel message to us on April 22. Joe said that many eat certain meats, while many refuse the very same meats. Bro. Zimmerman then very fittingly brought out the fact that nothing is unclean in the sight of God if He calls it clean. Joseph mentioned the severity of the Jews' crucifixion of Christ, but spoke of the fact that we, as unconverted people, were actually as guilty as the Jews. We were thankful to hear in his closing remarks that we are living in the dispensation whereby all can be saved.

From Forrest, on 4-29 come Bro. Perry Zimmerman to offer the evening vespers. Perry stated that our path is often steep. He explained how we must daily bear our cross. He resolved that we can't hear only of the love of God, but that we must, for all practical purposes, be aware of His wrath as well. Bro. Zimmerman remarked that God wants our undivided love. We show our love for God by the way in which we love each other. If we love one another we know God. If we are at odds with one another, then we had better check our love-ability gap.

Living people who have turned to the Lord in the past year are: Kenny Virkler, Hank Young, Gloria Stock, Dianne Feller, Ardean Schlipf, and Brenda Hoffmann, all of the Cissna Circle. From Eureka we have Janet Leman and Joyce Getz. Goodfield brings as Judith Kanitz, and Tremont produced Scott Koch. Morton gave us Shelly Schupbach, and Congerville came forth with the married couple of Rick and Kathy Knapp. Gridley blossomed with the conversion of Sandra Ringger and Curtis Fleming.

LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuestr

On a beautiful Easter week-end, we were privileged to hear the words of life and resurrection brought to us by visiting brothers,

Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Bob Grimm of Goodfield. Through the past weeks we have seen the fields and lawns grow green, flowers burst into bloom, and the trees bud forth to new glory. What a privilege is ours to witness God's creation. We can witness this same rebirth when God takes hold of a dear sin-sick soul and turns him into a new reborn creature, filled with the love of God.

Along with birth and renewal also comes death, and we mourn the passing of our Bro. Eli Stoller, 75, who died May 2 after having suffered injuries three days before in a pick-up accident. He was married to Lura Jacobs, who died in 1958. On June 10, 1959, he married Gladys Majers, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Duane and Eugene of LaCrosse, and Loren of Miami, Fla.; three sisters, five brothers.

Since we will soon be celebrating Mother's Day, I would like to share with you the thoughts: Every mother has the breathtaking privilege of sharing with God in the creation of new life. She helps bring into existence a soul that will endure for all eternity. Every mother also has the unique honor of nurturing and developing . . . Through her loving and devoted care, this youthful power can be directed from its earliest years to work for the glory of God and the benefit of others and thus contribute to its own temporal and eternal advantage. Yes, a good mother can reach beyond the sanctuary of her home.

REMINGTON Anna M. Waibel

Happy to report, Martha (Harland) Braker is repenting, a real blessing when a husband and wife can come together. Harland is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara . . . trust all who took part in any way were richly blessed when the Easter program was given.

It seems somehow at Easter
That every flower's face
Every little blossom
Shows a bit of heaven's grace.

Sis. Marie Schini had an emergency operation in Chicago, is home, but her recovery has been very slow . . . trust all her complications will be corrected soon . . . Our recent visiting ministers were

Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Minn.; Bros. Robert and Henry Grimm, Goodfield and Morton. How precious to think the price of salvation has not gone up like everything else has. It is just as free as it ever was. There for all to take.

Sis. Clara (Ben) Braker is laid up with a blood clot . . . hope and trust she will be able to assemble with us soon.

Mother's Day is near . . . trust all who yet have their mothers appreciate them, and those of us whose mother's have gone on, can cherish precious memories.

May I counsel the heart of me
The sweetness to remember,
To assuage the pain within my soul
And sweep away the ember.

Her love glows like a beacon at sea,
And guides the feet of me
Upon a path she marked so plain
That leads to eternity.

SHIODA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehle

On Wed. April 28, all of us in our churches in Japan experienced a great sorrow and tragic loss. Samuel John, the five-year-old son of Bro. John & Sis. Betty Klaus was instantly killed when accidentally hit by a truck near their home at Sagami-hara. The U.S. Army and U.S. Embassy cooperated in a compassionate manner in caring for the body, and in making preparations for shipment back to the U.S. Funeral services for Sammy were held on May 1 in an old, large Japanese house beside John's home, with many students and teachers attending from the university where Bro. John teaches English. Bro. Willis Ehle conducted the English part of the services, and Bro. Uchida and Bro. Yamazaki spoke in Japanese. Sammy is survived by five sisters and a younger brother.

As Bro. John expressed it before his departure on May 1, to accompany the body of his son back to the U.S., just after the funeral service, "We do not sorrow for Sammy because we believe he is in a better land, but we sorrow for ourselves because we feel the loss." John also expressed appreciation to all those who were helpful and extended sympathy during the time of their bereavement, and this includes the many loved ones in the States who shared in their sorrow and loss. He further mentioned

that sympathy and understanding should be extended to Mr. Hasegawa, the truck driver involved in the accident, who had not intention of harming anyone and who will probably never be able to completely forget this accident.

Jesus has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

On April 8, the eldest son of the Buddhist priest living next door to our church and home here at Shioda passed away because of illness. The leader of our group of about 10 homes called a "kumi", told me at about 11:00 a.m. We were all required to meet at the home to help with funeral arrangements. I pulled weeds out of the flower bed in front of their home, and the following morning helped dig the grave. In this way I could show sympathy and a willingness to help without seeming to approve of the Buddhist temple and Buddhist ritual. Burial was without cremation, something which is prohibited by law within large cities such as Tokyo. The Buddhist ritual is in sharp contrast with the quiet, reverent funeral service which we think of as a comfort and consolation to the bereaved. The Buddhist ritual includes much drum beating and chanting by the Buddhist priests. Along with much eating and drinking by the people of the "kumi", who converge on the home of the deceased and take over for two days. There is no embalming of the dead body, and the casket is a plain wooden box. This really makes no difference, but how sad to die without any hope for joy and bliss in eternity through Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, April 28, we were privileged to hear the testimony of Miss Megumi Terauchi and to witness her baptism into the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Sis. Megumi is a young lady in her early twenties, who testified she can hardly explain what made her cry so much during her conversion when she realized her lost condition, but that she found peace and hope through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. Megumi is very close to the Bro. John Klaus family and was especially close to Sammy, who has now departed this life.

Bro. Bill Dotterer and our friend Dick Dietz, who are serving in our

armed forces in Hawaii, visited our Tsutsujiga-Oka Church in Tokyo over the week-end of the baptism, which was held in that church. We invite any of you reading this to come and visit us; a humble and warm welcome awaits you, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being.

VALPARAISO Alma Morris

"What can I get out of it?" We find the answer, as we experience the service of love.

Our rewards are—obedience to the Lord's command; the friendship of those we help; God's blessings of mercy and forgiveness; the honor of his abiding presence; being called his sons and heirs of His kingdom.

Could we ask for more? Give us the courage we need to accept and perform the jobs that need doing in thy kingdom; help us to build Thy church.

PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

Our visiting minister in April was Elder Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, Illinois. We thank Bro. George for his messages.

"Now it is accomplished—I'm no longer mine. Lord, I will forever and always be thine . . ." Easter was a most fitting day to witness the baptism of Chelly Schupbach, who is now our sister in faith. We rejoice with her and her parents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara. Her proving was held on Sat. evening. Elder Bro. George Gramm, who was visiting here, assisted our elder, Bro. Roy Farney. Sis. Chelly has returned to LPN school in Normal, but we're thankful she chose to come to Phoenix so we could share in this the most important event in her life.

Sis. Minnie Farney has been in the hospital for three weeks for treatment of an ulcerated leg. We miss her, but are thankful she seems to be responding to treatment. Sis. Gladys Fisher received a bad cut on her hand while opening a tin can. It required ten stitches, but we're happy to report it is healing nicely.

Several of our congregation lost loved ones. Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall's and Bro. Floyd Banwart's mother, Sis. Esther Banwart, of West Bend, passed away April 9.

Also, Sis. Huldah Heinold's sister, Sis. Lydia (John) Fiechter of Bluffton passed away suddenly April 13. We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

We rejoice that there has been an awakening of souls in our congregation. We now have six converts. They are Mrs. Jerry (Louise) Roth; Jim Gramm, son of Bro. and Sis. Herb Gramm, Gridley, Ill.; Russell Pomeroy of Sacramento, Calif.; Tom Hayes, Nancy Freed (Bro. and Sis. Allan), and Julie Hoerr (Bro. and Sis. Ronald).

Clyde and Betty (Mohrman) Mulch have moved to Morristown, New Jersey. We will miss them and their two boys: little Christopher Troy, who was born March 21, and Scotty, 3½ years old. We wish them the best in their new home.

The Golden Years Give Counsel

At the ripe old age of 91, Bro. Sam Farney is the oldest member of our congregation. He has been residing in the Beverly Manor Rest Home for almost three years and has been unable to come to church for the past 4 or 5 years.

Bro. Sam can recall many experiences that he had as a young man in Kiowa, Kansas. He rode a horse the ten miles to church at Burlington Okla. in the heat and cold, and lamented the fact that the poor horse had to work hard in the fields all week and couldn't even rest on Sunday. Sam spoke of his repentance when he was near 40 years old. In recalling a Ministering Bro. Stohl, he remarked, "I loved that man". It is inspiring to realize that, since Sam was never able to read and was also very hard of hearing, his repentance and conversion was truly a work of the Spirit. This same Spirit is still very near and dear to Bro. Sam, as he patiently waits to complete his pilgrimage here.

Thus, the counsel of Bro. Sam is not given in so many words, but is given by his example of a faithful and obedient walk with the Lord.

URBANA Theresa Hufford

Our thanks go out to our visiting ministers, Bro. Dale Eisemann (Chicago), Bro. George Gramm (Gridley) and Bro. Phil Sauder (Cissna Park). We wish to extend our greetings to their home churches and hope they can visit our congregation again soon.

We are happy to announce the engagement of Sis. Rosemary Ert (Peoria) to Bro. Mike Gramm (Gridley). Rosemary and Mike are both attending the U. of I. May God bestow his blessings on them for a happy life together.

Our annual church meeting was held April 28. Sis. Cheryl Joos was elected to be a Sunday School teacher, and Bro. Rog Levy and Bro. Mark Alt were elected as trustees. We pray God will give them guidance in performing their duties.

The day was long, the burden I
had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer
bear,
And then it lifted, but I did not
know—

Someone had knelt in prayer,
Had taken me to God that very
hour.

And asked the easing of my load,
and He

In infinite compassion, had stooped
down

And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we
pray

For some bewildered one, hurt and
distressed

The answer comes—but many
times those hearts

Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed in faith—a
reaching Hand.

So many, many hearts have need
of prayer—

Oh, let us pray!

AKRON Katherine Ries

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: . . . (but this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) . . . And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place . . . And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

With the laying on of hands of Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf & Theo. Beer on Easter, Friends Duane and

Marjorie Collins, and Don and Ned Pangler after proving and baptism received the gift of the Holy Ghost . . . as was promised when Peter was asked, **What shall we do to be saved?** and he replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

It was a most wonderful day on resurrection day Easter Sunday as these dear souls made their vows and became children of God in the presence of our congregation, visiting elder Bro. Theo. Beer, Ministering Bros. Joe Ramsier, Gary Maibach, Ben Stavenik, Lorentz Emch and many brethren from their churches. We extend best wishes for the blessings of the Lord to all the participants of the services.

When illness hinders attendance for services, we are depressed, for we both lose the fellowship that comes with kindred soul's meeting and greeting in the house of the Lord. Bro. Ellsworth Graf has had surgery and is now rapidly regaining his strength at home, 1080 St. Micheals Ave., 44320. Sis. Carol (Don) Gasser and her children have had quite a time for several months, with one after another of them being ill. We are happy that all were able to attend Sunday, May 3. Bro. Stanley Francis and Sis. Elizabeth Barna are still confined to their homes. We pray for them and hope full recovery is soon.

BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

Frederick Herman Dietz entered this world on April 30, his grandpa Bro. Herman Dietz's birthday. His parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz. Two big brothers, Jeff and Barry also welcome him.

A sweet little four-month-old boy came to live with Bro. Don and Sis. Delores Duckworth and their daughters, Denise and Deonna. His name is David Lynn. Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser of our congregation are his grandparents.

Many of us gathered for our annual church house-cleaning. Some of the older ones said it was the best turnout ever, and we finished in record time.

BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

A dear sister passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 12. Sis.

Lydia Fiechter, wife of Bro. John, was unexpectedly called to her Heavenly Home. Her funeral was conducted on April 15 by Bros. Sam and John. Survivors include four sons, Bros. Ervin, Dale, John D. and Gerald; seven daughters, Mrs. Wm. (Sis. Mildred) Neuenschwan-
eer, Mrs. Walter (Sis. Lillian) Bertsch, Mrs. Aaron, (Sis. Irene) Reinhard, Mrs. Carl (Sis. Velma) Kipfer, Mrs. Herman (Sis. Marie) Drayer, Mrs. Millard (Sis. Alice) Aschliman, and Mrs. Charles (Sis. Doris) Neuenschwander. Other survivors include Sis. Hulda (Joe) Heinold; three brothers, Bros. Jack, Samuel, and Eli.

I am going to a city
Where the streets with gold are
laid,
Where the tree of life is blooming
And the roses never fade.

On Sunday April 18, after hearing of the death and resurrection of our Lord the week before, Bros. Wendell Gudeman and David Bertsch were with us. So many inspiring words were expounded that it was hard to contain them all. The "facts" of the spirit were brought out clearly to us, and the friends should truly feel their need of a Saviour after such a kind but earnest invitation. Following afternoon services, Holy Communion was served by these and our home elders. It was a truly blessed day, one we will not soon forget. May we all continue to keep this pure Spirit within our hearts.

A daughter was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Elaine (Gerber) Baumgartner. They named her Kara Diane. Bro. Ramon and Sis. Lorene Steffen were blessed with a daughter, little Trudy Jo. May these little bundles bring much cheer to their family circles.

The supply of Bibles is very limited in Russia, and the true Christian believers must meet in secret to worship. Bibles are printed and taken across the border into the hands of grateful Christians. It was explained to us that our support & prayers are needed for these souls behind the Iron Curtain. We are certain that everyone went home with a deeper appreciation of his Bible.

Bro. Ron Frank submitted to surgery and is recuperating at his home. Bro. Alvin Gerber underwent ear surgery in a Ft. Wayne Hos-

pital. Both seem to be progressing satisfactorily, for which we are thankful.

Bro. Ervin Gerber has been dismissed from the hospital. Friend Harry Frauhiger is now receiving treatment at the Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis.

This past month saw the conclusion of the World Relief sewing meetings for the season. The sisters have enjoyed meeting on Thursdays to sew baby blankets, knot comforters, wind bandages, assemble health and school kits, and wrap leprosy and Christmas bundles. It is hoped God's blessings will be added to these activities to benefit the less fortunate in distant lands.

BREMEN Aldean Feldman

An often-heard expression is, What you do speaks so loud I can not hear a word you say. After we have realized the fullness of God's love and have trusted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, it isn't so difficult to be a Christian if we practice everyday. Christianity means: In the home, kindness; in business, honesty; in society, courtesy; in work, thoroughness; to the unfortunate, pity; to sin, resistance; to the strong, trust and good-will; to the weak, help; to the penitent, forgiveness, to all men, reverence and love; to God, worship and service.

We were blessed through Bro. Walt Rager, Toledo, as he shared John 19 with us on Good Friday evening as we commemorated the death of Christ together.

Easter we were reminded, through the preaching of the word and the singing of hymns, the joy and victory we may have through our risen Lord. As the Sunday School children sang "He Arose", we could see and feel all had been touched by the message of Easter.

On Sat. evening April 17, a number of Milford and Bremen brethren met together at Bremen. We heard and seen the progress of the program being explored to help orphan children. With so much love, Bros. Edwin Bahler, Ben Schlatter, Jack Krantz, David Bertsch shared tentative plans. May the Lord help us all to be willing to share.

Bro. Elmer Hartter, Milford, visited us April 25. We thank him for his willingness to share the word with us.

We look forward to the Sunday

in May to honor our mothers who are living and to the memories of the ones gone on to rest. A mother's love is like a star that shines above, both near and far. Though clouds may dim its lights so fair, yet all the time the star is there.

A tan jacket with knitted back and suede front was left at the Bremen church at the time of Christian Endeavor.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

"It's a matter of opinion—how we look at things, whether we take the promises God offers," said our guest minister, Bro. Jim Hoerr. An example is Joshua and Caleb, the only two of the Israelites who believed God's word to possess Canaan, and said they could take the land. All the others said they couldn't . . . So God did according to their faith, and of the original multitude only Joshua and Caleb got to live in the promised land. They only needed to tread the sole of their feet upon it and they received it—and so with us today, we only need to claim any of the thousands of promises in the Bible and we receive them.

Named for both sets of grandparents is Dean Merle Kaisner, making Robert and Colleen Kaisner a new Dad and Mother. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner, and great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner. Bro. Terry and Sis. Sharon Zimmerman became the parents of a new baby boy, Bryan David. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Zimmerman and Bro. and Sis. David Wingeier of Alto. Great-grandmother is Sis. Hermina Zimmerman. Elsie (Broquard) Denick has become a new grandmother, as their son Gene and his wife are parents of a new baby girl, Robin Lynn.

We were blessed with the taking of Communion, with Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisting Bro. Josh Broquard.

Bro. Keith Steffen arrived home safely from Viet Nam and received his discharge from service.

Golden Years Give Counsel

In choosing someone for an article, I thought of our neighbors, Bro. Walter and Sis. Martha (Babler) Steffen. They have had golden years: Sis. Martha took the Lord Jesus as her Saviour as a very

young girl 60 years ago, Bro. Walter was converted at a young age 55 years ago, and they had their Golden wedding anniversary last year.

They are the kind of neighbors one likes to have: they are faithful friends; they are thoughtful, considerate, and kind. They possess good virtues of believers. Their deeds and actions reveal their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. In return, the Lord God has blessed them in many ways, and they are grateful.

In asking them for a statement of testimony, they said: "We think words cannot express the appreciation for the faith we found in our Saviour and Lord, and can enjoy fellowship with the Lord and with Christians of like faith, and as the years go on, we cherish it all more and more."

ELGIN ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

In times like these you need a Saviour,

In times like these you need an anchor.

Be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.

In times like these you need the Bible,

In times like these, oh be not idle;
Be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.

This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One;

This Rock is Jesus — The only One!

We had a blessed Easter. Bro. Jesse Schrock of Congerville visited and served us with the Bread of Life. May God continue to give His servants grace and courage to speak the Gospel of Salvation boldly in the wilderness.

Bro. Joseph Anliker has returned to his home and loved ones, having been hospitalized for surgery, and is getting along well.

This is May 4, and we just returned from a visit with Sis. Karoline Kuehner, who today is observing her 93rd birthday. She enjoyed the day, is happy in the Lord, and happy to be in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Robert Gebhard, and enjoys her grandchildren and great-grandchildren . . . and she also enjoys the Silver Lining. She says she can read some, but when it is hard for her to read, Louise reads it to her. We wish her God's blessings, and

also her family who so tenderly care for her. They live at 530 So Liberty St., Elgin Ill. 60120.

We extend our sympathy to the Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus family of Japan in the death of their five-year-old son. Betty lived here until her marriage. May God be their comfort and consolation, knowing that their little one is safe in the arms of Jesus.

FORREST

Carolyn Zimmerman Juanita Schneider

Just a thought: "If you have been waiting until "tomorrow" to give your heart to the Lord in repentance, remember, "Today IS yesterday's Tomorrow!"

We have had several loved ones in the hospitals. Bro. Gene Metz is a patient at Fairbury Hospital, suffering from two fractured vertebrae, sustained when a field cultivator fell on him. He is improving and doesn't have continual pain, but let us pray that God grants Bro. Gene and his wife Sis. Carol the needed patience to endure. Our other shut-ins have returned home for which we are thankful: Phil Sohn was a surgical patient at Carle Clinic, Champaign; Sis. Lizzie Geyer was a surgical patient at Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington; and Sis. Nancy Honegger was a surgical patient at the Hopedale Hospital.

The death angel has again visited our community, when our aged Bro. Alfred Datweiler of Hersher was called from this earth. He had been in failing health for sometime. He is survived by one son, Earl. Bros. Joe Kaisner and Josh Broquard, Fairbury, held the services.

Bro. Edmund Kloter, Fairbury, held short Easter services prior to our Sunday School program on Good Friday, when we were reminded of our Lord and Saviour's suffering. On Easter, Bros. Dave Wiegand, Champaign, and Earl Kilgus of Remington also renewed this wonderful story. Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, visited us.

Harvey and Sis. Dorothy Rieger have announced the engagement of their daughter Diane to Terry Weber of Fairbury.

The family of Sis. Bena Lehmann would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all of their many friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, gifts, and kind deeds extended to them during the illness and passing of their

loved one. **Thank You:** "I wish to thank all who sent me cards, letters and gifts and all who came to visit, while my stay in the hospital and since returning home. God bless you for your deeds of kindness." Sis. Ruth Wiegand. **Thank You:** "My family and I wish to thank the many loved ones who remembered me with cards, gifts, visits and prayers, while I was in Carle Hospital and since I am home. It was all very much appreciated and words cannot express our thankfulness to all." Sis. Edith Zimmerman. Both sisters are doing fine and are again assembling with us.

NOTICE: A brown overcoat was left at church after Sis. Bena Lehmann's funeral, and one belonging to Bro. Les Roth, Forrest, was taken. Bro. Les' size is 42, small brown and black check, and it has his name in it.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

We are on the threshold of a lovely season. All around us new life is appearing in the meadows, fields and roadsides. The robins, cardinals and song sparrows cause a May day to fairly vibrate with song. The dandelions are beginning to gild our lawns. The farmers are very busy preparing the areas where corn is to be planted, and the gardens are being filled with seeds and bulbs. We are so thankful to our Father in heaven who blesses us with sunshine and rain, so that our efforts will be rewarded with bountiful harvests.

Sis. Aunt Ella Gehring is progressing real well as for as her broken hip problem is concerned. In fact, she now is able to move about without the aid of a cane or a walker; she does still resort to both to assist her at times.

Sis. Marie Schmid is again a hospital patient. She is in the Palmer Hospital, located at West Union, Ia. Marie is feeling fairly well. I am certain that she appreciates mail. May God give her the much needed grace and patience to endure her infirmities.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer (Bro. Gottlieb's wife) was taken to the Postville Hospital. Visiting her there disclosed that she was rather weak. We are thinking of the Will Massner's who were in a car accident.

Find yourself and get started today;

No time for postponing, no time for delay.

No matter to whom it may concern,

Don't say, "Oh I'll just wait my turn".

If you've flowers to give or good things to say,

Don't wait till tomorrow . . . Do it today.

FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber Memories of Mother

My mother's hand is on my brow;
Her gentle voice is pleading now.
Across the years so marred by sin
What memories of love steal in!

Once more I see that look of pain,
The anguish in those eyes again;
My heart is sad, for well I know
My sin has caused this bitter woe.

I'm coming home, by sin beset,
For Jesus loves me even yet;
My mother's love brings home to me

The greater love of Calvary.

Melissa Mae Swihart arrived on April 16 to gladden the home of her parents, Leroy and Sandra. She was welcomed by a sister, Jennifer. Ralph and Sis. Ann Swihart and Warren and Betty Kunkel of Ft. Wayne are her grandparents.

Don Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen, left on Sunday morning, April 18, for two years active duty in the Navy. May the Heavenly Father be near to him during this separation from family and friends.

We welcome Bro. Robert Schmidgall of Minneapolis to our congregation. He is making his home with Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister, R.R. 2, Auburn, Ind. 46706.

New address for Allen and Diane Zigler is 2326 Webster, Ft. Wayne Ind. 46807.

Karen Jones, 3½-year-old daughter of Richard and Judy Clauss, is a medical patient at Parkview Hospital.

We are thankful to Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler of Bluffton for bringing God's precious word to us and for sharing Holy Communion with us on May 2. May His word yet pierce the heart of many loved ones who stand just outside the door, yet hesitate to answer the call of our Loving Saviour and Redeemer!

It has been the desire of our

ministering brothers to have help in the ministry. This responsibility fell upon Bro. Kenneth Honegger. May he feel our prayers and support.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

"Love the brotherhood" . . . Just three words, but what a world of beauty is found within them . . . and how we felt their impact again on Good Friday, as Bro. Ed Hohulin, along with Bro. Dan Koch from Tremont served us Holy Communion.

Our Friend Judy Kanitz was joined to the brotherhood on Sun. April 18. We were inspired on Sat. eve., when she related so beautifully and childlike the testimony of her faith.

Judy Tanner, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona of Goodfield was married to Mike Sauder, son of Wilma and the late Charles of Eureka on April 10. They were married at the Peoria Youth Fellowship Hall by Bro. Ed Hohulin. Jim Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene of Goodfield was married to Laurie Fehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fehr of Eureka on April 18. They will be at home in Ft. Riley, Kansas, where Jim expects to remain for the duration of his service.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Sis. Margaret Newlin, whose husband, Chester, died on Sun. April 18. Friend Chester was ill for several months. His funeral was on Wed. April 21.

On Sun. May 2, Bro. Ernie Diggleman and Sis. Eloise Meece, both from Bloomington, were announced to be married.

Bro. Sam Plattner is to leave for the armed service on May 10. His wife is the former Pat Ehle of Bradford, and they have a little baby girl. Bro. and Sis. Sam and Pat have just recently been converted . . . for which we are so grateful. We pray that the Lord will be very near to them in any trying hours that might lie ahead, and let them remember that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Bill and Sharon Dotterer

We rejoice with Stan Stoller, that he was able to return home to Latty. He had been stationed at Tripler General Hospital.

Sisters Minnie Sinn, Connie Schlatter, Roberta and Emily Stoller from Latty, Sister Ruth Dotterer from Ft. Wayne, and Sisters Velda and LaVina Beckley and Mary Kilgus from Remington vacationed at the Hawaiian islands. We were very glad to be able to fellowship with them a few times while they visited this island.

This poem has often been an encouragement to me. May you also receive a blessing from it.

Disappointment

Disappointment—His appointment,
Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
Though it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning,
Open to His wisdom lies.

Disappointment—His appointment,
Whose? The Lord's, who loves
me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would
test.

For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, unquestioned,
All that from His wisdom flows.

Disappointment—His appointment,
Lord, I take it then as such,
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's plan is Thy moulding;
Not one single choice be mine.
Let me answer, unrepining—
Father, not my will, but Thine.

INDIANAPOLIS

Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

Easter we had no services here. We spent this Sunday with our parents at Bluffton. I think others left, too, to be with their families and attend their home churches etc. April 18 we had brothers from Milford congregation bringing many spiritual teachings. They were Bros. Elmer Hartter and Walter Steffen.

We shared Holy Communion here on the 25th of April. We were so humbly served by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. We again wish to thank him for all his efforts. May 2, Bro. Carl Westfall of the Francesville church ministered here.

Our Golden Year Parents

Mr. and Mrs. William Neuen-

schwander Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Fiechter Sr.

We need not look far to talk or think about loved ones in their Golden Years. We have been privileged to be raised by parents who through their actions, deeds, and lives have set good examples for us to follow. Their ages range from 80 to 85. Both our parents were farmers. It is easy to recall the times as they changed from horses to tractors—binders and threshers to combines . . . also stories of World War I, then the depression. All through life they worked together, in good times and bad. Then came World War II, when each had to see some of their children go to serve their country. It was easy to sense the concern they had for their children's welfare.

As long as we can remember, our parents have been converted and have been soldiers for our Lord. We realize they must have gone through many struggles, but certainly feel they have received grace to keep the faith and pray that God will continue with them that are still with us, to finish their heavenward journey.

There were twelve children in the Neuenschwander family and eleven in the Fiechter family. One could imagine it would take a book to record the countless deeds our parents have done for us from infancy to adults. There was always food, clothing and shelter provided, and plenty of loving care when we were sick or needed it. As we now have eight children of our own, we are in a position to better appreciate the things we took for granted when we were young.

As the years go by, we observed how time has taken its toll. Their youthful hair has been replaced with gray, the length of their steps have shortened and become slower. Their days are filled with sharing. The ones that are still able care for the ones that are not.

Now God saw fit that the family circle should be broken. On April 13, He called Mother Fiechter, so peacefully and unexpectedly in her sleep, to her rest. She is keenly missed by dad and us all. We will never forget her kindness, her smile, and her service that she willingly gave to the end. On the other hand, she has only now finished her course here on earth. How beautiful she must have it now.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN

Mrs. Daryl Meyer

A Bible study was held on Wed. April 14, with Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern, and Bro. Sam Huber and Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha. I Thessalonians was studied. Many guests from Bern and Sabetha were present.

On April 21, a church service was held, conducted by Bro. Al Langhofer from Wichita. We were reminded that we each have our own lives to give to the Lord, and whoever is not willing to forsake all cannot be his disciple.

Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Sam Huber from Sabetha brought us the word of God, Wed. April 28. Carl reminded us of the uncertainty of life, and how, as we rise each morning, we never know if we will live to see another sunrise, and that we should be ready for the coming of the Lord. This message was brought to us with exceptional force, as two souls from our area had their lives taken recently, one in her youth.

The school year was ended with a picnic and evening of fellows at Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Heiniger's apartment on Wed. evening, May 5. We want to thank each minister that has met with us this past year, bringing us the word of God in both study and sermon. This being the first year of this small congregation at K-State, we feel we have been blessed with the help of all those who have helped to make this year a rich blessing for all those who gathered together.

LATTY

Delores Grant — Iva Stoller

Among the hospital patients, we had Sis. Pauline Stoller, who was quite sick with pneumonia. She is well and back to church, for which we are thankful. Sis. Alice Stoller was hospitalized for a time for leg repair work, due to a former accident. She is convalescing at the home of a daughter.

Our dear Bro. Jesse Kupfersmith, who had been so seriously ill, has gone to be with the Lord. He passed away Thursday, 29th of April, at the age of 60. Born March 23, 1911 in Cissna Park, he was a son of Peter and Christine (Unzicker) Kupfersmith. He farmed until retiring about four months ago. Surviving are the widow, the former Elizabeth Steffen; two brothers,

Louis and Edwin, R. R. 1, Pauld-; and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Kelly, Cornwall, Ontario. A brother is deceased. Services were held on Sunday afternoon, with Bro. George Sinn officiating.

After the toil and trouble,
There cometh a day of rest;
After the weary conflict,
Peace on the Saviour's breast;
After the care and sorrow,
The glory of light and love;
After the wilderness journey,
The Father's bright home above.

After the pain and sickness,
The tears are all wiped away;
After the flowers are gathered,
No more of earth's decay;
After the deep heart sorrow,
An end of every strife;
After the daily crosses,
A glorious crown of life.

How comforting these words, sung at his funeral, for Bro. Jesse had that hope of a glorious crown.

Thank you note: Sis. Elizabeth (Lizzie) wishes to thank all for the many kind deeds rendered during the illness and death of her beloved husband.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Bros. Earl and Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen. What blessed days we had on both occasions, being so refreshed with spiritual food.

Carl Laukhuf was admitted to the hospital for major surgery.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

This do in remembrance of me. We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, when Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer was here to assist Elder Bro. Leo Moser on April 18. It was a blessed and inspiring day.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that two souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. A young married couple, Marvin and Jolene Metzger, wish to form a threefold cord with God in their lives. He is the son of Bro. Jacob Metzger, and she is the daughter of Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz of West Bend.

Two precious little girls have been born. Bro. Dennis and Sis. Esther Warner are the parents of Marci Jo, born April 20. Bro. Ray & Sis. Carol Cordrey are the parents of Terry Lynn, born March 30. They live at Bryant, South Dakota,

and assemble with us as often as possible.

Bro. Alfred Feucht and Sis. Joan Knobloch submitted to major surgery. Both are recuperating at home. Joan sends this note: "Sincere thanks and God's blessing to all who remembered us with prayers, cards, gifts, and helping hands during surgery and treatment. Your Least in Faith, Joan and Gilbert Knobloch and children."

Other hospital patients were Brent Teubel, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline, Sis. Emma Gerber, and Susan Vander Woude, daughter of Sis. Ione and John DeHaan.

Two sisters-in-faith who have passed the fourscore mark have been shut-in. Sis. Mary Knobloch has not been able to assemble, but is able to be up and around. Sis. Lena Maurer fell outside her home and laid on the ground some two hours before someone came to her aid. She is recovering from her aches, and we hope to see her in church soon.

We sympathize with Sis. Donna Dell Metzger, who lost her mother, Gladys Cunningham, after a lingering illness.

Ruth Johnson and Stan Leuthold have announced their engagement. He is the son of Friends Andy and Elsie Leuthold.

We congratulate the graduates of high school and college. As they prepare themselves for this life, we pray they will not fail to prepare their spiritual life. The rewards are far greater than any that man can bestow. High school graduates are Janice Mogler (Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia), Judy Moser (Friends Lou and Tina), Sheila Moser (Bro. Adolph and Lydia), Marlene Feucht (Friends Emil and Ruby), Connie Kellenberger (Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine), Judy and Debbie Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn), Dale Wulf (Bro. Wm. and Sis. Leona), Kelvin Knobloch (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene), Leonard Roeman, (Friends Eddie and Amelia), and Bruce Metzger (Bro. Eli and Sis. Alice). Virgil Metzger has received his Master's degree from South Dakota State (he is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ella). Caroline Leuthold has received a teaching degree from Westmar college; she is the daughter of Friends Andy and Elsie. Our daughter, Cindy Metzger, is a nursing graduate from Sioux Valley Hospital.

On May 1, the single sisters of

our church entertained the "senior parents" to a delicious supper. Sixteen were able to attend, and it was a special evening for both hostesses and guests. The old folks reminisced about the early days of the Lester church and sang German hymns. We are so thankful for these pillars of our church. Will we pass on to the next generation the steadfast and sincere faith which they have passed to us?

MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

The Sunday following Easter, the Morton members partook of communion. Bros. Dan Koch and Roy Sauder reminded us of the importance of this observance. We appreciated their services at this impressive rite.

Other visiting ministers were: Bros. Earl Zeltwanger and Wendell Gudeman. Wendell had the wedding ceremony for his nephew, Bro. Mark Gutwein, son of Bro. James and Sis. Marian Stefan Gutwein, and Sis. Janet Stetzler, daughter of Arthur and Sis. Adeline Stoecker Stetzler. May God be with them as they begin their new life together.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage was announced of Bro. Greg Kaiser, son of Bro. Warren and Sis. Tillie Koehl Kaiser, and Sis. Christine Baer, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Dale Grimm Baer.

Babies born recently are: Rodney Gene Strunk to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Joyce Kaufman Strunk; Toby Alan Gudeman to Bill and Kay Birkey Gudeman; and Diane Elizabeth Slagel to Ronald and Sis. June Maurer Slagel.

Those convalescing are: Sisters Bertha Voelpel Frank, Emma Zimmerman Zobrist, Edna Hirstein Fite, Mary Aupperle Roecker, and Mary Waibel Roecker; Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr., our ministering brother, and Henry Rapp Jr. Sis. Anna Rassi Freidinger wishes to express her thanks for the many prayers, cards and gifts during her illness.

For many months, Sis. Irene Schwarzentraub Stoller has been bedridden at Restmor. Perhaps a card would cheer her long days. Her address is: Mrs. Irene Stoller, Restmor, Inc. 935 E. Jefferson Street, Morton Ill. 61550.

Reta Shearer Getz, wife of Bro. John B. Getz, passed very sudden-

ly from this life May 1. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Margie (Mrs. Robert) Eisele; and a sister, Eva (Mrs. Sam) Cassell.

Sis. Irene Schmidgall Musselman told us that she and Howard are so happy and thankful that their son, Arlan, has returned safely from Viet Nam. He is living in Tremont with his wife, the former Carol Shanklin, and baby daughter, Julie Ann.

Bro. Henry W. and Sis. Anna Kuebler Rapp observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home with a family dinner, on April 4. In the afternoon, the sisters and nieces and their husbands attended a reception, as Henry was not well enough for "Open House". They are the parents of three sons: Henry Jr. and Bro. Howard of Morton and Richard of Glendale, Calif. They have ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bro. Henry and Sis. Anna wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who remembered them with many lovely cards, flowers and gifts. This was a happy occasion, and everything was very much appreciated.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We thank Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman, who led our monthly Bible study meeting on Sunday evening April 25. We thank Bro. Eugene Pamer of Akron who ministered to us on April 18, and our Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, who worshipped with us at our Thursday evening service on April 29.

Sis. Lucille Groh had been released from the hospital for several weeks and was **back on the job**; she again became ill and returned to the hospital, May 2. We would commit her to our Great Physician. Sis. Barbara Bricker spent several days in the hospital, and Marilyn Sauder (young daughter of Bud and Beulah) was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy.

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain.

It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish,
and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving,
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters,
even though the heart is
breaking . . .

It believes beyond believing when
the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems.
It is far beyond defining;
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like
the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender, guiding hand.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Mary Burgess, a daughter of the late Fred and Rosa Widmer Thomas of Limestone Ridge, passed away on April 24 in Pittsburgh, where she had made her home with a daughter. She leaves one son; two daughters; one brother, B. F. Thomas, Niles O.; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Games of Girard, Mrs. Lena Phillips of Findley, O. and Mrs. Ella Bokelman of Beloit (Ohio).

Isaac Sherman Blair of Terrapin Ridge died on April 23 in the local hospital. He was born on Terrapin Ridge, the son of Isaac and Rhoda Blair and was a retired employee of P. P. Glass Company. Surviving are his widow, four sons and two daughters. Services were held on April 26, and interment was made in the Apostolic Church cemetery on Limestone Ridge.

Steve Estep, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Estep and a grandson of the late Wm. and Elizabeth Witschey, underwent surgery on April 24 and had to be returned to the hospital for further care, but is doing nicely.

Those enjoying a dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz on Easter were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, Mrs. Freda Durig and Mr. Wilmer Lord of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weltz and Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz of New Martinsville.

A baby girl was born on May 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Downing of Warner-Robins Ga, and has been named Sherry Lynn. Mrs. Downing is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Ruth and a granddaughter of

the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rigenbach. Mr. Downing is a Lt. the Air Force.

Miss Lila Witschey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witschey, underwent a goiter operation a month ago and is doing nicely.

Mr. Harry Mullett is awaiting a call from Ohio Valley Hospital for a room, and will undergo surgery when a room is available.

A very disastrous fire hit a home next door to Miss Della Witschey on Sunday evening, May 2. There was no wind, or her home would have gone up in flames also. The fire was contained to the third floor, but a great damage was done by water; the house will almost have to be rebuilt.

The annual get-together at the country church will be held at the church on Sunday, June 27. All friends are invited to attend.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Emily Heinold — Linda Laidig

Some have gone forth with the
story so old,
Reaping a harvest more precious
than gold;
Are you, too, faithfully doing yo
share,
Witnessing, giving, and "instant
in prayer"?

As students it is easy to become so concerned with studying that we sometimes tend to neglect God. Because of this Bro. Orville Ringger, our minister on April 14, encouraged each of us to rededicate our lives and become stronger in the Lord.

Bro. Bob Meyer was with us on April 25, bringing a message from John 7. On the following Wednesday, April 28, Bro. Dave Bertsch was here. We were reminded that, although Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced many trials, they remained strong in the Lord. This should truly be encouraging for us today as we face trials and problems.

We are happy to welcome Sis. Linda Bucher from Francesville to our group. She is working as a secretary in the Lafayette area. Sis. Myra Gray from Francesville has also joined us for a few weeks, while she does her internship physical therapy in Lafayette.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

We can see another of God's

miracles take place during the spring season of the year, as we watch the leaves come out on the trees, the brown grass turn green, the warm sunny days, and as we listen to all the birds singing who have returned from their winter homes. It is so nice to see beautifully colored flowers spring up from almost nowhere.

We have several on our sick list. Dave Maletich Jr. fractured his ankle and was hospitalized for awhile. He is now able to get around on crutches. Irene Beery, daughter of Harold and Sis. Rhea Beery, was hospitalized for surgery at Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Bro. John Hartzler Sr. and Stan Hartzler were hospitalized for surgery, and are home again. Sis. Clara Zollinger was hospitalized for a time, and Sis. Violet Baltic is in the hospital for traction. Elmer (Tug) Maibach, husband of Sis. Alma Maibach, suffered a heart attack while in Chicago and is hospitalized in one of the hospitals there. May our Lord watch over all who are ill.

May our Lord bless three young men who have turned to Him in repentance. They are David Maletich Jr., son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Maletich; Terry Young, son of Bill and Sis. Donna Young; and Bruce Maibach, son of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach.

Ben Maibach and Linda Humphrey have been united in marriage. Ben is the son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach.

On a beautiful Easter in our Akron church, Don Spangler was baptized. Bro. Don's son Ned attends church in Akron and was also baptized that Sunday.

TAYLOR

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

The Sunday School pupils presented the Easter program on Good Friday evening, telling of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. We enjoyed it very much.

We had a blessed Easter with many visitors, among them were Ministering Bros. Bob Pohl, Burlington, and Lennie Myers, Chicago. On the 25th, Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, and Bros. Sam Huber and Joe Aberle, Sabetha, visited us. We are indeed a fortunate people, as often as we assemble, to hear the true word of God proclaimed, whether from visitors or our own ministers.

Bro. Perry & Sis. Clara Yackley

announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Rick Rule of Palmyra. The wedding is planned for sometime in August.

We are so thankful that Vicky Sutter has turned to the Lord in repentance, and has found peace with God. We pray there will be many more. She is the daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter.

The announcement was made on Sun. May 2 of the engagement of Bro. Randy Sutter to Sis. Pam Schmidgall of Morris. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila Schmidgall, and Randy is the son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter.

The Bible Classes of Pulaski, Burlington and Oakville were guests of our Bible and Junior Bible classes. We enjoyed having them, their teachers and parents that brought them, and especially did we enjoy hearing them all sing together.

The Golden Years

Bro. Will and Sis. Marie (Grimm) Butikofer will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary in July. They were married at Elgin, Iowa, where they both lived until moving to Missouri in 1926.

They felt the need of a Saviour and were both baptized in 1916. They were married in 1918. A week after they were married, Will was drafted and served in World War I. They are the parents of four children, Edward and Sis. Ruth (William) Cottrell of Quincy; Sis. Elva (Paul) Gerst, Oakville, and Joel, who died at the age of 1 year. They have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Six years ago Will fell, broke his hip and hasn't been able to walk since without the aid of a walker. He has borne his affliction without complaint or bitterness, and Marie has been so thankful that the Lord has given her the health to be able to take care of him.

When I spoke to them, they said they had had many trials and hardships but also much joy, and in whatever the circumstances, they trusted in the Lord and He has never forsaken them. Marie said that when times have been hard, they appreciate more what they have and are thankful to the Lord for all their blessings.

They have opened their home for the World Relief meetings from

the time we started. It has been so convenient and much appreciated by all of us, and the Lord will surely reward them for their many efforts. Will has made almost 4000 bandages and Marie has done so much sewing, making soap, and the many things that need to be done.

We are glad that Will is able to assemble with us nearly every Sunday. We wish them many more years together, if it's the Lord's will.

TUCSON

The Tucson Sewing Circle

Though our winter visitors have all returned to their respective homes, we can still rejoice over the wonderful fellowship we had while they were with us.

On Easter, our Sunday School presented us with a program, reminding us again of our dear Saviour's resurrection from the grave, having died and shed his blood for us, so we might have everlasting life.

Our minister, Bro. Noah Herman and wife have gone back to Illinois to visit friends and relatives. We pray for their safe return to our congregation.

During their two weeks' absence, we were blessed with two visiting ministers from Phoenix, Bro. Clarence Yackley and Bro. Richard Schubach.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. A. Banwart

"Awake my heart and honor, with praise and thanks and might" . . . How easily this comes to us when we are privileged to enjoy a week-end, as we did here, when Mike Wirtz, son of Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly, and Lyle Rick, husband of Sis. Irene (Anliker) Rick were added to the fold. Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Lester Hartter of Bern conducted the proving and baptismal services. On Sunday, Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop served us of God's word. Our hearts were uplifted anew as we were led to Calvary's Hill during a precious Communion service that same Sunday evening. As God's word directs us, we must do this in remembrance of Him. May the Lord bless these ministers who labored in His vineyard for the benefit of all present.

On April 5, a daughter, Angela Dawn, was born to Bro. Jim and

Sis. Sharon Fehr. She has a brother, Mark, to welcome her home.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." After patiently enduring several years of poor health, our dear sister, Esther Ruth (Nathan) Banwart was rushed to the hospital, where she passed away unexpectedly April 9, at the age 74 years. Services were April 12, with Bro. Alphai Moser of Morris and Bro. Earl Banwart officiating. She is survived by her husband, Nathan; 8 daughters and 3 sons. They are Glenn of Rankin, Ill.; Florence and Mrs. Dwaine (Lucille) Schmidt of West Bend; Mrs. Ernest (Gladys) Koehl of Morris; Floyd and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Jo) Schmidgall of Phoenix; Joyce, Doris, and Mrs. Peter (Mabel) Weber of Peoria; Mrs. Donald (Lydia Jean) Payne of Pulaski; and Joel of Eureka; and one sister Sarah Kroph, West Bend. The family wishes to extend sincere thanks for the many kind words and deeds of sympathy expressed by relatives, friends and neighbors in the loss of their loved one.

We rejoice having Bro. Noah Gerber assemble with us again in church after many weeks of hospitalization. His improvement is satisfactory, and we hope the Lord will continue to restore strength and health to him and all sick, if it be His will. Noah gratefully adds, "May the Lord bless each one for their love and kindness that was shown through cards, prayers, gifts and visits while in the hospital and since my return home."

As the time of year is here that some of our youth are ending their formal education from high school and consider venturing from home, be it for more knowledge, work, or a life's vocation, we pray they will not forsake the greatest school of all, "Learning to Follow the Saviour". May the Lord go with them to their various destinations. High school graduates from our congregation are: Marilyn Banwart, Kathy Banwart, Sue Banwart, Mona Bruellman, Marlene Metzger, David Bruellman, Mike Traub, Dan Fehr, and Eric Mogler.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward

Edna Pohl (writer for April)

April, with its renewed awaking to life, has also brought shock and sorrow to our congregation. The sudden death, in an automobile ac-

cident, of our dear Bro. Adolph Massner and wife, Sis. Lillian, surely the Lord's gain, but a loss to us all, and our small congregation. Still hospitalized in St. Francis Hospital at Peoria is Sis. Phyllis Massner, with broken jaw bones and other about her face, a broken hip and wrist. Two of their three children along on the trip and Bro. William, son of Adolph also with injuries, are now dismissed from the hospital. Lord willing, their family will all be together again before long. They were returning home that fateful Sunday evening from a great nephew's wedding, and the day spent at Princeville.

... And before they were laid to rest comes word, Julius' Gerst had passed away, which was expected at his 90 years of age. On our way out to his service and burial at Oakville church, Bro. Richard and myself were in a 2-car accident. That sent us back to the hospital for X-rays on my badly-bruised knee and a neck whip-lash. Richard had chest bruises and a nose bleed for a short time, fortunately no broken bones. The car was a total loss, being hit and mashed in on the driver's side, and both cars veered into the ditch on opposite sides of the road ... and soon after came the funeral procession with friend Julius. Julius' survivors include Sis. Sarah and 10 children and their families.

Our winter travelers are home again and happy we are to be a whole family again, Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rekie Anliker and Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler. Ben's were home in time to hear of our sudden tragedies and attend last rites.

Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring have spent the past 2 Sundays near his sister, Phyllis, and Judy has has stayed the first 2 weeks during the critical period and surgery. It is so good when our families are all together again ... May God be with us all to life's end.

Sis. Mayme Gerst, Ezra's widow, who shuttles' between Oakville and Burlington churches, announced happily she has 2 new grandchildren. Son Dwight Strassheim has a daughter. He is farming his stepfather's home place, and loves it. Son (Bro.) Dale Strassheim and Sis. Carol have a son, their 2nd child. Dale finishes in August his schooling for hospital administration. He hopes to find his permanent work nearer home and their

families. Carol's parents are the Cleo Rinkenbergers at Pulaski. Sis. Mayme repented a few months before me, and was a great help to me. We soon had a small group of converts getting together as a sewing circle and the much needed fellowship. That was 30 years ago.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

The miracle of spring is slowly unfolding itself; how can any man deny faith and God when he knows spring will come—and knows that **someone** had to create this wonderful event?

We enjoyed hearing the word of God from two visiting ministers, Bro. Robert Stoll from Girard and Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron. We thank the Lord for continuing to inspire our brethren with words to tell that "old, old story."

Hospitalized for various illnesses and surgeries: Bros. Ed Freidinger and Fred Ruegesegger, and Sisters Naomi Thomas, Helen Meylan, Katherine Wieland, Della Amman, and Anna Meylan.

"Here, believe.

There, understand."

Let's not question "why" God does something that we don't understand; only believe it is best, and that some day we will have the answer.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Ask ye what great thing I know
That delights and stirs me so?

What the high reward I win?

Whose the name I glory in?

Then, the answer—Jesus Christ
the crucified.

Sabetha assembled with us on Good Friday, and we sang the beautiful hymn together.

Happiness is to have your service boys home for a short time. Bro. Darrel Stoller (Bro. Harlan-Sis. Pearl) had a week from Ft. Polk. Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger had six days from Ft. Leonard Wood. This was three-week old Tamra's first visit to her grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey.

Sis. Lydia Hanni is able to assemble with us again. Lydia must wear a brace on her leg and is severely handicapped in getting around. With so much snow and ice the past winter, it was best to stay

in. Always cheerful and uncomplaining, it is a pleasure to visit with her. Emma Hanni is a hospital patient, with a leg injury. Sis. Sarah Meyer (Lou Sr.) is at present residing at the A.C. Home, in the hope she will be able to return to her home when she has regained her strength.

On April 29, Stacia Leigh was born to Bro. Stephen and Sis. Lois Hartter. A sister, Sharon, is eager for a playmate. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter.

Hands

There are many kinds of hands,
But none like the ones I know;
They are the hands that guided me,
The hands that loved me so.

They were always busy hands,
Doing things for me;
Once they were young and pretty,
The hands we like to see.

Now these hands are growing old,
But I love them as no other,
For the hands I tell about
Are the loving hands of mother.

CHICAGO

We regret to report that Bro. Al Fisher has suffered a heart attack and is hospitalized in the Geneva Community Hospital.

Eugene Lehman is recuperating at home from illness, and Sis. Lois Heiniger has recovered and is assembling with us again.

A daughter, Stephanie Lynn was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Connie Frautschi. She is welcomed by a brother and sister.

Our recent visiting ministers were Bro. Dave Wiegand, Urbana, and Bro. Charles Hemmer, Peoria. We thank the Lord for the many blessings revealed through His word.

Our plans for building a new church are moving forward, and it is hoped that in the near future construction will begin. May the Lord continue to provide guidance and bestow His blessings upon this undertaking.

Sis. Ida Laubscher suffered a broken ankle recently.

CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin
It's the burdens we help another bear

That makes our own seem light;
It's the danger seen for another's feet

That shows us the path is right.
It's the good we do each passing day

With a heart sincere and true;
In giving your God your very best,
God's blessings will return to you.

Our friends Harry and Gladys Knapp opened their home on Easter morning to the Bible class and the teachers. Bro. Phil Sauder gave the lesson to the class, which was well attended. There were about 75 present. A delicious breakfast was served. Then they all came to church to sing praises to God and hear the wonderful Easter message.

Sis. Gwen Bauer, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Isabel Bauer, is attending college at Goshen Indiana. She was sent to South Korea for more schooling. Enroute, she spent a few days with her cousin, Sis. Judy Bauer at Japan, who is teaching kindergarten in Japan. Gwen expects to be gone 3 months.

These dear ones have been hospitalized: Sis. Betty (Mrs. Richard) Knapp had surgery. Our friend, Mary Steiner (Mrs. Isaac) was in for tests and observation, also Sis. Nettie Otto. Sis. Nima Knapp had pneumonia. Her husband, Bro. Clarence, is also a hospital patient. We trust the Lord intercedes for everyone.

Bro. and Sis. John Lackey have taken her father into their home and are caring for him. The Lord will surely bless such deeds of hospitality.

Our friends, Joe and Anna Neukomm observed their golden wedding anniversary. May they have many more happy years together.

God called Sis. Mary Hari, age 84, quietly at her home April 15, while her faithful husband, Bro. Sam was feeding her breakfast. She had been an invalid for 4½ years and had not been able to attend church for 5½. She suffered much, bore her cross patiently, and did not murmur. It was always an inspiration to us, the way Sam cared for her. She leaves to mourn her loss, Bro. Sam; one daughter, Mrs. Lucille Koehl; five sons, Bro. Arthur, Willis, Raymond, Robert and Ervin; one brother, Louis Oberlander. Funeral services were held April 17; our home ministers officiated. Our sympathy is extended to the family. **Thank you:** Bro. Sam and family wishes to thank

everyone for all the prayers, the kindness, and all that was done for them throughout the years.

As we pay tribute to our fathers, we also are thankful for the love and protection of our Heavenly Father, as he watches over us.

I trust in God wherever I may be,
Upon the land or on the sea,
For come what may, from day to day
My heav'nly Father watches over me.

Sis. Ida Eisenmann observed her 90th birthday April 26. She surrendered her life to her Lord in her 16th year, and always enjoyed the fellowship of the saints so very much while she was able to attend church services. Due to infirmities of her body, she has not been able to be present for the last nine months; however she has appreciated the tapes brought in each week. She has suffered very severe pain at times, and due to failing eyesight and weakness cannot do much reading anymore. She always enjoyed doing handwork, and spent much time making quilts for her children and grandchildren as long as she was able, so now has many long and lonely hours. She can still get around with the aid of a walker and wheel-chair, and is very thankful to be at home, where her daughter, Sis. Clara and others of her family can come in and care for her. She wishes to express her sincere thanks and appreciation for all the cards and gifts received for her birthday, also the many visits and prayers offered in her behalf during her illness. May God richly bless each one.

CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

"If the Golden Rule is to be preached at all in these modern days, when so much of our life is devoted to business, it must be preached specially in its application to the conduct of business."

A little boy, John Robert was blessed to Bro. Steve and Sis. Jerry Schrock. He has three sisters and one brother.

Our dear Sis. Ida Nussbaum again has entered the hospital and had major surgery. Her cross has gotten heavier, but the Lord has gotten closer to help her through. She has sure proved that she is an excellent soldier of the cross. Our

prayers go out to her, and may God bless her and help her.

Tom Zimmerman (son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula) was home on leave for a few weeks. He is to be stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

FT SAM HOUSTON

Duane and Kay Reutter

Time continues to march onward, whether we are in civilian or military life. We continuously experience a change of personnel here, as some are reassigned to new duty stations and others get discharges.

We experienced many joyful hours with visiting ministers and the many visitors who stopped for a few days to spend sometime with us. On April 17 and 18 we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker from the Lamont congregation with us. Various duties were reassigned concerning the oversight of the Church Apartment. The weekend of April 24 and 25, Bro. Walter Rehlau from Toledo shared unto us God's precious word. We find it difficult to really express our appreciation for those who come to serve us, but on behalf of the Ft Sam group, we sincerely thank those who have come and ministered unto us.

Several have been reassigned. Bill and Cindy Greene from Richmond, Virginia, received orders for Germany. We hope they can be together while Bill is in Germany. May God bless both of them in their new assignment. Dave Stouffer of Alto has returned to his reserve unit; we sincerely wish him well. Bro. Walt Steffen will be getting his discharge soon, and we would take this opportunity to thank him for all that he has done for our group. We wish him God's blessings in his future endeavors.

Those who have arrived recently for basic training are Mike Hodel from Roanoke and Dave Young from Cissna Park.

A baby boy, Brian Jaye, was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strassheim. They have one other child, Angela, to welcome the new baby home.

We extend our greetings to all and invite you to come to Ft. Sam for a visit.

IOWA CITY

Beverly Mogler

"Unto God be the glory, Great things He hath done..."

We rejoice that four of our

friends who have supported our fellowship have found it necessary to repent and dedicate their lives to our Lord. They are Ed and Patty Stoller and Jack and Kathy Larson.

In April, we were thankful to have Bros. John Steiner and Cleo Rinkenberger as our guest ministers.

With summer vacation-time soon here, we extend the invitation for anyone going through Iowa City to visit us. Services will continue through the summer months. We have two services a month at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, at Melrose and Sunset Avenue. They are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. and the third Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

GRIDLEY

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

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

Our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker was assisted by Elder Bro. Eugene Marti in serving us Holy Communion. It takes us back to the time of our conversion; it renews our faith and love in the Saviour's name.

Sunday School superintendents and teachers from eight midwest churches gathered at Gridley to discuss Youth Fellowship. It was agreed to continue as in the past two years, each church hosting two or three Sunday Schools at their convenience. May the Lord add His blessings to the endeavor. After the meeting, a pot-luck dinner was enjoyed at Madison City Hall.

Sis. Alice Raaf (94 years) was called from this life to her eternal home. She often expressed the desire to be relieved of the cares of this life "When God sees fit." She enjoyed a fair measure of health up to the age of 90 years, raising a large garden, doing her own spading up to that time, generously sharing her fresh vegetables and beautiful flowers. She is survived by four sons and two daughters, who faithfully cared for mother. Her daughter, Esther shared the home, keeping her mother to the last 17 months, when it became necessary to place her in the Golden Age Lodge. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Fred in 1936.

Bro. George Dornes, 93 years,

is now our oldest member. He lives in Burlington with Joe, one of his seven children, hasn't been able to attend church the past 3 or 4 years. His daughter, Sis. Barbara Traub & husband Fred from Indiana visited him, also attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Lester and Emma Garrett, another daughter.

Shawn Metzger, 5-year-old son of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene, spent three days at KU Center for major surgery to restore facial features distorted, due to an auto accident 4 years ago. Charles Knapp spent five days in the hospital for observation and treatment. Janiece Isch, daughter of Sis. Wilma Young was hospitalized two days for treatment and observation. All three have made satisfactory recovery.

Jackie MacClaskey, son-in-law of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer, has been sent to Ft. Ord Calif. to take four-month basic army training. His wife, Carol is working at the Gridley Boat Factory.

Randall Somerhalder, son of Bro. and Sis. Edna has been sent to Ft. Leonardwood Mo. to take four months basic army training. His wife, Karen is working and living with a sister in Texas. May the dear Lord watch over the many who must leave home to serve their country.

MAYWOOD

Elizabeth Kaisner

We now rejoice, Lord Jesus Christ,
That Thou from death and grave
didst rise.

Thou livest now, Oh Lord, and we
Hope Thou wilt take us unto Thee.
We now rejoice.

Let us at all times observe the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord in its true meaning.

As we read, earth trembled at His wondrous might. Since the Feb. 9 earthquake, the earth is still trembling and restless, as it has again on this 3rd day of May done so.

Sis. Betty Yeges is very poorly. May God sustain her; she is back at the former address which is: Magnolia Gardens Home, 17922 West San Fernando Mission Rd., Granada Hills Calif 91344.

Our Tribute To Mother

Faithful and loving in every deed,
Ready to help one, whenever there's
need.

Ignoring the faults that to others

are plain,
 enjoying their pleasures and shar-
 ing their pain.
 Never too busy to help or advise,
 Doing your best to make folks
 realize
 Some of the things that a good life
 can hold,
 Happy contentment, pleasures un-
 told,
 In all the whole world, from begin-
 ning to end.
 People will love you, for you are
 a Mother.

Albert was again submitted to
 the hospital for 13 days, is home
 again and trying to recuperate.
 Thanks for the prayers and cards.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

The engagement of Sis. Pam Schmidgall to Bro. Randy Sutter of Bloomington was announced on May 2. Parents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila Schmidgall and Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter of Taylor. We wish them God's blessings as they plan their life together.

Rebecca Ann is the name given the baby daughter born on April to Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam Schaefer. A son, Brian, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wehking on April 27. He was welcomed home by a sister, Shari.

We have begun our hymn-sing again, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month; we discontinue our mid-week services through the summer. We truly enjoy a blessed hour of singing and fellowship with one another.

We had eleven high school graduates. They are: Sis. Lois Moser, Rita Koehl, Keith Koehl, Linda Stettner, Sis. Carol Meiss, Sis. Peg Gramm, Connie Greiner, Pam Greiner, Bro. Mike Schmidgall, Linda Nohl, and Kevin Schmidgall. We wish them the Lord's guidance in the future.

Mother

Let me remember, Lord, my
 mother's gentle hands
 That led me safely through a maze
 called childhood,
 That touched my feverish brow
 so soothingly,
 That lovingly prepared my food,
 pressed my hands in comfort—
 Let me remember, Lord.

Let me recall, dear Lord, her
 lovely smile,
 Her eyes that glistened with a

tear of pity,
 Or sparkled in dear merriment,
 The thoughtful gestures that only
 she could make,
 Showing how much she cared.
 Let me recall—let me remember
 long, dear Lord.

PORTLAND Judith Knecht To Our Mothers

"God bless mothers everywhere
 For being kind and sweet,
 For teaching little hands to pray,
 For guiding little feet;
 Bless them for the love they give
 That's constant, warm and true,
 Bless them now and always
 In everything they do.

We are happy for our friends,
 John and Ann Kaufman, who have
 just added a son to their family.
 To welcome John Jeffrey is a sis-
 ter, Beth.

ROANOKE Norene Herbst Marilyn Weyeneth

On Wed. eve., April 7, the Bible Class participated in the Easter program with the Eureka Bible Class at Eureka church.

Judith Blunier and Dan Magnuson were united in marriage at the Fellowship Hall in Peoria on Sat., May 1 by Bro. Eugene Bertschi. Judie is the daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Marian Blunier. The new couple is at home at Lakeview Acres, Eureka.

We enjoyed having visiting ministers with us. Those serving us were Bros. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), Michael Weyeneth (Peoria), and Uriel Gehring (Burlington).

Those spending some time in the hospital were Bill Hangartner, Bro. Richard Fischer, Sisters Annabelle (Ed) Blunier, Rose (Roy) Beer, Viola (Mike) Belsley, Norene Herbst, Helen (Bill) Leman and Ann (Jerry) Sauder.

TOLEDO Diane Reineck

As the flowers and trees once more blossom and bud, we witness the renewing of life. This brings to mind the renewing of our lives as brought about by the Holy Spirit, and gives us new strength in our daily living.

Our Sunday School presented its Easter program for the church. How wonderful it was to hear again

the age-old story of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

Our elder Bro. Ben Maibach visited us. He gave us some wonderful thoughts, particularly on the folly of self-justification. We thank him for his words of truth and encouragement.

Bro. Joe Fetter has recuperated from his cataract surgery, for which we are thankful.

Patricia Frautschi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Art Frautschi, has announced her engagement to Bruce Dutcher of Rochester, New York. We wish them the best in the future.

Michael Whittaker, son of Roland and Herma Getter Whittaker, has been inducted into the army and is now stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

LEO Mrs. Elias Souder

"... I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice..." Youth fades, its love droops, the leaves of friendship may fall, but a mother's secret hope outlives them all.

A couple of our mothers, let's say grandmothers, have been ill and in the hospital. Sis. Elizabeth Pulfer is home and able to come to church, as also is Sis. Elizabeth Stieglitz.

Friend Lydia Conrad of Ft. Wayne passed away April 29. She was one of the daughters of Jacob Conrad. She is survived by one brother, Albert, and a sister, Susan Roth.

Frances and Henry Schwartz, who live in Florida, were here May 1 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Many old friends were able to meet and visit them at our Fellowship Center.

The future wedding was announced of Joyce Schlatter of the Leo congregation and Steve Kaiser of the Milford congregation.

FT. LAUDERDALE

We had a pleasant surprise when Ministering Bros. Albert Schneider (Rockville) and Bob Meyer (Bluffton) visited our congregation; we were happy to be encouraged with God's word, and may God bless them for their visit.

This is an example of how near we are from death. A friend that is a neighbor of Bro. Jake Traub

from Rockville visited our church Sunday May 2; on the way to their apartment after church he just slumped over in the car and died, without saying a word. May our hearts ever be at peace with God, that when He calls we will be ready to answer.

Lord's Prayer

You cannot say the Lord's prayer
And even once say "I".
You cannot say the Lord's prayer
And even once say "my",
Nor can you say the Lord's prayer
And not pray for another,
For when you ask for daily bread
You must include your brother,
For others are included
For each and every plea.
From beginning to the end of it,
It does not once say me.

DETROIT

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Metzger and their son, Trent have returned to their home near Princeville. We have enjoyed their fellowship and love for the past one and one-half years, while he was attending University of Michigan. Their presence will be greatly missed by all. We wish them God's richest blessings always.

We are happy to welcome Sis. Katherina Koprince back, after spending most of the winter in Arizona.

JUNCTION

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Maurice Frank, Leo, and Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, were our visiting ministers. Repentance was explained. We indeed are a fortunate people to live in a free land where the word of God can be preached without interference. Many of us went to Latty church on Easter Sunday evening to enjoy the visit of Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville.

The engagement of Bro. David Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) and Sis. Kathy Schlatter (Sis. Juliet), both of our congregation, was announced on Easter. We wish them God's blessings.

Margaret Aufrance is improving, but is still not able to assemble with us.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Elizabeth Kupfersmith, Latty, formerly from our congregation, whose dear husband, Bro. Jesse, passed away.

We had a blessed week-end when a number of LaCrosse and Latty brothers and sisters gathered with us.

God bless our mothers

LAMAR

Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti

We were blessed to have Elder Bro. Noah Bauman to spend an evening worshipping with us.

Ken Marti, Fred Marti and Edd. Braker are our high school graduates.

George Frieden has been a hospital patient.

Down in a green and shady bed
A modest violet grew.
Its stalk was bent; it hung its head
As if to hide from view.

And yet it was a lovely flower,
Its color bright and fair;
It might have graced a rosy bower,
Instead of hiding there.

Yet there it was content to bloom,
In modest tints arrayed,
And there diffused a sweet perfume,
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go,
This pretty flower to see,
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

... And just like this violet, we also have the same in our church. One dear sister was approached by the writers, who were supposed to get a story on a saint who was a good example in the church. This dear sister was so humble, she didn't want us to write a story on her. She said her mother always taught them to remain in the background. What a wonderful lesson, well learned. Although she has tried to remain in the background, she couldn't hide her shining light. We felt we should abide by her wishes.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

God has not said life's pattern is one we'll understand,
But He's promised He will keep us in the hollow of His hand.
He has not promised days serene and free from all alarms,
But He's said that underneath us are **The Everlasting Arms.**

God has not promised mountain heights as on through life we go
But He's said that He'll be with us in the valleys dark and low.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Bro. Harold Thomas of Peoria. Sis. Lucille was at home here before her marriage, and her mother, Sis. Martha Strietmutter, her sis. Geraldine and bro. Jeff and Alfred, Paul and Don are at home here. We trust God will be near at this time of sorrow.

Our congregation was richly blessed with visitors, with visiting ministers each Sunday. Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha was here for morning services, and Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville gave timely admonitions in the afternoon. It was a beautiful day and enjoyed by all present, it holding so many blessings for us. Soon we learned that one car returning to Burlington met with tragic accident. Some young boys were celebrating one's homecoming from Vietnam and pulled in the path of Bro. Bill Massner. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this dear family, and trust they can believe that God will never forsake them, but grant them grace and courage to battle bravely onward.

Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago warned about temptation. If we make a promise, we should keep that promise. Sometimes we find it rather hard to war against our own spirit and must prove our faith in resisting temptation. If we but ask, the Lord is at our side to help us.

In the afternoon, Bro. Joshua Broquard spoke much of love. His meditation was based on words found in Colossians chapter 3. Much is contained concerning love for each other, forbearing and forgiving one another, and the peace of God in our hearts. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

In all quietness and solemnity many partook of the Lord's supper, as commanded by our Saviour before He died on the cross and shed His blood for us. "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed and brake it, and gave to them and said, Take eat: this is my body." Bro. Al Fisher and Joshua Broquard assisted Bros. Silas Leuthold & Dave Kieser. Our members should be molded together as the

bread which is broken by all. Many grains of wheat are ground together, molded together, forming the loaf, and broken by us all, as Jesus' body was broken for all on the cross.

A few gathered in the home of Sis. Lena Stichling to share Communion with her, and then at the home of Sis. Marie Endress, where Sis. Josephine Endress was also present. How pleased these dear sisters, who are unable to worship with us, were to share the Lord's supper with others. We were pleased to have Bro. Ben Streitmatter present for the service, as we know it gave him strength and comfort, since he submitted to major surgery and is unable to be out much yet. I am sure many hearts were uplifted in this day.

Sis. Ruth Kieser, who had surgery, was taken again to the hospital where she had to have further surgery, and has returned home. Sis. Arlene Scholl, who had surgery, had to return to the hospital for treatment for a blood clot. She is recovering at home. Sis. Martha Hemmer is receiving treatment in the hospital and shows satisfactory improvement. She is hoping to get home very soon. Sis. Nettie Feucht is able to worship with us again, and wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered her with cards, visits and prayer during her shut-in days. May God bless you all.

Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo spoke much on visions and revelations when he visited us. He told of revelations of different believers and how it strengthens one's faith. Sometimes we need something to strengthen our faith. God speaks to us in different ways and is up to us to discern His teachings. This same day we were pleased to be hosts to the older single sisters from Peoria, Morton, Tremont, Eureka, Roanoke, Gridley and Fairbury. Quite a number spent the day with us and more came for the evening, so there were 160 of us. We enjoyed blessed fellowship together, and trust the songs that were sung to the honor of the Lord were so received.

Bro. Ray Martin and family who moved from the Pulaski congregation, have been heartily welcomed. They feel humble to have so many do so many thoughtful things for them, and wish to extend their heartfelt thanks, first to those of the Pulaski congregation for all

they did for them while living there and at the time they moved, and then to those of our congregation, for all the help in moving, the kind gifts given them, and the love that has been shown them. **May God bless each one for the good deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us.** The Ray Martin family.

Bro. Floren and Sis. Twylla (Stoller) Streitmatter are the parents of a daughter, Kathy Jo, born May 2. She has a brother Wayne, and two sisters, Annette and Crystal, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber; great-grandparents include Sis. Freida Streitmatter and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller. May God bless this happy family with their little bundle of love.

SARASOTA Phil Wingeier

I asked God for strength,
that I might achieve—
I was made weak,
that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help
that I might do greater things—
I was given infirmity,
that I might do better things.

I asked for riches,
that I might be happy—
I was given poverty,
that I might be wise.

I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life—
I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things.

Despite myself,
My prayers were answered,
I am, among all men,
most richly blessed.

The month of April, containing Easter, brought a good number of young members and their children to Sarasota church, which made April a very busy and interesting month. We also had services the first Sunday of May, which now closes our season until some time in the fall. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and a part of his family are staying until a later date, and will have services at their home for those in the area.

We are all very sorry Bro. George Sauder was not as well as usual, having a heart condition that does not permit him to be as

active as he would like to be; they have returned to their home in Eureka. We all pray for him.

The weather in and about Sarasota continued very dry, to the extent that many wells have gone dry, and fires through out the state of Florida have caused a lot of damage.

Bro. Philip, Sis. Ferne Wingeier wish to express our sincerest thanks for all the kindness and love shown unto us in many different ways this past season here. May God richly bless each one. We are planning to be in our home at Alto as of May 8. We trust that we may all remember each other in our prayer's to the Lord, for all love and kindness.

PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." We are busy in the fields, planting corn and soybeans. As we work from day to day, we can't help but wonder how our crops will turn out. Surely we do wait upon the Lord's blessing on our efforts, and pray that He will add the increase.

We truly enjoyed the Sunday that Bro. Gerald Sutter from Taylor spent with us.

Our Sunday School young people, from 7th grade on up, spent an enjoyable day at Taylor. They were there from Oakville and Burlington, too. We thank the Taylor Sunday School teachers for making this a day we'll long remember.

TREMONT

Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold

Our dear friend, Marie (Bill) Schurter passed away, having been hospitalized for one month. Funeral services were held April 9. We certainly pray for Friend Bill, that much comfort can be bestowed on him in this time of great sorrow.

Visiting Bros. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, and Fred Knapp, Congerville, expounded unto us many teachings. They reminded us of our heavenly calling and what duties are expected from a true believer of God. They also spoke words unto the sixteen dear friends who have forsaken the world, to follow in our precious Saviour's ways. How we are rejoicing in our congregation, as must be the angels in

heaven; but still we have room for many more. We hope and pray that much grace and faith can be extended unto: Jerry Kaiser, son of Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene; Carol Steiner, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia; Becky Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith; Lynette and Carol Aberle, daughters of Bro. Walt and Sis. Vera; Mary Ann Schweigert, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida; Marvin Sauder, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna; Rena Bliss, daughter of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Wilma; Scot and Margaret Koch, son and daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Florence; Allen and Vicki Moser, son and daughter of Bro. Ray & Sis. Barbara; Jerry & Byron Zuercher, sons of Bro. Curt and Sis. June; Kathy Schaefer, daughter of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda; and Janice Beutel, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice. We can testify that steep and thorny is the way that leads to true perfection. May we all strive harder to be good lights unto our friends, and especially unto these young folks now starting down the road to that everlasting home.

Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; David Bertsch, Leo; and Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, were present to hear the testimonies of Friends Kathy Wagenbach and John Huette. How happy our new brother, John was that he could still find the true salvation in these last times and in the evening hours of his life. We welcome our new sister, Kathy, and hope and pray that she can stay close in this faith of ours.

Friend Judy Moser, daughter of Sis. Lila and John, became the bride of Bob Mooney of Sparland on the 16th of April. We extend our best wishes to them, and may the love of God dwell in their hearts and home.

Sis. Mary Schweigert has been confined to her home with illness for many weeks, but is convalescing very nicely. She wishes to thank everyone who has remembered her with prayers, cards, gifts and deeds of kindness and love.

We welcome our Bro. Jim Wagenbach home. He has completed his military tour, and God has safely returned him into our midst.

Mike Yergler and his wife (he is the son of Gene and Sis. Betty) have returned from military service in Italy and are home on leave. They were married in Italy, so a

reception was held for them the 2nd of May. They will be leaving for service again soon.

The following poem was read recently at one of our funeral services and we felt it would be worth sharing with our **Silver Lining** readers. (Editor's note: it is printed in part.)

One Day At A Time

One day at a time, with its failures
and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with
its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its
burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet
and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and
strong;
To be calm under trial and sweet
under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its
sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the
night shall bring peace.

Not yesterday's load we are called
on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and
shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or
back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but
for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is
His day;
He hath numbered its hours,
though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk
not alone.
As the day, so the strength that
He giveth His own.

LANDERSVILLE Billie Jo Harville

God knew we would need a friend,
one on whom we could depend, and
so he gave us mother! "She openeth
her mouth with wisdom; and
in her tongue is the law of kindness."

We were very glad to have the Peoria choir. It was a very enjoyable day, and we feel everyone received a blessing as they sang songs of praise. It was a real message in each song. The following Sunday, we had as our guest speaker, Bro. Bob Pohl. We were glad to have them. Bob reminded us that when Jesus comes, it will be as a thief in the night, and a thief picks the best, so when Jesus comes, he

will take back with him the ones that have lived a true and faithful life . . . So we all should live every day, as if today could be the return of Jesus.

Our community of church was saddened by the death of Sis. Irene Dotson and husband, Coy Dotson. Funeral services were conducted at our church by Lynn Klopfenstein and Junior Hale. They leave 13 children, seven unmarried, so everyone remember the children in prayer, that God will be with them and supply their every need. They were the parents of Sis. Doris Nolen.

Bro. John Wagler was with us in our Sunday evening service. John's sermon was from Luke, chapter 23. We got the real meaning of faith. We all should have the faith as the one that hung on the cross beside Jesus, when he said: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

We are glad to report that Sis. Mavis Naylor, who had surgery, is at home and improving. We hope she will soon be back in our service.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Carol Virkler Mrs. David Schamback

Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey have lost their large dairy barn, through fire in April.

Sis. LaVeda Herzig passed to her eternal rest on April 22. The funeral was from the Naumburg church. She is survived by a brother, Wayland, of California, and three sisters—Sisters Florence, Natalie and Edith.

Louis and Janet Beck are parents of a baby girl, Kim Louise, born on May 1. She is welcomed home by a sister, Chrissie. Her grandparents are Walter and Harriet Beck Lasher and Larry and Sis. Louise Purvines.

Hospitalized and home again are Sis. Clara Virkler, who injured her knee in a fall at her home; Sis. Barbara Virkler, Pearl Colgrove, Irene Schulz, and Clinton Virkler.

We welcome back into our assembly those who have returned from winter residence in Florida: Bro. Leon and Lydia Virkler.

FORT SCOTT Ida Sinn

We are again experiencing the change of seasons. We are a little dry here in the Midwest. Although the Lord has withheld what

we think is our usual supply of rain, the earth has put forth a new growth. Everything has taken on that coat of green, with flowers of every color springing up amongst it. Only the Lord could create such beauty.

Bro. and Sis. Louisa and Emil Banwart had a 60th wedding anniversary. On the following Sunday, some of their loved ones were still visiting them, and four generations were represented on one bench. Both are in good health and are always among the first to arrive at the house of worship on Sunday morning.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Raymond Roth from Burlington, Bro. Earl Banwart and Bro. Sam Huber. Each brought us wholesome gospel messages.

OAKVILLE Martha Steiner

We have had much sorrow and grief in our community in the past few weeks, yet we can rejoice with others. No doubt many have heard of the tragedy which befell members of the Massner family, as they were traveling home from Princeville on a Sunday evening. Bro. Adolph and Sis. Lillian Massner were taken to their heavenly home, while his son and family are still recovering from injuries suffered in the accident. Bro. Bill is convalescing in Memorial Hospital at Burlington, and Sis. Phyllis (Gehring) is still recovering at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

Along with Bro. Bill and his family, others who mourn the death of their parents are Clarence, Kenny, Bros. Earl, Eric, Virgil, Doss, Allen, Dale, Harold and Lloyd, and Sisters Dorothy Taeger and Rosella Obermann, all from the Burlington and Oakville congregations. Lillian is survived by her sisters, Stella and Lulu Landes and Edith Anger, and two brothers who live out of state.

Our friend, Julius Gerst passed out of this life on April 20, after spending quite some time in the hospital, having reached the age of ninety years. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Sarah (Knapp); six sons: Bro. Dick (Herbert), Grand Rapids, Michigan; George, Robert, Otto, Adolph, and Ernest; four daughters, Catherine Davis, Esther Weber, Clara Knotts, and Edna Knotts, all from the surrounding area; also a brother and sis-

ter, Bro. Adolph of Canton, Missouri, and Sis. Pauline Meier of Peoria.

Many people gathered at the Oakville church to pay their last respects to these three dear ones. They will be greatly missed in our community, although they were a part of the Burlington congregation.

We are so thankful that more are turning to the Lord in these latter times. Ten more souls have turned their backs on the world; it is heartwarming to see husband and wife together making this important choice, along with others. Friend James Vierling has been announced as having peace with God and man, and awaits the opportunity to give his testimony. Jim is the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Pearl (Heiniger) Vierling.

We enjoyed and appreciated the visits of Bros. Duane Metger (West Bend) and Arnold Gerst (Chicago).

Thank you notes: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for all who remembered us so kindly with their prayers and good wishes and many cards and gifts while we were in the hospital. We will never be able to repay them all, but may God bless you all. Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna (Bahler) Lanz Sr. (Note: Sis. Anna has now returned home, although Bro. Ed is still in the Wapello Nursing Home for a time.)

To all who visited and remembered me with cards and prayers while I was in the hospital, may God bless everyone for your deeds of love. Thank you. With greetings, Bro. John Frank.

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with visits, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital. May God reward you for your kindness. Sis. Edna Wiegand. (Note: Edna has now moved into a mobile home near her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan Lanz Jr.)

ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

We rejoiced together with our dear friend, Terry Kloter, in her recent conversion and baptism. In one of our hymns, we can read where the author tells us that in all the earth there is no higher standing than to become a child of God, and to follow in the Saviour's ways. Bro. Rudolph Graf of

Akron was present at the ceremony and, later with our elder, Bro. John Bahler, joined the congregation in Communion or The Lord's Supper. This sacred rite, if its purpose is remembered in its trueness, becomes indeed solemn . . . For when we pause awhile and visualize in the spirit the Son of God, hanging there on the Cross, dying a cruel and tortuous death, . . . and for what reasons—that mankind would have an open, free way to God for the reconciliation of his sinful standing. This then is true of what we believe to be solemn. As a final indication that His noble mission on earth had been finished, He cried out with a loud voice: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and with that gave up the ghost.

Sis. Martha (Schneider) Mangold, who had submitted to surgery, is now at her home recuperating. We are happy to have her back with her family and husband, Bro. Clarence.

Nearly 100 brethren, relatives and friends converged at the newly-built home of Bro. Keith and Sis. Mary Kloter, where they joined in bringing their good wishes and blessings to the young couple. A delightful luncheon was made ready. Walter Yennery of Switzerland is a relative; visiting here enabled him also to be present. Keith and Mary have two children; Jill 2 years and Jason 8 months. Keith's parents are Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter, and Mary's are Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola (Vi) Luginbuhl.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Virgil and Shirley Funk

Bro. Terry and Sis. Sharon Zimmerman were blessed with the birth of a baby boy. He is their first child and was named Bryan David.

Visiting ministers during April include: John Rocke, Goodfield; Ben Fehr, Roanoke; and our elder, Joshua Broquard.

We were privileged to hear the conference deliberations, presented by Elders Joshua Broquard, Dan Koch, and Ed Hohulin.

Holy Communion was held at the home of our minister, Everett Hari. Bro. Joshua Broquard was assisted by Bro. Dan Koch.

We express our appreciation to all who exercised themselves for our spiritual welfare.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli and Carol Messner

There is rejoicing on earth, even as in Heaven, over one soul that repenteth. We have two dear souls awaiting baptism: Gerald Messner, son of the late Bro. Levi and Sis. Mae, and Janice, whose parents are Ministering Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt.

We received the exhortation for Communion, lest this holy sacrament becomes routine and taken lightly. We pray we will each examine ourselves, so we are found worthy of this precious privilege.

Steve Messner is recovering from knee surgery. He is the son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine. Bonnie, daughter of Bro. Le Roy and Sis. Joanne Messner, was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. We welcome her back to Sunday School.

High school graduation is near at hand. Our graduates are Candice Nelson, Janice Schmidt, Brenda Thiem, Lori Gutnecht, and Tony Messner. May you ever be aware as on earth you trod, That Knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from God.

In June we set aside a special day to honor our earthly fathers for all they have done for us. We must remember to give thanks to our Heavenly Father who provides for us all.

LAMONT

Mrs. Betty Wernli

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." These and the many other verses contained were expounded to us in all clarity during the messages we heard on this day set aside to honor our mothers . . . and it does make one tremble when we think where would we be today if we had not heeded the teachings of our God-fearing mothers? So with much thanks in our hearts, we take this not for granted, but with God's grace, hope to instill the same teachings in our children.

Our dear friend, Sam Enz, has departed this life, after a hard-fought battle with leukemia. He leaves to mourn his passing, his devoted wife, Emma; and his sister, Mary Steiner of Cissna Park, who because of hospital confinement was unable to attend the serv-

ices, and many nieces and nephews. Services were conducted by our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker on May 6. Bro. Sam brought forth in the meditation, Emma had need yet of Sam, the community had need of him, but God saw fit otherwise. We extend our sympathy to Emma, and pray that she take courage, and look to the Lord more each day for sustenance during the trying days ahead.

Sis. Dena Fechter is again able to assemble with us, often being quite ill with her afflictions, also Sis. Lucy Imthurm and Sis. Dena Sauder, after short hospital stays.

With much joy in our hearts, Gridley assembled with us to praise the Lord together with heart and song . . . has been sometime since we have held singings in our church, but during the warmer months we'll alternate with Gridley the first Sunday of each month.

MILFORD

Marguerite Hoerr

A little girl arrived at daybreak on Easter morning to Bro. Ned and Sis. Deb Speicher. She is their first child, and they have named her Dawn. Rod and Kathy had a little boy, on April 23. He has been named Kevin Dean, and is their first child also. A bouncing baby girl, Lisa Renee, was born to Bruce and Vicki Hunberger. She, too, is a first child. Our sincere congratulations to all three sets of these new and joyful parents and to the grandparents, too. God bless your happy families and keep you in His care.

Tracy Beer, son of Harlan and Phyllis, had a tonsillectomy. He was completely recovered in plenty of time to help welcome his new nephew Kevin home, who lives right beside him.

The engagement of Bro. Steve Kaisner and Sis. Joyce Schlatter has been announced. Steve is the son of Bro. and Sis. Carol Kaisner of Milford, and Joyce's parents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Thelma of Leo. Sincere congratulations are extended to them as they plan their wedding day.

Bro. Michael Reuter spent some time in the hospital for medical treatment. We are very thankful to have him able to worship with us again. Sis. Emma Graf was taken from her home to the hospital for additional care. She has improved sufficiently to be returned

home, where she is faithfully and tenderly cared for by her husband Oliver. Sis. Anna Stieglitz spent some time in the Elkhart hospital. She, too, is home again and reported to be feeling much better. Mildred Levy has been able to come home, after an extended stay in a Warsaw and then a Ft. Wayne hospital. We're very glad to report she is progressing satisfactorily.

Ministering Bro. Dale Eisemann of Chicago spent a blessed Sunday with us, and we look forward to having Bro. Vernon Leman and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka with us in the near future.

The church was spring-cleaned by the many willing hands of old and young alike, and has a shining look as the result. Our friend, Garlene Martin does such a good job from week to week, but she was glad for the extra boost with the heavier work.

We look forward to Communion, and hope our inner selves are as clean and shining as the house in which we worship.

EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Oh the thought of simply trusting,
Yielded to our Father's will,
In His loving arms enfolded,
Just to trust Him and be still.

We were blessed with many visitors: Bros. Paul Fehr, Morris; Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Art Bauer, Princeville; Fredrick Knapp, Congerville.

Our Easter program was held on Wed. evening April 7, with the Bible Class from Roanoke participating. Then on Good Friday evening we gathered in God's house to worship our Lord Jesus, who hung on the cross and shed His precious blood for the sins of the whole world. On Sunday we were reminded of the resurrection of Our Lord. This is something we should ever keep in our mind and always be so thankful for.

Sis. Della Anliker fell at her home and broke her hip. She is in the Proctor Hospital, Peoria. This is

Bro. Walter's mother. Bro. Lewis Martin broke his ankle while doing some work at his farm. He has it in a cast. Later he was taken again to the hospital for tests, but is now at home. Sis. Martha Grusy is a patient in Methodist Hospital. She is Bro. Alf's wife. Sis. Mary Reutter has returned to the Eureka Hospital, after being home for about a week. Bro. Sam Hartter is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Communion services were held the last Sunday in April, with Bro. Ezra Feller helping Bro. Leroy Huber. A very impressive service this is, when we are reminded that we should do this in remembrance of Him who did so much for us.

Our community was saddened when we heard of the accident in Japan which took the life of Bro. and Sis. Betty Klaus' little boy Samuel. His funeral was held here on Sunday p.m., May 2. Bro. Leroy Huber had the services, and the burial was in the Roanoke Church Cemetery. His brother and five sisters will surely miss little Samuel. God has taken him home to be with Him, where he is safe in the Arms of Jesus. This was sung at the funeral. May God comfort the dear parents also with this thought.

Bible Reading Schedule

June 1, II Chronicles 24-26; June 2, 27-29; June 3, 30-32; June 4, 33-34; June 5, 35-36; June 6, Ezra 1-3; June 7, 4-6; June 8, 7-8; June 9, 9-10; June 10, Nehemiah 1-3; June 11, 4-6; June 12, 7-8; June 13, 9-11; 14th, 12-13; 15th Esther, 1-4; June 16, 5-10; June 17, Job 1-5; June 18, 6-10; June 19, 11-15; June 20, 16-20; June 21, 21-26; June 22, 27-31. June 23, 32-36; June 24, 37-42; June 25, Psalms 1-11; June 26, 12-20; June 27, 21-29; June 28, 30-36; June 29, 37-44; June 30, 45-53.

PEORIA

Emily Tanner
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Memories

I hear an old familiar tune
Drifting with the balmy breeze.
Achantment gently fills my heart
With yesteryear's summer memories.

A garden filled with sweet
perfume,

An arbor of roses robust in bloom,
The whispering pine — Ah! Month
of June —
Secrets you bring in yesterday's
tune.

A dusty path with footprints trod,
A tired traveler — a friendly nod,
Children's laughter carefree at
play,
Among my memories of yesterday.

Time moves on, still the flowers
grow,
Songs of yesteryear, alive and
aglow.
The music is sweet now, soft and
low,
In my memory garden of long ago.
Written by Sis. Louise Finck

The engagement of Sis. Rosemary Erkert, daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Christianne Erkert, to Bro. Michael Gramm, son of Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm of Gridley, was announced to our congregation. May God richly bless their future happiness together.

A daughter, Jill Ellen, was born April 17 to Bro. Allan and Sis. Lois Herman.

Bro. Merle Bucher was guest minister in our congregation on Easter. We are thankful God led him into our midst. Also thankful for the labors of love Bros. Harold Schmidtgall of Gridley, Noah Herman of Tucson, Uriel Gehring of Burlington expounded the gospel to all who assembled and had ears to hear.

Bro. Uriel's sister is here in St. Francis Hospital. Sis. Phyllis Gehring Massner of the Oakville congregation was badly hurt in a car accident in which her father-in-law and mother-in-law lost their lives. Her husband and two children were also hurt and required hospitalization, but Phyllis is the only one they brought to the Peoria hospital. May we remember her in our prayers, and also her dear family.

Sis. Ella Eberhardt has returned to the hospital. Vera Hayes and Adolph Roecker are also hospital patients. Sis. Minnie Frank, who lives at the Buehler Home, has been in the infirmary there.

Sis. Lydia Siebenthal has moved to our church home. Her new address is 7023 N.E. Skyline Dr., Peoria, Ill. 61614.

Our sympathy is extended to Sisters Mabel Banwart Weber, Joyce

and Doris Banwart, whose mother died. Their mother attended the West Bend congregation.

Sis. Johanna Rapp, 87, died April 17 at the home of her son in Tallahassee, Fla., where she had lived for eight months. She was born in Germany. Her husband, Bro. Alfred Rapp Sr., died last year. Surviving are her son, Herbert, with whom she lived. She was preceded in death by two sons. Sis. Johanna enjoyed the mail and visitors who remembered her while in Florida at her son's home. The family expressed their wish to thank everyone who remembered them with their love and kindness during the time of their bereavement and burial of their dear mother. Visitation, funeral services and burial were here.

Sis. Louise Ruff, 86, died April 23 at the Proctor Hospital. She was a resident at our Church Home about a year, and suffered a fractured hip in a fall the Sunday before her death. She formerly lived with Sis. Louise Mueller and had been a Peoria resident about 70 years. She is survived by a sister-in-law, five nieces and two nephews. Louise was born in Germany, and the day before she died she kept repeating a German prayer she learned as a little child—I understood it expressed the desire that soon she would be with the Lord, but there was a deep concern for those that she was leaving, that they might one day, too, be ready to meet their Lord and Saviour. Louise was always such a pleasant person and had kind things to say when you greeted her. We will miss these two dear sisters in faith, but may we remember their shining examples they displayed while here among us.

The Lord called another pillar in the household of faith in sweet death. Bro. Harold Thomas, 53, died May 2 at Methodist Hospital, where he had been a patient 4 days. He last worked Dec. 14, 1970. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lucille Streitmatter Thomas; two sons, David of Sunnyvale, California, and Dean Thomas at home; a daughter, Marsha Thomas, at home; four brothers, Bros. Alfred, Joseph, Ivan and Harlan Thomas, all of the Peoria congregation; four sisters, Sisters Mary Hohulin of Peoria, Rose Steiner of Oakville, Clara Steiner of Sabetha, and Ella Wagler of Burlington.

Charles D Sinn
RR 5
Fort Scott Kansas 66701

THE SILVER LINING

SERVICES ADDRESSES

Sp4 Ben R Tanner [REDACTED] MACV Advisory Team 28 MAT 2 13TA APO San Francisco 96316	Goodfield	Cpl Scott L Koehl 2569381 H & MS-17 MWSG-17 [Supply] 1st MAW REAR APO San Francisco 96602	Morton	Beirne Messner Apostolic Christian Church Apt. 463 Eleanor St San Antonio Texas 78209	Morris
Sp4 Dennis E Knapp [REDACTED] Co A 93nd Sig Bn APO New York 09175	Congerville	Sp4 Richard Woerner [REDACTED] 38th Finance Section Class B Agent APO New York 09154	Tremont	Dale Koehl Apostolic Christian Church Apt. 463 Eleanor St San Antonio Texas 78209	Morris
ATR3 Delmos M Figel B438079 VF 101 Det 66 FPO New York 09501	Sardis	John R Wieland P O Box 7674 Richmond Virginia 23231	Bay City	Michael Whitaker [REDACTED] Co B 3rd Bn 2nd BCT BDE Ft Polk Louisiana 71459	Toledo
Pvt Douglas G Zimmerman [REDACTED] 83rd Eng Bn Box 18619 Ft Rucke Alabama 36360	Morton	Pvt Michael Hodel [REDACTED] Co E 4th Bn Class 21B USAMTC Ft Sam Houston Texas 78234	Roanoke	D L Steffen B68 8791 BE/E School Div 3410 SSC-NTC San Diego Calif 92133	Ft Wayne

HOLY

Henry Souder Jr.

To think of God is rich in enjoyment and pleasure. Fleeting pastimes rush past. Days are numbered. Moments precious. To spend them in His presence, in His pleasure is sure riches, now and forever.

The lost soul longs for purity. The passing days tatter the innocence, and tax the conscience. The age and wisdom of the world warp the look. Minds are molded of another's thoughts.

God is holy: "... as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" The word "conversation" means all of our living. Truth is reality! The soul that returns lives in Him. Holiness is separation from sin. It is a clean heart, soul and body, whiter than snow.

In the world, the darkness deepens. Unclean spirits still find no rest, but settle in slave-driven hearts. The lines of communication of the powers of darkness are many. They throb with sin. How holy and beautiful is light, radiant in peace.

There has never even been a trace, or a history, nor a possibility of anything but holiness in God. Jesus offered Himself and was made sin for us; He was "without spot."

He made beautiful harbors, lovely sunsets. . . He brought salvation, a bringing to happiness in holiness. His holiness is a real fact. We tread in awe, and worship this One who is majestic, in reverence. He asks that we be holy. "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

The word for saints means holy ones. What is this, that we not only dare enter the Presence of the King of kings, but are holy? What is this kingdom of heaven, where we enter into the inner Holy of Holies? What is this that we look in spirit into His face, and come away shining? The snow gently descends, pure, beautiful white . . . His holiness is purity, a characteristic and manner of life His through everlasting ages . . . His holiness is rapturous joy. We shall never tire of beholding the Lord. Worshipping in the beauty of holiness! Heaven holds wonder after wonder. Holiness! The sainted step in the gladness of Tomorrow will be in wonderful riches. Everything just perfect.

Our walk today is "the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." The redeemed one walks in the likeness of God. He daily desires to be sanctified. Sanctification is

separation from all that is apart from God, a presenting to God. The things we watch, the things we desire to hear, the words that present themselves to our mind as selected, these show much. If they bustle from the nerve centers of lust and pride, and find welcome eager reception, there is danger. What delight there is and glow of freedom in sanctification.

Time is the great proving ground. God is sifting out for the harvest His people. The chosen enter the narrow gate and travel the straight way. The fruit of a person becomes all good, or all decayed. How could a person who enjoys fleshly lusts and is proud fit into such a holy, heavenly kingdom? He would look evil, his mind would be eyed toward other things, he would murmur. God's home will be perfect and peaceful. His family will be completely encompassed, engaged and energized with life. There will be no dissatisfaction.

If the probe of Light strikes a nerve, then let us plead, that He would heal and sanctify our entire spirit, soul and body. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord".

Soon it will be all over. We will be forever holy, or forever barred.