



Why art thou cast down,  
O my soul? and why art  
thou disquieted in me? hope  
thou in God: for I shall yet  
praise him for the help of  
his countenance.

O my God, my soul is  
cast down within me:  
therefore will I remember  
thee from the land of Jor-  
dan, and of the Hermonites,  
from the hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at  
the noise of thy water-  
spouts: all thy waves and  
thy billows are gone over  
me.

Yet the LORD will com-  
mand his lovingkindness in  
the daytime, and in the  
night his song shall be with  
me, and my prayer unto the  
God of my life.

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

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## DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS IN THE STATES

Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki, Japan

"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

It is very wonderful that our Father in heaven sent His own Son to us for the eternal salvation through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, it is really unfortunate that the people are only a few converted yet, since 2000 years when Christ Jesus came down from heaven.

You are always remembered in my daily prayer.

It is really an unfortunate thing that the world is worse and worse everyday, and all nations of the world today could not realize true love and His creation. The apostle Paul said in Romans, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers . . . proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affec-

tion, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

I think it is same in the United States and also here in Japan, we have long-hair boys and funny dressed girls around here in the cities. The people are much interested about the flesh entertainment more than concerning about their own souls. They are very busy for daily life without God. When I'm writing this (it's about 12:15 noon of November 25, 1970, one of Japanese famous novelist, Yukio Mishima, who was a candidate for Nobel Prize, killed himself by Hara-kiri (which means cut the stomach by sword), in the headquarters of the Japanese Defense Force in Tokyo. It brought us very big shock and a big sensational news to the whole world, I believe. It is pitiful.

I surely appreciate your prayer and many support for us here in Japanese three churches, and it gave me really encourage to work for the Lord. . . . It really seems to me that we did not much faithful toward God enough yet, as Satan is very strong. Seems me we did not have much effort enough yet for His grace. We did not have enough to love the brethren as same as we love ourselves. I wish and believe that we should realize these weak points before Him, and we should awake up and try to much more serve the Lord more than before. Otherwise we'll

lose our blessings from God.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 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."

Yes, it is true that the customs and traditions are much stronger and different than your country in the States, but I still thinking, if we both are really true and humble loving Christians, we surely could live together and work together in His glory. I really believe we could have same faith until our Lord Jesus comes back again.

I continue to ask you all, brethren, please pray for us once again. It is not necessity to follow the disciples who were sleeping when Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane. We should realize that Satan is very busy for his own part. We should never forget that our eternal home is in heaven, not in this earth. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Our beautiful mansions are not in Tokyo, or in Chicago or New York, either. Ours are in heaven. Isn't that wonderful? May the Lord bless you and keep you for all eternity.

## PURE RELIGION . . . TO VISIT THE NEGLECTED

(A chance of love from our Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Jim Hoerr and our World Relief Committee)

Approximately fifteen years ago it was suggested by a dear brother in our Peoria congregation . . . the possibility . . . that anyone who may desire could make contributions in the form of a memorial gift to our Old Folks Home in memory of their loved one. . . . At the Princeville Conference in Sept. 1970, a similar request was made

on the behalf of the Home for the Handicapped, and approved . . . at the World Relief Committee meeting at Remington, a similar request was made on the behalf of a Fund for Neglected and Unwanted Children . . . the committee approved establishing a Fund for Neglected and Unwanted Children.

It is suggested that the funeral director be instructed to ask the family, if they wish, to mention in the funeral announcement, preferred memorials or gifts to orphan

and neglected children, through the Apostolic Christian Church World Relief.

"Memory contribution envelopes, if needed, may be obtained from Herman Norr, Box 145, Leo Ind. 46765 . . . All contributions for the Fund For Orphans and Neglected Children, send also to Bro. Herman Norr. . . .

Here is an opportunity for good . . . in our way . . .

... We are in charge of the Ft. ... Reunion at Milford this year. We have a list of names which, if put in the Silver Lining, readers could possibly supply us with the missing addresses. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Beer, R. 1, Box 247A, Milford Ind.

Steve Nohl, Ernie Stahl; Carroll Plattner (Sabetha); California, Roger Sachish (Pasadena); Illinois, Urban Edelman, Hank Young, Ben Schmid, Lyon Young; Indiana, Dennis Lehman; Minnesota, Mark Kellenberger; Michigan: Jim Wai-bel (Bay City); Ohio, Dennis Nagy, Ken Aberly, Dennis Leach, Chuck Flanagan, Ernie Graf; Oregon: Dean Kaufman, Steve Kaufman, Bernie Dettwyler, Hans Peter, Charles Walter.

### WICHITA

#### David and Barbara Hangartner

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered **them** in her heart."

We have to marvel at Mary, the wonderful mother of Jesus, who chose to keep all these things and ponder them in her heart. How many mothers today could keep secrets of their children as Mary did? Who would not want to tell the world about their famous child born to them as was this son of Mary's?

God-fearing mothers love their children enough today that they also **ponder in their hearts**, and like Mary want their children to grow up in an atmosphere of humility, not pride, and would guard them from any thing that they feel might harm them.

Many Christian mothers' hearts ache because of the behavior of their children, but they bear it on wings of prayer to their Heavenly Father, knowing He alone can help shape and mold the lives of their children, so that in due time they might be drawn to him.

Bro. Ray Banwart spent Mother's Day with us. He brought us many valuable teachings.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent the 16th with us, reminding us of the importance of our salvation and heavenly calling. It is always uplifting in spirit to hear our ministers expound the true, living word, which is directed from God.

Frank Greiner, son of Bro. George and Sis. Ann, and James Bowers, son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, graduated from high

school. They plan on furthering their education.

Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian's son, Philip, who broke his neck, is still in Weatley Hospital. They are giving him therapy, but his condition is about the same.

We held our election on the 16th. Bro. Godfrey Miller was elected treasurer; Bro. Harvey Farney, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Bro. Max Reimchisel, Sunday School superintendent; Bro. Steve Langhofer, Sunday School teacher; Sis. Jeanie Langhofer, Sunday School teacher.

Eric Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy, has joined the US Air Force and is stationed at Lakeland Air Force base in Texas. In a few weeks he will be stationed somewhere else. He plans to go to electronics school.

### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

At the close of another school year, several students will graduate and leave our group in Ames.

Bro. Wally Gerst, son of Bro. Rich and Sis. Liberty Gerst of Oakville, plan to live at home upon graduation. Bob Perdelwitz will graduate, and he and his wife Donna (Gustafson) and son Tod have moved to a home near Oakville. His parents are Bro. John and Sis. Viola Perdelwitz.

Ralph Lanz, son of Henry and Sis. Marie Lanz of Rockville, will graduate in veterinary medicine. He and his wife, Diane (Steiner), and sons Jeffrey and Brett will move soon to a home and practice in New Richmond, Wisconsin. Sis. Patty Steiner, daughter of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville), will work in Burlington after graduating.

Our group will surely miss their support.

At our May meeting, we enjoyed hearing Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaski.

### FRANCESVILLE

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

God created heaven and earth and until we can see heaven, we want to enjoy the creation of earth. My husband and I were on a trip, so with joy will give you creation news of the other states. One appreciative farewell was "Don't forget your ABC—always be careful," which we never forgot.

The first day, we saw corn peek-

ing through in rows, which always is a good sight of nature. Next, ripening grain, which is needed for all mankind and which we are always thankful for. Gradually mountains got larger and larger, and more beautiful in so many different ways, some with trees, others with cactus, and some with large and interesting sizes and colors of stone. Then snow on the tops of some.

God also created water, the same as earth, and how relaxing a and beautiful it can be. Another sight was to see huge hills of pure white sand, which made a person want to sing, "Wash Me and I Shall Be Whiter Than Snow." Then such a great contrast was one of the seven wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon, which a person just knows man would not have the ability to make.

The Indians are given such great talent to make many things, but they live in very modest homes . . . Going to visit different churches in the States, can only say there are "Good People" everywhere . . . and at every place, the good people had something good to say about the good people we know. So may God richly bless you all for your love and kindness.

Also must tell you a heart-warming scene on May Day . . . a Sunday School Class made little May baskets and placed one in each car of the church. In a letter we received from our family, they wrote that on Mother's Day, in church the daughters did the work of the Sunday lunch, said their mother's deserved a noon hour of rest.

A sign we saw—My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth.

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This is some very important news that we heard when we arrived home, so must tell it. Three engagements. Bro. Wendell Anliker to Sis. Karel Marti of Lamar; Sis. Marie Neihouser to Bro. Aki to Inoue of Japan, and Sis. Shirley Anliker to Bro. Irvin Furrer of Wolcott. This is the beginning of a new step in life, and we sincerely wish them much joy and happiness, as they continue to take everything to the Lord in prayer.

Must also tell you of our dozen graduates, who will be starting another new step in life. They were presented a Bible, which will help them to live good and also prepare them to die good. They are Charlene Gutwein, Valerie Bucher, Gail Gutwein, Elaine Traub, Carol Wuethrich, Terry Bucher, Robert Cook, Stephen Gutwein, Dennis Howat, David Metzger, Philip Tom and Brad Wuethrich. We will continue to uphold you in our prayers for your future.

The littlest bundles now—Bro. Dale and Sis. Ann Ward have a baby son, and the Harvey Gutweins were given a baby daughter—to love and raise in God's ways.

#### MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander  
Mrs. Ken Getz

We are pleased to have Sis. Chelly Schupbach, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Domnich Schupbach worshiping in our congregation. She is attending school in Bloomington but visits her sister, Sis. Christine Baum on week ends.

Those in the hospital or convalescing are: Sis. Lena Rapp Ackerman, Louise Geiger Haerr, Lavina Meiss Kilgus, Emma Bernhardt and Helen Strunk. We are thankful our elder, Bro. Russell Rapp is back to work and feeling well again.

Sis. Emma Zobrist is convalescing slowly after her auto accident, and would appreciate hearing from her friends, at 241 N. Indiana, Morton. Others confined to their homes are: Sisters Carrie Jacob, Kate Welk Belsley, Bros. Joe Belsley, Henry Rapp, Chris Sinn, and Otto Berchtold.

A baby boy, Alan Jay Rumbold was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Kay Anliker Rumbold. He has one sister, at home. Kimberly Ellen Schick was born to Randall

and Jane Kamp Schick. She has two brothers.

Sarah Denne, 88, brought her testimony before the congregation May 26. We are pleased she found peace in her twilight years. May God be with her.

Our appreciation goes to the following visiting ministers: Bros. Joe Kaisner, Earl Gerber and Harvey Grimm.

Sis. Anna E. (Mrs. Joseph P.) Belsley, 86, died May 24. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Raymond, William, and Lloys; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian (Albert) Fisher, Mrs. Ruth (Edward) Martin; and two sisters of Morton, Sis. Lucy (Carl) Bruell and Sis. Lydia Bauman.

We would appreciate our congregation's help. In a church the size of Morton, we often miss hearing of news important to all. Please feel free to contact either of us.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Jerry Meiss

We heard from our Bro. Joe Schrock on May 6. Joe spoke of the fact that Adam could have lived on and on had he been obedient. Even the animals, who were herbivorous and docile at the time of creation, soon became carnivorous and somewhat meddlesome. Joseph reiterated about the time when Jesus will reign, and emphasized the fact that there will then be law, order, quietness, and peace.

On May 13 Ev Hari spoke to us concerning spiritual matters. Everett, throughout the course of his sermon, vividly portrayed the contrast between a life of sin and a life filled with the Spirit of Christ. Not that we are free from the proclivity to sin: Oh no! But, that our attitude is such that sin is abhorrent to us. This would include sins of our very disposition as well as overt, grotesque offenses.

May 20 was upon us in a hurry; Clarence Kachelmuss made the trek to Normal and then held services for the evening. He outlined the plan of salvation and spoke of the greatness of it all. Bro. Clarence mentioned that fact that prayer is the key to heaven, but that faith unlocks the door.

Chuck Hemmer was appointed to be head speaker on the 27th of May. He mentioned the sinless blood of Christ and told of His walk and work here on earth. Bro.

Charles delved into all aspects of the life of Jesus, including the multiplicity of psychological, social, and physiological factors.

On the 22nd of May, we had the privilege of hearing Bro. Bob Grimm speak at our College Invitational Gathering. Bob did an excellent job of establishing rapport with his listeners, then proceeded to deliver a very effective message under the roof of the Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington.

Here is a poem that many feel accurately describes the lamentable condition of the heart of man. It is called "Watching and Waiting."

Watching the silence, waiting to  
be broken,  
Watching the thought, waiting to  
be spoken.  
Watching the musn't, waiting for  
should,  
Watching the evil, waiting for  
good.  
Watching the say, waiting for ac-  
tion,  
Watching the displeased, waiting  
for satisfaction.  
Watching the word, waiting for  
deed,  
Watching the want, waiting for  
need,  
Watching and waiting, biding the  
time,  
Waiting and watching—for nothing  
to find.

May peace and love be yours, and may we all remember that if we don't have any charity in our hearts, then we are truly suffering from the worst kind of heart trouble.

#### NEUHUETTEN, GERMANY Jon Zeller

We rejoice in the love of God that abides with us in each of our gatherings, and reassures and strengthens us when we're apart. Many of us have done some traveling during the past few months, to several different countries and to a few of our churches. We have many greetings to all from our brethren in these congregations. Ron Little, from New York, has left us after completing his tour, and we wish him God's blessings and pray for his well-being. We also welcome another, Dave Hughes, from Phoenix. Dave has joined us after returning from a tour of duty in Viet Nam, and we look forward to his fellowship. Those with us now are: Roger and

Elaine Witzig, Bill and Bob Witzig, Ced Messner, Dan Roth, Doug Ellenberger, Dave Graf, John Aberle, Dennis Knapp, Dave Klopfenstein, Bob and Jeanie Shambach, Phil Baumgartner, Dale Young, Jake Bogner, David Hughes and Jon Zeller.

We welcome all who plan on visiting Europe to attend our services here and to share our fellowship.

#### IOWA CITY

**Diane Stoller — Beverly Mogler**

"Just as close as we want to be and as fervent as our prayers are . . . the Lord will be that close to us." This was the reminder given us by Bro. Walter Anliker, as he spoke to us at our Thursday evening service.

Lending himself to minister to our needs was Elder Bro. Noah Schrock.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie Anliker have been blessed with a new little daughter, Renee Elizabeth. She was welcomed home by her brother, Brian.

Another school year has come a close, with the following members of our group completing their courses of study. Bro. Andy Moser has accepted a position in Burlington. Sis. Joyce and her husband, Brad Eland will be leaving us, as Brad is entering the service . . . and Sis. Joan Mogler has found employment with one of the hospitals here. We will certainly miss the support they have given to our gatherings, but wish them God's blessings as they go forward.

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

**Willis R. Ehnle**

On May 30, the engagement to be married of Bro. Akito Inoue of our Tamahata church and Sis. Marie Neihouser of our Francesville church was announced, in all three of our churches in Japan. We wish Akito and Marie God's blessings and guidance in their life together. We pray that God will give them special grace and wisdom, so that their ministry in Japan can be fruitful and enduring.

Mrs. Ishikawa, who lives practically next door to our Shioda church, told my wife, Lois the other day, that our little boy, Tommy, talked with her about coming to church. He spoke to her in Japanese of course. She was interested in that Tommy was very plain

spoken, in saying that he knew she would like to come to church, but that the home situation prevented it. True it is that many things come in the way of serving the Lord, and I was recently impressed by reading a sermon by Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria, that even those of us who have been converted must be very careful to keep a good supply of oil in our lamps and not to bury our talents.

We are expecting our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach, along with Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, to visit us the last week of July and the first part of August. Bro. Noah Schrock had served the Japan churches for many years, and when he and Bro. Ben Maibach visited us last in the autumn of 1969, the oversight of the churches was turned over to Ben.

The Lord Jesus said, **A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth.** I feel extremely wealthy. I have my soul's salvation, health, a wonderful family, and food to feed the children three times a day. How could anyone be wealthier than that? How wealthy are you in the things that really count?

I saw Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki in Tokyo, and he is quite well. Many of you indicate that you appreciate reading his writings in the Silver Lining, and I try to encourage him to write. I have asked Bro. Akito Inoue to begin writing for the Tamahata Church. Both of these brothers write and speak English. Bro. Uchida is quite well, but I have been writing in his place for Shioda. We all send our love and greeting and wish you well as we approach the tribulation period. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

#### URBANA

**Theresa Hufford**

We were visited by many ministering brothers during Wed. and Sunday services. They were Bros. Aaron Steffen, Jim Leman, Merle Kaisner, Leroy Huber, Art Baurer, Chuck Hemmer, Noah Schrock, Joe Schrock, and Ed Bahler. We thank these brothers for bringing the message to us.

The engagement of Sis. Raylene Wagenbach of Princeville to Bro. Rick Zimmerman of Roanoke was

announced. Raylene is employed here, and Rick attends the university. May God bless them in their future together.

The annual church picnic was held at the Lake of the Woods. A singing was held at the home of Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier's afterward. It was a very enjoyable evening for all.

Several couples and young people turned out for the annual church house-cleaning. The help was greatly appreciated by those who took time out to come and help.

We united together to partake of Communion, which was given on April 26 in our small church. We extend our thanks to Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Joe Schrock for helping in this solemn occasion. "Then come into our midst today; impart Thyself to us, we pray. This cup and loaf are proof and sign of this, Thy covenant divine in Jesus blood."

#### ELGIN, IOWA

**Mrs. George Butikofer**

Our white spirea bushes are fairly bowed down with their loads of gorgeous blooms. They indeed present a lovely scene. In about the same area, the snow ball bushes too are doing their best to give us beauty. Springtime seems to give plants and trees almost a magic touch. We know of course that it is God our Creator who is the one who has planned and brought into being all we see in nature.

We enjoyed a pleasant week end when Elder Leo Moser from Lester visited us. Leo came especially to assist one elder, Paul Butikofer, in serving the congregation communion. The Lord's supper service always seems so very impressive, one in which the Saviour seems very near and precious.

After an illness which commenced about 3½ years ago, Sis. Marie Schmid was called to eternal rest, calmly and peacefully on the 25th day of May. We will miss her. She was always interested in people's spiritual welfare, and seemed to be very happy when she would learn of anyone who was turning to the Lord in faith. Mary Pulfer, her aunt, and Bro. Ed Pulfer, her uncle, had been making their home with Marie. Her mother and father passed away a number of years ago. They were Sis. Rose and Bro. John Schmid. Marie's funeral was held on the 28th

of May, with Bro. Paul officiating.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer (Bro. Gottlieb's wife) is feeling better and is now again in her own home. Sis. Marion Moore is assisting Bertha and Gottlieb with the homework.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Rose Steffen of Elgin, Ill. and also to her children; her husband, Bro. Ezra passed away. Elgin, Ia. is where Rose was born and lived until her marriage in 1922, when she and her husband moved to Elgin, Ill.

I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford.

### HONOLULU, HAWAII Bill and Sharon Dotterer

Our little group will be made smaller June 4 when Dick Dietz and Howard Rumbold return home, upon completion of their tour of active duty. Dick, from Bradford, and Howard, from Princeville, both came to Hawaii in Feb. 1970, and are both receiving early outs to farm this summer. We will certainly miss them, but are glad for them that they can return to their families and civilian life.

Dick and Bill felt fortunate to be able to take a trip to Japan. They very much appreciated being able to meet and fellowship with the Tokyo and Shioda congregations, as well as do a little sightseeing. It was enjoyable to renew old acquaintances made in the States, and make new ones among the members and friends in the Japanese churches. It was also extremely interesting to observe some of the more noticeable differences between the Japanese culture and our own. Dick and Bill wish to thank all of the Japanese members and friends for their love and hospitality. We would also pass along to others a request made by Bro. Willis Ehnle that we in America do not forget to mention the Japanese churches in our prayers.

We encourage any who are planning to come to Hawaii to get in touch with us. Our address is 1235 Ala Kapuna, Apt. 201, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819; our phone is 839-0965.

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN Mrs. Daryl Meyer

The coming of June marks the

end of another school year. Most of the students have gone home for the summer vacation, but a few have remained to attend summer school and work through the summer.

Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Heiniger have received their discharge from the service and have moved to Bloomington, Ind. where Ron will attend school. We will miss them greatly at our meetings, but wish them God's richest blessings in their future undertakings.

We again have reason to rejoice, as another friend, Galen Rokey, has given his life unto the Lord. Galen is the son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence Rokey of Bern. He will be a Junior at K-State in the fall. We wish him God's richest blessings in his new walk of life.

### LATTY

#### Delores Grant — Iva Stoller

Our visiting minister was Bro. Vernon Schwab of the Wolcott church. We thank him for his inspiring message.

We had quite a number in the hospital. Our friend, Carl Laukhuf, who was in for surgery, was home, but has been in again the past several weeks. He has improved enough to be able to return home. He has accepted the Lord. Our Ministering Bro. Merrill Laukhuf was admitted for back surgery. He is at home again and gaining strength each day. Madie (Gus) Laukhuf, Donna Laukhuf (daughter-in-law of Carl and Louise) and Sis. Ollie (Henry) Laukhuf were also admitted for surgery. They have all been able to be home again. Sis. Velda (Richard) Laukhuf plans to enter the Cleveland Clinic on June 28 for a checkup. Sis. Velda has undergone heart surgery several times.

On May 23 the engagement of Bro. Gary Grant son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Dolores, to Sis. Linda McKeon of the Bay City congregation was announced. They are planning to be married on Aug. 15. We wish them the blessing of the Lord.

Again we have had quite a number of graduates in our congregation. They are as follows: Keith Klopfenstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Marvin and Mary; Ruth Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin and Ellen; Christy Lanz, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Clara; John Laukhuf, son of

Bro. and Sis. Merrill and Dolly; LeAnn Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester and Vera; Douglas Laukhuf, son of Eli and Lola; Jeanette Stoller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Helen; Marlene Schlatter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Helen; Ricky Stoller, son of Ralph and Ruth; Rodney Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Delmar and Marguerite; and Edwin Wenninger, son of Bro. and Sis. Don and Josephine; Dean Laukhuf, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Velda, is graduating from the school of dentistry on June 11. Eva, Deans' wife is graduating the same day from the medical school. May all these dear ones of ours, who are graduating, be able to find their place in life. May the fulfillment of their dreams ever include our Lord.

### MAYWOOD

#### Elizabeth Kaisner

Look upon with special favor  
Those who ask of us, Oh Saviour,  
That for them our prayers may  
rise.  
To Thy mercy we commend them  
To each one such blessing send  
them  
As they need, for Thou art wise.

Our Sis. Betty Jeges had a leg removed because of infection. May God make all things bearable for her unto a blessed end.

The Maywood church assembled at Altadena in the afternoon of May 16, when the two churches took Communion together. May the ritual of serving and partaking of the Sacraments be a blessing unto us in its true purpose and meaning; they were served to us by our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger.

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee  
Through Thy blest sacrament,  
which we  
Partook, that joined in heart and  
hand  
To Zion's realm and holy land  
We journey on.

### TUCSON

#### The Tucson Sewing Circle

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." On May 9 our small congregation took Communion, with the assistance of Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix. Many rich bless-

ings were felt in this day throughout our little church, and we were so thankful to have many from Phoenix with us.

Announcing a change in time: Morning service 10:30; Sunday School and Afternoon Service 12:15; Thurs. evening service, 7:30.

With vacation time approaching, we find some of our loved ones leaving us for a short time.

If any of you have a relative living in or around Tucson, we would like their address sent to 5345 E. Douglas, Tucson Arizona 85711.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman became grandparents of two baby girls, one born to Bro. Allen and Sis. Lois Herman of Peoria, and the second born to Milo and Lori Jo (Herman) MacLachlin of Tucson. Bro. Jack and Sis. Esther Suttor have a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Suttor of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

We appreciated our visiting ministers, Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, Elder Bro. George Gramm of Gridley, and Bro. Richard Shupbach, Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Bro. Clarence Yackley, of Phoenix.

#### ATHENS Zelma Young

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God . . . Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" . . . It was a wonderful week-end. We had Bro. Bertsch here; he brought the wonderful word of God, something we all need as often as we can hear it. We also had a right nice group Wed. night, as Bro. John Norman brought the lesson.

The ones that were on sick list are all somewhat improved. We sure are having some beautiful weather, for which we are thankful.

#### WINTHROP

**Delores Messerli and Carol Messner**

"With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments." The Bible is a map to peace, happiness, and heaven. Follow it, and you will have a safe journey. Wander from it and you are in trouble.

Robert Messner was hospitalized

for knee surgery and is recovering at home. His son, Robert Jr., graduated from high school. We regret that we missed him in the list of other graduates.

Summer is the time for many families to take vacations. Let us not forget to honor the Sabbath, even though away from home.

Elder Bro. Gene Marti and family spent last Sunday at Winthrop. We thank him for his efforts and appreciate the pleasant surprise.

The Winthrop Bible class wants to extend a hearty **thank you** to the West Bend church, who hosted our Youth Fellowship gathering this year. May the Lord reward them for their efforts.

Life is too short, eternity too long for one to live as he pleases.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

The fields of wheat, which just a short time ago were green, are now a beautiful golden color, which tells us the harvest is almost here. Those around us are getting prepared to gather in the wheat when it is ripe. It reminds us of what the Bible tells us of the spiritual harvest, when God will gather His own to glory. May He help us to be prepared for that harvest!

God blessed us with a wonderful evening of fellowship at the church for our First-Sunday-of-the-month singing, May 2.

On May 5, Bro. George Miller was called from this life to his reward. May God grant those remaining loved ones His comfort in their time of sadness.

Several from our congregation gathered at the Kiowa Manor May 9 for singing and services. I'm sure they received a blessing.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder were both patients, but are now convalescing at Share Memorial in Alva.

Thought: Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!

#### EUREKA Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

" . . . be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

We were specially blessed with the visits of many ministering brothers. They were as follows: Bros. George Wagonbach, Princeville; Simon Wagonbach, Tremont;

Ed Franks and Merle Bucher, La-Crosse; Ed Hohulin and John Rocky, Goodfield; Harold Schmidgall, Gridley.

Those who are in the hospital or have returned home are the following loved ones: Sis. Tillie Wittmer was again a patient in the Proctor Hospital, after having surgery, but is now at her home. Sis. Della Anliker has been moved to the infirmary at the Maple Lawn Home, from the Proctor Hospital. Bro. Virgil Rocke was a patient in the Eureka Hospital several days, after being overcome with fumes while using some drain cleaner in a basement drain; he also sustained a broken ankle. Samuel Blunier Jr. received a broken arm, after the tractor he was driving upset. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Elizabeth Blunier. Carol Stoller is carrying her arm in a sling and has a cast, due to a broken arm. She is Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber's daughter. Sis. Mary Reuter is still a patient in Eureka Hospital.

Birth: John Eric, first child for Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Cottrell. He was born May 14.

Vacation Bible School begins June 7 for all grades, through the eighth.

#### Stepping Stones

Each step we take along life's way,  
Lead Thou us on, make straight  
the way.

Lest we should fall, hold Thou our  
hand  
And lead us to that glory land.

If from these steps we walk aside,  
Lead Thou us back unto Thy side.

Each stepping-stone a victory  
If we in faith hold fast to Thee.

Faith, hope and love may we  
possess  
To walk this path of righteousness.

Our faith and hope will pass away,  
But love remains eternally.

Oh blessed word—Eternity!  
If we our soul from sin keep free.

Then, with the saints gone on  
before  
We shall rejoice forevermore.

With countless hosts in endless  
light,  
We'll sing new songs in sheer  
delight.

Our songs of praise for e'er we'll  
sing,

Unto our God, our Saviour King.  
by Sis. Caroline Moser

**Schedule  
Bible Reading**

July 1, Psalms 54-61; July 2, 62-68; July 3, 69-73; July 4, 74-78; July 5, 79-85; July 6, 86-90; July 7, 91-99; July 8, 100-104; July 9, 105-107; July 10, 108-118; July 11, 119; July 12, 120-132; July 13, 133-141; July 14, 142-150; July 15, Proverbs 1-4; July 16, 5-8; July 17, 9-12; July 18, 13-16; July 19, 17-20; July 20, 21-24; July 21, 25-28; July 22, 29-31; July 23, Ecclesiastes 1-6; July 24, 7-12; July 25, Song of Solomon 1-8; July 26, Isaiah 1-3; July 27, 4-7; July 28, 8-10; July 29, 11-15; July 30, 16-21; July 31, 22-25.

**FT. WAYNE**

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

"Don't put off salvation too long"—In part words of beautiful and meaningful Hymns come to mind! "The Saviour is tenderly calling; the shades for you may be falling"—How often has this invitation been given to our dear friends from our pulpits . . . "While loved ones are earnestly praying, the angels in heaven are saying, Don't Put Off Salvation Too Long."—The names of beloved friends have often been murmured through prayer on bended knee.—And we were recently reminded of the "Two Ways For Man;" Either, the way to God or lost, ETERNALLY. . . . You may not be living tomorrow . . . At the end of the road you will meet God. Is **Your Name Written There**, on that page white and fair?

Though I must endure affliction,  
Yet I feel my Lord's affection.  
He is here my strength and life,  
And helps me in ev'ry strife.

Our hospital patients included: Steve Clemmer, medical, at Parkview Hospital; Sis. Velma Fulker-son, surgical, St. Joseph Hospital; and Dennis Stoller (Verlin), surgical, Parkview Hospital. All are now home and may they feel His presence and strength in their convalescence!

Address change for Leroy and Sandy Swihart: 3333 Washington Center Rd. Lot 145, (Anthony Estate Trailer Ct.,) Ft. Wayne, Ind 46808.

Rusti Ann Marks was born June 1. Her parents are Michael and Mary (Howitt) Marks, and she has a little brother, Chad, to welcome her home.

Our graduates include: Dan Pfister, Becky Pulfer, Christy Lanz, Rose Ella Stoller, and Diane Zigler. May the Heavenly Father be their guide in the days to come, as they seek places of employment or schools of higher learning.

While school is over for another year for most children, those in the Ft. Wayne Community School system are still having school this week before being dismissed for the summer. May the Heavenly Father watch over those precious ones He has given to us to care and provide for.

Bible School plans are being completed for the week of June 14-18, in the evening, to be climaxed with a picnic on Sat. afternoon, June 19.

**PEORIA**

**Emily Tanner**

**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr announced the engagement of their daughter, Dianne, to Howard Leman, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman of Eureka. We wish them God's blessings and much happiness for their future.

Ben Stickling Jr. and his wife Sharon have repented and are awaiting baptism. We are so happy for them and their family. Ben is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Louise Stickling of Peoria.

Our dear friend, Alf Altorfer expressed a desire to be baptized before he is called to depart from this life. He had repented long ago already, but had never been baptized. His physical health did not permit him to be submerged in baptism, so he was baptized by sprinkling. This was done at his home on Thurs. June 3. We are happy for him and his dear wife, Sis. Martha. We welcome Alf as our dear brother in faith.

Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy Stoller are the parents of a baby boy. Winston John, their first son, was born May 20. They have two daughters.

A dinner was sponsored, prepared and served by the Peoria Adult Choir for the Church Building Fund in Chicago, at the Fellowship Hall Sat. evening May 22. Bro. Len and Sis. Charlene Meyer were among other brethren from

various congregations who joined us for dinner and fellowship. A hymn enjoyed was the selections of hymns the choir sang.

Dedication and open house of the infirmary at the A. C. Home on Skyline Dr. was held May 23. In Nov. 1969 construction began on the 21-bed infirmary wing, which was completed recently. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith . . ."

Sis. Virginia Hoerr is home recuperating, after surgery. Sis. Frieda Neeser was hospitalized for a few days, after suffering a stroke, but is back in the infirmary . . . amazing how at her age, in the nineties, she has recovered. Another example how we must in patience wait on the Lord. She is such a dear person. Our friend, Ruth Yoder had the misfortune to break her hip. She was in the hospital, but is now recuperating at the infirmary in our church home. Our friend, Gertrude Mundel is in the hospital. Bro. Chris Sauder has been confined to his home for several weeks.

We thank Bros. Fredrick Knapp of the Dells church and Henry Grimm of Morton for their visit to our congregation and preaching God's holy word to us.

Our Sunday School pupils are looking forward to Vacation Bible School, which will start June 7 for two weeks; it is to be held in the evening.

Sis. Ella Eberhardt, 83, died May 4 at St. Francis Hospital. Ella was a Peoria resident for 50 years. Born in Tremont, she was a daughter of Louis and Sarah Winzeler Getz. She was married June 15, 1924 to Manassa Eberhardt. Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Paul (Anna) Hayes of Washington, Mrs. Harlan (Sis. Mazie) Thomas and Miss Lois Eberhardt, both of Peoria; three sisters, Sis. Lydia Schmied and Mrs. Sarah Howse of Peoria and Mrs. May Brandon of Twin Falls, Idaho; four brothers, Daniel of Hemmet, Calif., George of Griffith, Ind., Robert of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Louis Getz of Peoria. The family of Ella Eberhardt wishes to thank everyone for all the love and kindness shown during her illness and passing.

During the funeral services of Sis. Eberhardt, the telephone rang

and word came to Sis. Sophia Joerr (Mrs. Phil) that her brother died. Our sympathy is extended to her; this was her only brother. Another example of how quickly one can be called out of this life. Little did his wife think when he left home that morning, that would be the last time he'd be leaving. May we all make preparation so we'll be ready when He calls us Home!

### FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

We are thankful to visiting ministers, Bro. Robert Walder, Bro. Leroy Huber, Bro. Charles Hemmer, Bro. Ed Ringger, Bro. Sam Kilgus, Bro. Dan Koch, and Bro. Henry Grimm.

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Moser were blessed with a new baby boy, Scott Allen, born May 29. Other children are Marsha, Bonnie, Janice, Douglas and Kevin. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser, and Sis. Sadie Riggenbach of Latty. Bro. and Sis. Dan Meiss have a new grandson, as their son Curtis and his wife have a new baby, Kenneth Delaine.

Sis. Edith Huette and Sis. Joan Stoller each made the trip to Mayo Clinic, Joan having previously been hospitalized at Fairbury.

Dan Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. Dave Kaeb, left for the army, and is stationed with the Medical Division. Bro. Walt Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ben Steffen is home, having received his discharge from the army.

Ronnie Zehr has taken the Lord Jesus as His Saviour, and we praise the Lord for his faith and peace with God. He has been in the hospital in Chicago, but now is in the Fairbury Hospital, and is quite seriously ill.

Sis. Miriam Feldman wishes to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, letters, flowers, gifts, and prayers during her hospital stay. May God bless each one.

### PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

It is time to awaken, come, welcome the hours And gather their pleasures today. Let's start with the sunshine awaiting your smile, It will follow you all the way. Awaken, please do, the day is fast breaking, There are many things to be done Ere the evening of life

comes and closes the doors. Let's start with the rising sun.

After a rather cool, dry month, it has now warmed up. The corn and beans are growing nicely. Schools have been dismissed for the summer months, and graduation exercises have been held. The young teenagers entering high school look forward with anticipation as they feel they are "grown up." Those leaving the high school days behind, too, look forward to more learning, for some at least. Yet, I feel, they realize that now life is more serious and now that they are on their own they soon learn of the problems of life. The most important graduation is the one of graduating from the sinful ways of this world and walk in Christ's way. We are thankful that we have twelve young souls who have forsaken the way of the world and are looking forward to a time to give testimony of their new-found faith and be added to the fold.

We are pleased to have visitors and enjoyed blessed fellowship together. Each visitor is appreciated and each has a part in fellowship. Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont spent Mother's Day with us, and told of the patience of Hannah, who waited so long for a son, and promised God if she would be blessed with a son she would give him for the Lord's service. This boy, Samuel became a great prophet.

On a beautiful Sunday, May 9, the trees and shrubs unusually beautiful with bloom, the engagement of Bro. Jim Plattner, son of Ed and Sis. Mary Ann of Forrest, and Sis. Marlene Rumbold, daughter of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Lucille of Princeville was made known. They plan to be married Aug. 22. On May 16, the engagement of Bro. Rick Zimmerman, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen of Roanoke, and Sis. Raylene Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty of Princeville congregation was announced. A September wedding is planned.

It is always a pleasure to have Bro. Charles Hemmer and his family come back "home." His forceful, sincere teachings left us with many things to ponder. We are glad to have so many from the Bradford congregation assemble with us for mid-week services. Bros. Jim Ringger and LeRoy Ehle ministered to us, reminding us to deny ourselves of the pleasures

of this world and be willing each day to walk the narrow way. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha and Bros. Ezra Feller and Phil Sauder of Cissna Park. We here below are the lower lights, and the Lord is the higher light.

Our dear aged Bro. Will Huber suffered a heart attack and remains in the hospital for care. He is slowly recovering but must be patient, as he has been told he must be very careful. We know he finds comfort in talking to his God in prayer, and is encouraged when he receives cards from his friends and loved ones. His wife, Sis. Ida, is not forgotten as she remains at home and spends much time in bed as she cannot be about as we.

We are sorry that Phillip Elsasser had a heart attack and is in the hospital. We are glad to hear that he is recovering.

It only takes a simple card,  
No frills or lace upon it.  
It only takes some cheerful words,  
No sentimental sonnet.  
It only takes a deep concern  
To find just what to say.  
It only takes YOUR precious card  
To dry the tears away.

Crystal, three-year old daughter of Bro. Floran and Sis. Twylla Stoller Streitmatter, fell from a hammock and broke her collar bone. She is wearing a tight bandage, to hold it in place, and cheerfully goes about her play.

We are glad to have Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeane Seidel Metzger and son Trent back with us again. They have spent the past few months in Detroit, where Bro. Jim attended classes.

Early this morning, June 6, Howard Rumbold arrived at the home of his parents, Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl, coming from Honolulu, Hawaii, where he has been stationed. How thankful we are that another one was permitted to arrive home safely and glad too to see him in our midst for morning worship.

### WOLCOTT Arles Kropf

It was truly a joy to sit and listen to the testimony of childlike faith and trust brought to us by our dear friend, Pete Luthi, and after baptism to welcome him as our new brother in faith. The radi-

ance upon his face shows us the joy he now has within. Bros. George Yergler and Wendell Gudeman were with us for the occasion.

Our graduates this year were Yvonne Schwab, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene, Gale Klopfensten, son of Levi and Frances, both graduating from high school; and Vicki Waibel, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva, graduating from Porter College in Indianapolis. We wish them the Lord's blessing and guidance in whatever their vocations may be.

Brenda (Mrs. Roger) Kyburz is convalescing from surgery. Bradley Christopher, son of Wayne and Sis. Nancy had the misfortune of breaking an arm while playing.

A nice group gathered and gave our church building the annual housecleaning.

We extend our best wishes to Bro. Irvin Furrer and Sis. Shirley Anliker, where engagement was announced on May 30.

I would like to say thanks to all who remembered me with cards, gifts, visits, prayers, and good deeds during my illness. May God reward you all. Can certainly testify that the use of the recorder in our churches in taping sermons for shut-ins is indeed appreciated by those of us who could enjoy them at home. Arles Kropf.

Paul Pelsy has been dismissed from the hospital to the nursing home in Renssalaer.

#### REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

An author once said: A father and mother living together with their children, tender in their love, pure in their lives, strong in their convictions, simple and orderly in their habits, do infinitely more than presidents and governors, legislators and clergymen can do in making a strong nation."

#### To The Graduate

Be strong, O Youth, and strive as  
forth you go, To fight for  
truth,

Search out the plan thy God hath  
made for you

And know thy life will then be  
great and true.

"In all thy ways acknowledge  
him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Our graduates here are Bro. Tom Clauss (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene); Mark Bahler (Bro. Elmer

and Maryln), Roberta Clauss (Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred).

May each one look to the Lord for guidance in whatever they choose to do.

Bro. Elmer Witzig from Gridley was a visitor. Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, was with us on midweek services.

Sis. Ida Nussbaum had eye surgery and is home from the hospital and staying with her sister, Sis. Eunice Knochel, while recuperating.

Sis. Coleen (Mickey) Culp graduates from Purdue with an associate degree in Nursing and her sister, Sis. Sandra (Jim) Schwartz, graduates with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Both are daughters of Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred Clauss. Joyce Schieler (Bro. Herbert and Sis. Mary Jo) has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana State at Terre Haute. Her sister Jane is home for the summer. She has been out in Rockville, helping Sis. Nina Schieler in her store . . . wish them all the Lord's guidance and His richest blessings . . .

#### AKRON

Katherine Ries

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." We are thankful to have Sis. Elizabeth Barna, after being absent due to illness, assemble with us again. Bro. Stanley Francis is able to be slowly up and around at his home with the use of a walker.

**Blessed are those that mourn: for they will be comforted.** We extend our sympathy to Sis. Anna Von Gunten at the sudden passing of her daughter, Margaret Hart of Aurora, Colorado.

Elder Bro. John Bahler, Ministering Bros. Merril Laukauf, Joe Ramsier, Robert Walder, Verdon Feldman and Gary Maibach all served us at different times. We are grateful for their visit and for the inspired messages they brought us of the word of God.

On May 6, Paul Ritzman (son of Sis. Marie and late Bro. Forrest) and Pamela Riley were united in marriage. They are making their home at 6303 Kungle Rd., Clinton Ohio 44216.

#### The Golden Years Give Counsel

As a brother of the Apostolic Christian Church for over 40 years, Bro. Elmer Graf Sr. relates some

of his experiences during that time: My wife and I both came from believing parents, and we were taught early the path we should travel, yet we delayed seeking salvation. Then a year-old child became ill, and as we feared we would lose him, we turned to the LORD in deep repentance. In due time he gave us peace and we were baptized. After baptism, a sister who had recently been converted along with her husband, said to us, Now that you both have turned to the Lord, all things will go well with you. For a time this was so.

Then the trying of our faith began. After most of our children were born, the time came that is known as the depression of the 1930's. There was little work and not much income. Had it not been for help and comfort given by parents, brothers, sisters, and others, we would indeed have lacked the necessities of life. My wife's health was failing, and after almost twenty years of life together, God called her home to rest.

This was the hardest trial of faith that I had yet endured. However, God heard and answered prayer and provided me a helpmate and second mother for the children. Now, at this time, our children are all gone from home, and we are fortunate to have each other in our golden years. Much praise and many thanks to Him above!

In the darkest hours of my life, God was coming to my aid in supplying all my needs for soul and body. In looking back, it seems to me that in every generation, God uses just such weak and fallible human beings as I have been, in working his will on earth. Whether young or old in faith, whether our years yet to live be few or many, may we strive day by day to serve Him with more zeal, so that we can enter into those heavenly mansions above.

#### PORTLAND

Judith Knecht

We have much concern for our dear Sis. Rose Miller, as she has been ill and hospitalized. Our dear Sis. Clara Kaufman, who had been an invalid for many years, has passed away. She leaves one son, John Kaufman, and four daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Simons, Silverton; Mrs. Shirley Eggeman, Portland; Mrs. Delores Bertsch, Albany; Mrs.

Janice Montayo, Salem. We will miss Clara, as she was a light to us.

We were saddened to hear of the passing away of a dear brother, Ezra Steffen. We learned to know him well, as he spent considerable time with his family in Portland. Our sympathy goes to the family.

### A Father's Hands

A father's hands are gentle;  
A father's hands are strong,  
Guiding, helping, teaching,  
Showing right from wrong.

The protection of a Father's hands,  
And the Love that's in their touch,  
Give the feeling of security  
A child needs so much—

And although they may be rough  
from toil,  
A child still understands  
How much of life's true beauty  
Comes from a father's hands.

### ALTO Loretta Steffen

Psalm 27 has an especially beautiful closing each of us needs to remember, in this speeding environment in which we live. "Wait on the LORD: he of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

Our elder, Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City spent the first Sunday of May with us. We thank them for their efforts, and we thank the Lord for the kind and loving words of life.

Bro. Joe likened our church body to a caravan. Each member a person in the caravan. As we know, a caravan was the only means of travel centuries ago. The driver knew his route and was mindful of each one who accompanied the caravan. They took count periodically to make sure no passengers were missing, and waited patiently until each one was ready to proceed. Within the body of the caravan was safety against hungry, wild animals and especially robbers and kidnappers. When anyone would separate himself, he was in danger of many perils, because he had not the strength and support of the rest.

Joe thus likened this to our spiritual lives. The driver is Jesus, who knows the route to the promised land. He is mindful and considerate of each person who has committed himself to this caravan of faith.

Those that help with the oversight of the caravan are the elders, and we the members.

Each of us should try to help our fellow travelers. If any would separate from us, we should encourage their return to the caravan bound for heaven. If there is strife, envy, grudges, we must resolve our differences or there will be division within the caravan, and we will lose strength.

We have four graduates. Gary Blough, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Margurite, Bonnie Oesch, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva, and Kathy and Tim Steffen, daughter and son of Sis. Helen Steffen. Congratulations! Here you stand on the threshold of life. Suppose there were two gifts set before you. One was very light, but wrapped so charmingly that it filled you with delight; in contrast the other was heavy, but wrapped in brown paper. Which would you choose? Perhaps we should give you a clue. The first gift when opened was merely an empty box; the signature read, with love from the world. The other was the Bible; it was signed, Let's share this life and eternity together; all love and grace bestowed to you . . . From Jesus. Which gift, my dear child, will you choose?

Here are a few golden thoughts to share. I like to think of golden thoughts as being words of truth spoken.

To fight depression, put a song on your mind in the morning and keep it there all day long. Speak of your trials and experiences and the Lord's faithfulness. You never know when the words spoken will be a balm of healing to someone's weary body and soul. The Lord doesn't bring trials upon us; He allows them to come to make us realize that He is supreme and all powerful, that we might place our goals on things eternal and realize the outcome is in His hands.

### BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed . . ." This is our graduation message to Emmy Streitmatter (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther), Sisters Sue Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma), Marsha Knobloch (Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys), Kathy Knobloch (Bro.

Bob and Sis. Marvel), and Bonnie Kieser (Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille), Keith Endress (Sis. Lois), Bill Ringger (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola), Terry Stisser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie), and Norman Guingrich (Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris). They have all graduated from high school. Gary Endress (Sis. Lois) and Sis. Netta Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma) are our college graduates. Sis. Netta will be teaching elementary students near Cissna Park.

We welcome two new brides to our congregation — Dick Tanner and Marilyn Wiegand, and Bro. Dave Knobloch and Sis. Judy Klopfenstein were married Memorial Day week-end.

We have been led upon green pastures often this past month. Ministering brothers Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit; Art Gudeman, LeCrosse, and Clifford Grimm, West Bend, spent Sundays with us. One of the brothers left us with a new thought. He pointed out that every time we neglect a good thing or do something guilty to our conscience, we have missed out on a blessing . . . so along with counting our blessings, perhaps we should count the blessings we have missed.

We enjoyed an especially blessed Sunday when Elder Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville visited us. He and our elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold, and Bro. Dave Kieser served Holy Communion to our congregation.

Misfortune has paid a visit. Little Barry Dietz was playing in the yard and was hit in the eye with a rod, causing him to lose his eye. His parents are Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell Dietz. Valerie Metz, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam, suffered a broken arm when she fell from a swing. Bro. Randy Ehnle (Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey) has been ill at home for sometime.

**Thank-you Note:** "I wish to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and visits, and the visits of ministers while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home." Mrs. Levi Koelling.

Friend Mary is back on her feet again and busy as ever.

### CONGERVILLE

#### Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

As our college and high school graduates start out on their own ways, may the Lord be with them, and lead and guide them. Some will

be close to their home and church and some will be a great distance. May it be that each one of them through the love and guidance of the Lord find it a great need and desire to assemble in one of our churches each Sunday.

Our College graduates are—Lonnie Steffen (Bro. J. E. and Sis. Mary Steffen) from Northern Illinois University. Bro. Roger Miller (Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty) from Rolla Mo. Bro. Jack Miller (Bro. Walt and Sis. Erma) from Illinois State University. Bro. Ken Schrock (Bro. J. B. and Sis. Esther) from Illinois State University.

Our high school graduates are: Sue Miller (Art and Lena Miller), Jane Grieder (Paul and Fern Grieder), Donna Knapp (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette), Barbara Miller (Bro. Jake and Sis. Merion), Stan Knapp (Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice), Ben Zimmerman (Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula).

Sis. Mary Lou Ott was hospitalized and had surgery. May the Lord be with her.

Sis. Ida Nussbaum is home, after having major surgery, with her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline Roth. The Lord has been so kind to her and gave her the strength to assemble again with us. Every one was so happy to see her.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Don Schrock and Sis. Lorna at the passing away of Lorna's father, Bro. Ezra Steffen of Elgin.

Our visiting ministers: Bro. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Bro. Josh Broquard (Fairbury).

#### ELGIN ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss**

"How shall it be, when we in  
close relation  
With holy saints the streets of  
heaven tread;  
Where trees of life, fresh as in  
first creation,  
By waters from the stream of life  
are fed?  
Where fountains of eternal youth  
shall flourish.  
The hand of time no more shall  
work decay.  
No eyes shall close in death, no  
more souls perish;  
Pain, sorrow and distress have  
passed away!"

This was sung at the funeral of Bro. Ezra Steffen who so suddenly passed away, being taken ill during the night after having attended Bible Class. Bros. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Theo. Beer of Milford conducted the services, which were attended by many from far and near. Ezra was 72 years old, and seemed to be in good health, so we are again reminded of the uncertainty of life. May God be a comfort and consolation to the bereft family, especially Sis. Rose in the lonely hours ahead.

Sis. Alma (Arthur) Schmidt is back at home, after some time in the hospital for surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and that she will be able to again assemble with us soon.

Bro. Fred Wahl has completed his term in the Service and is back home and in our church circle. We thank God for each one who comes home and can again enjoy their home and loved ones.

We had announcement of the engagement of Sis. Donna Sherman and Bro. Duane Schambach. We wish them God's blessings for this important step in life.

We had a prayer and sang a farewell hymn after our Wed. evening services for Bro. Jim and Sis. Kathy Dietrich, who have left to make their home in Silverton, Ore. Their parents and the rest of the family, Bro. Gus and Carole, will be leaving us soon to join them there. We will miss them, but wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Gary Maibach, Willis Wiegand, Merle Kaisner and Dale Eisenman. We received many timely messages, on Mother's Day tributes to the mothers, and teachings in accents clear and plain, proclaiming the glorious gospel of the King. May God continue to provide messengers on the walls of Zion. We are grateful to them for their efforts.

Birth: A daughter to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kay Cargill on June 3, and they have named her Rachel Lynn. Their address is 944 Marlene, Elgin Ill. 60120.

#### FORT SCOTT Ida Sinn

Bro. William Funk was in our midst on May 24 and brought us an inspiring gospel message.

Sis. Ruby Sinn and Bro. Gerald

Grimm were united in marriage on May 30. After a honeymoon in Florida, they will be at home on the farm near Morrill, Kansas. May God's blessing be upon this union.

Misfortune seems to be the lot of Janet Kraft. She had just returned to school after recuperating from foot surgery, when she fell and broke her arm.

Bro. and Sis. Tom and Nancy Sinn have moved to Peoria. Their moving certainly leaves a void in our small congregation. May God bless them in their new home.

Rebecca Sinn has joined her brother and sister in seeking the Lord. These three seeking souls are the children of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn.

We are having Bible School this week. We are so thankful that we still have brothers and sisters who yet take the time to teach the children about God and His goodness.

#### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

On Father's Day, we like to give our dads a little special love and recognition for the countless things they do in our behalf, and as we look into the hearts of Christian fathers, I believe that most of them would say:

I may never be as clever as my  
neighbor down the street;  
I may never be as wealthy as some  
other men I meet.  
I may never have the glory that  
some other men have had,  
But I've got to be successful as  
a little fellow's dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish  
that I'd like to see come true;  
There are things I would accomplish  
ere my working time is through,  
But the task my heart is set on  
is to guide a little lad,  
And to make myself successful as  
that little fellow's dad.

I may never get earth's glory: I  
may never gather gold;  
Men may count me as a failure  
when my business life is told:  
But if he who follows after is a  
Christian, I'll be glad—  
For I'll know I've been successful  
as a little fellow's dad.

Sis. Peg Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna was married to Bro. Jaye Rinkenberger, son of

Bro. and Sis. Joe and Irene of Cissna Park on May 16. They are making their home in Paxton, Ill., where Jaye is employed with the Power Co. Friend Marilyn Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen was married to Richard Tanner, son of Bro. and Sis. John Tanner of Bradford, on May 29. They will be at home near Bradford, where Richard helps his dad with the apple orchards. Sis. Eloise Meece was married to Bro. Ernie Diggelman on June 4. They will reside at 1301 W. Chestnut in Bloomington.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nohl on May 24. They have named her Amy Sue. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Pearl Nohl of R. R. Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Robertson of Galesburg. A baby boy, Robert Duane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rokey, R. R. Eureka on May 28. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey of Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Adolph Tanner of R. R. Deer Creek.

Sis. Clara Zobrist fell and fractured her left wrist, which is now in a cast. However, she is **not** bed-ridden, for which she is very grateful. Our dear friend, Lois Hohulin, wife of Bro. Eli is in the hospital recovering from major surgery. Her address is: Room 469, Methodist Hosp., Peoria, Ill. 61603. Sis. Mary Ellen Wiegand (wife of Bro. Simon) has also been hospitalized with an ailing back.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Edw. Alt and Ezra Feller from Cissna Park, Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton, Bro. Harry Bucher from Valparaiso, Bro. Andy Virkler from Bay City, Bro. Marvin Schmidal from Eureka, and Bro. Gene Metzger from Lester. We thank them for their messages.

We recently voted for three new Sunday School teachers and one new trustee. The new Sunday School teachers are Bros. Mike Meece, Larry Bauman, and Bill Hart. Our new trustee is Bro. Wilbur Heinold.

#### GRIDLEY

**Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young**

We have been blessed with visiting ministers who willingly shared the meditations of God's holy word. Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman spent a Sunday evening with us (also the Lamont congregation). Bro. Earl Gerber spent a

Sunday with us. The Lamont congregation assembled with us in the afternoon (also Bro. Al Langhoffer). Other visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, Bro. Roy Wernli, and Bro. Sam Huber. We appreciated each message—many thanks—may the Good Lord reward them richly.

**Weddings—Karesa Bahr and Dennis Belsha.** They will live in Emporia, where Dennis is employed at Iowa Beef. Karesa will attend summer school. She is the daughter of Arnold and Helen—Sis. Emma Bahr is her step-grandmother.

**Marsh Beyer and Henry Hoelting.** They are living in Emporia, where Henry is employed at Didde Glaser as electrician. Marsha is the daughter of Vernon and Rosemarie. Bro. Frank and Sis. Elizabeth Beyer are grandparents. We wish both couples a happy marriage with God's blessings.

**Births—Tammy Jo,** the new daughter of Dale and Janiece Isch. This is their first child. Grandparents are Junior and Sis. Wilma Young and Bro. Floyd Isch. Sis. Emma Wernli is the great-grandmother. Teresa Ann is the first girl born to Sherry and Bill Ellis. Two brothers, Ronnie and Denny welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young and Dorothy Ellis. Bro. Andy and Sis. Lydia Young are great-grandparents to both babies.

Ralph Rodgers graduated from KSTC. He is operating a gas station in Emporia. His parents are Robert and Mildred Rodgers. Bro. Jake Beyer is his grandfather.

High school graduates are: Julie Strahm, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Lisiteen; James Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine; Mary Bahr, daughter of Sylvan and Helen, granddaughter of Sis. Lydia Bahr. Eighth grade graduates are: Jeff Bahr, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen. Roselle Beyer, daughter of Vernon and Rosemarie.

Junior Young (Sis. Wilma's husband) is in the hospital with blood poisoning, due to an injury on his hand six weeks ago. It had been treated, healed over—now this.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Sarah Beyer in the passing of Sis. Elizabeth Wenger, her sister. After spending 6 months in California caring for Elizabeth, Sarah returned to Gridley; a week later, Elizabeth was called from this life.

#### LA CROSSE

**Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest**

"And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." We were truly blessed and renewed in spirit when we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. It is truly uplifting to the whole congregation when we can enjoy this blessed sacrament, which was served so faithfully by Bro. Geo. and Bro. Ed. During the prayer after the service, Bro. Art Gudeman thanked God for His many blessings and also for the rain which began to fall upon the thirsty ground during the services. All blessings, both spiritual and earthly, come from our Heavenly Father, and may we never cease to thank Him for His goodness.

We were so glad to have Bro. Art Gudeman back in our midst, after being hospitalized with a badly infected leg. Fortunately the infection was caught in time, and with proper medication he is feeling fine again.

It has been a real blessing to have two of our young brothers return to us after spending their term in service. Bro. Glenn Heinold returned from Viet Nam, and is engaged in farming along with his brother, Eugene and their father Aaron. Bro. Roger Hitz returned from Korea, and is getting settled in a new job in sales. We thank God for His protection and that He has brought our loved ones home safely.

Roger has a brother, Allen Hitz, who is stationed in Viet Nam. He spent some time in Hawaii on R & R. His wife, Midge, met him there. Midge is awaiting the end of his tour of duty along with their two young sons. Dwight Nuest, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann, has just begun his service to the armed forces and is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

We give our congratulations to our high school graduates, Sis. Barb Frank, Faye Troxel, Ann Heinold, Daryl and Darick Stewart. May God ever direct their paths.

#### MINNEAPOLIS

**Alma and Gus Baum**

Bros. Gene Metzger, Lester, and Alpha Moser, Morris, were our guest ministers. Our thanks to them for their untiring efforts and interest in our little group.

. . . Were driving to church through heavy rainfall one Sunday morning. On expressway outskirting the cities, we noted a pair of ducks enjoying the puddles on a flat roof alongside of us, taking advantage of this source of water . . . couldn't help but feel we can learn from the birds. How equally important for children of God, not to miss the smallest opportunity to help someone less fortunate, being ever willing to serve our Maker. There are numberless ways, and we know not how long this privilege will be ours. A lesson, too, to note as we observe the nesting birds, their careful choosing of materials. It isn't every straw or twig they choose, and even with their scrupulous selection, we see they gather some they cannot use, either it is too large or bulky, not fitting into their pattern, and is discarded. How much the same a Christian finds this to be true in his walk of life. One needs to prove each day every undertaking, that we are found worthy of this precious gift of **GRACE**.

William Rinkenberger of Foston Minn. passed away unexpectedly Sun., April 4 at his home, at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 11 days. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Rose (Wenger) and nine children. He is survived by three brothers: Simon of Escanaba Mich.; Albert of Hancock; and Ben of Forrest; and one sister, Anna Clark of Karlstad Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents, Abraham and Lydia (Zimmerman) Rinkenberger; two sisters, Kate and Lena; and one brother, Gideon. In behalf of the Minneapolis congregation, we express sympathy to the family.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe Church on May 16.

Walter Emch has not been very good for some time again.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Timmis (Lizzie Hassig) of Wheeling spent Sunday, May 30 at the Limestone Cemetery and visited with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich attended services at the Monroe Church on May 30. Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., vis-

ited with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey.

Mrs. Fankhouser of Charleston, W. Va., mother-in-law of Naomi Witschey Fankhouser, passed away and was laid to rest on June 6.

Funeral services of Mrs. Amanda Haudenschilt were on May 26. She was the mother of Mrs. Arthur Hafely.

Harry Mullett has been able to return home from a hospital in Wheeling, W. Va., and is improving slowly.

Mrs. Wanda Witschey Estep underwent surgery in the local hospital on June 6 and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with the Barth families here on May 26.

Gus Weltz has not been well for some time, and while confined to his home he is able to get around and enjoys the warm sunshine, and on good days can be seen sitting in the yard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Jr. of Charleston, W. Va., visited with his parents and grandparents over the Memorial Day week-end.

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY Emily Heinold — Linda Laidig

How can I be lonely when I've  
Jesus only, to be my companion  
and unfailing guide?  
How can I be weary or my path  
seem dreary, when He's walking  
by my side?

Reminders of God's love and help were brought to us on May 12, when Bro. Edwin Ringger was with us . . . as he mentioned, we will find it hard to be sad if we really appreciate all that God has done for us.

On the 16th we were privileged to have Bro. Carl Kipfer minister unto us. We also enjoyed the fellowship of several visitors, including students from the University of Ill. This was also the last time Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanne Stoller gathered with us before leaving Purdue for Pasadena, California. We want to thank them for all they've done while they were here in helping to organize and support the services.

Bro. Elmer Hartter brought us the word on May 26, at our last meeting for this school year. We were reminded to use the talents God has given and to serve Him faithfully. At the close of our

meeting new officers were elected. Bros. Bill Baumgartner and Mike Rinkenberger were chosen as president & vice president respectively. Sis. Marcia Troxel as Sec.-treasurer and Silver Lining reporters are Sisters Lois Kipfer and Norma Schini.

We extend best wishes and congratulations to Sisters Coleen Culp and Sandy Schwartz, Lyle Kaehr and Bro. Alan Ringger, upon their graduation from Purdue. May God be with you wherever you may go and in your future employment.

#### RITTMAN

#### Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

We wish to thank Bro. Robert Meyer and Bro. Perry Zimmerman, who brought us the beautiful word of God, and for many rich blessings we received from their message.

We are saddened when one of our dear ones is taken so quickly, but we must say, "Not our will but Thy will be done." Bro. William Gasser has gone to be with the Lord. We shall miss this loved one, as will his dear family. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Doris and children, Gail, Rand, Patty, Mike and Mark; his parents, Bro. Carl and Sis. Frieda Gasser, Girard, and one sister, Evelyn Howley, Phoenix.

We are thankful that our dear friends Brenda Saurer and Bill and Norma Saylor have surrendered their hearts to the Lord. We pray they will receive many blessings as they walk this pathway of the Lord, and that they may have the peace of God in their hearts.

After spending a few weeks in a Chicago hospital, Elmer (Tug) Maibach is now back home. Sis. Carolyn Gasser has been back to church again since her illness. Sis. Nina Gasser had surgery and is feeling better again. We wish to thank the Lord for his healing power, both for body and soul.

Bro. Vincent and Sis. Jane Hartzler are the parents of a new little girl. She has been named Marsha Elizabeth, and has two brothers and one sister to welcome her home. Little Mary Lynn Beery was made welcome at her home, too; parents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Carol Beery. A brother and sister are glad for little Marsha. Joe and Sis. Karen Riggerbach are first-time parents with the arrival of Lisa Joe. We pray the Lord

will bless these families with their bundles of joy.

Bro. Marvin Dotterer has been assigned to finish his service in Germany. He is home for a few days, before leaving for his duty overseas. We pray the Lord will protect him further on as in the past.

We wish to welcome Sis. Kay Nieman from Princeville to our Rittman congregation. She is the former Sis. Kay Endress and is now the wife of Bro. Denny Nieman.

The engagement of Karen Baisden and Steve Ramsier has been made known. Steve is the son of Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldine Ramsier.

We have quite a few young people graduating this spring. As they leave this training period of twelve years and go out into the world, we hope they take with them a Friend, this Friend being Jesus, the Lord. If you have him at your side, life will be so much easier and happier.

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**ROANOKE**  
**Norene Herbst**  
**Marilyn Weyeneth**

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evelyn Hangartner are the parents of a son, Paul Edward, born May 10. Other children are Annette, 11; Kay, 10; Jeanie, 9; John, 7; Karen, 5. Bro. and Sis. Ed Suttor, Eureka, and Sis. Florence Hangartner are grandparents. Ruth Marie, daughter of Ronald and Diane Aeschleman, was born May 14. She has two brothers, Ronald 5 and Matthew 3. Grandparents are Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia Aeschleman and Lewis and Ruth Martin.

The engagement of Bro. Rick Zimmerman and Sis. Raylene Wagenbach of Toulon was announced May 16. Their parents are Bro. Richard A. and Sis. Helen Zimmerman and Bro. and Sis. Ray Wagenbach. Sis. Susan Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Zimmerman, was announced to Bro. Mike Aberle June 6. Mike's parents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Vera Aberle of Tremont.

Sunday School teachers chosen to serve are Bros. James Hodel, Merlyn Getz, Robert Hohulin, William Klaus and Sis. Connie Fehr.

Our Summer Vacation Bible School began June 7 for the younger children, and evening classes

started June 14 for the Junior high and high school age groups.

Sis. Mollie Beer is making her home at Roanoke Manor Nursing Home in Roanoke.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Margaret Fehr and their family have moved to Roanoke from the Forrest area. Their son, Leonard J., 7, submitted to emergency surgery at Proctor Hospital June 6. Bro. Ben H. Martin is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Robert and Hannah Bachofner from Schlerien, Switzerland, visited friends and relatives here.

Doug Fehr, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Madelyn Fehr, is home on furlough, prior to being sent to Viet Nam.

The Bible Class students and teachers from Bluffton were guests of our Bible Class the week end of June 5 and 6.

Bro. Al Scheitlin of the Elgin congregation was our guest minister June 30.

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**SABETHA**  
**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Our communities of Sabetha and Bern were saddened by the touch of the death angel. Two funeral services were held at the Bern church yesterday, June 6. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. for Julius Strahm, and at 2:00 for Jake Streit. Funeral services will be held at Sabetha at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, June 8, for Sis. Elizabeth Wenger of LaMesa, California. She was formerly from Sabetha.

The engagement of Miss Cornelia Maurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Maurer of Neuhutten, Germany to John Aberle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle of Sabetha, has been announced. John is serving with the US Army in Wurzburg, Germany. A late summer wedding is planned, after which the couple will return to the Sabetha area.

Sis. Ruby Sinn of Ft. Scott and Bro. Gerald Grimm of Sabetha were united in marriage on May 30 by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. They will be at home near Morrill, Kansas. We welcome Ruby to our congregation. May the Lord richly bless them as they begin their life together, in His service.

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**SARDIS**  
**Doris Miller**

We have been blessed with many visitors. Among them were Bros.

Rudolph Graf and Paul Gasser, Akron; Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Robert Stoll, Girard. They all brought inspiring messages to us from the Lord.

It has been decided that we should have our weekly song service on Wed. night at the church, beginning at seven o'clock. We welcome anyone who may be traveling through this area to worship with us either on Wed. night or Sunday. If possible, notify Bro. Delbert Indermuhle (Sardis, Ohio Phone 614-483-1724) of your plans, so overnight accommodations can be made. A much greater blessing is derived if a night can be spent at the home of loved ones.

Friends Tom Rigggenbach and Mary Dye have been united in marriage. Tom's grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Rigggenbach.

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**ALTADENA**  
**Freda and Rhoda Minger**

Anew, Lord, we are bound to Thee  
Through thy blest sacrament,  
which we

Partook, that joined in heart and  
hand,  
To Zion's realm and holy land . . .  
We journey on.

Sunday, May 16, the Maywood congregation joined us in one mind and thought, and in quietness many partook of the Lord's Supper. This is a command by our Saviour, before he died on the cross and His blood was shed for all, so may we strive anew to obey His teaching.

Our friend, LaVonne Kinsinger, daughter of Sis. Margaret and Bro. Carl, became the bride of Terry McCarthy on May 17. We extend our best wishes, and may the love of God dwell in their hearts and home.

Bro. Dick Stoller and family have moved to our area, and we welcome them in our midst. Their new home address is 1110 Lavender Lane, LaCanada, California.

A little girl arrived to Barbara and Edward Carrera, and they have named her Darlene June.

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**TOLEDO**  
**Diane Reineck**

As we honor our war dead, may we all pray for renewed effort for peace. The family of Bro. Herb Ramseyer visited us May 22-23. We especially enjoyed the messages Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City, brought to us.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach visited us for a Thursday mid-week service. We appreciate his efforts on our behalf.

Bro. Walter Rehklaue has spent some time in the hospital for tests and rest. He is often in our thoughts.

### BERN

#### Esther and Stella Moser

Bros. Carl Feucht, (Lester) and Carl Hartman, Sabetha, were our guest ministers on a Sunday afternoon. Thanks brothers. Come again.

Keith Meyer (Sis. Pearl), Ft. Bragg, has 30 days to spend with family and friends.

Hospital patients are Sis. Rose Ulmer with a heart condition, also friend Ernest Gerber. Sis. Leah Bauman was hospitalized, however is home again. Sis. Leah and Ernest live across the street from each other in Oneida. Both are 91 years of age, able to live alone and care for themselves.

On June 6 we had two funerals. At 10 a.m., our ministers held services for Friend Julius Strahm, 71. Julius was one of 15 children of the late W. C. and Amelia Leuthold Strahm. Four sisters and seven brothers survive. In the afternoon, Bros. Carl Hartman and Lester Hartter held services for Jacob Streit, who died in Wichita June 2. He was a son of Jacob and Salome Meyer Streit. Surviving are his wife, a son and daughter, four step-children, three sisters and four brothers. Bro. Lester said how we still have dread diseases as in Bible times, as one died of cancer, the other a heart attack. However, the main thing is to be ready when the Lord calls.

Our sympathy is extended to all concerned, especially to Bro. Emil Strahm and Sis. Pearl Streit Meyer of our congregation.

Note to Bern congregation: July is the month for the annual Silver Lining collection. Please hand your donations to your reporters. The suggested price is \$2.00.

### VALPARAISO

#### Alma Morris

We were pleasantly surprised when a group of Sunday School children from Gridley Ill. came and spent the day with us. They were accompanied by the Will Gramms and the Bert Funks.

Jeannie Morris was married and

is now making her home in Free-  
donia, New York. We wish them  
God's richest blessing.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA

#### Verna Woodward — Edna Pohl

We extend best wishes and ask for God's richest blessings upon newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ebert. Diane Kay, daughter of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Verna Woodward, Burlington, and Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ebert, also of Burlington, were united in marriage by Bro. Harvey Heiniger, May 29. After June 28 they will reside near Rolling Meadows, Ill., where Tom will be employed by Western Electric Co.

We were richly blessed Sunday evening, May 30, as Bro. Noah Schrock assisted by Bro. Harvey Heiniger served the Lord's Supper to us. How much we need to be renewed in our faith from time to time!

We are sorry to report that Sis. Mildred Stichling is leaving our community. She plans to make Tuscon her new home. We shall miss her. Her son Mike is planning to go with her.

Bro. Uriel Gehring and Bro. Paul Wagler are both hospital patients.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

#### Carol Virkler

#### Mrs. David Schamback

The following young people graduating from various colleges are: Bro. Peter Beyer, son of Sis. Nina Beyer; John Hirschey, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey; David Lee Schamback, son of Dave and Sis. Lois Schamback (Lee has accepted a position with Wieland Davco Company and will be residing at Kawkawlin, Michigan in the near future); Samuel Hirschey, son of Vincent and Florence Hirschey; Lynn Virkler, son of Bro. Howard and Pernal Virkler.

Sis. Lucy Hany has again been hospitalized for surgery.

We have resumed our midweek services on Wed. evenings at 7:30 and hope many visitors will find it worthwhile to worship with us if they are traveling through our vicinity. We surely need the fellowship of all of you from other congregations, as it is **this God-given-unsurpassed fellowship** which strengthens our faith to go onward

and forward to that upper and better goal.

### WEST BEND

#### Mrs. Melvin Fehr

#### Mrs. A. Banwart

"Have you made any progress the past month, year, spiritually?" This food for thought was brought to us by Elder Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka. Each month, more or less we take a few moments at least to see if we've made any material progress, so why not at least as often have an examination of ourselves, to see if we've made any progress spiritually, if we're at a standstill or even of there's been a backward step. We must press forward in this Life's Most Important work.

"Follow me, the Saviour calleth. Come to me; I am the way." This invitation was spoken unto us by Elder Bro. Eugene Marti, from Sabetha, as he expressed—All things are possible with God. We thank our visiting ministers for lending themselves in God's service, and pray the words have landed on fertile soil.

Hospital patients included Sis. Betty (Rich) Schmidt and Sis. Lucille (Dwayne) Schmidt, who are both home and feeling better, but Sis. Katie (Frank) Dogotch remains hospitalized, after suffering a broken shoulder, resulting from a fall (she is now improving daily). Sis. Nima Fehr is a medical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fehr are first time parents of a son, Darren Michael, born May 15.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Evie (Gene) Bruellman (of our congregation) and her family in the loss of her father, Aaron Eggli, of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is survived by 11 children. Bro. Earl Banwart, from our congregation, flew to Utah to conduct the services.

### BLUFFTON

#### Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

On Sunday, June 6, the wedding of Sis. Catherine Isch and Bro. Keith Steffen of Fairbury brought many visitors together with us to witness this holy event. Ministering brethren were Walter Anliker of Eureka, Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, Edmund Kloter of Fairbury, and Ben Fehr of Roanoke. We thank each one for coming. Even though it was a hot and

stormy day, the fellowship is always a great blessing. As Bro. Aeschliman stated in the marriage ceremony, we need some clouds and rain along with sunshine, in order that His will may be done in our lives. We wish this union of hearts many rich blessings wherever they will abide. Parents of Bro. Keith are Bro. Emanuel & Sis. Lucille Steffen, and Sis. Cathy's parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Clarice Isch.

Three dear souls have been announced for coming provings, and we are so thankful for a few others who are repenting. We feel the Lord is still tarrying a while longer for such friends of the truth to come and be accepted of the Lord. Those announced are Rose and Laura Moser, daughters of Bro. Glen and Sis. Dina Fae; and Ruby Habegger, whose parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene.

Those in our congregation in the hospital were Sis. Mary (Leonard) Frauhiger, Sis. Agnes (Oscar) Schaefer, Sis. Lydia (John) Kaehr, Sis. Minnie (Joe R.) Isch, and Bro. Raymond Kipfer. We truly do thank the Lord for His touch of Healing, and hope and pray that abundant health may be provided to all if it be His will.

Bro. Ned and Sis. Dixie Kipfer became the parents of a tiny infant daughter. Little Sara Lee is now dismissed from the hospital, joining her parents, two sisters and a brother at home.

We welcome Bro. Leon Gerber's return to Bluffton after his tour duty in Korea, and thank the Lord for His guidance and protection to His children, even in far-away lands.

#### BREMEN Aldean Feldman

"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." God loves you and wants you to search for His treasures. We are anticipating a goodly number of children to attend our Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Sis. Ann Zimmer and Sis. Carolyn Suttor. There will be classes for ages 3 through senior high school, starting June 14 through 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. May the Lord give grace and wisdom to the directors and teachers, as they sow the words of the

Lord in these young hearts, so the Holy Spirit may work.

Our high school graduates are Kathleen Germann, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Germann; Kay Zeltwanger, daughter of Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge Zeltwanger; Dennis Zimmer, son of Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer; and Steve Suttor, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Verla Suttor. Our congratulations to all of them, and may God's richest blessings go with them.

Now that they have passed the required examinations at school, may their hearts be receptive to Jesus' invitation to come and follow Him, that they might experience the joy of the hope of eternal life and be prepared to pass the final examination on judgment day.

May 16, we were blessed with the visit of the Ft. Wayne choir and other brethren, as we joined together for singspiration and fellowship.

**Note of Thanks:** Sis. Pauline Clauss wishes to thank everyone that remembered her with cards and gifts on her 89th birthday. Since then, she has fell at her home, broke several ribs, and is in the hospital. She is able to be up and walk some, but it still is very painful. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards and visits and prayers, especially the ministering brothers. I visited with her the last Sunday she was in church, and her wish was that she would be able to attend, like her mother did until the end of her time on earth. If it's the Lord's will, may He grant Pauline strength and grace to assemble with us again. She always expresses the wish to see a little better. May we that have our sight appreciate it more, and use it for God's glory. May the Lord shower blessings on the Meister family, and especially Sis. Ernestine and Sis. Mildred, who so willingly minister to her wants and needs.

#### CHICAGO

Two weddings have been consummated by those from our midst: Judy Klopfenstein and Dave Knobloch, by Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville in our church on May 30. Judy and Dave will live near Bradford. The same day, Bonnie Schrenk was married to Paul Reeb in Burlington, Iowa. They will live in New London, Missouri. We wish them all long happy

years together and that the Spirit of God can be a part of the three fold cord.

We had several guest ministers during May. On Mother's Day, Bro. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park gave us exhortation on the Christian mother. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein of Landersville was here to witness the marriage of his niece, Sis. Judy and served us from the word. Bro. Dave Kieser was in charge of the wedding service, during which all were exhorted on the blessedness of a Christian home.

Sisters Lois Heiniger and Ida Laubscher and Bro. Al Fisher are gaining in strength.

Lois and Ida are able to attend church and are both becoming more able to get about. Bro. Al has not been able to return and worship with us, but we anticipate his early attendance.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Daryl and Sis. Janet Hari will soon be leaving us and going to Cissna Park, where Daryl will work with his father. We wish them God's blessing.

The architects' sketch of our proposed church building was on display in our Sunday School area, for all the members and friends to see.

#### CISSNA PARK

##### Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

To our graduates: They have achieved success who have lived well, prayed often, who have enjoyed the trust of God and the respect of intelligent teachers, who have filled their niche and accomplished their task, whether by a perfect poem or a rescued soul, who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, and given the best he had. They now go a step forward, No Challenge Too Great No Task Too Small. May God watch over each one.

Quite a number from here attended the wedding of Sis. Peggy Grimm to Bro. Jay Rinkenberger, at Goodfield. Our best wishes are extended to them. We welcome Sis. Peggy to our congregation. They are at home at Paxton Ill.

Congratulations are in order to Sis. Jayne Bauer, daughter of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Marguerite, whose engagement has been announced to Bro. John Conrad of Bremen, son of Bro. and Sis. Freeman Conrad.

Our dear friend, Til (Bauer) Hari, has repented and found peace with God and man. She hopes to bring her testimony before the congregation soon.

A baby girl, Dawn Elizabeth was born to Gary and Elizabeth Rudin. She has a sister and two brothers to welcome her. Bro. Ben and Sis. Marie Laubscher and Bro. Ben and Sis. Evelyn Rudin are the grandparents.

Sis. Minnie (Mrs. Wm.) Feller is a hospital patient, for treatment and tests.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis.'s Lydia Eisenman and Esther Hodel, as they mourn over the loss of their brother, Elmer Koehl, of Phoenix. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Anna Weiland, whose brother, Walter passed away in Peoria.

Bros. Everett Hari, Earl Kilgus and Robert Pohl brought us inspiring messages. We thank them for coming, hope they will visit us soon again. We are having Vacation Bible School for two weeks. We have an enrollment of 110 children, and there are about 60 in the Evening Bible class. The theme is, **Jesus Speaks To Our World**. We pray that God will give the increase, that the seed may fall upon good ground.

#### FORREST

**Carolyn Zimmerman  
Juanita Schneider**

Several dear ones have been hospitalized. Sis. Emma Ifft fell in her home and spent a few days at Fairbury Hospital. Sis's. Ann Maurer and Anna Honegger were patients and are again home. Jon Ricketts, son of Bro. Merideth and Sis. Leona, submitted to surgery and is again home. Our Sis. Lizzy Geyer has been admitted to Fairbury Hospital, shortly after returning from Brokaw Hospital in Bloomington. Bro. Andy Lehmann was admitted to Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, for tests pending surgery, and our dear friend Tom Hamilton, who recently having recovered from a heart condition, has again been hospitalized. A large press machine was dropped on his hand, and he has at this time lost three fingers. Tom must remain at Carle Hospital, Champaign, for many months for therapy and skin grafting. May we pray for all our shut-ins, and we believe Tom would appreciate any mail he receives.

We extend our congratulations to Bro. Jim Plattner, son of Ed and Sis. Mary Ann, on his engagement to Sis. Marlene Rumble. We wish them God's blessings.

We again thank God for the fellowship we seldom appreciate enough of our visiting ministers. On Mother's Day, Bro. Merle Kaiser, Fairbury, was with us. Also visiting us this month were Bros. John Steiner, Oakville, and Ben Hartzler Rittman.

Our congregation will miss the fellowship of our Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr and their family, who moved to Roanoke. We hope they will always feel our welcome for them to visit anytime.

Notice: Forrest subscribers . . . It is again time to pay your Silver Lining dues. During the month of July, make your payment to Bro. Larry or Sis. Cynthia Kaiser. Thank you.

Thought for today: "The will of God will never lead us where the grace of God cannot keep us."

#### LESTER

**Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer**

We were blest with gentle, soaking, life-giving rains, after experiencing an extremely dry spring, and we feel the Lord has again provided.

On the week-end of May 16, Elder Bro. Gene Marti was in our midst to assist in the provings and baptisms of three souls. Kay Knobloch, Kathy Metzger, and Lavonne Doorneweerd brought inspiring testimonies before the church, and how happy we are to greet them as sisters in faith. Thank you, Bro. Gene, for your visit and all the good teachings we received as you proclaimed God's word.

The children of Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Leuthold hosted an open house in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 23. They appreciated the heart-warming greetings from all who attended.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Marie Knobloch are the parents of a baby boy, born May 26. His name is Lance Ernst and is welcomed home by three sisters and two brothers.

We are glad to see Harold Stickling back in our midst. He has been in the army for two years and was stationed in Texas. His folks are Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn.

Our Sunday School has recessed for the summer months, and we

held our annual church-Sunday School picnic on the church grounds June 2.

Sam, son of Bro. Adolph and Lydia Moser, was married to Sharon Severson of Larchwood. We hope they ask God to be an important part of their marriage.

Our shut-ins have all been able to assemble in church again, but we again have those who have had to be hospitalized. Sis. Lucille Knobloch was hospitalized for tests and is fine again. Lynn Doorneweerd had his hand badly mangled in a chain of a self-unloading wagon. He suffered much pain, but the doctors are hopeful that his fingers will all be saved. Twelve-year-old Jeff Myrlie, son of Roger and Patty (Giesel), was burned severely when he accidentally poured gas on lighted charcoal. He will undergo skin grafts on his right leg, as soon as the healing is far enough along.

To members and friends in Europe, we remind you that our Elder Bro. Leo Moser and his family, accompanied by Elder Bro. Paul Fehr and his wife will arrive in Luxembourg on July 10. They plan to spend the following two or three weeks visiting the servicemen and at Neuhutten, Germany. We pray for a safe journey for them & that their endeavor will be a blessing for them and for you.

#### MANSFIELD

**Aaron A. Sauder**

To our many young people who have graduated from high school, we would dedicate this greeting:

God bless you as you start upon  
A pathway bright and new;  
God counsel you and make you wise  
In all you choose to do.  
God keep you strong in love and  
faith

And make your whole life bright  
With the happiness of knowing  
You are pleasing in His sight.

Our thanks to the visiting ministers who worshipped with us: on May 9, Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf, Noah Bauman and John Bahler; on May 29, Bro. Elmer Hartter, and for evening services on June 3, Bro. Carl Kipfer.

Sis. Elizabeth Reiter, who has resided at our church home for a number of years, was admitted to the hospital again; she has been released and will now make her

home with her son, Carl and his wife, who live near Mansfield. Sis. Elizabeth Wahl is a hospital patient.

We extend our sympathy to Martha and Tom Graszl and their children. Martha's father passed away very unexpectedly several weeks ago.

May God bless Edward Beard and Denise Sandor, who exchanged marriage vows on June 5. Ed is the son of Sis. Caroline Domka Beard.

### PHOENIX

#### Mrs. Allan Freed

Sunday, May 2, a Sunday School picnic was held at Monfort Park in Sunnyslope. The entire congregation was invited, and all who attended enjoyed the fellowship.

We appreciated the messages of Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman and Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson, our visiting ministers. The Sunday they were with us, many of us enjoyed eating together at Ferguson's Cafeteria in the afternoon and assembling around God's word again in the evening.

We are happy that Sis. Minnie Farney's leg has healed enough to enable her to assemble with us again, after an absence of 6 weeks, four of which were spent in the hospital. Minnie said she received many lovely cards, which came from the West Coast to the East Coast, and she wishes to thank each one for their prayers and kind thoughts.

Bro. Floyd Banwart had oral surgery for infection of his gums. It was necessary to remove a piece of his jawbone. It had been quite painful, and we pray it will soon heal.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Elmer Koehl, who passed away at Mayo Clinic on May 17, where he was to have undergone surgery the following morning. He and his wife, Donna, moved here in 1960. He is survived by his wife; his father, Bro. John Koehl, Fairbury; four brothers, John (Plainfield, Ill.), Dick, Dean and Sam of Fairbury; four sisters, Leona Bently (Tempe), Ruth Vaughn (Huntington Park, Calif.).

Sis. Lydia Eisenman and Sis. Esther Hodel of Cissna Park. He was preceded in death by his mother and an infant daughter, Bonnie Lou. The funeral service was held at our church by Bro. Roy Farney.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind to them during this sad time.

Lori and Irene Wirtz have returned to their home in West Bend, after attending college here this past year. We will miss seeing them and welcome them to come back.

We have two high school graduates this spring. They are Bill Emch, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene, and Tom Freed, son of Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith.

We had a farewell for Bro. Loren Schrenk in the church dining room, following a Wed. night service. Loren has accepted a position with the Pfizer Co. at Groton Conn. He will be assembling with the Rockville congregation. We are sorry to see him leave and will miss him, but we wish him the Lord's blessings and guidance always.

A thought: "If you are suffering from a bad man's injustice, forgive him, lest there be two bad men."

### TAYLOR

#### Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer

Bro. Albert Wuthrich and Sis. Elizabeth spent a Sunday with us. We are always glad to have Albert proclaim God's word and to have them visit us.

Melissa Jean was born to Michael and Cheryl Stratton on May 8. They also have a little boy, Michael, 1½ yrs. old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stratton, and Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel.

Students graduating from high school are Sis. Marcia Sutter, Evelyn Yackley and Tom Cottrell. Marcia has been accepted by the School of Nursing at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, and Evelyn's plans are indefinite. Tom plans to enter college. We wish them success in whatever they plan to do, and may they ever look to the Lord for guidance.

Sandi Cottrell and Cindy Hoerr have returned to their homes for summer vacation from Methodist Hospital in Peoria. They are both working at St. Mary's Hospital, Quincy during vacation.

We were saddened by the death of my sister's husband, Bro. Ezra Steffen. We have precious memories of time spent together in Portland last August when Bro. Will and Sis. Marie Butikofer and I visited with Rose and Ezra at the home of their son, Bro. Garth and

Sis. Connie. Ezra took us to Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood, Crystal Lake and many other beautiful places of nature. Ezra was not afraid to tell anyone of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He shed His blood for the remission of our sins. He had a strong and abiding faith, and we have the assurance that he is now with the Lord that he served so faithfully and well.

### PULASKI

#### Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

This world and all within it

He created here for man;

But Baby was "God's Masterpiece"

Since time and life began.

Bro. and Sis. Nancy Rinkenberger Musselman are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy. Matthew thinks little Mark Andrew is pretty nice. His grandparents are Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Perdelwitz Rinkenberger from here and Howard and Sis. Irene Schmidgall Musselman from Morton.

Our high school graduates are Lynn Scheitlin, daughter of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity, and Willa Funk, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle Moser Funk.

Our grade school graduates are Janice Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Perdelwitz Rinkenberger; Dennis Teubel, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Fischer Teubel; Laura Wuthrich, daughter of Bro. Joel and Sis. Shirley Metzger Wuthrich; and Clair Scheitlin, son of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Charity Scheitlin.

A baby boy, Jeremy, was born to Gene and Rachel Funk Smith. Rachel's parents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle Moser Funk.

### LEO

#### Mrs. Elias Souder

Young people from the Junction & Latty churches spent a pleasant Sunday evening with our young people. Sun. June 19, plans are being made to entertain young people from Bremen, Milford, Bluffton and Francesville, congregations.

Plans are being made for the future wedding of Norma Frank and Stan Schambach (of Elgin Ill.).

The wedding of Jerry Stieglitz and Sandy Gerbers was Sat. June 5 at the Cedarville Fellowship Center, David Bertsch officiating.

Our Bible School begins June 14, two weeks, hours from 9 to 12.

We were very fortunate to have

Bro. Lavoyd Moore of Athens minister to us on one of our Wed. evening services.

This community was saddened with the sudden passing away of our dear brother, David Lantz. His funeral was Fri. Morning, June 4. He is survived by his wife, Mary and three sons, Richard, Wayne, and Lowell. David was like a right arm in helping to get out the **Silver Lining**. We surely will miss him, but rejoice that he kept faith and has now gone to be with our precious Lord. Yet with all our sorrow, we have rejoicing. On the same Friday in the evening, Betty Souder (Mrs. Dwight Souder) gave her testimony, was baptized and received into the church.

Our friend, Rose Blazer, who has spent some time at the hospital, is able to be at home again.

#### LAMAR

##### Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti

Sis. Karel Marti, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine, engagement to Bro. Wendell Anliker, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Priscilla Anliker of Francesville. May God be with them in this step they are about to take. Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine also have a son, Lorry, who is engaged to marry Judy Workman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Workman of Lamar. May they let God rule their lives and have many happy years together.

As we are walking in the strawberry fields, that are ready for harvest, we look around and see familiar faces, some we are surprised to see, while others we knew would be there. When the great harvest comes here on earth and all are gathered in Heaven, as we look around, will we see a familiar face? Will we be surprised to see who made it? Will we find the ones we thought we would? What if we don't make it?

Bro. Virgil Frieden still remains in the hospital. Sis. Lizzie Rimm is still unable to assemble with us.

We want to thank Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville, for coming to visit our congregation, also for his labors. We enjoyed having them very much.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

##### Virgil and Shirley Funk

Sis. Ann Sorg has been released from the hospital after a recent illness.

Visiting ministers include: Rus-

sell Rapp, Morton; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; Joe Shrock, Congerville; Albert Aberle, Tremont; and Roy Ehnle, Bradford. May the Lord reward each for their labor of love in bringing us the word of Life, which we need so badly in these last and perilous times.

A little poem with so much meaning:

I walked a mile with pleasure;  
She chattered all the way,  
But left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow  
And ne'er a word said she;  
But oh the things I learned from  
her

When sorrow walked with me.

#### DETROIT

##### Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

On Sun., May 23 we gladly welcomed Roger Saurer into our congregation as a brother in Christ. We enjoyed having the many visitors from the various congregations who could be with us to hear Roger's testimony and witness the baptism . . . especially want to thank Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman for his inspiring messages. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could just better retain these precious teachings in our minds.

We were again blessed with a visiting minister on Sunday, May 30, Bro. Merrill Kaisner. Can we say as Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" when we are tried?

Larry Novak, son of Harvey and Sis. Kay, is now stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Prior to this he was stationed in Viet Nam, and then spent a 40-day leave with his family in Detroit.

We welcome back to Detroit John and Linda (Belsley) Reardon. They had been living in California, where John was stationed in the service prior to his release from active duty.

Bro. Paul IzGherian was hospitalized for several days for an appendectomy.

#### FT SAM HOUSTON

##### Duane and Kay Reutter

As we go about from day to day enjoying the wholesome fellowship and the good times we experience here, we must never forget about those who have assignment elsewhere. We ask you to remember the boys stationed throughout the

States and overseas in prayer and also in correspondence. A letter from anyone back home means so much to a soldier boy stationed thousands of miles away from home.

Several receiving reassignment orders include Bro. Gary Ifft, Ft. Hood Texas; Bro. Bernie Messner Germany; Bro. Marvin Dotterer Germany; Bro. Steve Elsasser has received permanent party here; and Doug Fehr, Viet Nam.

Recently entering the service and taking basic training here include Dwight Nuest from LaCrosse, Bro. Sam Plattner from Goodfield, Gary Brown from Forrest, and Butch Keiper from Medina, Ohio.

We welcome those entering the service and hope they enjoy their stay at Ft. Sam. As for those leaving, we wish upon them God's blessings as they go to their new assignments.

We have enjoyed the presence of three ministers. Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman and Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto ministered unto us on the week-end of May 8 and 9. Bro. Henry Manz from Junction ministered unto us on the week-end of May 23 and 24. We thank you brethren for sharing unto us God's word.

#### GRIDLEY, ILL.

##### Ruth Gramm

As we think of the many young people who have graduated from the various schools of learning, we wish them success in life. Surely this success will come if they follow the words of life, **Seek first the things of God and all else shall be added . . .** also, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

We are happy to report that three more dear souls have turned their backs to sin and the world and decided to repent and live for Jesus. They are Sandy Ringger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ray and Nadine Ringger, and Nancy and Norma Zimmerman, twin daughters of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Helen Zimmerman.

We enjoyed our last evening of hymn singing of the season on May 18. Our Gridley Bro. Men's group sang several songs that were an inspiration for us all. Bros. Ray Ringger and Harold Stoller and their wives will be in charge of next year's monthly singing.

John Schlipf, son of Bro. Ralph Schlipf, had the misfortune of hurting his hand in an accident in the factory where he works. He is home from the hospital and getting along real well. John was to give testimony and be baptized, but had to postpone it for a few weeks.

Friend Joe Stoller, son of Bro. Ed Stoller was married to Karen Graw on May 28.

We are sorry to lose Jim and Lu-Ann Funk from our congregation; Bro. Jim has purchased a home and has plans to move to Normal in the near future.

Maybe your family would enjoy doing this quiz together . . . In these days of so many broken and sin-filled homes, we certainly can thank God for every dear Christian father and grandfather.

#### A Family Quiz for Father's Day

1. Who was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel? (Gen. 49:1 & 28). 2. What father was told to offer his son as a burnt-offering? (Gen. 22:1,2). 3. What father offered up his only daughter as a burnt offering to keep a vow he had made to the Lord? (Judges 11:30:40). 4. Who was the father of Noah? (Gen. 5:30). 5. Name the father of David the king. (Matt 1:6). Perfect score 5.

#### MILFORD

##### Marguerite Hoerr

Four young people from our church have completed their high school education. We congratulate them on their accomplishments, and we wish them God's guidance as they choose their life's professions. Shirley Steffen, daughter of our Ministering Bro. Walt and Sis. Dot; Sally Beer, whose parents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois; Dave Baumgartner, son of our Friend Henry Baumgartner; and Tom Speicher, son of Bro. Lew and Sis. Mim. These four folks all have further schooling in their future plans.

Three people have finished their fourth year of college. Bro. Ned Speicher has received his B. S. degree in education from Manchester College; Sis. Susie Price, her degree in Education from I. U. Extension at South Bend; and our son Bob, an A.B. degree in biological science from Indiana University. He has been accepted at I. U. Medical School and will continue his education at the Bloomington Extension for the next two years.

May God bless the wedding of our friends, Dan Beer and Debbie Shearer, who have announced their engagement. Debbie is the daughter of the Carl Shearers of Milford, and Dan's parents are Bro. Cap and Sis. Mary Ann of our congregation.

Georgia Rassi (Mrs. Elmer) has been announced to the church for baptism. She has found peace with her Lord and Saviour, and we rejoice with her in her new-found happiness.

We felt privileged to have Bro. Ben Maibach visit our community last Sunday. He assisted Bro. Theo. in serving the "feast of love," Holy Communion to our congregation. We thank him for coming.

Vacation Bible School is at the halfway point in its calendar as I submit this news from Milford. As a teacher this year, I think I join with all the others in the opinion, that it is a very enjoyable experience. The adult class, who have had the privilege of hearing Bros. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen and Loren Stoller of Latty, have voiced very similar thoughts. We look forward to having Bros. Alfred Bahler and Nathan Steffen as guest speakers the last two nights. Contributions from our nightly offerings will be given to Bro. and Sis. Lester Huber, to help purchase a van for their work in Lexington, Kentucky.

Sis. Inez and T. R. Brooks have welcomed another grandchild into their family. Their daughter, Susan and her husband, Scott Crist of Gettysburg, Ohio had a little boy, Lynn Everett.

Congratulations to Kay Kaisner and Larry Kammerer, who have announced their engagement, and wedding plans for Aug. 14. Kay's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaisner of Milford, and Larry is the son of Bro. Andy and Sis. Laura of our Milford church. May God bless them as they plan their future.

#### The Golden Years

(An interview with  
Sis. Mary Armbruster)

Several months back, your Silver Lining editor asked us to contribute an article, "The Golden Years Give Counsel." I had made arrangements with Sis. Mary Armbruster that I would come over some day, and she would tell me of the Lord's influence on her life. An accident, some illness, and a death in her

family postponed our meeting, but the way finally opened for us.

I spent a truly uplifting hour or two with her. Mary came to the Milford church when it was still held in a home, on what is now the George Haab property. She said there were only about 10 families in the church at that time. Bro. Ed Haab was the minister.

One of her children, a daughter Edna, died on her ninth birthday with appendicitis. Mary says how hard that was at the time, but how thankful she is now to know she will meet that child in heaven.

Her husband, Andy, was a partial invalid for 9 months and required a great deal of care, which she lovingly and willingly gave. She now has two great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Her cheerfulness, her faith and her loving nature endear her to our entire congregation. I'm sure every person reading the following words will feel as I did, that the Lord is very near to her, and His influence can be keenly felt in the following testimony in her own words:

"I was born in Erdmansweiler Germany. There were seven children in our family. I'm the youngest and the only one left. Mother had to bring us children up without a husband and father. It wasn't easy. Our religion was Protestant. I was baptized as a baby, and I walked over the hills and through the woods every Sunday to Sunday School and church. When I was fourteen I was confirmed and taken into the church as a member.

When my oldest brother, Andy Rapp, was 19 he left his homeland and came to America and worked for people of our faith, and he repented and accepted the Lord as his Saviour. Then he thought about his mother, brothers and sisters. He knew we weren't saved, so brother Andy came back to Germany and brought us all to America in 1904. I was 16 when we came here. We landed in New York, and Andy left us with a relative for 2 days, while he visited some of the brethren in Connecticut. We were glad when he came back. We were like sheep without a shepherd. From there we went to Fairbury. Nice friendly people had dinner prepared for us all. We weren't used to so much good food. It was different than we'd had.

We stayed in Fairbury one year; then Andy, my mother, and I moved

to Indiana, where Andy had bought a farm west of Milford. We moved to Milford on Andy's farm, but that didn't last very long. My mother passed away, and I got married in 1907 to Andrew Armbruster. The Lord blessed us with 7 children and provided for us day by day. We never were in want. In 1911 God gave me grace to repent. Thanks to a merciful God and Saviour, He filled my heart with love and peace towards the Lord and the brethren and towards everybody.

In 1959 I lost my husband. That we must accept sometime in our life. One stays and one goes. That was God's plan from the beginning. What God plans and does is well done.

The clouds were hanging dark and heavy a lot of times in my life's journey, but when we go to God in prayer with a humble and upright heart, He hears and answers prayer and lets the sun shine again.

So, my dear brethren, let us all watch and pray, and above all let us hold fast to that first love and peace which we received in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Saviour. That is my daily wish and prayer, and I know it is yours, too—that the Lord may extend the day of grace yet, so all our loved ones and friends can all be gathered in, so there can be one fold and one Shepherd. This is the Lord's will, for 'God is love'."

#### INDIANAPOLIS

**Charles and Doris Neuenschwander**

Here are a few lines from a poem for fathers, not just for Father's Day, but always.

Fathers are just wonderful

In a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
And accolades of praise,

And like Our Heavenly Father,  
he's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
To be always on our side.

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott, Bro. Verdon Feldman from Bremen, Bro. Orville Ringger and Bro. Wendell Gerber, both from Bluffton.

A farewell party was held at the home of Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Fiechter for Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher and their small son, Chris. We will miss them here, but wish them God's grace in their new job and home at Mishawaka, Ind.

We will miss seeing Sis. Becky Mayer, who is planning to spend the next four months in Colorado.

#### BAY CITY

**Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher**

... "this is my body, which is broken for you..." Our congregation rejoiced in partaking of Holy Communion; here to assist Elder Bro. Joseph Waibel was Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. With this renewing of our souls, let us set forth on a straighter path, in closer companionship with each other and with God.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Linda McKeon to Bro. Gary Grant of Latty. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin McKeon; Gary is the son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores Grant.

#### JUNCTION

**Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz**

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. George Sinn, Latty, and Bros. Ernest Graf, Akron; Eugene Fetter, Toledo; Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield; Loren Stoller, Latty; and Henry Dotterer, Rittman.

Sunday, May 30 was the wedding of Bro. David Manz and Sis. Kathy Schlatter. It was such beautiful weather that day and we could feel the love and blessings of God.

Margaret Aufrance is able to assemble with us. Maburn Hale has retired. A number of us gathered one Saturday to spring house-clean the church. It looked so nice and clean when it was all finished.

We had four high school graduates and our best wishes go out to Benita Schlatter (Sis. Esther); Sis. Dorothy Schlatter (Sis. Juliet); Paul Manz (Bro. Emmanuel) and Lester Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn). Paul, Lester and Sis. Dorothy have all procured employment near home and Benita plans to enter Nurses Training this fall. Bro. Kenneth Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is home from college for the summer, & Bro. Don Manz (also Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) is attending summer school. Sis. Janet Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) has completed her teaching internship and is now home until her marriage to Bro. Dean Hartzler, which is to take place later this month.

Bro. Bill Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) was home from MIT to attend the wedding of Bro. Dave and Sis.

Kathy. It was so good to have him with us again.

#### MORRIS

**Ann Meiss — Helen Joos**

Three babies, all boys, were born. Bro. Gary and Sis. Velma Domnick are the parents of Michael, who has one brother, James. Russ arrived to join his two brothers at the home of Ken and Karen Koehl. Kent, the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Norene Moser, joins four brothers.

It was made known to us that Friends Mark and Diane Kellenberger, Karl Koehl, and Syd Messner confess peace with God and man, and await the hour when they can become a member of the body of Christ and one of God's dear children. We wish them the help and grace of God.

We are sorry to report that our dear Sis. Marion Schmidgall is a surgical patient in the Morris Hospital, but are happy that she is coming along fine.

Friends and relatives gathered from various places on Sunday, June 6, to be present at the wedding of Sis. Jan Joos and Bro. Rich Schock. Bro. Herman Kellenberger, grandfather of the groom, solemnized the ceremony. The young couple will make their home in Elgin. We will miss Jan, but we wish them many blessings of the Lord.

#### ROCKVILLE

**Carlton J. Lanz**

On his business trip here in the east, Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville stopped off and spent Sunday with us. He was greeted warmly by many of his older acquaintances and young people alike. As he has done often in the past when here it was not unusual for Bro. Schrock to again expound the word of God with such straightforwardness, leaving no doubt whatever as to his sincerity. In his message he said, It is good to believe, but he emphasized that the main thing is to be an overcomer; they have the promise!

We also enjoyed a later visit to our congregation by Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest. It is good to know that brethren of the church caution against insidious encroachments which they believe could broaden the way, and ultimately cause the church to become lukewarm. This is what is to be feared, they believe,

About 70 miles east of Rockville, on a large island known as Block Island, stands a great lighthouse overlooking the vast Atlantic Ocean. It has stood there for years, faithfully warning incoming and outgoing ships. It is a majestic sight, there on a rugged cliff about 75 feet or more up, looking down on the great white caps as they roll toward shore. I have stood there with others and gazed with awe at this impressive view. There have also been times when in the dark of night, I stood alone observing the light, high up in the tower, blinking on and off, and listening to the eerie sound of the big fog horn boom out in the darkness, its reminder that dangers lie ahead. This is a constant warning to sailors approaching the harbor. It gives one an uncanny sensation as it re-echos in the distance. Yet it has a definite purpose, else it would not be there. So it is with our sincere elders, they too have a purpose!

Solemn marriage vows between Bro. Brian Webb and Sis. Jane Luginbuhl were affirmed and solemnized by the couple and Elder John Bahler, and witnessed by the church. A wedding supper was prepared at the home of Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl, parents of the bride. Brian's parents are Bro. Clinton and Eloise Webb. May God's Spirit reign supreme in their hearts and home. His blessings are certain to follow.

#### TREMONT

**Mary Jane Leuthold  
Josephine Schaefer**

Communion is a beautiful time, a humbling time, a time of reflection, and a time of feeling. It is a time when the sacrifice of the Saviour becomes very real. It is a time when it seems we can't help but be closer drawn to God, and a time to feel thankful that God knew we needed to be reminded of His goodness to us, and thus commanded this holy supper.

We thank Bro. Gene Bertschi for his labors in our behalf, both in the ministry and in serving us communion. We also appreciated having Bro. Jim Leman, also of Roanoke, with us. We left the house of God that day with hearts filled to overflowing with the blessing of God.

Bro. Mike Aberle has been led to seek the hand of Sis. Susan

Zimmerman to be his wife. We wish for them the many blessings of God.

#### OAKVILLE

**Martha Steiner**

We were privileged to hear the testimony of our friend, James Vierling, who was then baptized upon his confession of faith. Bro. Jim is the son of Bro. Emil & Sis. Pearl (Heiniger) Vierling. We rejoice with others who have found it worthwhile to seek their soul's salvation.

The Bro. William Massner family is on the road to recovery, after their tragic car accident. Sis. Phyllis is now at home with all her family, although she is still has many doctor and hospital visits ahead yet. The rest of her family is getting along quite well.

We have over twenty graduates this spring from high school and college. Our best wishes go to all of them as they continue their education, either in schools of higher education or schools of experience in their life's work.

#### UNION CITY

**Gail Gasser**

May 16 was a blessed Sunday for our little congregation, when Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl were with us to share in Holy Communion. We can feel that one and all were refreshed and renewed in faith and love.

Emil Moll, of Long Island, passed away in the hospital on May 25. Elder Bro. John Bahler had the services. Emil often assembled with us and we enjoyed his fellowship.

We are happy to have Sis. Ida Knecht in our midst again. She is well enough to assemble with us, after being ill for almost a year.

#### GIRARD

**Monell Stoll**

On April 24, Sis. Monell Stoll was seriously injured in an automobile accident. She was hospitalized for a number of weeks, but is now recovering at home. Sis. Freida Gasser is recovering nicely, after undergoing eye surgery.

Bro. Paul Metzger was confined for a time in the Little Forest Nursing Home. He has returned to his home.

Our congregation held services on May 12 at the home of Bro. Frank and Sis. Minnie Emch, and

on June 2 at the home of Bro. Wesley Stoll. They enjoyed fellowship which comes from visiting those who are shut-in, and hope that God will add his blessings.

#### LAMONT

**Betty Wernli**

The Lord, on his last night on earth, instituted a simple, yet deeply meaningful act which would remind believers of his death and suffering. Each time we partake of the bread we are reminded of his body, and as we take the cup, His blood that was shed for the remission of sins. May we truly go out on Calvary's hill and feel again the price paid for our redemption, that we may be filled with more love and compassion toward our brothers and sisters in faith. Bro. Zimmerman of Forrest was with us on that blessed Sunday, to help Bro. Sam serve us Holy Communion. We truly appreciate his visit. May the Lord bless him and give much grace in His labors for the Lord.

On Sun. evening, May 30, we were again fortunate to have another visiting minister, Bro. Earl Gerber from Forrest. Mighty are the words of God, as he does speak through his humble servants.

Our high school graduates are Jannette Luthi, Beverly Beyer, Glen Isch and David Wernli. May God go with them as they venture forth, that they may seek Him first, as the word does teach.

Dale and Janiece Isch are the parents of their first child, a girl, Tamie Jo. Dale is the son of Bro. Floyd Isch.

Sis. Clara Ott, who was hospitalized for a couple of weeks, as home again and gaining.

Poetry . . . there will be some good thoughts in poetry on pages two and three, the Lord willing . . . there are some stanzas, in type already, that were not used. With our cover plate, there was not space sufficient.

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## NEEDFUL

Henry Souder Jr.

Do you know the value of a good word spoken at the right time? Do you realize the value, the catching on, of a cheerful person helping others?

We all need help. God provides immense, immeasurable help, sometimes in ways we do not expect. Paul had a desire to go Home. He knew the gladness and rest, the far far better home-place. Yet he weighed: "Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Someone else needs. We have opportunity to win love in hearts that will beam in happy faces on a great, glorious day.

Confidence comes from the word. This word is a living word. Remembrances in earnest prayer bring the confidence for help. The fervent prayer of a righteous man brings great working. Reminder to prayer should come often in our perplexing places.

And for someone . . . another's benefit and increase . . . so someone is happy . . . to lift someone else's burden. This brings real service. "And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;"

One may feel weak . . . that he or she can do little. Lowliness is needed, and if we dare bring our petition to the Father, mighty power will flow.

There is a beautiful bond, pleasant fellowship for our life in scripture. Joy and gladness, exultation, great feelings of the inward person can come. Another's presence and heart can vibrate with happiness, time and again. Do not overlook this chance: Like Paul, we need to **come** to one needing us: "That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again."

Conversation is living as a heavenly citizen. We live in His circle, live for others. It is more than talk. It is influence and power, read of all men. The farm furrow, or the floor, the assembly line and the other task . . . we have opportunity, doing **for** Him.

How then together? How is teamwork? We are different. We have different backgrounds, varied upbringings and learnings. We don't always see alike. Yes, but we have a meeting-place in scripture . . . patience, forbearance, longsuffering. Love covers a lot. Wait on one another. In this we serve also, and holding high the truth—stand for the truth.

These words are the method of success, proven time and again: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of

your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

The enemy, Satan, fights and tempts every righteous soul. Jesus was persecuted. The way of the cross carries pain, but we should count it joy. The fierce enemies of darkness hurl all they have at His people. The closer we move to the daily living as becomes the gospel, the fiercer that battle grows. . . . But has He not whispered confidence to us? "And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God." Evil powers intend loss and destruction, but God intends victory.

There will be no more pain in His years without end. This is a beautiful benefit to ponder. Yet, now is rich in opportunity, for **only** in this life may we bear pain for Him. Think what He endured on those nails for us! The cross is costly but His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Only one suffering day in His care is better than all the kinds of days of darkness. So smile in service to those who need you, and breathe a prayer . . . "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; . . ."