



So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

When astronomer Burckhalter had his attention called to the text in Job about Arcturus, he studied it in the light of modern discovery and made a statement: "The study of the Book of Job and its comparison with the latest scientific discoveries, has brought me to the matured conviction that the Bible is an inspired book and was written by One who made the stars." Today, this 1972, pilgrims of the heavenly Way should watch for the beams of God's light. He provides sure directions, and such is the following, by a loving brother, to those who will hear. Do you really want your desire fulfilled, to enter those heavenly gates? Let us catch those gleams!

## SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Bro. George Lambert, Wichita

The speaking in tongues recorded in I COR. 14 is one of the most misunderstood of the entire word of God. It has a single meaning, but is used and practiced in a dual manner, and could be subtle and harmful under one heading, but helpful to the spiritual growth of true believers if interpreted as intended.

I John 4:1 says, **BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT . . .** If we will believe and trust in the Holy Spirit of God within us, we will never be confused concerning the spirit of understanding. The interpreting of the word of God comes not by personal wisdom, but by the power of God through the Holy Spirit, His gift to the believer. What really is the meaning of this speaking in tongues? Tongues in the dictionary means languages, and languages means tongues. However, tongues has been interpreted to mean something else, and I'll call it **Babbling**, because it means **TALK (words) THAT CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD**. Which is it?

**ACTS 2:1-13 (PLEASE READ IT) . . . AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE. AND THERE WERE DWELLING IN JERUSALEM JEWS, DEVOUT MEN OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN . . . AND WERE CONFOUNDED BECAUSE EVERY MAN HEARD THEM (apostles) SPEAK IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE . . .** They began speaking with other tongues . . . and these Jews from all over the world heard the apostles speak, each man his own language. I see no conflict here in what tongues meant. Languages.

**WHY?** Just as He confused the languages at Babel to stop the building of the tower, so now He gave the apostles the ability to speak the tongues or languages of all people in the then world, so they

could bring the glad tidings of the Gospel to all nationalities. They didn't have time nor facilities where they could learn all these languages or tongues, so God just gave it to them. They could go most anywhere, without an interpreter and preach with understanding. This was important.

**Tim. 6:20—TO TIMOTHY . . . AVOID . . . VAIN BABBLING . . .** Stay away from preaching a language to people that can't understand what you're saying, or else have an interpreter who can make them understand.

Paul said in I Cor. 14:18—**I THANK . . . GOD, I SPEAK WITH TONGUES (languages) MORE THAN THEY ALL.** Did he mean **BABBLING?** NO, not by any stretch of the imagination. In his several journeys from Jerusalem, through Asia, even to Rome, do we have an account that he took along an interpreter? No. He was able to preach to all in their own language. What a wonderful gift to one chosen to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and Jews throughout the then world.

**I COR. 13:1: THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUES OF MEN . . .** Here so plainly indicated the extra power Paul had to speak with the tongues of men, so when he said . . . **I SPEAK WITH TONGUES MORE THAN THEY ALL,** he was speaking of the **TONGUES OF MEN.**

**I COR. 14:2: FOR HE THAT SPEAKETH IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE SPEAKETH NOT INTO MEN BUT UNTO GOD, FOR NO MAN UNDERSTANDETH HIM . . .** God understands all languages, tongues, dialects, etc., but people don't. Here is what he meant: If a foreigner ministered to us, the Lord could understand him and he would be blessed, but the people that sat listening received absolutely nothing. Verse 4 says—**HE THAT SPEAKETH IN AN UNKNOWN**

(foreign) tongue (language) edifieth himself . . . Verse 9—**SO LIKEWISE YE, EXCEPT YE UTTER BY THE TONGUE (not by tongues) words EASY TO BE UNDERSTOOD, HOW SHALL IT BE KNOWN WHAT IS SPOKEN?**

How much plainer do we need to interpret this thing of TONGUES? There is much more, but let me close with Paul's own words concerning women who might engage in this practice within the assembly. **LET THE WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCH, FOR IT IS NOT PERMITTED UNTO THEM TO SPEAK.**

Now ask yourself this question: "If we are to practice this **BABBLING**, or speaking in tongues, as is a standard for some denominations, where would the women go to practice this, if they can't do it in the assembly? Where it is practiced, is it **ALWAYS** interpreted so all may know what is said? If it was not a general tenet of all the other churches to whom Paul writes, why put so much emphasis upon such a small item, when others are more profitable?"

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## FT SAM REUNION

The initial Ft Sam Houston Army Reunion for all members and friends with ETS (Effective Termination of Service) after Jan. 1 1970 is being planned for the week-end of July 1 and 2 at Eureka, Ill., the Lord willing. All those wishing to attend should reply by April 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rocke, RR 1 Box 384, Eureka Ill 61530. Please give full name and address, so complete details can be sent by return mail. Anyone with ETS prior to Jan. 1 1970 who wishes to attend is also most welcome.

### Home For Handicapped The Staff and Board of Directors

Our family at the Home is growing. We now have 8 residents; each one in their own special way has become very dear to us. Most of our residents realize the building of the Home and services offered are a labor of love. Speaking for them, we want to thank everyone who has donated time, funds, and energy to make it possible.

We are especially thankful for the brothers that have done volunteer work, the sisters that have so ably taken care of the gift shop, and those who have volunteered to do the cooking one Sunday a year, to allow the regular staff some Sundays off, so they can attend church services.

Sis. Violette Funk, our activity director, is endeavoring to build a program that will enable each resident to use the talents they have (We like to emphasize what they can do rather than what they cannot), an opportunity that is necessary in the life of every human being, whether we are handicapped or not.

We have enjoyed hymn-sings by the Peoria Choir, the Morton Choraliens and the Gridley Men's Group.

We are working on an "International Dinner" project. One day each month we select a foreign country for our theme. Any sewing group interested in assisting us by providing a centerpiece and favors complementing the theme for a particular month should contact the Home For the Handicapped office for further information.

Quite often we hear the question "Why so few residents?" We have a number of reasons for going slow in accepting applicants. We do not

want to only shelter the residents, but we want to help them develop. This must be done on an individual basis. It requires much time. We have been advised by qualified persons not to take more than two residents per month, and even this figure may be too high in order to do the utmost for each individual.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our many brethren and friends for the wonderful support you have given us in the recent plea for financial assistance. It is wonderful the way God has moved the hearts, reassures us that God is truly in the midst of us. May He bless each one who has helped in any way.

## TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

March is the month of blustery winds and clouds scudding across the sky, a hint of spring on a warm day. The changing seasons ever help to keep us aware of God's marvelous handiwork . . .

We would share a few thoughts with our dear brethren who are in hospitals and convalescent homes.

God sometimes shuts the door and  
shuts us in,  
That He may speak perchance thru  
grief or pain,  
And softly heart to heart, above the  
din,  
May tell some precious thought to  
us again.

God sometimes shuts the door, that  
while shut in  
We may commune with Him, with  
Him alone,  
And in the silent calm assurance  
win,  
That He would have us for His very  
own.

**In quietness and trust shall be  
your strength.**

## WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Mary Lynn Unsicker

Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, ministered to us on Feb. 2. We were reminded of the heaven, beyond our comprehension, which God has prepared for all who obey His precious word. Each day we as Christians have an opportunity to witness for Christ by living an upright life. As the Lord speaks to us we must listen and do His will.

"Follow me, and I will make you  
. . ."

Make you speak my words with  
power,  
Make you channels of my mercy,  
Make you helpful every hour.

"Follow me, and I will make you  
. . ."

Make you what you cannot be,  
Make you loving, trustful, godly  
Make you even like Me.

We, who have experienced conversion, know God has molded us, making us a different individual. We must remain humble, for only in this state He can work with us. We don't want to forget to thank God that He has made possible our Bible Studies. If the Lord wills, we plan to meet again for church on April the 5th, in the New Salem Room of the Union at 8:00 p.m. We welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

## ZAPATA

Ernest Anliker

Our little group here at Zapata, Texas consists of Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Wagler, Bro. Walt and Sis. Dolly Stoller, Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rekie Anliker, who have found the climate very good health-wise.

We had been using a tape recorder for our services, receiving our tape from Bluffton. The last Sunday in January we had in our midst, Bro. and Sis. Nathan Kellenberger from Elgin, Ill. and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger, from Morris. This was the beginning of our blessed meetings of fellowship. The following Sundays a few more came and others left.

With the exception of two Sundays at McAllen, Texas, we have been meeting at the Hobby Center of Zapata, and have truly been blest with spiritual food and fellowship. We thank all those who have visited us here.

We are very happy to have Bro. Walt and Sis. Dolly Stoller back in our midst, after a month at Sacramento and Fresno, Calif. with their sons and families.

We who live in or near Burlington Iowa, will soon be in our home churches again for the summer.

". . . the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

McAllen and Zapata, Texas  
Tom Schifferer

Texas, like Florida, is becoming

a popular winter home and vacation site for many of our loved ones. I traveled there with my wife and son to find palm trees, abundant fruit and the wonderful warmth of the sun. There was quite a group of our people, and the fellowship and new acquaintances will never be forgotten. McAllen is located almost in the southernmost tip of Texas, while Zapata is 90 miles to the NW. The land and climate in Texas changes fast, as we noticed during our visit. Zapata is where three couples stay. It is quite dry, with lots of open land, cactus and sage brush. McAllen, on the other hand, is a lush, green, productive area of many fruits, vegetables and plants. A few couples reside there.

On Feb. 13 we all met in Zapata. There was 19 in attendance, and we were greatly blessed with the presence of two elders. Present were Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris. The following Sunday we met in McAllen and had some new guests in our presence.

It is truly a blessing beyond our imaginations, that we can assemble anywhere, even to the ends of the earth, and be able to talk with our God and receive His blessings. Our visit was wonderful, and we praise God for letting us see this place and returning us home safely.

#### TUCSON Mrs. Loren Knapp

There's a tie of noble kinship  
In a soul who loves the Lord.  
There's a friendship warm and  
lasting  
If he heeds the Master's word.

There is mutual understanding  
And a sympathy so kind  
In the tie of Christian friendship  
As on earth we ofttimes find.

This verse stuck in my mind, as we sang at one of the many blessed singings we've had during the visits of our dear friends and brethren from other states. Many of our winter visitors are now leaving us for their respective homes, and we'll all truly miss them in our midst. May the Lord watch over them while traveling on the highways.

We were privileged to have as our visiting ministers, Bro. John Klotzle, Bro. Albert Scheitlin and Bro. Clarence Yackley. May God richly bless them for their efforts.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

##### Ruth Ricketts

We were happy to have Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman with us one Sunday early in February. I'm sure it was a pleasure and beneficial to all present to listen to the humble teachings. God has ways of finding and helping those who are in need and search for Him. We feel confident that God will also bless those brothers who labor in His vineyard. Alpha, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara, is living in our midst, attending classes at Illinois Central College and is employed in a hospital in Peoria.

We were pleasantly surprised one Wednesday evening to have several families from the Bradford congregation worship with us. Bro. Jim Ringger and Bro. Roy Ehle held service . . . so good to have them minister to us again. We learned that the members had been painting the interior of their church and didn't have mid-week services. They are welcome anytime, for we are always glad to have them with us.

Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern spent a Sunday with us, and although he felt reluctant to visit us again, we were happy that his wife persuaded him to stay and worship with us. It is always rewarding to listen to Bro. Harvey's humble teachings.

Another Sunday we were blessed with a number of visitors from various places. I thought how nice the singing sounded, when there are a great number joining in songs of praises to our Lord. Our servants for the day were Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria and Bro. Nathan Stoller of Bradford. We were so thankful they were willing to lend of themselves, so that we could be fed with spiritual bread and water. In these trying times we all should stand firm on the rock, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, and not be ashamed to confess him. How good if we can be a light among the darkness of this world, and let those around us observe that we place our full confidence in Jesus. We heard the story of the prodigal son, and were reminded also of the actions of the son who had stayed at home. He thought he was doing everything right, yet we find he was very angry and upset when he heard that his younger brother who had returned home was being treated in such a wonderful way. Which one of these brothers do we resemble? One

came humble and broken, the other resentful and angry.

Bro. Ray Martin is receiving therapy in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, after having the body cast he wore for five months removed. He was very happy one day when he was permitted to stand on his feet, and hopes he will be able to use his crutches and come home very soon. We too are happy for Bro. Ray and also his family, for we can well believe these past five months have been long ones, yet how glad we can say that the Lord did provide for them.

Bro. Eddie Woertz had surgery. We were glad to hear he is making satisfactory recovery. Eddie is our faithful custodian and spends many extra hours at the church, seeing to the comfort for all. May the Lord be near him during his shut-in days.

The last two days of February have been unseasonably warm. I noticed the crocus and tulips are peeping above the ground. A robin was even seen, so we feel that spring can't be too far away. How wonderful to observe the reawakening, after being dormant all winter. Did you ever think how this has never failed to take place since time began? What would we think if the trees failed to get new leaves, the grass get green, or the birds failed to return? We can always depend on these things, just as sure as our dear Lord died on the cross and shed His precious blood for all of us and was resurrected on the third day. We can never be thankful enough for what He did for us. As the buds burst forth with new life, so should we too have new zeal to live closer to the Lord, for we feel the time of His return is not too far away. How many of us will be worthy to go with Him when He comes for us?

#### K. S. U. Libby Meyer

As spring approaches, bringing occasional warm days, we all seem moved to be outside again, to take time to appreciate the beauty of nature; God's creation is a very satisfying thing. It seems to give us new hope for the coming seasons.

Bro. Sam Huber discussed some of the many teachings of Peter I, II at Bible Study. He outlined the divine nature, and related that we must build on this firm foundation, so that we will "neither be barren

nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We were fortunate to have visitors from Lamont for services. Bro. Roy Wernli brought us the teachings as recorded in Luke 20.

What is this that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." These two verses remind the believer of repentance, when the wall could be removed . . . the joy of being broken and willing to give all . . . and the hope that he has for others to escape destruction.

#### BAY CITY Carolyn Knochel

When we get discouraged, thinking we have no special talent to offer in the Lord's service, we must remember that He needs only an empty vessel who is waiting and willing to be used as He sees fit.

A joyful week-end was spent hearing the testimony and witnessing the baptism of our newest brother, Lee Schambach. His parents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Lois of Croghan, as well as brothers, sisters, and many relatives, were with us as we enjoyed anew the story of struggle with sin overcome by grace from God. Sis. Marilyn Schambach, Lee's sister, is now staying to make her home in Bay City with us. I wonder if they realize how good it makes us feel that they would seek out our home and our fellowship!

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Ron Schlatter and Sis. Sharon Waibel. Ron, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret, and Sharon, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth, have our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Bro. Raymond Wieland was stricken with a sudden illness and hospitalized: we are happy to hear that he seems to be recovering. Many anxious days passed as we waited for news of young Lee Ruegesegger (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Margaret), who was in a coma after being severely injured in an accident; but again the Lord heard our prayers, and Lee seems to be making good progress toward recovery. Friend William Freidinger (brother to Bro. Ed) seems to be improving after a sudden illness.

Truly, we can say the Lord has been with us this month!

#### ELGIN, IA. Mrs. George Butikofer

The warmth of the sun as the days lengthen brings about a rebirth. The grass returns, bright green leaves appear, our summer birds return, and again we have the urge to plant seeds; the farmer has grains and the homemaker her garden seeds. . . nature, man and spring weather for one cause, all work together and God, who knows our daily needs gives us the miracle of seeds.

Speaking of miracles, let us turn to the gospel of Mark . . . "And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; . . ."

We did appreciate it very much that our elder, Bro. Paul Butikofer and Elder Bro. Leo Moser from Lester did read and explain the memorandum. It caused us to think of how important it is that we as individuals put forth an effort to live as Jesus and our Creator would have us conduct ourselves.

#### MAYWOOD John Dapper

The time flies on, and death draws nigh;

Unite us Lord with thee on high.  
Prepare us now to live with thee,  
Forever in eternity.

These words are so swiftly coming upon us; we can hardly comprehend it. Already we are entering into the third month of 1972. Hardly can we realize how swift the moments fly; yet we have so much to give us courage and faith in the fleeting hours, that we should cherish every moment and enjoy it to the fullest. . . For the Lord gave us so much to take part in and with. Salvation, and among other things a fellowship, and oh how precious this reality is; especially when we can exercise it as it has been our privilege in the past month. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock came and shared with us this fellowship in the true spirit of His, the God-given word. Bro. Al

Scheitlin spoke the word, and we could walk together in the spirit and fellowship of God's permanent word. His word will ever stand. Bro. Jim Hoerr also quickened our spirits with His inspired word. This all gives us so much for thought as to how we should spend our time, that we can give account of our life when the Lord calls us home. There really is so much at stake, we can't waste any of this precious time. This fellowship is truly the gift of Christ. His commandment is that we should so love each other as he loved us . . . so may we strive forward to that end, when our fellowship will be in Heaven.

We thank the Visiting Ministers Bro. Al Scheitlin, Bro. Jim Hoerr and our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock for their willingness to visit us. We enjoy visitors and so welcome all.

Sis. Julie Dapper has changed her address to Peoria, Ill. We hope that she may find an open welcome into the fellowship there and at Princeville, where she will attend church. May our loss be your gain, dear brethren.

We are sorry to have Sis. Lena Ludwig of Rockville leave our small congregation. She spent the winter months with her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Dale Dapper of Anaheim.

THOT: Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end.

#### MORTON Mrs. John Oberlander Mrs. Ken Getz

Funeral services were held for the following: The infant daughter of Phillip and Janet Kilgus Simpson, who died Jan. 31. Maternal grandparents are Rudy and Sis. Lavina Kilgus.

Sis. Lena A. Plattner, 86, passed away at Restmor Feb. 16. She is survived by eight sons, Bros. Walter, Harold, Jacob, Robert, Pete . . . Edward, Richard, Lester; and one daughter, Sis. Clara (Mrs. Walter) Vogel; two brothers, Bros. Chris and Joe Kaiser; and one sister, Sis. Nettie Kaiser.

Corinne (Mrs. George) Ackerman, 72, died at home Feb. 16. She is survived by her husband, Bro. George; a daughter, Mrs. Hartley (Sally) Walker; a son, John; four brothers, Bros. Kores, Ben . . . Norvell and Carl; and four sisters, Mrs. Herman (Della) Stoller, Mrs. Anne

Strunk, Mrs. John (Martha) Roth and Salome Knapp.

Bro. Henry W. Rapp Sr., 77, died Feb. 18 after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Anna Kuebler Rapp; three sons, Henry, Richard and Bro. Howard; five sisters, Sisters Lydia Pflederer, Katie Pflederer, Lena Ackerman, Emma and Salome Rapp; and three brothers, Bro. Sam, Daniel and Andrew. Bro. Henry taught in our Sunday School many, many years.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Robert Grimm, Richard Schupbach, Ezra Feller and Edwin Hohulin.

Our congregation has been blessed by the repentance and baptism of twelve dear souls. We truly rejoice with their families. They are: Bros. Bill Geyer and Jeff Witzig, and Sisters Ann Witzig, Susan Jacob, Kay Schock Wiedman, Beth Neukomm, Sheri Roeschley, Becky Herman, Lynn Schmidt Harper, Sharilyn Schwenk, Velma Stortz Schwenk and Rhonda Kaiser.

Bro. Chris Koehl has joined our teaching staff in Sunday School, and Bros. Bruce Zimmerman and John Kelley are helping with ushering.

Brian and Sue Johnson Geiger are the parents of a son, Brett Lee. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Ella Geiger. Bill and Teresa Rapp South are the parents of a daughter, Tracy Michelle. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Beyer Rapp.

Jane Rinkenberger and Gary Schneider were united in marriage Feb. 12. Barbara Baum, daughter of Bro. Otto and Sis. Mary Bernhardt Baum, became the bride of Dennis Mohr on Feb. 12. We wish both couples God's blessing in their new lives together.

Rebecca Hermann, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Schock Hermann, and Roger Roeschley, son of Sis. Mabel Roeschley have announced their engagement. Bro. Marvin Hodel, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Hodel, and Sis. Gail Blunier, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia Huber Blunier have announced their engagement and forthcoming summer wedding. Jane, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Braker Knapp, and Doug Fehr, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Madelyn Schick Fehr have announced their engagement.

Those in the hospital or convalescing are: Sisters Elise Woerner Rother, Mary Lou Blunier Grimm,

Katie Rapp Pflederer, Mona Stoller . . . Beverly Wiegand and Salome Carius; Bros. John W. Frank Sr., Levi Ricketts, Levi Pfister, Joe Hauter Jr., Dave Rassi and Richard Bernhardt . . . Daniel Kaiser (son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Lorraine Sinn Kaiser), and Stephen Slagel (son of Ronald and Sis. June Maurer Slagel).

**Thank you notes:** We would like to thank the many loved ones who so generously remembered Mark with prayers, cards and gifts since his accident in May, subsequent visits to the hospital and recovery at home. May God bless you for the strength and encouragement you have given us. Bro. Howard and Sis. Gloria Vierling Leman.

My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with cards, gifts and prayers during my stay at the hospital and since returning home. Sis. Bernice Rinkenberger Rapp.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the many cards, flowers and food brought in, and deeds of kindness during the long illness and death of my husband, our father and brother. The Henry W. Rapp Sr. family, brothers and sisters.

#### SARASOTA Beverly Maibach

What shall it profiteth a man if he gain the world and lose his soul? What would you give in exchange for your soul? Let our Heavenly Father's peace be yours . . . ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

The month of February was truly overflowing with joy and happiness, when Friend John Hodel from Roanoke (Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna's son) answered the gentle prompting and calling of the loving Saviour. What a blessing it is when God so mercifully grants His grace for one to surrender his life, to be able to completely turn from all sin and darkness, and to look above for strength and guidance. Being the first friend to make a beginning in repentance here in Sarasota, it really touched the hearts of all, and we rejoice with John's family and the brethren in Roanoke.

God richly blessed the precious brethren and friends congregating and visiting our church with inspiration from the following visiting ministering brothers: Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix), Bro. Art

Gudeman (La Crosse), Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City), Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park), Bro. Henry Beer (Milford), Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo), Bro. John Rokey (Goodfield), and Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont). Ministering brothers now residing here for a season are Bro. Phil Wingeier (Alto) and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit). May it be our Father's good will and favor to add to these ministering brothers lives and faith, the spiritual gain and increase they have so generously added to our lives through their meditations and inspirations.

The month of February was a very fruitful month for visitors. Average Sunday attendance was over 100. What a priceless fellowship God so bountifully affords us, when we can meet and fellowship with so many brethren from our churches in the north. During the midweek, Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne have had several singings. A picnic was planned by several sisters & after taking upon the food, those gathered were refreshed with a spiritual nourishment in singing hymns together. It was well attended and a blessing to all who took part.

For any brethren considering visiting or vacationing in our area, we want to extend a special invitation and hearty welcome to assemble with us on Sundays. Our place of worship is the Women's Club Building, Palm Avenue and Coconut Street, 1:00 EST.

God is in every tomorrow;  
Therefore I live for today,  
Certain of finding at sunrise,  
Guidance and strength for the way,  
Power for each moment of  
weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

#### ALTO Joyleen Blough

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." These are the words that the Lord spoke to his disciples. Today the Lord's disciples are still spreading the gospel. The first Sunday in February we were privileged to have Bro. James Ramseyer from Bay City minister unto us. On Feb. 28, our Elder Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit ministered to us.

They also read and explained the Memorandum. It was truly a humbling day!

We are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven. Friend Luanne Blough, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Marguerite Blough, has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is a student at Central Michigan University. We wish her much grace.

Ephesians 6:11 says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." If only one piece is missing, the enemies are quick to find that place; this is also the way the devil starts his work. The completed armour is: helmet, salvation; breastplate, righteousness; loins girt, truth; shield, faith; feet, gospel of peace; sword of the Spirit, the word of God.

#### CONGERVILLE

**Norma Stahl — Linda Knapp**

Another precious gift from God has come to the home of Bro. Bob and Sis. Sharon McClure. William Lee was born on Feb. 24. Jeff, Kim and Crystal welcome their little brother home. We wish them all God's blessings with their new little son.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Sarah Dietrich have also received a wonderful gift. Their son Steve has been discharged from active duty and is home from Viet Nam. We are so glad to have him home and in our midst again.

Hospital patients were Bro. Emil Stahl, Sis. Tillie (Dan) Sauder, Bro. Jake Miller (for surgery again), Sis. Emma (Bill) Reeser, who has been hospitalized since November due to a fall. Our prayers are with them, and may God help each of them to bear their cross.

We thank Harvey Heiniger from Oakville for coming to minister unto us. We are so thankful to still hear the good word in all its truth and purity.

Sis. Doris Knapp has a new address, and we know she would appreciate hearing from all of us . . . Miss Doris Knapp, Caixa postal 225, Project Hope, Natal Rio Grande, do Norte, Brazil, South America.

#### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young**

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Five young souls who accepted Christ's offer profess peace with God and man. The converts

are: Vola Young, Janiece Isch and Marilyn Owens, all daughters of Sis. Wilma and Junior Young; Donna Lu and Sarah Lee Somerhalder, daughters of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna. The dear Lord willing, they hope to bring their testimonies of faith on March 11. We wish them the necessary grace to continue on this narrow path they have chosen.

Our thanks and appreciation to Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, who presided over our annual election. A two-year rotation of teachers was approved. Bro. Ephraim Young is Sunday School superintendent.

Sis. Sarah Beyer spent over three weeks in Tulsa caring for her daughter, Mary Ann, who is recuperating from surgery. The past eight days her husband, Hoyt McCurry, has been in intensive care for a heart condition. Arnold Bahr, step-son of Sis. Emma Bahr, is hospitalized for X-rays and tests. Tammy Isch, 10-month-old daughter of Dale and Janiece is hospitalized for double pneumonia. She is responding to treatment.

Visiting ministers: Bro. Alpha Strahm spent a Sunday here. Bro. Joe Aberle also spent a Sunday with us. Bro. Roy Wernli was here for midweek services. Thanks to each for the effort to spread the Gospel.

Spring has made many advances, trees and flowers budding; grass beginning to turn green. With Easter approaching, this verse from our **Zion's Harp** seems fitting:

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

#### LAMONT Betty Wernli

Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka spent a mid-week evening with us, and we appreciate the message the brother did impart.

Sis. Leah Fechter has been dismissed from the hospital and is improving nicely at her home . . . hope will not be long that she can be with us in our assembly again. She wishes to thank each one for their visits, cards and prayers in her behalf, as all helped toward her recovery.

Patricia Beyer, daughter of Sis. Mary Isch, and Roger Redding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Redding of

Gridley were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, at the bride's parents' home, Bro. and Sis. Floyd Isch. May they find much happiness as they start their life together.

Bro. Charlie Gleichman had spent a week in the hospital for tests and observation.

A carload from here traveled to Manhattan to hold services for our youth attending college there . . . seems like "time well spent", as these young folks need our prayers, guidance and our deep concern for them in these perplexing times.

#### LATTY

**Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf**

The Latty young group was invited to Bluffton on Feb. 11-12. Those able to go really enjoyed the blessed fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

On Feb. 26 we were privileged to hear the testimonies of our dear friends, Karen Stoller, Cindy Rager, Rod Stoller, and Bill Stoller Jr. One friend expressed that when she was tempted, a song came to her mind. May we all keep a song in our hearts to help us overcome temptations. Everyone was so uplifted and strengthened, after hearing such experiences of the work of God.

Among the many visitors we enjoyed so much were Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber, Eureka, (who assisted our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller in this undertaking) and Ministering Bros. Walter Rehklau and Walter Rager (Toledo). God was truly in our midst during this week-end. His word did not go forth in vain, as Dwain Laukhuf, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera, has turned to God in repentance. We wish him much grace and happiness in his new life.

Hospital patients were Sis. Dorothy Stoller, Bro. Ken Laukhuf, Bro. Roy Stoller (of Oakwood), and Tom Laukhuf. They are all home again.

Life brings much happiness, but along with it sometimes comes sorrow. Many hearts were saddened by the sudden death of Eugene Delong, who was electrocuted while at his work with REA Electric Company. Survivors are his wife, Janice, and two sons; his parents, Sis. Bena and Archie Delong; and one sister, Mrs. Eloise Arend. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family, relatives, and friends. May God grant grace sufficient to bear this sorrow.

Why, Lord, Why! Thou knowest,  
 'tis true,  
 And someday we will understand,  
 too!  
 So we'll cast on Thee our every care  
 And await Thy meeting, Thy  
 GLORIES to share.

#### REMINGTON

##### Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Robert Alan was born Feb. 6 to Bro. James and Sis. Sandra Schwartz. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred Clauss and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth Schwartz, of Bluffton.

A shower was given for Sis. Vicki Sutter, bride elect of Bro. Roger Steffen.

Sis. Rose (Robert deceased) Bahler went to live at the Eureka Nursing Home for the winter, where three of her sisters, a brother and a sister-in-law are already staying. We miss her, but she was unable to stay alone.

Around 40 of us went to the new nursing home at Fowler Ind. for song and short services. They all ways seem happy to have us. After, we went to my sister-in-law, Anne (Andy deceased) Waibel for a potluck supper and evening of singing. Anne is cook at the Home.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene Clauss and my sister, Louise went to Bremen and called on Sis. Pauline Clauss and the Meisters, where she stays. Louise used to go to her home often, when Sis. Pauline lived in Peoria. My sister appreciated her hospitality often, and feel the least she can do now is remember her from time to time.

Some of the Clauss families from here attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Bro. Dan Clauss' at Bremen. We ought to remember our elderly folks more often as the years go by, whether sick or well.

Bro. Elmer Bahlers, Bro. Robert Clauss' and Bro. Clyde Waibels have returned from the Hail Aid Meeting held at Sabatha. My neice, Sis. Mary Sue's folks live in Texas . . . so was happy to go on trip for both reasons.

Sis. Carol Schieler and Bro. Philip Gutwein Jr were announced to be married. The wedding is planned for April 16. Bro. Harold and Sis. Marie and Bro. Carl and Mary are the parents.

I may search my heart and pronounce it all right, but when God searches me as with a lighted candle, a good many things will come to

light that perhaps I knew nothing about. Bro. Joe Waibel was with us and brought out the fact that even tho' our lights seem small, a little light will penetrate the darkness and does not make a noise. Be still and know that I am God! Jesus bids us shine!

"For Easter" If the Christ who died had stopped at the Cross, His work would have been incomplete. If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb He would have only known defeat. But the way of the Cross never stops at the cross, the way of the tomb leads on to the victorious grace in the Heavenly place, where the risen Lord has gone!

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

##### Willis R. Ehnle

While riding home from Tokyo on the train on the night of Feb. 21, I was meditating on the subject of "wholehearted support", in contrast to the battle cry "destroy the establishment." I concluded that each of us should serve Christ by wholeheartedly supporting our family, our church and our country. Unless we are willing to die, something is lacking. After all, the Lord Jesus Christ died for us, although none of us are so wonderful as to be qualified recipients of such unstinted devotion. If we claim to be His followers we should follow His example, and this does not preclude constructive criticism given in love and humility, with a wholehearted willingness to make any sacrifice or any commitment necessary to improve. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

Bro. Darl Schieler and Mark Stoller visited us from Vietnam. We enjoyed having them with us. They were surprised at the number of passengers riding on one train in Tokyo during the rush hours. They had hoped that the train would dispose of a good many passengers at the next stop so they could breathe more freely, but to their utter amazement only a few got off at the next stop, and another avalanche of human beings came charging through the doors. The prophet Joel wrote, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision . . ."

Throughout the world, most do not realize that there are decisions of a spiritual nature to be made and spiritual actions to be taken. Fur-

ther, there is a lack of desire to realize it. It costs the flesh too much.

Early this week, two police officers lost their lives in rescuing a woman hostage from five young men who believe in violent revolution. I quote from the report, "A bouquet, a bottle of sake (rice wine) and several oranges were placed by the sandbag barricade in front of the Asama Sanso Lodge Tuesday to console the souls of the two senior police officers who were shot dead Monday." This idea of consoling the souls of the dead is certainly a mistake and in vain. There is nothing in this which can compare with the forgiveness of sins, the sanctification of the believer, being cleansed and purified and made holy, such as is found in the Gospel of forgiveness through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should appreciate our salvation and the glorious hope and assurance which it offers. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace".

#### TAMAHATA

##### Akito and Marie Inoue

The second Sunday of each month the Shioda and Tamahata churches gather for a song service at 3:00. This past month the teaching sisters, Judy Bauer and Sue Schock opened their hearts and "little home" to us, where we enjoyed a blessed singing and fellowship. We pray that more might find it worthwhile to attend and be more willing to leave their earthly duties on the Lord's day.

Miss Akioko Inoue, daughter of Sis. Tamino Inoue, was recently married to Mr. Kasai. We wish them much joy and happiness and pray that they may honor our Lord and Saviour in their home. They reside in Yokohama, where Kasai-san has employment.

Two soldier boys, Bro. Darl Schieler (Wolcott) and Friend Mark Stoller (Latty), who has repented and begun his walk with the Lord, were a blessing in our assembly. We appreciated their visit and trust they will return safely to their loved ones in the states, when their duties in Viet Nam are finished.

We want to acknowledge with thankfulness the contributions of love gifts from the states extended to the Tamahata Church. May we

who are entrusted with these gifts use them wisely for God's glory.

**TAYLOR**  
**Elizabeth Sutter**

Bro. Harvey Heiniger spent Sun. Feb. 27 with us. Bro. Harvey served communion to our congregation. It is a solemn and blessed occasion when we are privileged to partake of the symbols of the body and blood of our Lord.

Bro. Al and Sis. Judy Langhofer spent an evening with us. We were glad to have Bro. Al minister to us, their first visit since they assembled with us several years ago while living in St. Louis.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park; Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Bro. Kenny Dietz, Bradford, and Bro. Bert Butikofer, Elgin, Ia. They were all here on Sunday, following the funeral service of Bro. Will Butikofer.

Another of our loved ones was taken from our midst, when Bro. William Butikofer passed away on Feb. 9, after being quite ill for several weeks. Services were held on Feb. 12 by our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, with Bro. Albert Wuthrich assisting.

Bro. Will was born at Elgin Ia. on March 21, 1892, son of Jacob and Anna Elizabeth Marti Butikofer. He was married to Sis. Marie Grimm on July 18, 1918. Surviving are his widow, Sis. Marie; a son, Edward of Quincy; two daughters, Sis. Elva (Paul) Gerst of Oakville and Sis. Ruth (William) Cottrell of Quincy, Illinois. A son, Joel William, preceded him in death. Bro. Will felt the need of a Saviour in his youth and was a member of our congregation for 56 years, serving faithfully in the various offices to which he was elected.

It was almost 7 years ago that he fell and broke his hip and has had to walk with a walker. He bore his affliction without complaint and kept busy with work he was able to do. He will be greatly missed by our entire congregation and especially by his children, grandchildren, and his wife, Sis. Marie, who so faithfully and patiently took care of him during the years he needed her care.

A heartfelt "thank you" in appreciation to everyone who helped in so many ways at home and at the hospital, some who sat with Will, those who had prayers with him in

his illness . . . also the cards, letters and gifts they sent him . . . after his passing for all the kindness and sympathy, for bringing in meals and other food, for those who prepared a delicious meal for our relatives and friends at the church. May God richly bless all. Sis. Marie Butikofer and family.

**Trust**

I place my affairs  
In God's loving hands.  
My problems He knows;  
My need He understands.

I'm poised and relaxed  
Because now I know  
That God will take over  
Where I cannot go.

I've cast off my burdens,  
And run lightly shod,  
For I have found peace  
In the wisdom of God.

**WEST BEND**  
**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**  
**Mrs. A. Banwart**

Look upon with special favor  
Those who ask of me, O Saviour,  
That for them my prayers may  
rise;  
To thy mercy I commend them;  
To each one such blessing send  
them  
As they need; for Thou art wise.

While singing these words at our Sunday service many thoughts, I'm sure, were directed to our dear Sis. Sarah Kropf, who now lies in the hospital unable to commune with us verbally but responds to words and deeds of kindness and love. How would we accept this cross should a stroke befall us at an unpredictable time? Are there a few words of thanksgiving we should now utter to our Lord, or loved ones, or even to those whose actions must be searched to find some deed of gratitude? Sis. Sarah's condition remains poor, but she enjoys mail. Address: Sarah Kropf, Palo Alto Co. Hospital, Emmetsburg Iowa. May we ever keep a song of thanksgiving to our Lord in our hearts. We rejoice to report that Sis. Eula (Art) Mogler is recovering from surgery satisfactorily.

After a clear explanation of the results of accepting or rejecting the kind invitation to follow the Lord, those who choose the path of righteousness were reminded of the many

branches leading elsewhere along this road, by our visiting ministers from Winthrop, Bros. Leroy Messner and Elmer Schmidt. We appreciate their efforts and wish to thank them for their visit.

A girl, Lana Jean, was born on Feb. 19 to our friends, Robert and Barbara Fehr. She has two brothers, Joe and Michael to welcome her home.

**WOLCOTT**

**Arles Kropf — Marjean Lehman**

March has come—and we stand somewhere between winter and spring. One day we become excited over spring's invitations, the next day winter breathes a deep breath across the land. It seems to resemble our lives here below. We walk somewhere near the passing from life to death, not knowing entirely the season of our very existence. With faith in Almighty God, we are able to withstand whatever winds may blow!

World Relief sewing became underway again with the new year. We should consider those less fortunate and be willing to lend the aid.

Ron Kyburz was discharged from the service in January. We're thankful to have Ron and Donna back in our community.

Sis. Arles Kropf, while on vacation in Florida, contacted pneumonia. She is recuperating well and has returned to church and her labors. Sis. Mary Hitz has been in the hospital, but is home again.

**FT SAM HOUSTON**

Spring-time is here again. Already in the South the wonders of God, that He provides for us in nature, are being made manifest unto us. Truly He is the omnipotent God, and through him all things are made perfect.

In this past month of February, we have had many visitors. We are certainly thankful that they did stop and visit us, and to spend time in fellowship with us. Among the many visitors were Elder Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris, Bro. Elias Somerhalder from Burlington, and Bro. Loren Strahm from the Gridley Kans. congregation. We all deeply appreciate the many wonderful words that were so ably expounded unto us from the word of God. It truly does our hearts good when we can sit under the sound of his voice and thereby be fed and

nourished through the true vine. We surely want to thank them for all that they have done for us and also the wise counsel.

The 13th of February was a very joyous, special day here at Ft. Sam. The engagement was made known of Bro. Steve Elsasser to Sis. Lona Pfladderer. Steve is stationed here at Ft. Sam, and Lona is from Francesville. We certainly wish them the richest of God's blessings as they walk hand in hand together in this life, both living for God.

Love of all gift is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow . . . Though I had a voice like angels, lacking love, I truly know . . . That I'd be a tinkling cymbal or a wretched sounding brass; . . . For although the sound were present, lifeless through this world I'd pass . . . Love is of a friendly nature, Does no selfish thought possess; . . . Love is not a sin partaker, And is free from bitterness . . . Love is truthful, not deceitful, Does here every burden bear; . . . And enduring is so fruitful, In all trials joy to share.

We invite anyone vacationing or traveling in the South to visit us at 463 Eleanor in San Antonio. Our telephone number is 512-824-9808.

### MINNEAPOLIS Alma and Gus Baum

All day, this 3rd day of March, the snow has been silently falling. There is much beauty in new-fallen snow, especially here, where it remains untouched for days. 1972 has provided numerous days like this, as well as the usual sub-zero ones, all a part of the beautiful winter season in Minnesota.

Sis. Sophia Sikaparija was confined to the hospital in Fridley, after she experienced a fall. Her usual happy smile welcomed us when we visited her. She is improved and with her daughter and family, where she makes her home.

Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine Miller have a new baby daughter, Amy Lynn. Four sisters and brothers welcomed the wee newcomer home. Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller are the grandparents. Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger rejoice over their new son, Richard David. His sister, Jennifer eagerly awaited this homecoming. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger are the grandparents.

Bro. Alpha Moser, Morris, spent a Sunday with us. Our thanks to him for his endeavor, and to God for the wonderful words of life.

### AKRON Katherine Ries

What does it mean to be converted? To humble yourself as a little child and make an about face . . . turn from the way you've been traveling and ask forgiveness for all your sins.

Additional blessings to those already received from the meditations of our ministering brothers were received when Bro. Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville and Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman served us during February.

Some of our brethren and friends have been absent for some time due to illness. We miss Bro. Paul and Sis. Rose Pamer, Bro. Stanley and Ann Francis, Friend Fred Burr (who are slowly recovering at their homes) and Sis. Katherine Tooker, who is satisfactory at the Mansfield Memorial Home Inc. in Mansfield.

Bro. David E. Graf, now stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army, is awaiting his discharge, and hopes to be home March 15. His home address: 1132 St Michaels Ave Akron Ohio 44320. Welcome home, Bro. David.

During the inclement weather we experienced in February, some of our brethren, upon entering the church, spoke of "how wonderful to come in from the cold into the warmth of the church, like into the arms of Jesus".

### EUREKA Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

"I will strength thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

God has given you His promise,  
And He hears and answers prayer;  
He will heed your supplication  
If you cast on Him your care.

If we all would cast our cares on Him, we would all get along much better in our Christian walk of life. Let us all try to be more fervent in our prayers to our Father in Heaven.

Our visitors who have occupied the pulpit were Bros. Joe Schrock, Congerville, Harold Emch—Girard, Wendell Gudeman—Francesville,

Eugene Bertschi, Don Sauder, Ronoke. May the good teachings that they spoke be remembered by all the hearers and may God give the increase.

Birth—A son, the first child to Bro. Merle and Sis. Beverly Rocke, born Feb. 27. He has been named Matthew Gene.

### FORREST Juanita Schneider Eleanor Honegger

The engagement of Sis. Gail Blunier, daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia, was announced to Bro. Marvin A. Hodel of Morton, son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude of Hoopeston, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. James Freeburg of Monona, Wis. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jana Sue, to Arthur Lehmann, son of Bro. George and Sis. Alice. May God bless these couples as they plan their future.

We welcome Bro. Dale Banwart of West Bend, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna, into our congregation. He is working at Morris, Ill. and making his home at Forrest.

Little Daniel Eisenmann, son of Bro. John and Sis. Beverly, was a surgical patient, and Velma Koehl was also a surgical patient at Fairbury Hospital, but are both recuperating nicely.

We had in our midst visiting ministers, Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas; Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit; Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Bro. Charles Sauder and Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont; and Bro. Earl Kilgus, Remington. How thankful we should be that we have been chosen by the almighty God to be one of His followers. Does our spiritual light shine as it should? Someone may never read the Bible and may look upon us as a light or example to follow. The father told his son, "I am going out tonight; you stay at home." The father left, and it started snowing. The father went to a tavern and when he was there awhile, he turned around to go home. There was his son. The Father said, "I thought I told you to stay at home." The son replied, "Dad, I was following in your footsteps." Christian, walk carefully!

Victor Loren is the new son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Mara Jean Edelman. Grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm of the Gridley, Kansas congregation. Two brothers and one sister welcome him home.

**Thank You**—We sincerely wish to thank our relatives and many friends for the lovely cards and gifts sent to us on our Golden Anniversary. May God bless you. Bro. Joseph and Sis. Ida Kaisner . . . Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha Honegger wish to express their thanks of appreciation to their many relatives and friends for the gifts and cards received on their 50th anniversary. May God bless you all.

Written in memory of Sis. Bena Lehmann, who passed away one year ago:

#### Memories Are Never Lost

When grief is spent,  
May you yet find  
Comfort in what remains behind;  
The happiness your loved ones  
brought.  
Will keep them always close in  
thought;  
As long as love stays in the heart  
You and your loved ones never part,  
For time cannot steal or sever—  
Memories are yours forever.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

##### Tom and Carolyn Frank

Our congregation was saddened to hear of the death of Bro. Herman Norr. Through sincere efforts he was instrumental in initiating services at Indianapolis. We shall always remember his compassion and desire to serve others. May we also strive for eternal treasures. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . . Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching . . ."

Ben Getz has been hospitalized for an ulcer ailment. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to the time he can assemble with us again.

We are glad to learn that Dave Pearson has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish him God's grace.

Two more couples are attending services at Indianapolis. We welcome into our fellowship Bro. Arden and Sis. LeAnn Bucher of Anderson and Bro. Mark and Sis. Janet Gutwein, Muncie.

Our visiting ministers for the month of February were Bros. Elmer Bucher, Francesville; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Richard Schupbach, Phoenix; Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Bob Meyer, Bluffton; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

#### PEORIA

##### Emily Tanner

##### Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

After Jesus was crucified, he arose from the grave and appeared to Mary Magalene. She came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

Our congregation is very fortunate and thankful to have a goodly number of young folks experiencing the peace of God after repenting. Four more dear souls were added to the fold. We welcome our new brothers in faith, David Meister and his son Skip, Bob Meister and Max Pfaffmann. David is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Lillian Meister. Bob is the son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Bernie Meister; Max is the son of Ernie and Ida Schlipf Pfaffmann. Bro. David Kieser came to assist with their provings and baptisms. Sis. Lillian Meister has been absent from attending church services on account of her health, but it was so nice to see she was given sufficient strength to come to afternoon church services and to witness the baptism of her son, two grandsons and their good friend Max.

Four more dear friends have repented and are awaiting the opportunity to come before the church for provings and baptism. They are Ron Herman, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Lorraine Herman of Tucson; his wife is Sis. Mary Ann (Sutter); Diane Meister, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister; Rachel Meier, daughter of Bro. Francis and Sis. Dorothy Meier; and Becky Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Mel and Sis. Carolee Unsicker.

Our friends Roy and Phyllis Baer announced the engagements of two daughters, Mary Margaret, to Harold Montgomery Doty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Doty of East Peoria; Rebecca Jean to Gene Sidler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sidler of Lansing, Ill.

Sis. Lydia Simon, 84, died Feb. 3 at her home. She was a resident of Peoria many years. This past year her health did not permit her to assemble with us for church services very much but she was thankful to be able to stay alone in her home. She was born at Tremont, the

daughter of William and Elizabeth Koch Gerstner, and was married to Alex Simon in 1910. Bro. Alex died in 1963. Surviving are one son, William A Simon, and two sisters, Sis. Clara Simon of Peoria and Mrs. Esther Clapp of Largo, Fla.

Sis. Veva Domnick was a hospital patient for 10 days with a broken ankle. She is home now recuperating. Mrs. Henry (Anna) Traub and Bro. Harold Koehl are hospital patients.

The Prairie Choristers joined us at our March Hymn Sing. One of the hymns particularly impressed me, UNITY. Thus united And in concord Let us walk the path of life; Hand in hand, O may love bind us, For each other's welfare strive. . . Beautiful words aren't they? If only we can live up to it!

**Note of thanks:** Sis. Freda Kipper wishes to express her thanks for the love, gifts, flowers, cards and especially the prayers in her behalf, while in the hospital. Freda is home now, and we're happy to see her in our assembly again.

#### PORTLAND

##### Pearl Miller

The Bible is all sufficient for our needs. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Our dear Sis. Mildred Dietrich (from the Silverton congregation) has been in the hospital for almost three weeks. She is now in training in a hospital here for several weeks to learn how to manipulate the Kidney Machine, which they hope to have in their home in the near future. Several times a week she goes to the hospital for the Kidney Machine Dialysis. Thus far, Mildred is doing nicely.

The Silverton and Portland congregations shared in the blessings received by the inspired messages of our beloved elders, Noah Shrock and Carl Kinsinger, the middle of February. During their visit, the important responsibility of preaching the precious word fell on our dear brother, Ed Knecht. Bro. Ed has our prayerful support. He will assist Bro. Clarence Dietrich in the Silverton congregation.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Judy Knecht and family moved to R R 1 Box 241, Mulino Oregon—Phone No. 632-

3570. We miss them very much in Portland.

Silverton will have Wed. evening services, 7:30 P.M. PST.

### The Way of the Cross Leads to God

He carried the cross to Calvary,  
Carried its burden for you and me.  
There on the cross He was crucified  
And, because He suffered and bled  
and died,

We know that whatever our cross  
may be,

It leads to God and eternity. . .

For who can hope for a Crown of  
stars

Unless it is earned with suffering  
and scars. . .

Let those who yearn for the pleas-  
ures of life,

And long to escape all suffering and  
strife

Rush recklessly on to an empty  
goal,

With never a thought of the spirit  
and soul. . .

But if you are searching to find the  
way

To life everlasting and eternal day. .

With faith in your heart take the  
path He trod,

For the way of the cross is the way  
to God.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Norma Schini — Lois Kipfer

I got up early one morning and  
rushed right into the day;

I had so much to accomplish that I  
didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me  
and heavier came each task.

Why doesn't God help me, I wonder-  
ed?

He answered, **You didn't ask.**

I wanted joy and beauty, but the  
day was grey and bleak,

I wondered why God didn't show  
me.

He said, **But you didn't seek.**

I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock

God gently and lovingly chided, **My  
child, you didn't knock.**

I woke up early this morning and  
paused before entering the day.

I had so much to accomplish that I  
had to take time to pray.

Let us always take time to pray  
and seek out God's will for our lives.  
As we strive to do His holy will,  
God will surely give us everything  
else that is needful.

On Feb. 9, Bro. Merle Bucher

from the LaCrosse congregation  
was with us. Alfred Bahler from  
Wolcott was with us on Feb. 23.  
Their words were an inspiration and  
a blessing for us all.

We rejoice that another precious  
soul, Elaine Kipfer, has turned her  
back on this world and is seeking  
the Lord in repentance. May He pro-  
vide for her each day. Elaine is the  
daughter of Bro. and Sis. Martin  
and Marguerite Kipfer of Bluffton.

### MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

To break Thy bread we now have  
gathered,

In covenant to drink Thy wine.

As brethren we unite together,  
That unto death we might be Thine.

We were privileged to partake of  
the Lord's Supper when Elder Bros.  
Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman  
served us on Sunday, Feb. 27. The  
fellowship we enjoyed continued as  
all were invited to remain together  
for supper in the church dining-  
room.

Congratulations and best wishes  
are extended to the new Mr. and  
Mrs. William Sauder. Bill (who is  
the son of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sue)  
and the former Becky Saltz ex-  
changed wedding vows on Feb. 19.  
May the Lord bless this young cou-  
ple as they establish a home to-  
gether at 1110 West Straub Rd.,  
Mansfield Ohio 44904.

Christina Beer (Chas.) has again  
been admitted to the hospital, and  
Esther Smith Zody (Elden) was al-  
so a hospital patient.

Sis. Theresa Stier has moved  
from Mansfield Memorial Homes to  
the Woodlawn Nursing Home, 535  
Lexington Ave., Mansfield Ohio  
44907. She is always happy to hear  
from her friends.

As the Easter season is again ap-  
proaching, the children are prepar-  
ing to present their annual pro-  
gram, joyfully proclaiming the re-  
surrection of our Saviour.

Praise to Jesus Who has risen,  
Delivered from death's bond and  
prison,

Appears triumphant God's own Son.  
Thru the heavens' spacious arches  
Resound the joyful songs of glad-  
ness,

And peace doth glow around God's  
throne.

Praise Him Who ever lives,  
Who life and comfort gives,  
Christ the Saviour;

And to our God!  
Death's dark abode  
Is banished by His conq'ring rod.

### PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

We have been blessed again in  
February with the visits of many  
brethern, who have been enjoying  
our warm sunshine. We also enjoy  
the warmth of the Christian fellow-  
ship we share. A covered-dish din-  
ner was held the 13th, Sunday af-  
ternoon. It was well attended, in  
fact was thought to be the largest  
group ever served here.

Bro. Al Scheitlin and his wife  
have returned to their home in El-  
gin, after visiting for several weeks.  
We thank Bro. Al for his inspiring  
messages.

Ed and Sue Greenbank and their  
small daughters, Laurie and Kelly,  
moved here from Akron. Their ad-  
dress is 1246 E. Bethany Home Apt.  
8A, Phoenix 85014. We welcome  
them and are happy to have them  
assemble with us.

We have missed Ministering Bro.  
Richard and Sis. Barbara Schup-  
bach, who have been away the  
month of February on an extensive  
trip. Their daughter, Sis. Chelly,  
has returned to Phoenix with them,  
as she has completed her LPN  
training in Bloomington and found  
employment here. We are happy to  
have her assemble with us again.

We welcome Sis. Eliza Getz, who  
has bought a home in the Sunny-  
slope area. Her son, Ron, who has  
been living here for some time is  
now residing with his mother. Their  
address is: 9822 N. 2nd Way, Phoe-  
nix 85020.

Bill Roth, son of Bro. Harry and  
Rachael, has been discharged from  
the service and is back in Phoenix.  
We are happy for him and know he  
is also glad to be home.

Our congratulations to Lori  
Wirtz, who was a mid-term gradu-  
ate of ASU. She received her degree  
in Home Economics.

### BLUFFTON

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Sis. Emma Levy has been con-  
fined to the hospital for several  
weeks for tests and treatment. Sis.  
Kate (Fred) Gerber has undergone  
surgery. Bro. Levi Schwartz was  
hospitalized. We are happy to re-  
port that Bro. Jack Gerber is re-  
covering very nicely, following sur-  
gery. He is able to be up and around  
most of the time.

We so often think of our other shut-ins in rest homes, nursing units, and in their own homes who must continually have care given them. We know their hours are long and sometimes very lonely, but may they keep their trust in God and not be moved. We who are well can send them much cheer when we have an opportunity, by paying them a short visit or drop a line to them.

Friends Melissa Gerber and Mike Smekens were united in marriage on Feb. 11. Melissa is the daughter of Ministering Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber.

Vows were exchanged by Sis. Susan Schladenhauffen and Bro. Ron D. Hilton. Her parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Dorothy, and Ron's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hilton.

Friends Janet Gerber and Mike Campbell were also married. The bride is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Bonnie Gerber. This event took place in the chapel of our fellowship hall.

Our congregation was privileged to have Bro. Elmer Harter and Bro. Walter Steffen with us Sunday, March 5, along with other visitors from Milford. Many precious teachings were sent from on High. We must strive to keep them in our hearts.

### I Need Thee, Lord:

Speak to me, that I may hear Thee giving me courage for hard times and strength for difficult places, giving me determination for challenging tasks. I ask of Thee no easy way, but just Thy grace that is sufficient for every need, so that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky, I may be enabled to overcome.

### BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

When your circle is small, each new addition is welcome and those who leave are greatly missed. We are sorry that Clyde and Charlene Knobloch and family will no longer be assembling with us. They have moved from Mendota to Bloomington, where Clyde is employed. We wish them the best in their new home.

We miss Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Hancher; they have gone to Florida to spend part of the winter for Bro. Carl's health. Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser are among us again

after having spent a month in Arizona.

First-time grandparents among us are Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Endress. A son, Brandon Lee, was born Feb. 5 to their son, Dale, and his wife, Cindy.

Little Rodney Louis has come to be a part of the Roger Rumbold family. They have one daughter, Ronda. Bro. Louie and Sis. Ann Rumbold are the paternal grandparents.

A daughter was born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Rebecca Endress on Feb. 9. She has been named Leann Marie and has one sister, Lavonne. Sis. Mildred Endress (Princeville) and Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville) are her grandparents.

Bro. Fred Endress and Cindy Knobloch (daughter of Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys) were hospitalized for a time during February. Sis. Teresa Stoller (Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha) is in the hospital, recovering from surgery.

### BREMEN

Karen Feldman

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

As Valentines Day rolled around and our thoughts turned to love, we were reminded of the greatest love of all— God's love; and the greatest gift we can give Him is our heart.

We are happy to have Ed Germann able to be out and fellowship with us again.

We are happy to welcome Mike and Marge Mangold and their son Matthew to our congregation. Their new address is: R. R. 2, Ridgewood Dr, Edwardsburg, Mich. 49112. May God bless you in your new home.

On Friday evening Feb. 4, Elder Bros. Joe Waibel, Dave Bertsch and Wendell Gudeman visited us to share the memorandum.

On Feb. 22, Bro. Walt Steffen of Milford and many other visitors spent the day here helping the Clauss' celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. **Note of Thanks:** We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the lovely cards and gifts we received for our 50th wedding anniversary. Bro. Dan and Sis. Hazel Clauss.

Sis. Clara Klopfenstein is in the hospital recuperating from surgery.

Sis. Lydia Heuberger is also recuperating from an illness of several weeks.

### CHICAGO

Sunday, Feb. 13 our assembly was shocked and saddened to learn that Bro. Louis Stammmer had suffered a fatal heart seizure while driving to church. Sis. Theresa was injured in the ensuing accident and had to be hospitalized. Funeral services were conducted by our local ministers on Feb. 18. Bro. Louie's quiet, cheerful nature was always an inspiration to us.

Jerry, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marge Young, suffered a serious leg injury in an accident. Sis. Helen Kittl is a patient at Riveredge Hospital in Forest Park.

We welcome Sis. Georgia Cawley of Eureka, who is student teaching here. We are also grateful for the safe return of Bro. Al and Sis. Margaret Fisher, following their stay in Florida.

### CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Upon Golgotha's cross He hung and bled;  
The surging rabble taunted and maligned,  
While thorns cut torturously into His head,  
And those He trusted lingered far behind. . . .

"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him . . ." How thankful we are that souls are still seeking Him; we have several souls that have turned to the Lord.

Bro. Walter Anliker was our guest minister; we appreciated his visit and hope he will soon return.

We have many loved ones that have been hospitalized: Sisters Emma Wahl, Lillie Waldbeser, Sarah Maul were medical patients and have returned home. Sis. Laura Hodel was at Mayo's for a check-up. Sis. Carrie Walbeser has been moved from Americana Nursing Home to the Apostolic Christian Home at Eureka. Bro. Phil Alt remains a hospital patient at Carle Hospital, Urbana in serious condition. Let us

remember our loved ones in prayer.

**Thank you:** Bro. Jake and Sis. Sophie Funk wish to thank their many relatives and friends for the lovely gifts and cards sent to them on their Golden Anniversary on Feb. 13. Their children hosted an open house. Their children and grandchildren were present.

Sis. Leah Aeschliman's 86th birthday was observed. She has enjoyed good health and been active through the years, always ready to lend a helping hand and do for others, until recently, when she has had to slow up somewhat. She wishes to thank her relatives and friends for the gifts and cards she received at Christmas-time and for her birthday. Our dear friends, Isaac and Mary Steiner celebrated their Golden Anniversary on March 5.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss

#### Looking Back to the Day of Salvation 75 years ago

O blissful hour and holy, when in  
God's covenant truly  
Through Christ's blood I did pass;  
there was I blest forever,  
From Satan's realm was severed,  
then when I took that holy bath.  
Joined to His congregation in blest  
association,  
Washed in His precious blood from  
every bold transgression,  
I now find consolation; how kind  
and merciful is God!

At the beginning of our services on Feb. 13, Bro. Nathan Steffen announced that the next day would be 75 years that five souls made their vows to God to be true and faithful until life's end, were baptized and taken into the Fold. They were Otto Stettner, Pauline and Karoline Messerschmidt, Ricka Lindoerfer and Christine Schambach. Two of the sisters are still among us, Karoline (now Kuehner) 93, and Ricka (now Stettner), 88 years old. Sis. Ricka was able to be assembled with us. But Sis. Karoline (Carrie) has not been able to be with us for quite awhile, so Bro. Nathan visited her that day, and she said she had such a blessed day and enjoyed it so much. May God watch over them and keep them in His care always.

We are also glad to report that Robert Schambach and Bro. Doug-

las Kellenberger have finished their tour of service in Germany and are back in our church circle. We're thankful that God has brought them safely back, and we know they're glad to get back.

Sis. Nettie, wife of Jacob Leuthold, aged 70 years, passed away. Fred Greiner passed away at the age of 66 years; also Eileen Bolliger Zielinski, 54 years of age, passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the ones left behind, as parting causes sorrow and grief.

Sis. Mary (Graf) Kimball, wife of Howard, 1222 Indian Dr., Elgin Ill 60120 has been absent from our church circle due to illness; she is improving, and we hope will soon be with us again. Edward Schifferer is at Sherman Hospital, suffering from a heart attack. He is somewhat improved. They live at 18611 Beck Rd., Marengo Ill 60152.

#### FT SCOTT

Ida Smith

Bro. Lester Harter was with us today, March 5, to unite in marriage Sis. Evelyn Miller with his son, Bro. Neil. We wish the young couple God's blessings in their new home. They will be at home on the farm near Bern.

#### LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest — Gwen Bucher

A new being by regeneration,  
I do pledge myself to bear  
With my Master cross and  
tribulation,  
Likewise with His body share . . .  
But, my Lord, to suffer and to  
labor  
Give me strength and grace and  
godly favor,  
That I follow Thee alone  
Till I stand before Thy throne.

We were privileged to hear the testimony of Susie Heinold, daughter-in-law of Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie, Sat. Jan. 12, and witness her baptism the following day. Bro. Duane Metzger of West Bend, also being present, sent forth the invitation to all who are lost and gave many good teachings for all God's children.

Marriage of Rachael Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha, and Dale Zeltwanger, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna (Morris) was solemnized Feb. 20, with impressive services by Elder Bro. Edward Frank. Our morning

services were filled with inspiring messages by visiting Bro. Harold Gramm and Bro. Floyd Schmidgall from Morris. We enjoyed many other guests, along with Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley and Bro. Edward Alt of Cissna Park.

Sis. Melva Bucher has been moved to Medical Center at Indianapolis. May the God of all ages, whose love brings rest to the weary, comfort to the lonely, and hope to the suffering, rest His hand of compassion upon her.

We were richly reminded by our ministering brothers of the great mystery of God. "It is better to be born twice and die once, than to be born once and die twice" . . . trust many souls will yet have the prayer of the Psalmist David on their hearts. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness . . . Create in me a new heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

#### LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

The mighty things that prayer hath wrought  
Go far beyond all human thought.  
It lightens our burdens on the way  
If we but take the time to pray.

He will lighten our load if we pray in times of grief, loneliness, sickness and despair, and how rewarding to pray in times of joy and thankfulness.

With a lump in our throat, we bade farewell to Sis. Violet Knobloch, who has accepted employment in Peoria. She will be greatly missed in Sunday School and church, as well as in the family circle. We welcome Eddie and Judy Marten and their children from Elgin, Illinois. Judy is the daughter of Ben and Sarah Feucht.

Our friend, Leroy Kellenberger was discharged, after serving six years in the National Guard. Gary Metzger received his discharge from the same unit some time ago. We appreciate the young men who must make sacrifices to serve our country.

Brice Lynn is the new baby boy in the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Pauline Teubel; he has two brothers. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Wilma Knobloch also have a new baby boy, Dudley Mel; he has two brothers and one sister.

Bro. Nathan Knobloch was a sur-

gical patient, and Bro. Phil Mogler was hospitalized for tests. We are thankful both of them are home and doing fine. Little Robbie Metzger, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosella Metzger, has been committed to the Glenwood State Hospital. Shortly after he arrived there, he was taken to the University hospital in Omaha with pneumonia. He has returned to Glenwood and is adjusting to his new surroundings.

Our community was shocked by the tragic death of a young farmer neighbor of Bro. Carl Feucht in a farm machinery accident. Several days later the jolly, robust neighbor of Bro. Martin Knobloch died suddenly of a stroke. Within a week, three teenage boys were mangled to death in a car-train accident. Isn't this God's way of warning us to be prepared? We know not at what moment the death angel will call. Let's keep our lamps trimmed and burning brightly.

**NEW MARTINSVILLE**

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Cold weather still lingers in our area, with snow at times and hazardous driving conditions in many locations.

You have read and heard through the news media of the tragic flood which hit southern West Virginia on Feb. 26; this area is around two hundred miles from us, south. Many good people rallied to the need of the flood victims, gathered clothing and provisions, and brought them to the relief station, which is a small church across the street from our home. A large truck left at noon on the first day of March, for the stricken area, with the donated items.

J. C. Froelich is improving in strength, and while he does not spend as much time in his furniture store as usual, he still makes his daily trips to the store and acts in an official capacity to his partners and employees. Carl Berger has been very ill and is a patient in the local hospital, but shows some improvement. Mrs. Berger is also doing very well. Virgil Hassig of Limestone Ridge was injured while at work in clearing trees in his farm on Limestone Ridge, but is recovering nicely. Mrs. Carrie Schenerlein Berthel, formerly of Wheeling, is a patient in the Ball Nursing Home in Morristown, Ohio. Mrs. Wm. Emch remains a bed patient in her

home. Roy Riggenbach of Limestone Ridge was able to return home on March 5, after being a patient in the local hospital for several weeks.

Harry Winkler, formerly of Sardis, passed away during February, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nell Winkler Epplesheimer of Pittsburgh.

Mr. W. E. Riggenbach of Paden City, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. W. E. Durig, and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the funeral services for Mr. Ferd Riggenbach at the Monroe Church on March 1. He is survived by his widow, one son, two daughters, one brother, Herman of Sterling, Ohio. Rudolph Graf and Ernest Graf were in charge of the services, assisted by Delbert Indermahle. We were happy to meet with the many relatives and friends from Akron, Rittman, Mansfield, and other places in Ohio.

In reading the *Silver Lining*, we read of so many marriages, wedding anniversaries, births, etc, for which we always breathe a prayer and especially to those who are repenting and being baptized, and then, we read of the many sad things, accidents, deaths, etc, for which we offer our condolences; we would love to write each a letter, but time and circumstances do not permit. May God bless you all.

**PULASKI**

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

This poem was found on paper, yellowed with age, among the possessions of our aged Sisters, Lydia Wuthrich and Agnes Getz. It truly describes the . . . pattern of their lives . . . **The Weaver:**

. . . then I shall know even as I am known.

My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me—  
I cannot choose the colors—  
He worketh steadily.  
Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow,  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I the underside—

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skilful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

On Feb. 19, many attended the public auction of their home and possessions. It was with heavy hearts that these priceless belongings were sold, as a lot of them were keepsakes and treasures that were brought from Switzerland many years ago.

The next day a brother mentioned in his prayer, how in just one day all their lifetime material possessions were gone. This is of little value, tho, compared to the treasure they have laid up in Heaven.

Many, many brethren and friends, from far and near, have shared their blessings in their home. The door was always open to young and old alike, and all left with lasting memories.

Their health seems to be declining, and they are anxiously waiting to be called Home. Sis. Lydia enjoys conversation, but cannot express herself and gets easily upset. She loves to pray, and this communion with God gives her sweet peace.

Sis. Minnie is now in the hospital recuperating from surgery on her hip, and hopes to go back to the nursing home soon, to be with Lydia. They are both praying for patience and strength to bear their cross, and do feel that the many prayers offered in their behalf have helped sustain them this far.

**VALPARAISO**

Irene Nuestr

**He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.** Sunday March 5, our Minister, Bro. Harry Bucher read the above, and by his sermon we were reminded how: Each life is ordained in the beautiful plan of God to minister to those who are weak and stumble in the darkness . . . To be a strong arm for the less fortunate . . . and to witness to the faithfulness of God in our own lives, that we may encourage others . . . To reflect a grace sufficient for every need.

**Golden Hours**

Fill each precious golden hour with some kindly word or deed  
That will help a struggling loved one find the answer to his need.  
Let there be a pause of goodness in each sacred passing day,  
Blessed with joy we reap in serving those we meet along the way.

On Sunday 2-27, we went to wor-

ship and fellowship with the aged at the County Home; it is very rewarding to see the happiness in their faces to see the eagerness as they open their Bibles, also to have them select hymns and to hear their voices join in singing.

God has blessed us with two new babies: He has chose for their parents, Lynn and Caroline Frieden, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Frieden . . . entrusted with a baby boy, Chad Michael, born 2-22. Jennifer Sue, a little baby girl was given to love and to cherish, 2-29 to Jim and Sue DeHaven, the son of Jim and Viola DeHaven. **You are very precious babies, so this brings a special prayer That God who loves all little ones will keep you in His care.**

#### WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

How much do you value your Bible,  
And what is it worth to you,  
The book with its sacred contents,  
With its message consoling and true?

Bro. Harold and Sis. Geraldine Messner announce the engagement of their daughter—Jenny to Mike Morohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Morohn. The engagement of Candice Nelson, daughter of Sis. Donabell and Alvin, to Jerry Pederson, son of the Palmer Pedersons was announced. A summer wedding is planned for Cindy Messner and Gary Von Berge. Bro. Raymond and Sis. Bernadine are Cindy's parents.

Robert Messner was home on leave for two weeks, following his basic training. He left today for service in Montana. Bob Sr. and Marge are the parents; paternal grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Florence.

A thank you from Sis. Mary Lou, wife of Bro. Dick Schmidt, for the prayers offered during her illness and for cards and letters received.

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it . . . He is not here: for he is risen . . ." As we find prophesied in the Old Testament, Jesus arose from the grave the third day. He has proven that He is truly the Son of God and has arisen from the dead, so we can also be redeemed and rise from sin

and death. This is the conclusive evidence of our faith, that Christ is the Son of God, our Saviour and Redeemer, and that there is life after death.

#### LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

One of Thy children is coming home;

Open Thy merciful arms.

One of Thy children's too tired to roam;

Open Thy merciful arms.

Send out a shepherd; open the gate.  
Jesus has called and His sheep must not wait.

O what a joy to be traveling Home;  
Open Thy merciful arms.

So sang the choir at the funeral service of Bro. Herman Norr, Mon. March 6. Service was conducted by Bro. Maurice Frank of this congregation and Bro. Wendell Gudeman of the Francesville congregation. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Helen; daughter Elaine; two brothers, Robert and Albert; four sisters, Lauretta Wuethrich of Francesville, Katherine, Marie Bertsch and Velma Bollier, from here. Herman has been ill off and on for sometime, but he realized this time the end was near and expressed he was rejoicing to be with the Lord and his two children, Wesley and Cheryl, who preceded him in death, and for whom he had often been lonely.

Lowell and Bonita Lantz are parents of a baby son, named Bruce Alan.

Announcement has been made that on Sat., Mar. 11 Christy Surface, E. J. Winzeler and Gary Bollier wish to give their testimony.

#### BURLINGTON

Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann

The first week in Feb., Bro. Uriel announced the forthcoming provings and baptism of our friends, Tom and Dianne Ebert. We rejoice for every soul added to Christ's fold, and becoming newborn babes in Christ.

Feb. 12, Burlington members heard the conference report with the Oakville congregation in the country. We were reminded of our calling as redeemed children of God, and not to be ashamed of our humble dress. Our light should shine outwardly as well as in, that we not

be a stumbling-block to friends of the truth and loved ones alike.

Our Sis. Sarah Gerst has been living these winter months with her son, George and family at Columbus Junction. We miss not being able to visit with Sarah over the phone . . .

Feb. 21, Frederick and Carolyn Pohl became parents of a son, Nathan Daniel. His 23-month-old sister, Heather Christine, was happy to see her baby brother. Grandparents are Mrs. Mary Olson and Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Pohl.

"Now it is accomplished" . . . this March 5, Lord's day, our dear friends Tom and Dianne gave their testimonies and were baptized. Many relatives and members of Oakville shared in the blessed undertaking, with our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock in charge, assisted by Bro. Harvey Heiniger. Supper was served to all those attending, including Dianne's great uncle, Bro. Simon Wagonbach and wife Sis. Louise. We thank the Lord for our brothers who proclaim His holy word.

He taught His people till the close of day,

Then sorrowful, alone, He went His way

Unto the Mount of Olives . . . Far below

The city lay, its yellow lights aglow,  
And like a child, who longs at night to be

Sheltered and safe, close to his father's knee,

So came He here, where mournful trees grow,

And at His Father's feet laid all His woe.

#### FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

We were happy to have Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville and Bro. Dave Wiegand of Champaign as visiting ministers.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna (Zehr) Steffen were pleasantly surprised for their 40th wedding anniversary. Following a family dinner at the restaurant, the evening was spent with family and friends at the home of their daughter, Sis. Louise Furrer. Bro. Willis and Sis. Elsie Bach told had the blessing of having their Silver Anniversary.

We are sorry for those who have been hospitalized: Bro. George Broquard for surgery, Bro. Henry Maurer, Sis. Ida Meiss (having fal-

len, breaking her hip), Bro. Chris Huette, Sis. Mary Koehl (from a fall), Bro. Walter Koehl, Sis. Annie Widmer.

Donald and Sis. Carol Bazzell were blessed with a baby boy, Darin Scott. Others in his family are Laurie, Annette, Greg, and Mark. Darin was born on the 9th birthday of a cousin, Valeria Bazzell. Grandparents are the Sam Hoffmans.

Bro. Carl Aberle passed away and funeral services were held for him by Bro. Dave Kieser on the 52nd wedding anniversary of the Aberles. In a couple weeks he would have been 80. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia (Baer); 5 sons, Bro. Elmer, Bro. William, Reuben, Harold, Ezra; 5 daughters, Elizabeth Culin, Sis. Rose Huette, Sis. Ann Maurer, Sis. Leota Byrd, and Lois.

Funeral services were held for Harry Zehr, a policeman who died of injuries he suffered in a squad car-truck collision. Surviving are his wife, Martha (Alteri); a step-daughter, Patricia Cook; his mother, Sis. Kate (Zimmerman) Zehr; a brother, Harvey; and two sisters, Sis. Dorothy Streib, and Sis. Irene Traub.

#### FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

"All Along My Pilgrim Journey, Saviour let me walk with Thee". Two dear teenagers have taken their first most important step in life: David Huber, youngest son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol, who can now say, "We and our family are ready to enter Thy portals, when Thou calleth us." . . . Mary Overmeyer, daughter of Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda, is now so merry that she can be called a child of God. We were so thankful that Bros. Leroy Huber and Joe Schrock could be with us to help make this such a happy occasion.

A loved one wishes to take an important step in life, Sis. Lona Pfladderer, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma. The brother who is taking the step with her is Bro. Steve Elsasser of Princeville. May God richly bless their love for each other.

Another important step in life is to care for the darling children. Bro. Freddie and Sis. Madeline Gutwein have a bouncing baby son, which the daddy said he wanted. The darling two-year old son of Dennis Leman's was severely

burned, but can now be home with his parents, who love to care for him again.

A church step was taken in quietness and unity, after the song was sang "Ready To Do His Will". The following will serve so the brotherhood can work together, Nate and Phil Gutwein, Ronnie Anliker, Perry Neihouser, Wayne Huber, George Erb and Sis. Lois Neihouser.

Closing—A man is not ready to lead until he has learned to follow.

#### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

Dear Baby  
You're fairer than a rosebud,  
So soft and sweet and dear,  
A precious little sunbeam  
That God has sent us here . . .

We have seven little babies to report . . . truly a most precious gift.

A boy Mathew Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hinnen of Eureka on Feb. 9. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona Tanner of Goodfield and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hinnen of Eureka . . . A boy—Mathew David to Bro. and Sis. Dave and Becky Knapp of Eureka on Feb. 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George A. Knapp of Goodfield and Mrs. Don Sours, Eureka . . . A boy—Philip Quinn to Mr. and Mrs. David Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek on Feb. 21. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Don Yoder of Danvers.

A boy—Curt Brian to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Underwood of Eureka on Feb. 19. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Underwood of Eureka. . . A boy—Charles Robert to Bro. and Sis. Bill and Terry Hart of Eureka on Feb. 22. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elma Grimm of R R Congerville and Mr. Chuck Hart of McLeansboro. . . A girl Lynn Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Binkele of Goodfield on Feb. 29. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben & Esther Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. & Mrs. Henry Binkele of Morton. . . A boy David Edward to Bro. & Sis. Wes & Joyce Hohulin of Eureka on Mar. 3. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. and Sis. Dave Leman of Metamora.

We have a couple of new babes in the faith to announce. Patty Wie-

gand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla, and Pam Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna have confessed peace with God and man, and are waiting to be proved and baptized on Mar. 25 and 26, the Lord willing.

Sis. Lydia Holliger has returned to her home in Goodfield, after spending many weeks in the hospital. Benjie Tanner has been discharged from the hospital and is improving marvelously. It is so good to see him walk again, and to hear him talk. He is such a cheerful person that one can't help but love him.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sandy Pfaffman

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." How many times have these words carried us through and will forevermore. As we face each week, it is truly a gift and a blessing from God that we can gather and fellowship in His name. To escape the hustle and evil world for even just a short time is uplifting. . . . to share our love with another and especially our ministering brothers. Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka was with us on the 10th of February. It was a very snowy night, but we were fortunate to still have a good turn-out. Bro. Walter read the entire chapter of II Cor. 3. "Do we need an outward appearance to show we believe in Christ?" He brought out that if we have made the journey to the cross we shouldn't. All we need is love and joy that shows forth, and the Lord will guide us to where He wants us. The word must be a part of us, otherwise it is of no avail.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton was with us on the 17th and read from Acts 10:1-31. Bro. Henry reminded us that man can not convert man. Only the Lord has that power; it is never by our own doing. On the 24th Bro. Everett Hari from Normal was with us. Bro. Everett read to us the entire chapter of John 8. The word of the Lord is as a sword; it pricks the hearts of some. Time after time man tried to make Christ falter, but always failed. Their plan of deception to catch Christ turned around and caught themselves. **Go and sin no more**; if we will but follow Him, He will shape us, mold us, and set us free, that some day a new song . . . a new city . . . and we can sing praises unto our Lord and King. Bro. Eugene

Bertschi was with us this month. We want to thank all the brothers for coming and also everyone that comes and shares our services.

#### IOWA CITY

##### Patty Stoller — Beverly Mogler

In our faith, we can gain much in our fellowship with the older members . . . as one older sister commented, "We never stop learning, especially in the ways of the Lord." Keeping this in mind, let us not neglect our spiritual education.

As Ministering Bros. John Steiner and Harvey Heiniger brought us God's word, they reminded us of the nearness of the end of time, and explained to us what we must do to inherit eternal life in Heaven. "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come" was the warning sounded to all those present.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Patty Stoller have been blessed with a baby daughter, Christina Lynn, born Feb. 6. We pray God will guide them in bringing her up in His ways.

#### LAMAR

##### Mrs. Arthur Banwart Mrs. Charles Marti

A quote from a letter of a dear friend who is stationed in Viet Nam: "You know something? When I get home I'm going to really appreciate things; even just having a clean place to live!" Those of us who have the privilege of spending almost every night in the peace and comfort of our own homes, do we appreciate this? Of course we do, but do we really take time to ponder on it and thank God as often as we should? It is so easy to take these wonderful blessings for granted until we are deprived of them.

We have had loved ones on the shut-in list. Among these were Sis. Marie Stewart, who spent two weeks in the hospital. Sis. Arlene Marti was hospitalized for tests. Reba Pfander, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Lanz, submitted to surgery. We are happy to report they are all able to be home again.

#### MORRIS

##### Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

We had two hospital patients: Bro. Ferd Tohm, with a heart condition and Jerry Wulf, who met with an accident snowmobiling. Both are at home recuperating and doing well.

Jerry Dean was born to Bro. and Sis. Larry Nohl. This is their first child; grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ervin Moser and Bro. and Sis. Laurence Nohl. A son, Craig Allen was born to Bro. and Sis. Wallace Feuchtenberger. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Feuchtenberger. A daughter, Rita Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Neil Schmidgall. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall. Andy Albert was born to Bro. Gene and Dorothy Schmidgall. Sis. Emma Schmidgall is the grandmother.

#### OAKVILLE

##### Martha Steiner

We enjoyed the visits of Elder Bro. Dan Koch and Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont on different occasions this past month. Bro. Koch was here to assist Bro. Noah Schrock in relating to us the conclusions of the conference.

Bro. John and Sis. Bertha (Gerst) Wagenbach Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26. They and their twelve children and families all live in this area and are faithful supporters of the church. We rejoice with them in their many blessings.

Bro. John and Sis. Lena (Heiniger) Wegman wish to thank everyone for their many deeds of kindness while they were confined to their home. They had not been able to attend church since Christmas. The Wegmans recently observed their 55th wedding anniversary. It is good to see them in church again.

#### RITTMAN

##### Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

It is inspiring to hear the testimony of five dear friends who were proved and baptized. Those received into the flock and fold are Sis. Kay Beery, Bro. Larry Rufener, Bro. John Rufener, Bro. Boyd Neiman, and Bro. Dean Maibach.

We were privileged to have Bro. Ed Aeschleman of our Union City church minister to us. May we heed the word that was spoken to us.

Funeral services were held for Len VanHuizen by Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Noah Bauman. Len passed away after a short illness. We shall surely miss him, and our sympathy is extended to his wife, Grace.

Graveside services were held for Darrin Lee Winkler, infant son of Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler. He is survived by a sister,

Sarah, and grandparents, Bro. Karl and Sis. Ruth Beery and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estella Winkler.

Joel Stephen is the name given to the son born to Janet and Dale Younker. Joel has a sister, Jackie, and his grandparents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ellen Weber.

The engagement of Shirley Maibach and William Smith has been announced. Shirley is the daughter of Bro. Andy and Sis. Lillian Maibach.

Those of our congregation who were hospitalized for surgery were Bro. Orin Rufener, Bro. Dwaine Indermuhle, Sis. Pearl Breece, and Bro. John Steiner. Bro. Noah Hilty was in the hospital, after suffering a stroke.

#### ROANOKE

##### Norene Herbst—Marilyn Weyeneth

Several of our congregation have been hospitalized. Bro. Joe Zimmerman underwent surgery and has returned home. Sis. Esther (Mrs. Ray) Beer was hospitalized upon her return home from Florida, and is now recovering at home. Bill Hangartner underwent surgery for a broken hip, which resulted from a fall in his home. He is reported as improving. Sis. Ann (Jerry) Sauder and Sis. Minnie (Mrs. Joe) Leman are in the hospital.

Sis. Ollie (Mrs. Andrew) Leman, 75, passed away Feb. 15 after an extended illness. Her funeral was Feb. 18. She is survived by her husband; one son, Donald; one daughter, Sis. Mardell (Mrs. Joe) Aeschleman; five brothers, Bro. Lee, Otto, Paul, Jesse and Emil; one sister, Mrs. Esther Clow.

Funeral services were held Mar. 1 for Amos Martin, 71, who died Feb. 27. He was the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Rachel Gerber Martin. Surviving are two brothers, Bro. Ben P. and William; four sisters, Sis. Nettie Pfau, Sis. Katie Hodel, Sis. Mary Ann Winzeler and Sis. Leona Leman; and a foster sister, Mrs. Lucille Hohulin. Bro. Sam Martin preceded him in death. Bro. Michael Weveneth officiated at the services.

Marcus Leman and Josie Runyan were united in marriage Jan. 28. Marcus is the son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Velma Leman, and Josie is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Runyan of Tremont and the late Mr. Runyan.

The engagement of Don Kupferschmid to Sandra Webb has been announced. Sandra is the daughter

of the Robert L. Webbs of Metamora, and Don is the son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Jean Kupferschmid.

Bros. Noah Bauman, Edmund Kloter, Everett Hari, Orville Ringger and Carl Kipfer were our visiting ministers.

### ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

Sis. Terry Gottier and Bro. Edward Mangold were united in marriage, when on Feb. 13 they exchanged sacred vows in the presence of the church, solemnized by Elder John Bahler. The ceremony was brief and impressive, with the singing of that beautiful hymn in the **Zion's Harp**, "The Union of Hearts". The wedding supper and reception which followed was at the home of Warren and Sis. Carol Gottier, parents of the bride. Eddie's parents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Martha (Schneider) Mangold. May the Spirit of God find an abode in their home always.

Stationed at an Hawaiian Island outpost lastly, Bro. Sherman Lanz had six months cut from his ordinarily two years of Army service, an early discharge, which he welcomed. There have been in other areas, we have noticed, where brethren and friends have been granted such favors, when they did not have to serve out the full required time. These happen to be only one of many beneficent privileges of a benevolent government such as ours, which has been, as we all know, the object of scorn and mockery. In the Book of Romans, chapter 13, man's duty to his government is unmistakably clear. We find that every soul is subject unto higher powers; for these is no power but of God and ordained by Him. Our rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. They have had their rank and power assigned to them by Him. Therefore the man who rebels against his ruler is resisting God's will; and those who thus resist will bring punishment upon themselves and damnation. He is a minister to thee for your good, but if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth the sword not in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. We must obey therefore, not only in order to escape punishment but also for conscience sake.

Here for business, Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury joined in our mid-week service, and from our pulpit spoke of the lawlessness which is so rampant today. We are always glad to have Bro. Edmund with us, for he spent his youth with us before moving to his home, where he now lives with his family.

### TREMONT

Lydia Rassi—Mary Jane Leuthold

We welcomed Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger, Pulaski, in our midst. God's message is proclaimed to us in such a clear manner. How can anyone refuse to heed His commands?

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Merna Koch's little Jeanne Marie went to live with the angels in heaven Feb. 14. She was six months old and had suffered from a heart defect since birth. Our sorrow is God's joy, as a precious innocent child has gone to a home far better than this world could ever have offered her. We hope to meet her again some day soon.

Among those hospitalized are, Sis. Lena Woerner and Friend Sam Schmidgall. Sis. Elizabeth Woerner broke her wrist, and although it is in a cast, she is able to assemble with us.

Friend Mark Riggs, husband of our Sis. Nettie, passed away. Services were held Feb. 21. May Sis. Nettie find comfort and strength from our Lord and Saviour, who has promised to comfort the widows.

Feb. 15, little Sally Ann Koch arrived to make her home with Gerald and Bonnie and their other children. Sis. Mary Koch is the paternal grandmother.

Dear Sister Mary Schweigert received her long-awaited wish and went to her eternal home Feb. 24. She had attained the age of 89 years, and had suffered much pain the last months of her life span. Her son, Bro. Chris, and daughters, Sisters Lucille, Viola, Vera Aberle, Bernice Frank, Til Koch. . . and Eunice Rowell will miss their mother's loving thoughts and ways. They are thankful she is free from her pain and suffering and can believe she has gone to a glorious home on high. Might the grandchildren also follow and so order their lives that the prayers uttered for them also by their concerned grandmother might one day be answered.

Friend Becky Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Louise, has announced her engagement to Glenn Bauman, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred of the Goodfield congregation. In their future together may God provide their spiritual and physical needs.

### Thank-you notes:

We wish to thank our beloved brothers and sisters in faith and our relatives and friends for the beautiful get-well cards, prayers, flowers and gifts, while in the hospital and since our return home. They were greatly appreciated. Bro. Reuben Schweigert and Bro. John Huette.

Although Sis. Lena has again entered the hospital, she wanted this note included in the news: I want to thank my many friends and relatives who remembered me with the many cards, gifts and prayers at the hospital and at home. . . the ministers who made their efforts to come to see me while in the hospital and at home. Many thanks to all. Lena Woerner.

### URBANA

#### Teresa Hufford

The Sunday School children enjoyed an afternoon out on Sunday, March 5. They assembled at the church and left from there to go for dinner. They were attended by the Sunday School teachers, who later returned all the children to their homes.

Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) were with our congregation on Wed. March 16 for the reading of the memorandum. Other visiting ministers these past weeks have been Bro. Bill Gudeman, Bro. Phil Sauder, Bro. Arnold Gerst. and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these brothers for their efforts.

Many times we are tempted to underestimate the value of standing true to God in trying situations. However, it is in our weakness that God's strength is made perfect. It is not surprising that the word "strength" is found in many places in the Bible. In Romans 5:6 we find, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Strength is mentioned various times in the book of Psalms. "God is our refuge and strength. . . a very present help in trouble." "My flesh and my heart

faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." God, through Christ, is our means of inner strength, and we should put all our faith and trust in Him.

### AMES

#### Charlen Banwart

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Noah Gerber of West Bend and Leo Moser of Lester at our January and February meetings. It is truly inspiring to see so many brethren and friends from far and near sitting under the sound of God's word.

Bro. Elwood Yackley has completed the winter quarter program in farm operations here at Iowa State and has returned to his home at Taylor. We are thankful for Bro. Elwood's stay in Ames and wish him God's blessing in the future.

### ALTADENA

#### Marilyn Graf

We have been richly blessed with visits from several ministering brothers. We thank Bro. Edwin Bahler, Bro. Noah Schrock, and Bro. Jim Hoerr for their visits.

Emily Minger, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Freda, and Bill Kessler were united in marriage on Feb. 26. We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

Sis. Helen Klotzle and Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner have undergone surgery. We are happy to report they are recovering satisfactorily.

Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder and children, Randy and Mary, have left our community to make their home in Mansfield. We will miss them often, as they have lived in California for 20 years. We do wish them much happiness and many blessings in their new home.

### "My Friend"

Submitted by Sis. Kay Hackenjoes

He hadn't time to sing a song;  
He hadn't time to right a wrong.  
He hadn't time to love or give;  
He hadn't time to really live.  
From now on he'll have time on  
end—  
He died today, my "busy" friend.

### FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Last week I sat in on a refresher course at the hospital for emergency care for the person whose heart suddenly stops beating. The

first thing to do is to create an open airway, then to breathe for him thru mouth to mouth resuscitation. It was pointed out that this method dates back to the Kings in the Bible, II Kings. Elisha restored the Shumammite woman's son by placing his mouth on the child's mouth.

We were happy to hear from Sis. Lillian Levy, who has been in Florida, that she is feeling much better . . . Sis. Nettie Drayer is improving, but still at home . . . Bro. Elmore Schlatter returned home following his surgery, but is now a medical patient at Parkview Hospital . . . Bro. Jack Gerber has recovered from hip surgery and is able to assemble with us again, even tho' on crutches. (Jack wishes to express his appreciation for remembrances during his illness, and especially for the many prayers offered for him.) We also rejoice that the Myron Hackenjoes family have recovered from their accident. Little Heidi now has her cast off, but is still cautious with using her leg. We do thank our God that He has been with our sick ones.

Sis. Martha Stoller is a surgical patient at the Lutheran Hospital. We learned that our friend, Don Steffen (Luther) caught his right hand in a conveyor and has a cast on his arm to the elbow. Don is on active duty with the Naval Reserve and is stationed aboard ship in the waters off Viet Nam.

Our young people enjoyed a supper at the home of Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria Miller (one of the Sunday School teachers), and later in the evening packed "Valentine" boxes for our dear ones in the service and those attending schools of higher learning away from home.

We are thankful for the brethren and friends who gathered with us for an evening of singing and fellowship the second Sunday evening in February. The Latty brethren were in charge of our monthly singing. The singing was beautiful, as were also the special numbers rendered. Surely, the Lord is pleased when we sing praises unto His Holy Name!

### BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Sunday, March 5 was a beautiful spring day for the wedding of Bro. Neil Hartter to Sis. Evelyn Miller, Ft. Scott. We welcome Evelyn into our fellowship and wish the young

couple much happiness as they travel life's pathway together.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Sam Huber, Sabetha. . . Joe Schrock, Congerville. We thank the brothers for their effort to bring God's word to us and invite them to come again.

We have had several from our midst in the hospital. All are able to assemble with us again. Bro. Harvey Grimm was a patient at the Mayo Clinic. Sisters Marie Strahm (John) medical . . . Lydia Hanhart, for tests . . . Nancy Baumgartner (Leonard) surgical . . . Adrian Strahm, wee son of Bro. Wayne and Claudia, also surgical, and trouble doubled up for him when he fell on a hot furnace register, burning both hands.

Last month's report listed Sis. Louise Esslinger as a hospital patient, as was my uncle, Bro. Jonathan Bieri. Their rooms were across the hall. A few days apart the death angel gathered them both home.

Louise was born to Emil and Adaline Leuthold Oct. 23, 1897 near Bern, and died Feb. 9, age 74 years. In 1922 she was married to Pete Esslinger. Shortly after their marriage, Louise and Pete repented. Sis. Louise put up a brave battle against cancer. Survivors include Bro. Pete; three sons, Bro. Vernon, Morrill, Bro. Martin and Waymer, Bern; three daughters—Sis. Adele Bruelman (Harley)—West Bend; Esther Scott (John), Topeka; Sis. Erma Gerber (Bill)—Lester; three brothers, Bro. Chris Leuthold—Peoria; Bro. Ben and David Leuthold—Bern. Our ministers held services Feb. 12, with burial in the church cemetery.

Jonathan Bieri was born May 13, 1891 to Nicholas and Anna Bieri on a farm near Bern and died Feb. 13, age 80. As a young man in his teens, Jonathan turned to the Lord. In 1916 he was married to Sis. Esther Blaser. She died in 1963. In 1964 he was married to Sis. Hulda Hess, who faithfully cared for him. Among the survivors are Sis. Hulda; a son, Ira Bieri—San Diego; three daughters,— Betty Clark—Lansing, Ann Weyer—Kansas City, Dorothy Jetters—Leavenworth; two brothers, David and Ben Bieri; a sister, Sis. Lydia Meyer—Oneida. Bros. Lester Hartter and Carl Hartman held the services Feb. 15, with burial in the church cemetery.

**Thank You:** Our thanks to everyone that remembered us with

prayers, cards and money. Your thoughtful concern in the loss of our beloved wife and mother is sincerely appreciated. May God bless you all. Pete Esslinger and children.

### BURLINGTON

#### Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

In the laboratory, a workman one day knocked into a jar of acid a silver cup. It disappeared, was eaten by the acid, and could not be found. The question came up as to whether it could ever be found. A great chemist came in and put certain chemicals into the jar and every particle of the silver was precipitated to the bottom. The mass was then sent to a silversmith and the cup was restored. So a precious soul who has fallen into the sink of iniquity, lost, dissolved in sin can only be restored by the Great Chemist—"Jesus only".

Our monthly singing was held in the home of Sis. Martha Roth on Feb. 6. Many people turned out and we spent a wonderful evening of fellowship together. Too many times we take this for granted and don't put forth enough effort to attend, while many, such as those in the service, cannot exercise this privilege.

We were happy to have two visiting ministers. Bro. George Lambert of Wichita was with us on Feb. 27; then the following Tuesday, Bro. Paul Fehr of Morris was here. We can truly say that our hearts were overflowing, after having heard their messages.

Bro. Dale Koehl of Morris, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, has been making Burlington his home church. He has many miles to drive, but we think it is wonderful that he puts forth such an effort in order to worship with us. We hope his visits will continue.

Tho't.—Do the very best you can and leave the outcome to God.

### FT. LAUDERDALE

#### Henry H. Schwartz

Bro. John Bahler was assisted by Bro. Al Fisher in serving the Ft. Lauderdale church communion services; and also read the memorandum of the conference.

We have been blessed by having visiting ministers. The visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Beer, Milford; Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Arthur Gudeman, LaCrosse; Homer Reineck, Toledo; John Rokey,

Goodfield; Richard Schupbach, Phoenix; Philip Sauder, Cissna Park.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the church served a dinner for all, which was well attended.

We were sorry that Bro. Al Fisher had to shorten his stay, due to becoming ill, and was flown home to Chicago a week ago Sunday. Bro. Fred Meyer took his car home for him.

### SABETHA

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

Andrew John was selected as the name for the new little adopted son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Charlotte Aberle. He was welcomed by a brother, Matt, 2½ years old, also adopted.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville was our guest minister. We thank him for his visit.

Sis. Elizabeth Marti had the misfortune of having a fall, which resulted in breaking an arm. She is home and doing very nicely, although her arm is in a cast. Sister Hulda Moser has been in a hospital in St. Joseph Missouri, where she had surgery. Sister Fanny Bahr is a patient in the Sabetha Community Hospital.

Sis. Elizabeth (Hartter) Plattner died at the Apostolic Christian Home, Feb. 22, after an extended illness. Funeral services were held in Sabetha on Feb. 25, with Bro. Harvey Grimm and Bro. Carl Hartman officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Sis. Bessie Elliott passed away March 2 at the Sabetha Hospital. She was a resident at the Apostolic Christian Home for the past two years. Funeral services were held March 4 at the Sabetha church by Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Gene Marti. Burial was in the Bern church Cemetery.

The Hail Aid Committee held their meeting on Feb. 26 at the Sabetha church. We enjoyed meeting the brothers and sisters from many of the churches in the surrounding states. A potluck and singing was held at the Fellowship Hall Friday evening. On Saturday, the noon meal was at the church and the evening meal at the Fellowship Hall. Many of the brethren stayed to worship with us on Sunday, either at Sabetha or the new Bern church. We trust they all arrived home safely, and extend an invitation to all to visit us again.

### SAGAMIHARA, JAPAN

#### John and Betty Klaus

Greetings to our brethren and friends. We are situated about halfway between Tokyo and Mt. Fuji, but we can't see Mt. Fuji, because there is a little mountain range between us and there. We are in an area that is very rural, but yet splattered with western influence from Camp Zama which is nearby. It is a rather strange but challenging condition, because the military do not leave such a good impression.

The Japanese shell is not the easiest thing to break, as they have been living in idol worship for hundreds of years and these practices are the natural thing to them. One young man said when we asked him about God, "I am my own god; I believe only in myself." We might say this is about 97% of Japan. We do know that the almighty God is able to break any barrier down.

There is a small Sunday School at our home of about 11 children, and they are very enthusiastic. Altogether there are about 14 adults that gather on Sundays, of which most are married men. Among these are Sister (Kobayashi) Uru-shine and Haruyo (Suzuki) Onoda, who some of you may know. Mrs. Onoda is very earnest and I feel wants to be a complete Christian. She said her husband has been encouraging her to attend, and the last couple of times has attended himself. There is a young man, Aki-ba-san, who has become zealous in spiritual things. We have a Wed. evening class of about 7, which has been smaller especially since the colder weather. The Lord greatly blessed the Bible classes at the college where I teach, so we have great expectation. The Lord willing, at the end of this month we hope to have special meetings near here. Bro. Yamazaki (Tokyo) is planning to help. Our prayers are for these and that more people in our immediate area will not find our doorstep too high to step in.

We rejoiced to have Bro. Darl Schieler and Mark Stoller visit us and extend a hearty welcome to all who come to Japan. Our address and telephone are: Tel. 0462-51-0025; John Klaus, 2026 Shindo, Sagami-hara-Shi, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan 228.

Dear Friends of the "Silver Lin-  
ing":

I wish to thank each one from the

bottom of my heart who so kindly remembered me with prayers, letters of consolation and hope, so many beautiful cards, messages and useful gifts when I was in the hospital and since coming to Fairview Haven. Each one may rest assured that the gifts were put to good use. God's blessings to all. Mrs. Alene Troehler.

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## FRIENDS FOREVER YOU AND I

Henry Souder Jr.

John the apostle was a very likeable brother. One of the great and beautiful treasures are the beautiful people in ages to come. Who can measure the notes of love? We will discover the delights of these people who are truly great.

John was aging. In a life well-spent in love, golden memories of truth are joyful. They are memories that will be coming real. Our hearts become rich. John wanted to give his friend a helping hand. Do you really know how much a few words spoken in the right season can do? He starts with his pen . . . "The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth."

How do we look at our brother? John's approach would sincerely call out the best reaction. John's attitude was not picky, murmuring-like. Gaius was human, and if he was like us he had his share of short-comings. Time and again the way of God is to stir enthusiasm, the will to win. It is to exhort, encourage . . . with a beckoning hand to say, **This is the way; let us push on together.** (I like to see you.) Listen to John. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

It's a good thing to know what to rejoice in. How good to ring those joy bells with happy thoughts and news. Our soul must have the right key. It must be attuned, as John here, to the interest, outlook and happiness of one deeply loved. "For

I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth."

One who walks in the truth is in the Way, the King's Highway to heaven. Time's countdown soars on. At the end is the land that is brightest, the most beautiful, with the most charms and sights, the loveliest. We know the ones who get there are very well pleased and very happy.

We travel on together. We should love to see each other do the things that glow. They mean the greatest gain. Love does something to the soul. We are willing to suffer together, to help one another. We ought to long for that ringing note of John, who had such abundant love: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Not lavish compliment, nor empty flattery, but lovely soft words spoken to give courage. The Lord saw a need. John wrote to Gaius. The words were as apples of gold in pictures of silver. A word spoken in due season, how good! Sometimes we need to tell, when we don't agree . . . but how we need to love in supporting . . . Encourage, point this is the way. "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;"

Opportunity is gold for eternity. We can help our minister, our elder. Somewhere here are faces we've never seen. They can joyfully meet

us in heaven. We will know, and they will know. How well to support what the brethren point out in sacred word. How well to send the word of God. We may not know all now, but all is known to Him. We shall know as we are known. Gaius helped as he knew how: "Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:"

Do it because of our love for the Master! Everything, that task after the time clock . . . the dishes, the cleaning, the children, the customer, the shining forth of testimony when someone asks of the hope, the duties in the church. All are beautiful when done in His name. We are not just putting bricks up, we are building God's beautiful church in the sky. Are we listening? Hear the need?—"Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles."

We can partake of the mightiest work, the glorious acts of our Lord. We owe it. There are many voices today. If not careful, time and money can flow in jeopardy and loss, down the drain. We should keep to the tested, the tried, the true. Think of it, taking part with God in His glorious work, hastening to His coming.

When we take part, we are indeed in a great work: "We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth."