



Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

That thou keep **this** com-

mandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Which in his times he shall shew, **who is** the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

## A TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE

(My name is Perry Klopfenstein and I am a brother . . . I am enclosing a writing entitled **A Tribute To The Bible**, which I think is very good. Someone found it in an old family Bible and showed it to me.)

The Bible is the most wonderful book ever written. It contains the wisdom and understanding all men need. It is a book that will work wonders in every life, here and hereafter, if acted upon and obeyed in faith and sincerity. It is God's inspired revelation of the origin and destiny of all things, written in the most simple language possible, so that the most unlearned can understand and obey its teachings. It covers every subject of human knowledge and need, now and forever.

As a literary composition, the Bible is the most remarkable book

ever made. It is a divine library of 66 books, some of considerable size, and others no larger than a tract. These books include various forms of literature—history, biography, poetry, proverbial sayings, hymns, letters, directions for elaborate worship, laws, parables, riddles, allegories, prophecy, and others. They embrace all manner of literary styles.

It is the book that reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories true. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

The Bible contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrims staff, the pilot's compass, the Christian's

charter. Here heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good is its design, and the glory of God is its end. It should fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your feet in righteousness and true holiness.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, meditatively, searchingly, devotionally, and study it constantly, perseveringly, and industriously. Read it through and through, until it becomes part of your being and generates faith that will move mountains.

The Bible is a mine of wealth, the source of health, and a world of pleasure. It is given to you in this life, and will stand forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the least to the greatest of labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

## THE BIBLE IS WONDERFUL

Words of a prisoner in Korea, serving a life sentence, after he was baptized: "Why didn't somebody tell me this Good News before!"

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One man who received a supply of scriptures compared the day to "when we heard over Radio Nigeria that the war was over. The destitute men, women and children who had dreamed of having Bibles paraded about the town with their copies. It was like the manna falling to the Israelites in the wilderness."

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The sacred word was sent to an 87-year-old, whose eyesight had failed so that he could no longer read his mothers' old Bible. In expressing thanks for the gift the elderly man wrote: "It surely is a treasure to me. Serving the Lord is the pleasure of my life. I read the New Testament every day, and I glory in it."

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### Look How Some Eagerly Reach:

From Russia "Our people are starving spiritually for lack of God's word. Many Christian families have searched for a Bible for 20 years. . . Many are near to giving up . . ." . . . One said: "I have

never in my life seen such a love for God's word. They read it for hours, teach it to their children, pass it from hand to hand. A single Bible is often read by up to 30 or 40 people. . ."

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Bassa, tribal people of Liberia on Africa's west coast number 165,000. **Crowd stampedes for Bassa Bible** trumpeted a local newspaper after men, women and children surged round Bible House for DeWudu die—the New Testament in Bassa—just arrived by sea. It was as joyful a reception of Scriptures as many had witnessed. Many people could not wait to get home; they read in the streets.

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An Eskimo man long had been a thief and drunkard. New Testaments in Kuskokwim came to the man's village many years ago. He went to the church celebration, mainly for refreshments. During the services he slept, awakening only when a book was dropped accidentally on his toe. Reading of the word followed.

As the reading closed, the man stood to his feet declaring, "I am no good. But I will go to church. Be-

cause now I know there is a God—for God speaks Eskimo."

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I was at work on John early one morning, with a lamp burning on the table. A figure suddenly appeared at the window. I recognized him as one of the sentries guarding our houses. He asked me what I was doing when everyone else was asleep. I told him I was translating the Scriptures . . . "Can I come in and see?" I opened the door and let him in. He asked me to read the last sentence I had written. When he heard the Lingala words he

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grew excited and said, "Do you mean you give your time to translating God's word into a language I can hear for myself?" I assured him that such was my privilege. He gripped my wrist, forced me down on my knees with himself at my side and exclaimed, "Let's pray, teacher!"

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What ardent desire! How much do you cherish the word?

What of those courageous Believers, who spend years in prison because of their faith? How do they satisfy their hunger for the word, when there are no copies available to them? On a few scraps of paper that they somehow find, many write from memory hymns and portions of Scripture to comfort them in their long imprisonment.

Here's the thought expressed in one such hymn, from a little prison hymnbook:

**For Jesus Christ, in our Christian life, we are going to stand firm for God. We can endure any kind of hardship in His strength. We see**

**Jesus' example (how He suffered) and we are all going to go ahead, go ahead with Him.**

The little prison "Bibles" do not give chapter and verse perfectly (what kind of Bible could you write from memory?), but they record the precious thoughts and remembrances, concerning God's word, that an imprisoned Believer carries in his memory from the days when he had access to it.

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Why not gather from God's Wonderful Bible? . . .

You shall gather to yourself what you love. The shapes, the lights, the shadows of the things you have preferred will come to you, yes inevitably as bees to their hive. There in your mind and spirit they will leave with you their distilled essence, sweet as honey or bitter as gall, and you will grow into their likeness because their nature will be in you.

As men see the color in the wave, so shall men see in you the thing you have loved most. In your smile

and in your frown, the years will speak. You will not walk, stand nor sit, nor will your hand move, but you will confess the one you serve, and upon your forehead will be written his name as by a revealing pen.

As year adds to year, that face of yours which once, like an unwritten page lay smooth in your baby crib, will take lines, and still more lines as the parchment of an old historian who jealously sets down all the story. There, more deep than acids etch the steel, will grow the inscribed narrative of your mental habits, the emotions of your heart, your sense of conscience, your response to duty, what you think of God, of your fellowmen, and of yourself. It will all be there.

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If you like to read where the Bible opens, do so . . . that is good. Read through the New Testament from start to finish, too, and back to the start again. Let it be continual and a continual blessing . . . and don't pass up the beautiful treasures of the Old.

## TAYLOR

**Elizabeth Sutter—Marie Butikofer**

Bro. Ezra Feller spent Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, with us. Ezra reminded us of our Christian duties, which we need to be reminded of from time to time. We always appreciate their visit. We ought also let our own ministers know that we appreciate their efforts.

A large barn on the Rudie Haerr farm burned. It contained a large amount of hay and straw, and 17 gilts with pigs which belonged to Bros. Norman Haerr and Kent Heimer. It was a total loss, except for a few feeder pigs that escaped.

There have been many sick ones with flu and colds. Most are on the mend.

What glorious state, to be a lamb of Jesus,

To feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace.

In all the earth there is no higher standing

Than this, to follow in the Saviour's ways.

What all the world could never give, A lamb of Jesus from its Shepherd will receive.

It is indeed a glorious state as our new converts experienced on Feb. 18, when they were baptized into the family of believers and became our brothers and sister in faith. They are Dan, son of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marj Sutter; Kent, son of Sis. Naomi and the late Bro. Bill Heimer; and Penny, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter. Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Paul Butikofer, Elgin Iowa, were here to prove and baptize them. It was a blessed day, taking us to the time we repented and vowed to stay true and faithful with the Lord's help. May we be a help to them as babes in Christ, and not a stumbling-block in their way. We wish them the grace and help of the Lord to remain true and faithful to the end.

Sis. Ruth (Bro. William) Cottrell was able to return home, after having major surgery and being in the hospital for several weeks. She is recuperating nicely, but will be unable to work for some time.

The Lord blessed us on Feb. 25 when Bro. Carl Kipfer assembled with us. Carl reminded us that by praying for those we love least, we can learn to love them more

## ATHENS

**Irene Haggemaker**

Grace is a gift, and the giver is God. Men are always the objects of His saving initiative.

We are so thankful to welcome two dear sisters of like faith into our fellowship, Gertie Long and Lucy Norman.

Visitors for the month of February, Bro. Joe and Sisters Larena Clauss and Melba Funk of Cissna Park. We always welcome our visitors. On the first Monday of each month we have a fellowship meeting at the church at 7:00. . . Our Wed. night Bible study at 7. . . and Sunday service at 10.

**In word. . .**

We know that we must teach  
All of God's truth divine.

Let every word then count for  
Christ;

From idle speech decline.

## LAMAR

**Mrs. Art Banwart  
Mrs. Raymond Braker**

On Feb. 18, Sis. Charlotte Meyer of Fairbury and Bro. Alfred Ban-



wart of Lamar were united in marriage. We welcome Charlotte to our congregation and ask the Lord's blessings on their marriage.

Sis. Marie Stewart is again able to assemble with us after an absence of several weeks due to illness. Hospital patients have been Bro. Fred Lanz and Jay Braker.

As we behold the signs of spring all about us, may our spiritual life also take on renewed faith and vigor.

### TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

March! The month that brings us the promise of spring. As the earth stirs from its long winter sleep, it brings to mind the deep stirring of our hearts when we were awakened from the sleep of sin to the newness of rebirth. We owe a deep debt to God for the resurrection of His Son, which made possible the rebirth of our souls.

On a Friday evening in February, Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Joe Waibel were with us to share the memorandum. It was an evening of spiritual counsel and blessings. How blest we are that God provides such wise counseling and patient teaching as given us by the brothers.

It is always a heart warming pleasure to report the birth of a baby. Kurt Thomas will be loved not only by his parents, Sis. Sharon and Bro. Walter Rager, his brothers Kent and Keith, but by all of us.

Sis. Chloris Burkholder is doing real well, is back in her own home. We are so very thankful. Sis. Emma Schick is again in the Nursing Center; she is walking with the aid of a walker. We hope she will continue to gain with continued therapy.

### REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Surely, Christ chose the spring-time as evidence for any of us who might be inclined to doubt the resurrection. Through God's infinite love, He reaches down, touching the human soul, lifting it up to the highest realm of a new spiritual life.

Diane Schieler, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Marie, was married to Phil Isabell of here. The reception was held at the Fellowship Hall Feb. 3. They will live north-east of town.

Bros. Joe Braker of Morton, Elmer Bucher of Francesville, Ed Alt, Steve Rinkenberger of Cissna, and Karl Westfall of Francesville visited, the first two on Sunday, the last three on mid-week services.

A baby boy, Mathew Ray, was born to Bro. Eldon and Sis. Charlene Getz, Feb. 27. Sis. Eliza Getz is the paternal grandmother, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emily (Schini) Anliker of Francesville the maternal grandparents.

My sister, Louise, wishes to thank the congregation in general for the special gift given in appreciation for her service, cleaning the church.

God wants us to grow in grace and advance in spiritual knowledge. Therefore, along with His word, He gives us ministers and teachers to edify us, gives us a broader insight into the deeper life of consecration, and instills in our hearts a deeper life of understanding of the true wisdom which is from above.

Are we feeding on the Living Word and Bread of Life and growing spiritually, or are we shrinking from malnutrition?

### FORREST

Juanita Schneider  
Eleanor Honegger

A youth approached the marketplace and stopped a learned man. "There is a question I would ask. . . Pray tell me if you can . . . in which one of these special shops can happiness be had . . . for I've a pocketful of gold, . . . and yet my heart is sad." The wise man looked at him and smiled . . . "No matter how you try, . . . there are such things like happiness—that money cannot buy. True happiness can only come . . . from doing good for others . . . from treating all men everywhere . . . as if they were your brothers. . . And all the gold in all the world . . . could never buy a part . . . of the great happiness you'll know—when love is in your heart.

Repent therefore and be baptized was Jesus commandment. Thus were three dear souls obedient to this commandment on Feb. 10 and 11, when Jerry, Mary Ann and Dale Leman were proved and baptized. Bros. LeRoy Huber and Josh Broquard assisted with this blessed undertaking.

Mary Jo Aberle, daughter of

Bro. and Sis. Bill Aberle, had the misfortune to break both of her arms. Sis. Karen Honegger was a patient at the Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Bertha Kilgus is a patient at the hospital, but is waiting to be transferred. Our dear Sis. Ruth Schlatter who is in the wheelchair, also had the misfortune of breaking her arm; she was a patient at Champaign Hospital.

Little Rebecca Lynn was born to Ronnie and Diane Rieger; she has a brother, Robert Lee. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Rieger and the Harley Honeggers. Born to the LeRoy Sohns is a little son, David Carl. Grandmother is Sis. Lydia Sohn.

Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley Ill. ministered to us on Feb. 25. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Walt Anliker, Kenneth Schneider, and Art Bahler.

Gary and Jane Brown have returned home from Virginia, after completing their service duty.

Never put a question mark where God puts a period.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"

Our appreciation to Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker for a timely message of admonition: "We should let our light shine . . . the darker it becomes at night, the brighter a light shines; even a match makes a glow at night. Likewise, the believer should ever shine brighter, as the world becomes darker with sins." Sam also presided over our annual election; changes made: Bro. Rudy Bahr replaces on the Board of Trustees. Bro. Douglas Kraft replaces on Personal Property Aid. New teachers are: Bro. Roy Bahr, Sis. Sarah Somerhalder and Sis. Eileen Bahr.

Bro. Sam Kraft, who has been ill the past six weeks, was hospitalized ten days with pneumonia and complications, following the influenza. His wife, Sis. Esther, has also been absent from our assembly, caring for him and nursing an injured ankle. Both are recovering . . . hope to see them in church soon.

Rhonda Owens, 2-year-old daughter of Sis. Marilyn and Steve was hospitalized two weeks with double

pneumonia, also for tests and observation in regard to a low grade of fever she has.

Sam and Kathy Somerhalder were the recipients of many lovely and useful gifts, at a shower held in Sis. Wilma and Andy Jr. Youngs' home.

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### RITTMAN

#### Florence Hartzler

There is a plan far greater than the plan you know;

There is a landscape broader than the one you see.

There is a haven where storm-tossed souls may go—

You call it death—we, immortality.

Our community was saddened by the sudden passing of our dear Bro. Joe Winkler. We will miss him in our assembly, but we know he is at rest. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Jessie; son Fred, at home; daughter, Sis. Anita Riggenbach, and daughter Jeanette Woyat. Also surviving are brothers, Harold, Ben, Chester, and Bro. Alvin; and sisters, Nina Steiner, Sis. Velma Hartzler and Sis. Caroline Emch. Services were held on Sunday Feb. 18 by Bro. Joe Ramsier. Farewell, dear voyager—'twill not be long. Your work is done; now may peace rest with thee. Your kindly thoughts and deeds—they will live on. This is not death—'tis immortality.

We wish to thank Bro. Verdon Feldman and Bro. Ernest Graf for bringing us the message of God and His son, Jesus. May we ever strive to live up to the words we have heard, so that other people can see by our walk of life that we are children of God.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. . ." Not only when we are sick do we need help from God, but we need his help at all times. We especially want to mention those who have had surgery, Bro. George Riggenbach Jr., and Jane Curie. Needing hospital care were Sis. Margaret Marty, Karen Ramsier, Nancy Gasser. Russell Mathys, youngest son of Sis. Barbara, had knee surgery. He wants to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, visits and flowers during his stay in the hospital. He is still in a cast, which has been

on since January; Sis. Barbara is very thankful to the Lord for his recovery.

We have a few new births to announce: A daughter to Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane Hartzler and named Sharon Gail; she has three brothers and one sister to welcome her home. A son, Barry Andrew, was born to Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane Winkler, with one sister, Sara, to welcome him home. First grandchild for Bill and Sis. Pearl Breece was born to their daughter, Lynn, and husband, the Robert Tollafields. Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ellen Weber have a new grandson, born to daughter Janet and husband, the Dale Younkens.

We wish to welcome to our community Dr. Ralph and Diane Lanz and their two children. Dr. Lanz is a vet and plans to work from the Smithville area, where they will make their home. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner of Oakville, and Ralph's parents are from Rockville.

Paul Rufener, son of Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna, and Darla Stiles have become engaged. Stan Beery and Karen Bauman are also engaged. The parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery, Richard and Gladys Bauman.

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### AKRON

#### Katherine Ries

Blessed holy is the hour

When we, Jesus, think of Thee  
And Thy word in Godly power

Hear and in our hearts receive.

We are grateful that there are those who still hear the word, and we are happy to report Friends Fred and Eva (Henhart) Grawunder have found peace and are awaiting baptism.

Sis. Florence (Bollinger) Graf passed away suddenly Feb. 21. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Robert; sons, Robert Jr., Neil, Wyley, Colin; daughter, Colleen; and mother, Sis. Ruth Bollinger. Services were conducted Feb. 24 by Bro. Eugene Pamer, assisted by Bro. Harold Emch of Girard. We extend to our dear Bro. Robert and the family our deepest sympathy.

Bro. Eugene Fetter of Toledo was a welcome guest minister.

Bro. Paul Pamer is confined at home, 33 Clouse St., Akron O. 44313 with a re-occurring illness.

Friends Andy and Mary Leidal left Mar. 4 for Hungary, where they will spend the next six weeks visiting family and friends.

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### BAY CITY

#### Carolyn Schamback

Child of My love, Lean hard,  
And let me feel the pressure of thy care;

I know thy burden, child, I shaped it;

Poised it in mine own hand, made no proportion

In its weight to thine unaided strength;

For even as I laid it on, I said,  
I shall be near, and while he leans on me,

This burden shall be mine, not his;  
So shall I keep my child within the circling arms

Of my own love.

What an invitation! Never to have to carry a burden alone, for He will gladly share it, if we but let Him. How blessed we are!

Hospitalized were Bro. Fred Knochel, Sis. Clara Wackerle, and Sis. Mildred Wieland; surely they're happy to lean hard and let the Saviour share their cares.

We rejoiced with two dear ones who announced their engagement. . . to be married are Bro. Bill Waibel and Sis. Carol Ramseyer. Parents of the couple are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel and Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer.

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### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

#### Eunice Schupbach

#### Kayleen Heiniger

Two businessmen were on a train trip. Across the aisle were a father and two children. The youngsters became quite restless and started to cry, causing disturbance. The one businessman looked at the other. "What's the matter with him? Doesn't he realize that we as businessmen have a lot on our minds and need our rest? Can't he keep those children quiet?"

As time passed, the more aggravated they became. One declared, "I'm going over there and tell him just what I think." He approached the gentleman. "Don't you understand the responsibility you as a father have to keep these children quiet? And if you can't, why didn't you bring your wife that she could care for them so we could rest?"

The man looked up and began to weep. "The mother is along. . . But she is in the baggage car, for we are taking her to her resting place" . . . How very careful we should be to guard our tongues. . . For how many times do we judge another without knowing all the facts?

More timely teachings were spoken by our visiting ministers, Bros. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield, Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, Nathan Stoller of Bradford and Dan Koch of Tremont.

Sis. Sandy Zimmerman was hospitalized a few days, but was discharged in time to begin LPN training. Ed Meiss submitted to minor hand surgery. We are thankful that both have been able to assemble with us since their illness.

God has seen fit to bless our congregation with two delightful additions. Baby Ryan Dale was born on Feb. 7, the first child of Bro. Ken and Dianne Virkler. Rejoicing grandparents are the Elmer Virklers and Ed Fellers, all of Cissna Park. On Feb. 22, Philip John Stoller arrived, the son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois. His grandparents are the Ben Wettsteins of Gridley and D.C. Stollers of Latty. Timothy, Paul and Kathy welcomed him home.

Bro. Ralph Endress and Sis. Elsa Stoller will be home at 737 Hale, Normal, after a wedding trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

### BREMEN

Pauline Laidig

Some day, you say, I will seek the Lord;

Someday I will make my choice;  
Some day, some day, I will heed His word,

And answer the Spirit's voice.

Someday is now for Mike and Marge Mangold. They have found a new happiness in yielding their lives to the Lord. We rejoice with them. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Helen Mangold of Roanoke are Mike's parents, and Marge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schwab, also of Roanoke.

**Thy word have I hid in my heart**—This passage we can truly apply to our dear Bro. Henry Souder, who so frequently has quoted songs and scripture, from memory over the years, and even in his sunset days is able to do so. This must certainly have been a source of strength and

comfort to him during the many hours he spent with his dear wife, Sis. Leah, during the months of her illness. We are so happy that they are both able to assemble with us now, and that Henry is given the strength to minister to us occasionally again. In a sermon he said, Just as the Lord multiplied the fish and bread for the multitudes, so does His word reach out wherever it is spread and never runs out. What a blessing we have if we will avail ourselves of it.

Sis. Clara Klopfenstein is thankful to be home from the hospital, and is gradually recuperating. Sis. Sue Beebe is restored to good health, and it is good to see her, Bro. Bob and their little family

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Joe and Sis. Berneice Bauman on the passing away of her stepfather, Mr. Arthur Tabb of South Bend.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Pauline Laidig have a new little grandson, Kurt Thomas, who joined the family of Bro. Walter and Sis. Sharon Rager of Toledo. Kent and Keith really love their baby brother.

Dues for the Silver Lining should be paid during the month of April.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Jan Blunier

The world presents its cure-all: Positive thinking. If you think positively, all will go well, because you see everything in a good perspective.

It works . . . sometimes. But, how can one "think positive" throughout all of life's circumstances? When heart-breaking or nerve-straining circumstances are placed in our path, and we fall beneath the weight . . . when we reach the bottom of our store of strength . . . when we reach the breaking point . . . is there anything left with which we can raise our head from the ground and "think positive"? When we come to the point when we can look nowhere but at ourselves, and see the weak, helpless person that we really are, can we "think positive"? At last, when we face inevitable death, and realize we have nothing to offer, nothing to take with us but a life of guilt, sin, and pleasure-seeking memories, can we close our eyes confidently and, at last, "think positive"?

Our Maker presents His cure-all: Christ-centered thinking. If we al-

low Christ to control our lives, if we give Him all we have, nothing but a broken, sin-ridden heart, He can transform us to the state of **thinking** in which we can do all things through Him.

When we look back at a useless life, we can by faith see Him erase all of our sin with His precious blood shed at Calvary, and give us a new start, a new life through the power created when He conquered death! We can look at ourselves and see a young babe in Christ growing and thriving in His strength, love, and spiritual nourishment. When heart-breaking or nerve-straining circumstances are placed in our path, and the load is too heavy, we can fall on Him, and draw from his endless source of strength.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Stoller of Princeville, Roy Enhle of Bradford, Al Aberle of Tremont, Art Bahler of Fairbury, Don Sauder of Roanoke, and Jim Hoerr of Peoria.

On Feb. 28, we were privileged to hear the Peoria Choir present a number of hymns to the honor and praise of him who unites us as one. We deeply appreciate these brothers and sisters coming.

### ELGIN, IOWA

Eleanor Butikofer

The birds that wintered near our home and were daily partakers of the seeds and suet at the feeding stations are starting to sing, and we hope this is an indication of an early spring. We hear the sweet song of the cardinal, the melodious warble of the purple finches, the clear notes of the chickadees nearby, and away in the distance, the whistle of the horned lark is distinguishable. We thank the Lord for the privilege and gift of living in a world of natural beauty and wonder.

The ladies have been meeting at Sis. Marie Butikofer's home, to work on various items for World Relief distribution.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Cheryl Moore have named their new baby girl Danette Renae. She was born Feb. 24.

The **Zion's Harp** hymnals, \$2.50 gold edge, \$2.25 white edge, postpaid. Contact Ray Gerber, R.R. 4, Bluffton Ind 46714 or Sam Aeschliman, R.R. 3, Bluffton Ind 46714.



**NEW MARTINSVILLE**

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Spring came in like a lamb here on March 1 and 2, and we are hoping that real spring weather is not too far away, although we have had a real good winter. The severe cold spells did not last too long.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz are first-time great-grandparents. Their eldest grandson and wife had a new baby girl on Feb. 18. She has been named Carey Beth; the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron came home on Feb. 27, after spending two months in Bradenton, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Durig are spending two weeks with their granddaughter and husband in Ocean Side, California.

Edward Koche, son of the late Henry and Viola, suffered a heart attack on Feb. 26, but is improving in the local hospital. Mrs. Bonnie Riggenbach Hawkins was a medical patient in the local hospital. Mrs. Myrta Gorby, who has been ill for some time, does not show much improvement. Virgil Hassig has been doctoring for some time for various disorders, and while he is still able to get around, he is not too well.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were the guests of the Gus Weltz family on Feb. 3.

Terry Cozart, a great-grandson of the late Albert Riggenbach, underwent an emergency appendectomy on Feb. 27, and was very ill for a few days, but is showing improvement.

**OAKVILLE**

Martha Steiner

Love, of all gifts, is the greatest . . .

Carol Massner and Joe Bonneson were united in marriage by Bro. Harvey Heiniger on Feb. 17. Carol's parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada (Wagenbach) Massner. Joe is on leave from his post of duty with the armed forces in Germany, and Carol plans to join him in April. We wish the new couple much happiness and look forward to their return to the States.

**SHIODA, JAPAN**

Willis R. Ehnlé

When I was about a freshman in high school, I entered a speech con-

test at school. I was a novice at the art, although I had done considerable practicing out by the cow barn, even as a young boy. The "experts" proceeded to tell me how it should be done, not just to the extent of memorizing the contents, but also what body motions would be appropriate, at what time. There was a certain time in the speech when I was told to take one step forward with my left foot. Keeping all these instructions in mind didn't leave much time to think about what I was saying.

My showing in the contest was hardly commendable, but after it was all over the lady judge gave us her written comments so that we could improve. I remember her one comment like it was yesterday, "He actually looked down at his feet when he took a step forward." I felt that there must be a better way, and I recently read it again in Luke chapter 12. "And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." It is better to forget about how you are going to say it and permit yourself to become a little excited about what you are saying. This gives God more room to guide you.

One Sunday evening I received a telephone call from a young lady whose mother is one of our sisters in faith. The daughter said, "Daddy has had to enter the hospital again and mother wants you to come to save Daddy's soul." I was struck by the immensity of the request plus the earnestness in the voice of the young lady. The next day I went to Daddy's bedside. His eyes met mine; he was too sick to speak. I prayed for a change in his heart and faith in Christ, in whom his wife had trusted with a repentant heart. Three days later he was gone. It has left me trembling inside. I shall never forget her words, "Please come to save Daddy's soul." If lost in the Lake of fire, there is no getting out forever and ever. The very thought leaves us overwhelmed with despair for those outside of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is too much; we must have His mercy.

On Feb. 11 at our Shioda Church, Mrs. Kiyoko Hirose was announced

for proving and baptism, providing God gives an open way. She is fruit from seed sown long ago as she came to our Sunday School, soon after the church building was dedicated in July of 1956. She is now married and has a little boy two years of age. Her husband is not yet a believer, but there is hope, for everyone should live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

**TAMAHATA**

Akito and Marie Inoue

As we look at a healthy newborn baby, we are reminded of our glorious Creator in the words recorded by Moses. "So God created man in his own image, . . . And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it . . ." This blessing was bestowed upon Bro. Toru and Sis. Junko (Inoue) Saegusa, as a little boy was born unto them on Feb 22 named Kota. The happy grandmothers are Sis. Tamino Inoue and Mrs. Saegusa of Kofu. The title "chan" is attached to a child's name, when referring to him, to show love and respect. Middle names are not given.

We also experienced sorrow, when the news came of the death of Sis. Horiuchi's husband. She attends our Tokyo church. When we visited her home recently, her children asked that we show kindness to her. Sis. Horiuchi replied, "I will be all right as long as I can go to church." We hope and pray she will continue to assemble in the House of the Lord, and that the inspired word of God may continue to be preached by humble servants wherever it is spoken.

**ALTADENA**

Judy Hackenjós

See, from His head, His hands,  
His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled  
down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature  
mine,  
That were an offering far too  
small;

Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

These beautiful words from a hymn in **Gospel Hymns** hold a deep

and wonderful message for all. When we think of the miraculous love of God, displayed in Christ Jesus, it surely humbles us. We can only thank and praise Him!

Another child was added to the family of God on Feb. 18. Dale Hackenjoes, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn, brought his testimony of repentance before the congregation. How thankful we are for God's plan of salvation, and the forgiveness so freely offered. Dale was baptized that afternoon, and now is our new brother, in Christ.

This has surely been a month for visitors. Our church has been filled nearly every Sunday. We're so thankful for the ministering brothers who have shared the word with us: Bro. Jesse Schrock, from Congerville and Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka.

Elder Bro. John Bahler is with us, from Rockville. On Feb. 25 we shared holy communion with many brothers and sisters from all over the country. How wonderful it is when we haven't known each other before, but are united in the oneness of the Holy Spirit.

Three new ushers were appointed by the trustees. They are Bros. Don Cremer, Ken Cooper, and Don Cooper.

An earthquake rocked our area on Feb. 21. It was not as severe as the one two years ago, and resulted with much less damage. The hand of the Lord was protecting us through it all.

### BERN

#### Esther and Stella Moser

We are always happy for visitors. Bro. Max Reimschisel, Wichita, Bro. Gene Marti were our guest ministers.

We shared several blessed evenings when we assembled with the Sabetha congregation. One evening Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City, was the guest minister, giving us much to think about. The following evening we again assembled in Sabetha, when our elders, Bros. Lester Hartter and Gene Marti shared the memorandum with us. May we follow these kindly teachings and guidelines so no one need question: Are they Christians? Thank you, brothers, for your efforts.

Sis. Emma Leuthold, 90, passed away Feb. 5 at the A. C. Home. Emma was born at Forrest to Jacob and Anna Moser. As a small child,

she moved to the Bern community, and lived there all her life except the ten years she lived in Lester. In 1910 she was married to John Leuthold. John passed away in 1958. Emma gave her heart to the Lord in her early youth, faithfully serving Him to life's end. Among the survivors are three daughters, Anna Knobloch, Larchwood, Ia.; Sis. Ella Metzger, Lester; Ida Huttenmeyer, Tecumseh, Nebr. . . four sons: Wilbert, Circleville; Bros. Alvin and Paul, Hills, Minn; Andy, Larchwood. Our ministers conducted the memorial services Feb. 7. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Apphia Aeschliman is a hospital patient, due to a fall. Sis. Verona Strahm is again able to assemble with us after a lengthy illness. My co-reporter, Sis. Stella Moser, has been absent several Sundays due to ear difficulty.

Sympathy is extended to the Meyers, Sisters Amanda, Sarah and Bro. Roy, in the death of their eldest brother, Henry, 80. His helpmate of 55 years is hospitalized with a fractured leg.

Note of thanks: I wish to sincerely thank each one who has remembered me while I was in the hospital and while at home, for the cards, gifts, food, prayers and visits and to those who cared for our children during the two months. Sis. Verona Strahm.

### BLUFFTON

#### Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

Several of our families have welcomed precious infants into their homes. Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn Baumgartner received a son, Mark Allen. A daughter, Shelane Leigh, was born to Bro. Ted and Sis. Debbie Neuenschwander. Brent Dean has joined Bro. Lyle and Sis. Connie Kaehr to complete their family circle; grandparents are Bro. Fred (Ted) and Sis. Naomi Kaehr and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Gladys Gerber. Bro. Mark and Sis. Wanda Moser have become parents of their first child, a daughter, LaNae Kay. Bro. Russell and Sis. Dorothy Moser and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter are LaNae's grandparents.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen are rejoicing in that their son, Donn, has returned from serving in our government.

Our congregation was privileged to have Bro. Simon Wagenbach

from Tremont in our midst on the first Sunday of February. Many inspiring teachings were heard by all that attended.

We were thankful that a bus load of young members from Peoria found it worth their time to visit with us the week-end of Feb. 18. Many new acquaintances were made, as well as many old memories renewed.

The engagement of Sis. Cindy Rauch and Bro. Stan Geisel was made known on Feb. 4. Parents of the couple are Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia Rauch and Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen Geisel. Two weeks later, the engagement of Sis. Nilah Schaefer to Bro. Jon Aschliman was announced to the congregation. Bro. Oscar and Sis. Agnes are parents of the bride-to-be, and Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella are Jon's parents. We rejoice with them as they are making plans to walk hand in hand with the Lord on the pathway of life.

As we have two couples just beginning to plan their futures together, we also have two couples who recently completed fifty years of walking side by side. Bro. Jacob and Sis. Ann (Bucher) Meyer have traveled over many loving years. Their children who rejoice along with them are Bros. Robert, Dale, and Harold, all of Bluffton; Mrs. Bill (Maxine) Worden of Pompano Beach, Florida; and Mrs. Junie (Joan) Beer from Milford.

God has also seen fit that Bro. Eli and Sis. Rose (Schwartz) Gerber remain together to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. During their years together, several children have been given to them. They are Bros. Wendell, Vernon, Robert, and Victor, Sis. Lucille (Sherman) Steffen, and Tillman—all of Bluffton, and Mrs. Richard (Audrey) Paxson of Whittier, California.

We have many dear souls who are waiting to give their testimonies. We are looking forward to listening to them and to having them join our brotherhood.

Many of our loved ones have been hospitalized in the past days. Sisters Roselena Steffen, Josephine Gerber, Alice (Alvin) Honegger, Marilyn (Charles) Gerber, Lydia (John) Kaehr and Ida Isch, and Bro. John Kaehr are among our shut-ins.



**CONGERVILLE**

**Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart**

We're happy to have our Ministering Bros. Joe and Jesse Schrock among us again, after their trips.

Bro. Orville and Sis. Lula Zimmerman observed their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 8.

We welcome Bro. Dale and Sis. Maryann Lemman and their two children, Brad and Jeff, to our congregation. (They live in Danvers). Dale and Maryann were baptized Feb. 11 in Forrest, where his parents attend church. We also welcome Sis. Frances Geiger to our congregation.

"Don't lack reading the Bible. Read it as though it is the only one left." This message was brought to us by visiting Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield). When Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka) visited us, he emphasized the enduring love of God.

Our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard paid us a welcome visit Feb. 25. He surely is a loving shepherd, and we appreciate his care.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Norma Stahl have welcomed their second girl, Lynnette, born Feb. 10 into their family. Leann, age 4½, is happy to have a sister. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Emil Stahl and Bro. and Sis. Marion Miller.

We're happy to have Tom Zimmerman (son of Bro. and Sis. Orville Zimmerman) back from the service.

Bro. Jake Miller is at Mayo Clinic.

Our tape recorder had been on the closet shelf for months. One day I got it out and listened to tapes of sermons while I worked in the house. What blessings I received! I heard the following about prayer spoken by Bro. John Bahler.

**Encouragement to Prayer**

Prayer keeps us in close contact with God and can be paralleled to a little path through a wooded area that has a heavy undergrowth. If this path is used everyday, it will never grow together. It will stay there . . . But once it's not used, in a very short time it grows together, and you won't even be able to find it.

A soul, who had strayed from the way remembered these words spoken by an old elder, Bro. Trintebach, and he wanted to return.

He said, "I didn't heed it. I found when I wanted to pray I couldn't find the Father heart. The little path had grown together." And he cried.

What a privilege is ours to pray; never faint; watch and pray.

**CROGHAN—NAUMBURG**

**Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig**

A baby boy, Steven Paul, was born to Keith and Lorraine Maloney. He was welcomed home by two sisters, Lisa and Diane. Steven's grandparents are Florence Hirschey and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Maloney.

Bruce Petzoldt and Patricia Hirschey were united in marriage on Feb. 17. Bruce is the son of Donald and Sis. Rita, and his grandparents are Bro. Theodore and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler. Patty's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hirschey. Our best wishes to the new couple.

Sis. Lucy Hany has regained sufficient health, that she could be released from the hospital after many weeks. She is a patient at the Bender Home for the Aged, R.D. Glenfield N.Y. 13343, as is her husband, Bro. John Hany. Sis. Polly (Bro. Niles) Farney has been a medical patient.

We have enjoyed the visits of loved ones from Rockville and Bluffton.

Our Sis. Deborah Hoppel was called from this life, at the age of 89. Surely she will be missed in our small congregation at Naumburg, where she was always ready with a willing smile and handshake for young and old. Services were held on Feb. 12, by Bro. Robert Beyer at the Naumburg church. Our sympathy is extended to her sister, Sis. Esther Wallace, with whom she resided, and the neices and nephews.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick. Sis. Berdena's brother, Lawrence VerSchneider, was called from this life.

**EUREKA**

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

**Call upon Me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt  
glorify me.**

The visitors who visited us are as follows: Bros. Ed Lanz, Oakville; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Frederick

Knapp, Congerville; Willis Wiegang, Goodfield; Noah Schrock, Oakville.

Our folks in the hospital and at home are: Bro. Geo Hodel is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Corrine Hartter is a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital. My mother, Sis. Martha Wettstein, has been in bed the past several months at her home.

Sis. Elizabeth Farney, who had been residing at the "Home", passed away at Eureka Hospital Feb. 6. Her husband, Bro. Charles, also lives at the "Home". She was taken to a Roanoke mortuary.

Sis. Cora Schumacher, age 85, passed away Feb. 19 at the Eureka Hospital. Her funeral was Feb. 21, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Joe; a son Joe Jr., and two daughters, Sis. Ruth, and Helen Fisher.

Three friends were given their chance to tell of the conversion & repentance they went through. They were Diane Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Elsie; Roger Blunier and his wife, Wendy. His folks are Bro. and Sis. Sam and Elizabeth, and her folks live at Princeville. Bro. Noah Schrock assisted Bro. Leroy with the proving. This was Feb. 24, and the next day they were baptized.

A note of thanks: I want to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards and letters while I was a patient in the General Hospital at Ottawa, Ill. recently. Sis. Ida Wenger.

**FAIRBURY**

**Joyce Huber**

We are rejoicing for the salvation of three more who have taken the Lord Jesus Christ for their Saviour: George and Thelma (Zehr) Saathoff, and Vicki Steffen, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Emma Lou Steffen.

Sis. Charlotte Meyer of Fairbury became the bride of Bro. Alfred Banwart of Lamar, as they were united in marriage Feb. 18. Bro. Josh Broquard brought out in the ceremony the comparison, that Charlotte became willing to be married and leave her home to journey a distance to live, just as Rebecca was willing to leave her home for a distant journey to become the bride of Isaac. We wish

the Lord's blessings to be upon them.

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford visited our congregation a Wednesday evening, ministering to us, and sharing with us, the listening of records of hymns, and the reading of inspirational things.

We also enjoyed recently visiting ministers, Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley.

John Broquard, son of Bro. and Sis. Donald Broquard, was in the hospital in Champaign, and home again.

Our elder, Bro. and Sis. Josh Broquard, had their 48th wedding anniversary Feb. 28.

Sis. Kate Zehr was 85, rather than 58 as printed last month.

Fairbury was host to the Youth Fellowship Feb. 18 and 25, as the different Bible Classes presented inspiring programs.

Note of Thanks: Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner wish to thank those who remembered their Silver Anniversary.

#### FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

"Valentine's Day Is Over"  
(But the memories aren't)

As God sees in our hearts, and there couldn't be a dearer Father, than He is, in every way, that's why there was so much love this past Valentine's Day, for all who have given their hearts to the Lord.

A Baby sweet-hearted boy was given to the Wayne Putt family.

Two of our aged Christians, Uncle Henry and Aunt Cordia Leman, have lived heart to heart for the past 69 years. All of their nine sweetheart children and companions could sit around their table for their anniversary. Sis. Cordia has been unable to attend church services, but Bro. Henry does, and he says on Sundays there are just as many sweet-hearted little children come and shake his hand as there are older sweet-hearted persons.

We would like to give you the names of more of our good-hearted people, Sis. Julia Bohening, Margaret Gudeman and Cora Boehning—but sorry to say, they had to be in the hospital for medical care—but all are home again.

It is so pitiful that there are five loving-hearted Pelsys that are unable to be in their homes and appre-

ciate fully everyone's prayers. Sis. Martha Pelsy just had a birthday, and she asked to thank all the good-hearted people for the cards and gifts. The other loving Pelsys are Sis. Emma and her husband Paul, and Sis. Lydia Pelsy. Sis. Ella Pelsy had to enter the hospital unexpectedly, and our loving Sis. Ella Yaggie can no longer come to our church, with a willing heart to carry out her labors of love.

We have brothers and sisters in our fellowship that we love so much, who were chosen to carry out duties, to keep God's order. They are Richard Wuethrich, Sidney Leman, Perry Neihofer, Wendell Anliker and Otto Wuethrich. Added Sunday School teachers are Mary Lee Gutwein, Betty Huber, Larry Nuest and Willis Gudeman. We believe God will lovingly bless all the efforts that will be given for the worthy needs.

Bye . . . If you want to keep a sweet friend, be a loving one.

#### K. S. U.

Libby Meyer

We are rejoicing, even as the angels in heaven are, that our friend, Peggy Baumgartner has found grace to repent. We trust that she will continue to grow in faith and will be a light unto many.

"That you may know the joy of life with Christ and the seriousness of death without him" were the closing words that visiting Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita, spoke to us. We were happy to have Bro. Jim Ramseyer from Bay City spend several days here at K. State. In proclaiming the word, he reminded us to follow God's precepts and not man's, or we could be led astray, even as the children of Israel were.

#### LAMONT

Betty Wernli

We were richly blessed by the visit of Elder Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, who spent a recent evening with us. The words of truth were so plain and sincere, as he brought forth the teaching that if we love anything more than Christ it is idolatry. Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft have also been with us for midweek services. We are grateful for all the ministering brothers . . . oftentimes through these humble teachings we are awakened unto more obedience and

the seeing of ourselves in the mirror of God's word.

Sis. Kathryn Anliker has again entered the hospital, as her weakened condition requires more skilled nursing care. Sis. Clara Ott has been confined to her home for sometime. In visiting with Sis. Clara, we find her burdened down with the many infirmities of a long age, but she is grateful to the Lord for many blessings, and does so long to be with Him in all eternity.

#### LATTY

Connie Stoller — LeAnn Laukhuf

We are happy that three more friends have turned to the Lord: Ruth Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen), Tom Laukhuf (Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge), and Stan Stoller (Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen). May God grant them the necessary grace in their repentance.

Latty young group enjoyed being host to many visitors from churches in Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa during the month, including Ministering Bro. Sam Schlatter from Junction. The fellowship with those of like mind and faith is so uplifting.

The engagement of Carol Plummer to Gordon Pried of Elkhart, Indiana, has been announced. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann. An April wedding is being planned, and we wish them God's blessings in their life together.

On Feb. 25 we were privileged to have with us Ministering Bro. Ezra Feller of the Cissna Park congregation. An inspiring message on the Beatitudes was brought to us.

Hospital patients were John Schlatter, Teresa Stoller, and Bro. Millard Stoller. They are home recuperating.

#### MILFORD

Sandie Price — Sue Scheiler

Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City spent Sun., Jan. 11 with our congregation, helping Bro. Theo. Beer with the important work of ordaining Bro. Elmer Hartter deacon. Also visiting us in January was Bro. Carl Westfall of Francesville. We appreciate the efforts of these and other brothers who travel many miles to bring us God's word.

Our congregation has missed our Sis. Hulda Graff, who has been shut-in most of the winter, and Bro. Sam Reimschisel, who was hospitalized with a heart attack.

Both are improving, and we look forward to having them assembling with us some sunny Sunday soon.

Hospitalized for tests and observation was Jeremy Beer, 3-month-old son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Lynne Beer, but he's able to be home with mommy and daddy again.

Anna Mary Davis, daughter of Sis. Mary Armbruster, was married to Harold Schrock. May God bless their lives together.

Two new additions to our church are little Lisa Jean Mikel, born Feb. 22 to Russ and Pat Mikel. Grandparents are Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann Beer.

Joseph Frank Beer was given a warm welcome by his two older brothers, Joel and Joshua. Joseph was born March 1 to Bro. Joe and Sis. Jan Beer; his grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Levi Beer, and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Herman of Morton.

Moving to our area from New Hampshire are Bro. Rich and Sis. Andrea Stoller and Jerrod Lee. We welcome them to our congregation.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Bro. Dick Steffen and Sis. Gwen Bauer of Cissna Park was announced Sunday, March 4. Dick is the son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorothy Steffen, and Gwen is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Bauer of Cissna Park. Gwen has attended Goshen College and assembled with us regularly, so we are pleased that she will be making her home here.

### PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

One of our guest ministers brought out in his sermon, that a person doesn't have to be a big sinner to be lost; all it takes is just sit back and do nothing!

We're so thankful four more dear souls did something, like pray, repent, confess their sins, and believe Jesus shed His blood for our soul's salvation. We welcome our dear brother and sisters-in-faith, Dale and Cindy Endress, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Endress—who assemble with our congregation in Bradford, and Barbara and Peggy Thomas, daughters of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Mazie Thomas. They brought their testimonies before our congregation on Saturday night, and on Sunday Feb. 25 were baptized. Bro. Ed-

win Ringger assisted our Bros. Roy Sauder and Chuck Hemmer in this work. We also enjoyed Bro. Edwin's and Bro. Joe Stoller's inspiring and soul-stirring messages, as they preached the word.

Sis. Bertha Frank, formerly of Morton, is a resident at the A. C. Home, 7023 Skyline Dr. Peoria Ill 61614. Welcome to Peoria, Sis. Bertha.

Janis Dieckow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dieckow of Washington, and Tim Hayes, son of Paul and Anna Eberhardt Hayes were united in marriage Jan. 11.

George and Sis. Elmina Eberhardt Rauhaus observed their Golden Wedding anniversary Feb. 20. They wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards received.

Sis. Louise Simon is back in the hospital.

Our sympathy to Bro. Emil and Sis. Clara Scubert. Clara's sister, Mrs. Henry (Bertha) Barth died here in Peoria Feb. 10.

Sis. Cora S. Zuercher, 75, died Feb. 15 in Proctor Hospital, where she had been a patient four days. She was born Feb. 6, 1898, a daughter of David and Mary Herbst Zuercher. Surviving are a brother, Joseph, and a sister, Sis. Anna Zuercher. We are so thankful Cora could have her faith strengthened this past year and was so happy to become one of God's children . . .

**Note of thanks:** We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the deeds of love and kindness expressed to us in the loss of our dear Cora. The Zuerchers.

Bro. Ernest C. Elsasser, 68, of Phoenix, formerly of Peoria, died Feb. 28. Born Sept. 29, 1904, a son of William and Marie Hoerr Elsasser, he married Lois Huber April 7, 1929. He lived in Phoenix the last nine years. Surviving are his widow; three brothers, Bros. Chris, John, and William; three sisters, Sisters Anna Streitmatter, Marie Siedel and Emma Knobloch . . . all live in the Edelstein-Princeville-Bradford area. His body was returned to Peoria for funeral services, burial in Princeville. Ernest repented when a young man and has been a faithful brother for fifty years.

**Note of thanks:** I wish to express my sincere thanks for the prayers offered for me, and for the many

cards and gifts from all who remembered me during my illness while a patient at the hospital. Truly God's glowing light of love was revealed through your kindness, and words of encouragement. Sis. Louise Finck.

### PULASKI

Nancy Musselman  
Ernestine Wuthrich

Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman are the happy parents of a baby boy, Michael Aaron, born Feb. 14. Matthew and Mark welcomed him home.

Sis. Lydia Wuthrich has been ill with pneumonia.

### ROANOKE

Doris Mangold — Erma Moser

Larry and Sharon Neukomm are the parents of a new baby daughter named Tammy Marie. She has a sister, Michelle, and a brother, Phillip to welcome her home.

Joe Hangartner, Sis. Jean Kupferschmid (Charles) and Sis. Ruth Fischer (Ben) were in the hospital and have returned home.

Sis. Elizabeth Farney (Charles) passed away Feb. 6 at the Eureka Hospital. Services were held the following Friday by our local ministers. She is survived by her husband and six children.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Cora Zuercher on Feb. 17. She passed away at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, where she had been a patient since Feb. 11. Surviving are a brother, Joseph and a sister, Sis. Anna. . . **Thank you:** We wish to thank the Roanoke Church for their help at the services for Cora Zuercher . . . The family of Cora Zuercher.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Chris Hartter are parents of a baby boy, born Feb. 27. He was named Bradley Clayton and has a sister, Brenda.

Bro. Richard Zimmerman is a patient at Eureka Hospital. We hope he will soon be able to return to his home.

We were happy to have Elder Bro. David Bertsch share God's word with us, while he was here to visit his parents, Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bertsch.

In loving memory of Silas J. Hodel, who passed away one year ago Feb. 3:

He wished no one a last farewell,  
Nor even said "Goodbye".



He was gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.

God gave us strength to face it and courage to bear the blow, But what it meant to lose him, No one will ever know.

Loved and missed by his family.

#### TREMONT

**Lydia Rassi — Mary Jane Leuthold**

Robert John was the name given to Bob and Judy Mooneys' little son. He arrived Jan. 14. Judy is Bro. John and Sis. Lila Mosers' daughter.

The daughters of Sis. Esther Musselman have announced their engagements, Nancy to Delton Whitaker of Morton, and Annette to Melvin Whisenand of Tremont. May the Lord provide his guidance unto them in their union.

Dennis Koch, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Frances, and Michelene Power were united in marriage Feb. 17. May the Lord bless their new walk of life together.

Sis. Lena Woerner was hospitalized, but is again home, and Bro. Ken Dill had the cartilage removed from his knee.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

**Karen Martin**

I am happy to bring you the news from our small congregation.

We were pleased to welcome visiting ministers. Bro. Ben Fehr from Roanoke and Elder Bro. John Bahler from Rockville. John read the memorandum, and we sincerely thank both Bro. John and Bro. Ben for being with us.

Friend Dave Roberts has found peace with God, and his desire to be proved and baptized has been announced. We wish him God's grace.

Friend Ethel Ballasy has passed away; she was buried on Jan. 29.

We have been fortunate to find a place near Philadelphia where we can hold mid-week services. Those of us who live in Pennsylvania are thankful that our minister, Bro. Ed Aeschlemann, is willing to give of himself for these services. We were also fortunate to have Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City with us to hold this first mid-week service and we were all grateful to have quite a large attendance. We are all happy and willing to drive the long distance to Union City on Sundays, but we are thankful to have a place that is nearby to meet during the week.

Our ministering brother, John Diggelmann, was hospitalized for surgery. He is home now and doing fine, but we certainly miss his smiling face and kind words on Sundays, and look forward to having him in our midst again.

I want a soul so full of joy  
Life's withering storms cannot destroy.

#### WEST BEND

**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**

**Mrs. A. Banwart**

Extra church services were enjoyed twice by our congregation in January. We wish to thank Bro. Fredrick Knapp of Congerville for bringing God's word to us. For many of us here it was our first meeting, and we will be looking forward to another visit, hopefully soon. Seemingly our mid-week services, scheduled for the last Thursday of each month are working out well. The support shown by friends and children, as well as members is encouraging and appreciated.

Our medical hospital patients have been: Bros. Levi Banwart and Earnie Schmidt, both at home now; Sis. Minnie Bruellman, who now resides at Clear View Manor Rest Home in West Bend; and Sis. Lilly (Nathan) Mogler, who remains in the hospital in Mason City. Surgical patients were Chuck Schneider (son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella), who is home recovering, and Sis. Ida (Earnie) Schmidt. We hope her stay in the Rochester hospital will be short. We rejoice that Sis. Anna Fehr has been able to assemble with us again.

Several from here journeyed to Burlington to attend the wedding of Kim, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosie, Oberman and La Vern Salek, on Feb. 10. Bro. Philip and Sis. Katherine Fisher have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois Jean to Larry Lloyd. We wish both couples many blessings in their new undertakings.

#### WINTHROP

**Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

Bro. Alphi Moser proclaimed the gospel to us. Time is drawing to a close, and we all have a choice to make for the eternal destination of our souls. Will we make the right choice?

The engagement of Gary Mess-

ner, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Bernadine, was announced to Sharcon Conklin of Hutchinson.

Several have been on the sick list. Hospitalized with pneumonia is Sis. Esther Messner (George), following an illness with the flu. Bro. James Messner is also suffering from pneumonia.

Unlike our southern states, we have been enjoying mild winter weather. The fields are bare of snow. With spring comes the thought of the Easter season, when our Lord and Saviour suffered and died on the cross for the sins of man. Oh what is eternity? Eternity is the gold white glory of Easter morn, and redemption for you and me.

#### ALTO

**Joyleen Blough**

Are you lost? If negative, ask yourself this question. Would you prefer to go to Heaven? SOLUTION: Repent, then you are on your way to a new life.

Bro. Bob Meyer of Bluffton explained the way so clearly Feb. 11. We sincerely thank Bro. Bob for sharing with us the wonderful teachings of our Lord and Saviour.

Two dear souls spent some time in the hospital, but are now out and doing well. Sandy Gabbard, who is living with Bro. Tom and Sis. Joanne Schrenk, and Sis. Marguerite Blough.

On Feb. 25, Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach assembled with us, teaching us from the word of life and reading the memorandum. How these shepherds repeatedly expressed the importance of faith . . . "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" . . . for without faith we have nothing.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann**

We thank Bros. William Funk, Pulaski, and Clifford Grimm, West Bend, for ministering to us on Feb. 11. Bro. Bill and Sis. Verle (Moser) met with many of their brothers, sisters, families and parents to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Burlington was a central meeting-place for them, and they also have relatives in this area. Sis. Verle and her family (Bro. Phil Mosers of Gridley, Illinois) used to live in this

community and attended the Oakville congregation for many years. We were pleased they spent the day with us before their reunion.

Bro. Grimm was among those who were guests for the marriage of Kim Obermann (daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosie of the West Bend congregation) and LaVerne Salek (son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Salek, Letts, Iowa), which took place on a Saturday evening, Feb. 10. Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) performed the ceremony. Kim and LaVerne are at home at 301 Liberty, Muscatine.

Our sisters, Sarah Gerst, Lena Kuntz, and Edith Anliker spent some time in the hospital.

Our monthly hymn-sing was well attended again in March. We certainly appreciate the good support from the Burlington and Oakville members and friends, and welcome anyone interested to join us in singing praises to God in our assembly, the first Sunday evening of each month from 7 to 8 o'clock.

We regret the passing of Samuel Miller, formerly of Burlington, who died Feb. 21 after a brief illness. He was born April 16, 1884, in Cropsey, Illinois, the son of Jacob and Margaret Gurtner Miller. He is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Marie McLain, Burlington, Mrs. Marie Locke, Arkansas City, Kansas; and two nephews, Samuel Miller, Durango, Colo., Gerald Miller of Arkansas City, Kansas. Sam and his two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, were always among those we were privileged to carol to at Christmas-time in recent years, before they moved to Kansas. They are now all deceased and are missed in our community.

### CHICAGO

Since the first of January, we were blessed with messages from the following visiting ministers: Bros. Robert Pohl, Burlington, Iowa; Leroy Hartman, Peoria; Charles Sauder, Tremont; Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park; Gene Lehman, Wolcott; Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Maurice Frank, Leo.

Our sympathy flows to Sis. Ruth Schuemacher at the death of her mother.

Sis. Kay Reutter, Bro. Paul Butash, and Friend Dwight McConnell were in the hospital for surgery during the past two months. All of

them have returned to their homes and are feeling well.

### CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Only the Bible can show a man how to become a new creation, how to become new again, to start all over with a new way of looking at others, yourselves and the world.

Sis. Bertha Reineke has moved to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. We shall miss her from our midst. We pray her days will be comfortable there. Her address is 610 West Cruger Ave., Eureka Ill. 61530.

Sis. Emma Reutter had to return to the hospital, and remains a medical patient. Sis. Leah Aeschliman had to have her other leg amputated. She is getting along real well and remains a patient at Carle Memorial Hospital Urbana Ill 61801. Sis. Katie Maul was a medical patient, but is home again. Sis. Twylla Beer was hospitalized for treatments for back injury, is home and improved. Bro. Joe Clauss entered the hospital a few days.

The engagement of Sis. Gwen Bauer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Bauer, and Bro. Richard Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Walter Steffen of Milford, was announced.

We thank Bros. Noah Schrock, Uriel Gehring, and Roy Wieland for their visits here and their inspiring messages.

We had our benches padded in church; we find this a nice improvement.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Ann Sauder are welcomed home, after spending the winter in Sarasota.

Bro. Ben Neukomm and Sis. Esther quietly observed their 50th Anniversary.

Sis. Rachel Samet attended church services Sunday; it was so nice her daughters could bring her; even she has to be in a wheel-chair.

The circle is broken, one seat is forsaken.

One bud from the tree of our friendship is shaken.

One heart from among us no longer shall thrill

With joy in our gladness or grief in our ill.

How true to our hearts was that dutiful sleeper

With smiles for the joyful, with tears for the weeper,  
Yet ever more prompt whether mournful or gay  
With warnings in love to the passing astray.

As a cloud of the sunset, slow melting in heaven,  
As a star that is lost as the daylight is given,  
As a glad dream of slumber which wakens in bliss  
He has passed to the world of the holy from this.

In loving memory of Philip Arthur Alt, who went to be with the Lord March 16, 1972. Sadly missed by his family, Ed and Marge, Mark and Kai, John and Beth Alt.

### DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

So very often people I work with will say to me. "You certainly do love God. don't you." Yet, they seem to place a question mark after the statement—saying, just why do you love him so very much? I came upon this poem.

Do you wonder why I love Him—  
Jesus Christ of Calvary,  
Do you wonder why He's precious,  
More than all the world to me?  
From my sins He did deliver,  
Saved my soul eternally!  
That's the reason why I love Him,  
Why He means so much to me.

Do you wonder why I'm longing  
For a glimpse of His dear face  
Why I yearn for His returning  
When we're raptured by His grace?  
He's my Saviour, Guide and Keeper,  
Fills my need and takes each care—  
Could I help but long to see Him—  
Meet this Friend beyond compare?

Oh friends, my question to you is, now that you know why I love Him so, won't you consider this same love for YOU?

We are happy to have Bro. Ron, Sis. Ardie, and Ryan Manz from Bay City with us in our fellowship. They will be a welcome addition, and we wish them many blessings.

We surely miss those that cannot assemble with us from time to time because of illness, and mention them in our prayers. Bro.

Homer Polk and our very loving, older Sis. Christine Dimitri have not been able to assemble with us for some time.

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss

I've found the pearl of greatest price!

My heart doth sing for joy,  
And sing I must, for Christ is mine!  
Christ shall my song employ.  
Christ Jesus is my all in all,  
My comfort and my love,  
My life below, and He shall be  
My joy and crown above.

Five precious souls were taken into the Fold; they are Robert and Jean Schock Schambach, Lori Schock, Sandra Moser and Kenneth Lindoerfer. The parents are Bro. William and Sis. Cora Schambach, Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock, Bro. Gene and Sis. Libbie Ann Moser, and the late Charles and Sis. Anna Walder Lindoerfer. Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisted in this labor of love.

We give Thee thanks, O Lamb of God, that on the cross beam Thou hast bought for us salvation, peace and grace, with Thee in heaven's resting-place. We give Thee thanks."

Bro. Wm. Reber, 716 Illinois, is back home after surgery; but still hospitalized are Edward Moser, 258 N. Liberty St., Bro. Carl Weiss, 333 St. Charles St. and Gregory (Wm.) Gudeman, 303 Slade Ave., all of Elgin, Ill. 60120. Mary Jordi Gross fell on the ice and fractured her wrist. Her address is 187 Moseley St., Elgin Ill 60120.

On Feb. 10, Joyce (Wm.) Schambach became the bride of Wayne (Fred) Schifferer. Their address is 1660 Mulberry Ln., Elgin Ill 60120. We wish them God's blessings in their future life together.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss visited us and ministered God's word, which alone enlightens and is the living Bread of heaven.

### FORT LAUDERDALE

Henry H. Schwartz  
Kathy Sutter

February has brought many tourists to the warmer South Flori-

da climate, and our assembly has been full. What a joy it is to gather together and hear so many voices from so many different places joining to praise God. Each Sunday brings an unexpected blessing, when we find a familiar soul to greet in Christian love . . . And there is always the delight of welcoming new faces and finding a common bond of faith love.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton and Bro. Robert W. Pohl from Burlington Iowa gathered with us and ministered the first Sunday of February.

Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit and Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria were with us and served the Lord's Supper. It was a solemn but blessed occasion as we remembered again the suffering of our Saviour. They also shared the conference report with us. We enjoyed a church supper, and then gathered again for spiritual sustenance. We are grateful to Bro. Ben Maibach and Bro. Roy Sauder for performing these labors. Visiting ministers on the last Sunday of February were Bros. Noah Bauman from Rittman, Art Gudeman from LaCrosse, Henry Beer, Roy Luginbuhl from Rockville. We had a most blessed day and were reminded of the many signs which indicate that the return of our Lord is imminent. We read Daniel 12:4:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." We can all certainly testify that knowledge has been increased. Last fall, we stood outside our home here in Ft. Lauderdale in the midnight hours, and witnessed the launching of the last moon shot. We waited for a moment after take-off, and then, 150 miles from launch-site, we saw a fiery cone-shaped brilliance rising steadily in the sky. As we watched, we could see the rocket fire into the second stage. It was a spectacular sight, and surely a reminder of how far knowledge has increased. These scientific facts cause many to marvel at what man can accomplish, but to a Christian, they are a warning that we should watch and pray, and be alert for the sound of the trumpet.

Moving? Write . . . Let know both new and old addresses.

### FT. SCOTT

Ida Sinn

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven when one soul turns to the Lord in repentance. Debbie Smith has turned her back to the world and is seeking to live for her God. Debbie is the daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel Smith.

Bro. and Sis. Joe and Ella Banwart celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary on Feb. 17. Their seven children were here to enjoy the occasion with them. Although Joe needs the use of a walker to get around, both have been granted a fair measure of health. Bro. Earl Banwart, their son, proclaimed God's word in our assembly that Sunday.

Bro. Charles Sinn has had two trips to the hospital. First for an appendectomy, and then for an abscess. He is now recuperating at his home.

Bro. Jacob Pfister has gone to his eternal reward. He passed away on Feb. 23 at the age of 86 years. Besides his widow, Anna, at 509 Fairway, he is survived by four daughters: Sis. Ruth (Mrs. Gus Sinn) of Ft. Scott, Sis. Eunice (Mrs. Ephraim Koehl) and Sis. Esther (Mrs. Charley Koehl) of Morris; and Sis. Dorothy (Mrs. Wayne Schmidgall) of Hancock; a sister, Sis. Lydia Farney of Kiowa, Kansas. Jacob became a member of Christ's body at the age of 19. He ministered in our church from 1931 until his recent retirement. Bros. Joe Aberle and Sam Huber, nephews of the deceased, conducted the services . . . Thank You: Sis. Anna and family wish to extend their thanks to everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy and helpful deeds during the illness and loss of her husband and their father.

### GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

We are happy to have Bro. Jess Emch back with us after his spending seven weeks in Dover, Delaware, visiting his daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. John Jardine. During his absence, we had visits from Bro. Eugene Pamer and Bro. Ernest Graf, both from Akron, to share God's word with us.

Bro. Rudy Graf and Sis. Bethi spent this past week-end with us. As Bro. Rudy made his calls, Sis. Bethi and Sis. Caroline Emch accompanied me in a call on Sis. Anna



Hafely. We always return marveling at her contented spirit. She is in her 90th year, and is so alert as she reads daily of His word and communes with her Lord. She keeps a record of her daily readings. Praise the Lord for such sisters as Anna.

### GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

Happy is the family whose members work together and know one another's hearts. They think differently, but their thoughts meet with understanding. They follow different ways, but their actions have a common purpose. The unities of such a family are like silken threads, **strong and true**, and **woven together harmoniously**.

Four of our friends have confessed peace with God and man and are awaiting baptism and the laying on of hands. They are: Jacki Grimm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna; Joyce Zobrist, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis; Gerri Roth, daughter of Mr. Roy and Sis. Corrine (Marti) Roth; and Susan Knapp, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Mike and Luann.

A baby boy, Kyle Cooper, was born to our friends Don and Mary Alice Tanner of R. R. Deer Creek, on Feb. 17. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Adolph and Esther Tanner of R. R. Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruic Huff of Peoria.

### LACROSSE

Gwen Bucher — Lorene Moser

We are happy to have Bro. Sam Frank back home and again able to come to church . . . Thank you for the cards, prayers and visits while I was a shut-in. Bro. Sam Frank.

Sis. Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon) is home from the hospital following surgery, and slowly regaining strength. Bro. Don Furrer had surgery and is again assembling with us.

Sis. Lydia Marti became great-great-grandmother twice in February, with the birth of Stephanie Lynn Hitz to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hitz on Feb. 8, and Sheree Renee to Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler on Feb. 16. Great-grandma is Sis. Esther Hitz.

We enjoyed the visit of the Elgin Ill. Sunday School and their chaperones on March 4.

### LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

Now it is accomplished! My freedom is gone,

As I am a captive of God and his Son.

What freedom! O, I was by Satan enslaved

To do his ill bidding, but now I am saved.

Eight precious souls gave their testimonies of faith in the afternoon and evening of Feb. 24. Elder Bro. Leo Moser was assisted by Elder Bros. Gene Marti and Paul Fehr in conducting the impressive and inspiring provings. Those who told of their deep need for God were Joyce Mogler, Janice Mogler, Gail Knobloch, Shirley DeHaan, Beth Metzger, Patsy Metzger, Colleen Wulf, and Dale Wulf. The following day, the church was filled to overflowing, as many school friends, college friends, and friends of the church joined with the brotherhood to witness their baptisms. Other visiting ministers who shared the week-end with us were Bros. Earl Banwart and Harold Messner. Bro. Fredrick Knapp was led to be among us on another week-end, and brought us beautiful messages to ponder in our hearts.

Sis. Emma Leuthold was carried by the angels to the land of rest, after a full life of 90 years. She lived here and was one of us for several years, but her last days were spent in the home at Sabetha. Her children living here are Bros. Paul and Alvin Leuthold, Sis. Ella Metzger, Anna Knobloch, and Andy Leuthold. As long as health permitted, she was so willing to humbly help in any way possible.

Bro. Chris Kellenberger was hospitalized for tests and is home again. Leah Doorneweerd underwent surgery, following a fall while doing chores. She is recuperating at home. Wade Kellenberger, small son of Leroy and LuElla, is also a hospital patient. Sis. Rose Moser remains confined to the hospital from injuries, sustained in the car accident nearly two months ago.

Jim and Susie Gerber are the parents of a baby boy, Eric James, born Feb. 27. He has one brother, and the paternal grandparents are Bro. Ted and Sis. Emma Gerber.

Our annual meeting was held, and duties were assigned to various

brothers. All who give of their time and talents unselfishly for the good of the church find joy and blessings in serving.

### MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

We have just this week been reminded of the uncertainty of life. Each month I try to jot down notes of items to be included in the Mansfield news for the *Silver Lining*. On Feb. 9, Evelyn Bidinger Chew, daughter of our Sis. Theresa Wentz Bidinger (Fred), passed away after an illness of intensive pain and extensive surgery. Sis. Daisy (as we lovingly called Theresa) was so thankful when her daughter was relieved from her suffering and so we intended to extend our sympathy to her when we wrote up our monthly article. On Tuesday evening of this week, Feb. 27, we received the startling news that now the Lord had shown Sis. Daisy Bidinger His ultimate love, and with no warning had taken her from this earthly life to the eternal home above. To the two sons of Sis. Daisy we offer our love and sympathy in the loss of their mother, in addition to the loss of their sister. We will all miss the quiet friendliness and love which Sis. Daisy showed to all, as she mingled with us each Sunday and on Thursday evenings. The words from Proverbs 31, read at her funeral services are a fitting tribute ". . . **but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.**"

Threescore years and ten is man's allotted life span, but the Lord willing our aged Sis. Elizabeth Grossenbacher will observe her 98th birthday on March 28. As she has been confined to her bed for most of the last few years, she would appreciate hearing from those who know and love her. Her address is 22 Florence Avenue, Mansfield Ohio 44907.

Thank you to visiting minister, Bro. Henry Dotterer of Rittman on Feb. 11, and to our Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Loren Stoller, who ministered on Feb. 18, at which time they also shared the memorandum with us.

We are thankful Bro. Dave Beer has again been able to attend worship services, after his many months in the hospital and at home.

He would like to take this opportunity of expressing his thanks to each one for their prayers, love and gifts during the time of his illness.

We ask the Lord's blessings on the homes of the new Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Browne, who chose Feb. 10 as their wedding dates. The new Mrs. Tucker is the former Barbara Jane Zimmer, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Sabo Zimmer. Bro. Wally and Sis. Helen Oesch Ramsier are the parents of the new Mrs. Browne, who before her marriage was Carol Sue Ramsier.

### MORRIS

#### Ann Meiss — Esther Schafer

We are so thankful that some have heeded the invitation of the Lord to **Come and taste and see.** Debbie and Nancy Dogotch, daughter of Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma, and Douglas Wulf, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet have surrendered their hearts unto the Lord. We pray that many more could be enlightened and seek Him, 'ere the night will come.

Announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Bro. Karl Koehl, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillian, and Sis. Marilyn Fuechtenberger, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma. May God's blessings be upon them.

Debbie, daughter of Robert and Lucy Heil, became the bride of Gary McHane on Feb. 2. Our best wishes go to this young couple.

A daughter, Andria, was born to Dale and Lorna Erickson on Feb. 1. Grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger. A new grandson for Bro. Carl and Sis. Helen Joos was born on Feb. 5 to Michael and Rhonda Asmus. He was named Aaron. Gerald and Karen Fuechtenberger are the parents of a daughter, born on Mar. 2. Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma are grandparents.

Bro. Charles Koehl spent several days in the hospital. Bertha Goll had surgery for the removal of a cataract and is at home again. We are sorry to report that George Luthi lies critically ill in the hospital at Willmar.

Bro. Ferd and Sis. Pauline Tohm are again able to enjoy the comforts of their own home. Each had spent considerable time in the hospital, and Sis. Pauline was cared for

at a nursing home in Morris. They wish to extend their thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, gifts and acts of love and kindness rendered unto them during this time.

We extend our sympathy to the E. O. and Charles Koehl families and the Wayne Schmidgalls, in the loss of their father and grandfather, Bro. Jake Pfister of Ft. Scott.

The following was written by a ministering brother:

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit". Our dear Saviour offered his life for our sins. His blood was shed there on Calvary's cross for the sins of the whole world. The wages of sin is death and the wages must be paid, because our Sin-bearer had come to live our life and die our death. Boldly Jesus engaged this enemy of man, knowing that He would conquer it and rise again the third day.

Is it nothing to you, all you that pass it by? Think of the many that passed the cross and ridiculed Him. Millions have since heard these words, but passed on by, in unbelief. Our salvation is only possible if the Son of God hung on the Cross for our sins. Let us listen to these words today and repent, believing on our wonderful Saviour and becoming a new creature in Him.

We who believe know that our salvation is nigh at hand. We who have been redeemed, let us pay our vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

### MORTON

#### Mrs. Keith Stevig Mrs. Harry Kaiser

Sis. Carol Yentes and Bro. Dan Heinold were united in holy matrimony on Sun., Feb. 11 by Bro. Ed Hohulin. They are residing in Morton.

Other visiting ministers have been Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Bro. Harvey Grimm (Sabetha), and Bro. Harry Bucher (Valparaiso).

Our annual business meeting was held, and the following people were chosen: Trustee, Bro. Karl Schuon; Ushers, Bro. Jon Zeller and Bro. Doug Kruse; Cemetery trustee, Bro. Wm. W. Getz.

We are thankful that our Elder Bro. Russell Rapp is able to assemble with us again. Those in the hospital have been: Bro. Eric Koehl,

Bro. Fred Grimm, Bro. Willis Geiger, Mrs. Marie Rapp, Mrs. Walter Freidinger, Mrs. Chris Wiedman, Mrs. Alma Bluhm, Allan Wenninger (son of Jim and Doris), and Mrs. Ila Kaiser. Bro. Emmanuel Jacob has been confined to his home for several weeks.

Correction: Bro. Mark Peters, who was baptized on Jan. 6, is the son of Clarence and Geraldine Hoerr Peters.

Chris Ackerman passed away Feb. 23 at Restmor Nursing Home. Surviving are two sons, Bruce of Morton, and Richard of Chula Vista, Calif., and a sister, Kathryn, of Morton.

The following message was written by Bro. Irvin Leman.

### Accept Christ

Why is the popular phrase **Accept Christ** so widely used in the present churches outside the Apostolic Christian faith?

Should we expect Christ to thank us for accepting Him? Do we thank our children for accepting a great gift from us? Certainly not! Doesn't the Bible teach us that certain conditions have to be met before Christ can accept us? Repent ye! are the key words.

Not until repentance has been accomplished and confession of sins made dare we expect Jesus to speak peace into our hearts, assuring us that we have been accepted of Him.

### Our Blessed Portion

Tears of Joy I bring Thee, Jesus,  
Man of pain,  
That Thou, Lord, didst call me, to  
Thy flock ordain.  
With Thy love's persuasions Thou  
my heart didst win,  
Guided me with patience, Have  
Thee still within.

Is this not a pleasure, Christian  
here to be?  
Seek ye all this treasure Jesus offers free!  
If man knew the blessing We enjoy  
in Thee,  
Far more would be willing Now to  
follow Thee.

### PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

He stands best who kneels most.

We have been privileged to have

visiting ministering brothers, all of which have been greatly appreciated. The first Sunday in February, Bros. Gary Eisenman of Chicago and Steve Rinkenberger of Cissna Park were our guest ministers. Many teachings were brought forth and left much food for thought. We are richer in material blessings than we have ever been, yet how about our spiritual blessings? We must be careful not to become too engrossed in our own accomplishments, that we find we do not need our brother or our sister. We should take time to do the important things, those that are worthwhile, such as much Bible reading, meditating, praying, visiting the sick.

The following Sunday, Bros. Harold Schmidgal of Gridley and Willis Wiegand of Goodfield were with us. We were again privileged to sit in heavenly places when we heard the precious word expounded to us again. We should not be doubtful as Thomas was, but go forth with the whole armor of God among those with whom we are in contact, and show that we truly possess something precious.

Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington was with us one Sunday. In the morning, the friends were warned of their fate, should they continue to walk in their sinful way, and in the afternoon the believers were refreshed with kind admonitions. How good it is if we are ever ready to help each other, be teachable and learn from one another. We are often much richer for doing for someone else.

We thank all our visitors, for it is enlivening and uplifting to meet and greet those of like mind, and is a foretaste of greater joys to follow if we stay true and faithful to our risen Lord.

Bro. George Wagenbach and Sis. Elizabeth were absent for several weeks due to illness. Bro. George, who had pneumonia, is again able to worship with us and occupied his place on the pulpit again. Sis. Elizabeth had bronchitis and is improved too. Sis. Martha Hemmer is able to be about again, after two weeks treatment in the hospital. John Stahl is home, after a few days in the hospital with a heart condition, and is restricted as to his activities. Jill, the little daughter of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Carol Baurer, was quite sick for some time,

but is able to come to church with her family again. We were glad to greet Sis. Lydia Feucht, who worshipped a half day with us recently, after an absence since the middle of December, when she fell and broke her arm. We are always so glad and thankful when those who are sick are recovering and can get out again.

A little girl, Ema Jean, was welcomed into the home of Don and Mary Lou (Meyer) Streitmatter Feb. 21. A big sister, Donna Lou, and two brothers, Jim and Mark, also welcomed her. She also has grandparents, Bro. Alvia and Sis. Emma Meyer, and great-grandparents, Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger all of Lester.

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#### SILVERTON Judith Knecht

Endure and be still has been the lot and portion of our dear Sis. Mildred Dietrich. During the month of February, she underwent major surgery for the removal of her kidneys. Our merciful Lord has granted Sis. Mildred a fair measure of health, and her family is very happy to have her home again.

We welcome friend Ron Hartman, son of Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman, into our community. Ron is from Fairbury and is presently working in the Silvertown area. We are happy to have him assemble with us.

Bro. Rich Steiner, son of Bro. and Sis. John Steiner, spent the last week in February with us. Rich is stationed in San Francisco, and we welcome Bro. Rich whenever he has an opportunity to come. We wish God's blessing's and nearness upon all the brothers and friends in the service.

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#### VALPARAISO Sis. Camille Feller

Then said Jesus unto His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." On Feb. 25, our beloved Sis. Cindy Susdorf, after she found peace with God, entered the gate of soul salvation through the blessed baptismal waters. Rejoice! For this dear soul has humbled herself and found wise the instruction of the Lord. This most blessed occasion renews everyone's faith, as the Holy Spirit was upon us all. Doing the will of the Lord was Bro. George Yergler,

our visiting elder. Attending this baptism was Sis. Cindy's husband Ken, and Visiting Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Heiniger, Sis. Irma and Sis. Lorraine Moser, Sis. Henrietta Heiniger, and Sis. Martha Peters of LaCrosse.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." This was part of the baptismal scriptural reading on Feb. 25 by Bro. Harry Bucher. Our brothers who minister the word of God day by day are surely worthy servants of the Lord. Let us be thankful that God has called upon many to minister and to enlighten our hearts to the truths. Shall we do our best to perfection for all of us; brother and sister alike have duties and obligations to the Lord.

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#### GARDEN GROVE, IOWA Don Clark

We have but one lifetime in which to serve the Lord. There will be burdens, cares and worries, but if we will be patient and hold fast in faith, the Lord will spread them thin—So thin that these burdens will be light and easy to carry.

Strength and grace sufficient unto today is all that is needed. If we have this faith only from hour to hour and day to day, we will never be caught short in the coming of the Lord.

We at Garden Grove send our greetings to all our dear brothers, sisters and friends, and pray for visits from many that we might fellowship in the name of the Lord.

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#### FT. WAYNE Pam Steffen — Eleanor Stieglitz

Steve Pulver (Bro. Lester and Sis. Florence) and Nancy Schory were joined in marriage. We wish them every happiness as they start their lives together.

A boy was born to Allen and Diane (Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella Klopfenstein) Zigler. Andrea lovingly welcomed Joseph Allen as her new brother. Their address is 6917 Peachwood St., Ft. Wayne Ind. 46825

Bro. Dave, Sis. Ilene, Mark and Monica Pulver had a change of address. Dave was transferred to a job in Ohio. They still plan to worship with us in Ft. Wayne, although it is a long drive. Cards and letters from



friends would be a real treat to them. Their new address is Shady Acres Lot 45, Clyde Ohio 43410.

We enjoyed hearing God's word from these visiting brothers: Bros. Ben Manz (Junction), Orville Ringger (Bluffton), and Harold and Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen). We encourage you to visit us again soon!

As the winter season turns to spring, let's look to Jesus; he's everything! Saviour, Prince, Redeemer, Intercessor, Navigator, Guardian.

### PURDUE

Kris Leman

Purdue had as their host on Feb. 7 Bro. Gene Lehman from Wolcott; and Bros. George Yergler and Ed Frank from La Crosse, Feb. 21. We thank our ministering brothers for teaching us that Christ's Way is the only Way.

God's word also teaches us to seek His kingdom first, and then He shall add to our lives all that we need. The announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Janice Schmidt (Winthrop) to Bro. Jerry Gutwein (Francesville) and Sis. Lois Kipfer to Bro. Jerry Drayer (Bluffton). We wish each couple much love and happiness as together they walk Christ's Way.

We have again been privileged to sing at the Lafayette Care Nursing Home, where a quarantine had been placed for the last two months. . . Privileged, because of the good health that we still have, and privileged because we always leave with a blessing and good feeling in our hearts.

In closing, here is a thought for each of us to ponder:

It is not a question of how much you have, but of how much of you God has!

### SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. August Grimm (84) passed away Feb. 15, at the Sabetha Community Hospital. He had suffered an extended illness and was admitted to the hospital Feb. 6, when his condition became critical. He was born July 3, 1888 at Bettach, Wittenbert, Germany and came to the United States on Feb. 19, 1905. He was married to Louise Steiner of Sabetha on June 28, 1914. He is survived by their only child, a daughter, Sis. Leota, who assumed

the role of homemaker for her father when her mother passed away on Dec. 22, 1933. In March 1965, his illness made it impossible for her to continue to care for him in their farm home, and he entered the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. He is also survived by a brother, Henry, and a sister, Lydia, living in Germany. Memorial services were conducted by Bros. Gene Marti and Carl Hartman on Feb. 18, in Sabetha. Bro. Joe Aberle had the prayer at the grave Burial was made in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Sis. Leota wishes to express her deep appreciation for all expressions of kindness and sympathy shown to her through the extended illness and death of her beloved father, Bro. August Grimm.

But we grieve not for our dear  
Daddy's soul;

It is at rest with Thee,  
Enjoying all of Heaven's bliss,  
From pain forever free.

But we grieve for our dear Daddy's  
loving smile,

His firm yet gentle touch of hand,  
For his patience, kind and strong,  
And the magic way he would understand.

We were happy to have Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City visit and minister unto us. We always enjoy and appreciate the visits of our ministering brothers.

Bro. Lester Hartter was here to assist Bro. Gene Marti in bringing to us and the Bern congregation the memorandum. It is well to be reminded of the pitfalls and dangers of this life, as well as our duties in our service to the Lord. May the Lord richly bless all our elders, as they continue to **blow their trumpets** and to warn us of any dangers. And may we also have the grace to heed those warnings, so that we may not be found wanting on that great day when the Lord shall come to claim his own.

### SARDIS

Karen Indermuhle

We want to thank those who visited us during the month of February. The blessing of fellowship is a gift from God.

Our weekly singing and Bible readings are generally held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church. To everyone, we extend

a special invitation to join us for an hour of praising our Lord in song.

The early spring flowers are awakening out of the ground, after a dormant period during the winter months. Their color and freshness seem to give us renewed energy and eagerness to start our spring activities. Like spring flowers, the children of God should be able to spark others with new zeal and energy to start their life's work for the Lord.

### TUCSON

Mrs. Loren Knapp

Sweeter as the years go by  
Sweeter as the year go by,  
Richer, fuller, deeper,  
Jesus love is sweeter,  
Sweeter as the years go by.

Although we've had above average rainfall this last month, we've been equally blessed with an abundance of sunshine. The Lord still provides.

This winter has proven to be a very fruitful season in many ways. New and old acquaintances have given us many months of Christian love and fellowship. We are indeed thankful for our friends and brethren who take time to visit us. Many picnics and dinners have been enjoyed together.

Some of our brethren and friends, from time to time throughout February, were under the weather, due to flu and colds.

Spring, the growing season, is almost here. May we continue to grow in faith and love toward one another throughout the coming year.

Visiting ministers, who have stopped by on their way through the country, were Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville and Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka.

### BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

When Bro. Herman Dietz entered the door of our house of worship for the last time one wintry February morning, no more fitting words could have been sung than those that accompanied him: "When a Christian dies, precious is the prize! Lasting joys for days of sorrow. . ." He had been hospitalized for almost three months, and be-

fore that had borne many years of pain. As a faithful example and dear brother-in-faith, the loss is felt by all of us

Herman was born in Speer and married Sis. Hilda Endress at Princeville in 1936. They were one of the "Charter" families when the Bradford church was built in 1964. Hilda survives, as do seven children: Sis. Betty Lou (Walt) Hermann and Sis. Joyce (Norman) Streitmatter of Princeville congregation; and Bro. Kenneth, Sis. Charlene, Dwayne, Richard, and Michael . . . three brothers and four sisters: Louis, Elmer, and Walter Dietz, Sis. Katherine Hoerr, Peoria; Sis. Helen Funk, Gridley; Sis. Edna Kahler, Morton, and Mrs. Laura Koehl, Dunlap.

**Thank you:** Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors, friends, and relatives for the many acts of love shown to us during the hospital stay and since the loss of our beloved husband and father. The prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, food, memorials, and visits will always be remembered. Mrs. Herman Dietz and Family.

We sympathize with Bro. Bill Elsasser and Sis. Emma Knobloch in the loss of their brother, Bro. Ernest Elsasser, who passed away in Phoenix.

Nathan Hernejar is very ill in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, recovering from major surgery. He is presently unable to have visitors.

We were blessed with a full assembly on the week-end of March 4, to witness the provings and baptisms of four souls. Our new brothers and sisters of the Lord are: Jordan and Sharon Elsasser (he is a son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Leila, Princeville, and she is a daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, Tremont), and Denny and Pamela Endress (children of Bro. John and Sis. Lucille Endress.)

Among the many visitors, I counted ten ministers and elders. We enjoy company and appreciated the messages brought through Bro. John Steiner, Oakville; Bros. Al Aberle and Dan Koch, Tremont; and Bro. Chuck Hemmer, Peoria. Bros. Dan and Chuck and Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, assisted our elder, Bro. Dave Kieser with the provings and baptisms.

**Moving?** Write . . . Let know both new and old addresses.

## LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Bro. Vernon Schwab from the Wolcott congregation was our guest minister, Sun. Feb. 25. He truly told us of the wonderful words of life.

We visited Sis. Mary Troxel Feb. 12, on Sunday afternoon. The next day was her birthday and her family had all been to see her. She is doing very well. We also visited Bro. Edward Bertsch at the Nation Rest Home. He joined in singing hymns. He remembered parts of them without a book.

Communion services are announced for March 11. Bro. Alfred Bahler is planning to be with us for this holy sacrament.

Our dear friend, Ernie Stoller, who is in the Air Force, is seeking his soul's salvation. We know he will have many hills to climb, but with God all things are possible. Tho' we cannot be with him, we can ask our dear Lord to be with him all the time. Ernie's parents were to be with him in Texas. He is now transferred to Monterey California.

## BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Janice Frieden — Janice Springer

"Out of the mouths of babes . . . thou hast perfected praise." There are so many times that this verse from the Bible is shown to us through the actions of children. During Sunday School one morning, two children were relating an incident involving their young brother: It was meal-time and as their younger sister said her prayer, **God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Amen**, the little brother was saying over and over, "God is great, God is great, God is great." He didn't know the whole prayer, but still he knew a most important part.

God richly blessed us, when Ministering Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park joined us on Feb. 4, and spoke to us from God's word. We had two wonderful messages on Sunday morning and afternoon. Then, since it was our monthly singing night, Bro. Ezra was persuaded to speak to us after supper also. We are very thankful for our ministering brethren, and always appreciate their work of love in the Lord.

Feb. 4 was also our day to sing at the Rest Home in Kiowa. Those dear people deserve a tremendous

blessing, because every time we go there, the room is full of shut-ins who are seeking the presence of the Lord, through His word and the songs of praise. Those who are able even sing along with us. It makes one think: Do we, who are able, seek the presence of the Lord?

## SARASOTA

Phil Wingeier

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them."

Elder Bro. Roy Sauder, Bro. Philip Sauder and companions, who spent quite some time here have returned to their home churches. We all enjoyed having them in our fellowship: Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Sis. Lorene and a part of their family are at their home here and plan to stay for some time. We are all pleased to have them.

Other ministers for the month of February were Elder Bro. Noah Bauman, Bros. Henry Beer, Art Gudeman, Norbert V. Steiner. Each of these expounded unto us of the good Gospel, which brings joy and comfort into the believers heart and soul.

It was a most blessed day when Holy Communion was served for the first time here. . . served by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach, Elder Bro. Roy Sauder, also present was Elder Bro. Noah Bauman. We especially want to thank them.

February is the month for our annual meeting, which was very well attended. One new trustee was elected by vote, Bro. Fred Knapp, also an assistant treasurer, Bro. Edward Getz. At this same meeting we also had a rather lengthy discussion about having a church of our own in Sarasota, which seems that all could be of the same mind. A committee was chosen to seek out the laws, also a plan of how large to build, and the many things that have to be recognized before starting to build. May God ever help all these brothers in the very worthy cause, trusting we will know somewhat more of this in the next issue of the **Silver Lining**.

Again invitation to all who travel this way to come and worship with us. The Women's Club Building, located on corner of Palm Ave.

and Coconut St., one block off U.S. Highway 41. Time of service, 1:00 EST.

### PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

Bro. and Sis. Al Scheitlin have returned to their home in Elgin, Ill., after spending part of the winter in our area. We enjoyed their visit and thank Bro. Al for his labors in the ministry. Bro. John Bahler of Rockville and Bro. John Klotzle of the Altadena church ministered to us on the 18th. We had a wonderful day, and in the afternoon we gathered for a church supper, followed by evening services.

Bro. John Dotterer was home from Ft. Sam Houston, where he is stationed, for a few days leave with his parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Lavina. It was nice to have him in our fellowship again.

We rejoice that three dear souls have answered God's call to repentance. They are Mrs. June (Rieger) Tule of Arizona City, formerly of Fairbury, and Doug and Dorene Schmidgall, whose parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo.

Our dear Bro. Ernest Elsasser, who had been ill for many months, was called to his heavenly home on Feb. 28. Ernie and his wife, Sis. Lois, moved here from Peoria, in 1963. Other survivors are three brothers, Bros. Chris and John of Edelstein and Bro. William of Bradford, and three sisters, Sis. Anna (Harold) Streitmatter, and Sis. Marie (Richard) Siedel of Princeville and Sis. Emma (Clarence) Knobloch of Bradford. A brother and sister preceded him in death. Memorial services were held here. We will miss Bro. Ernie, as he was a good example. He spent 50 of his 68 years of life in serving the Lord, whom he loved. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks for all the love and kindness shown to them during his illness and during their bereavement.

### ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

As we draw near to the time of Good Friday and Easter we cannot, otherwise, but be reminded of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, the Son of God. The author of one of our beautiful hymns tells us to "sit awhile and pause . . . this great miracle behold!" All of us

know that untold millions of men have died. Thousands have died by crucifixion. Tens of thousands of noble, godly and pious men have died as martyrs for the truth. There is not a single death found in all history of the world attended by such marvels as those connected with the death and resurrection of Christ! It was no wonder the centurion and those that were standing and watching Him cried out, "Truly this was the Son of God."

There was the miracle of darkness over the whole earth for the space of three hours, a darkness which science is unable to explain. God must have wanted to make nature visibly sympathize with the death of His Son. The sun refused to shine on this wicked world, and the whole earth went into mourning, as Jesus was hanging between heaven and earth, dying for the sins of the people. The second great miracle was the rending of the veil of the temple, in twain from top to bottom. . . a sign by which God declared that a free right of way into holiness was henceforth opened to all. He died to bring us to God. He opened the way to the tree of life. The door of heaven is now open to all who are cleansed in His blood.

The next great miracle was when the earth quaked! Not only Calvary, but the whole land. This earthquake signified: the horrible wickedness of Christ's murderers. . . the earth trembling under such a load bore its testimony to the innocence of Him that was persecuted. . . and the glorious achievements of Christ's cross, and the fatal blow now given to the devil's kingdom! Rock's rent; the hardest and firmest part of the earth was made to feel this mighty shock. The fourth great miracle was the opening of the graves of many of the saints. The graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which had slept arose, came out of their graves, and went into the holy city and appeared unto many.

The fifth great miracle was how His grave clothes were found in very good order, which serves for evidence that His body was not stolen away while man slept. Simon Peter, who had followed Him, stepped into the sepulchre and observed the linen clothes lie, and the napkin which had been about His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by it-

self. Lazarus came out with his grave clothes on. He was to use them again. . . But Christ, rising to immortal life, came out free from those earthly encumbrances, because He was now clothed in immortal robes of glory. He had died for all! He arose to die no more. He had accomplished His noble mission, and in every detail had fulfilled the will of God His Heavenly Father.

United in Holy Matrimony were Dennis Kupferschmid and Sis. Terry Kloter, as their vows were solemnized by Elder Bro. John Bahler in the presence of the church. Supper was at The Pines Restaurant, and reception was at the bride's parents, Bro. and Sis. Wilbur and Florence Kloter. Danny's parents are Bro. and Sis. Werner and Clara Kupferschmid. We wish them well, and may the Spirit of God be present, always, in their home and lives.

### ZAPATA, TEXAS

Rekie Anliker

" . . . where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have enjoyed many precious moments, meeting and greeting dear ones, from many different areas, in the past few months. Altho' our weather was not always good, our hearts were warmed, in the joys of spiritual fellowship.

The messages brought to us by our Elder Bros. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., supplied us with much spiritual food for thought.

We are now looking forward to next Sunday, for the visits of Elder Bros. John Bahler of Conn., Ministering Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale, and a return visit of Bro. Herman Kellenberger.

It is wonderful, how we are drawn together, through the love of God—something the world cannot understand.

Bro. Chris Rinckenberger and Sis. Alice returned to their home at Tremont . . . also Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna Pohl, who were going to Tucson and then home to Burlington. Edna has a brother at Tucson.

This will be our last report from Zapata this spring. Most of us will be leaving soon, for our home churches.



**WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY**

**Stevan Streitmatter**

On March 7, Bro. John Steiner ministered to us from Isaiah 45 and from Philippians 2:1-16. One thought which was brought out was that we should be a light "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation". We hope and pray we could be a good light in this world, especially to our dear friends, that they too might find the way to Calvary.

If the Lord wills, our next meeting will be April 4, at 8:00 o'clock in the New Salem Room of the University Union.

**INDIANAPOLIS**

**Ginny Zeller**

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

The love of Christ is seen here every week, as visiting and local brethren continue to build. The beams for the assembly hall are all installed, and bricks and blocks have been laid.

We were blessed to hear the word of God spoken by Bro. Dave Wiegand from Urbana and Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville on Feb. 4; by Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty on Feb. 11; by Bro. Earl Zeltwanger from Bremen and Bro. Ed Frank from La Crosse on Feb. 18; and by Bro. Wendell Gerber from Bluffton on Feb. 25.

**GRIDLEY**

**Ruth Gramm**

He told me to watch for His coming  
No matter how long He might be;  
He bade me be ready to meet Him,  
Christ Jesus who died on the tree.

He told me to watch for His coming,  
And so I am living each day  
Prepared any moment to meet Him  
And ready to hasten away.

"Wherewithal shall a young man  
cleanse his way? by taking heed  
thereto according to thy word.  
With my whole heart have I sought  
thee: O let me not wander from thy  
commandments."

How happy we were to hear the testimony of our five young souls, knowing they had taken heed to God's word. One soul mentioned, "God's word is so tremendous; all the answers are there if we pray,

open and read the Bible." Our wish for them is that they might hide God's word in their heart, that they might not sin. The new members are Gary Ringger, Sandy Carter, Gay Fanning, Jeannette Zimmerman, and Holly Gramm.

Friend Dave Zimmerman had the misfortune of a car accident and was hospitalized, but is home again. We are happy to report Sis. Wilma Kuntz is home again and improving.

On Feb 5, an infant son blessed the home of Bro. Orlan and Carol (Schlipf) Miller. They named him Alan Joseph.

Sis. Elsa Stoller and Bro. Ralph Endress were united in marriage on Feb. 18. After their wedding trip, they will be at home in Normal. The parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stoller of Gridley and Mrs. Levi Endress of Princeville.

Announcing the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Jim Stoller are Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf.

**WICHITA**

**Glennis Allenbach**

God had a song He wanted to sing. You see it was a mighty song, and needed a Godlike singer. The man was Jesus, a carpenter of Nazareth. He went up to Jerusalem, and as He walked up and down its narrow, crowded streets, God's song swept across the hearts of people.

Each week more of us become aware that we are actually building a new church. Even the children are telling their friends, "We are getting a new church." The lot is cleared, and the foundation run. They are now working on installation of the heating and air conditioning.

I have been working on a committee with other sisters to select stains, carpet etc. Everyone is given an opportunity to help.

We were given a blessed day when Pricilla and Ruth Bowers gave their testimony, were baptized, and became our sisters.

We were so sorry when Pricilla had to be taken to the hospital that morning, and it was thought she would not get to give her testimony . . . But the Lord was merciful, and she was released just in time to return to the church to give her

testimony and be baptized.

Our elder, Bro. Sam Anliker came the evening before, to read us the report from the Brotherhood meeting. Elder Raymond Banwart assisted Bro. Sam on Sunday.

Out-of-town visitors for this were from Gridley, Bern, Burlington, Lamar, Lamont, Akron, and Ft Scott.

The following poem is dedicated to our Wichita and Burlington congregations in the building of our new church.

**Song of Christian Workingmen**

Our Master toiled, a carpenter  
Of busy Galilee;  
He knew the weight of ardent tasks  
And oftimes, wearily  
He sought, apart, in earnest prayer  
For strength, beneath His load  
of care.

His father worked, and he rejoiced  
That honest toil was His—  
To whom was given grace to know  
Divinest mysteries:  
And shall not we find toiling good  
Who serve in labor's brotherhood?

**IOWA CITY**

**Patty Stoller — Joan Mogler**

We thank Bros. John Steiner and Uriel Gehring for ministering God's word to us in February. How often we need to leave our earthly cares and feed on the green pastures of God's word.

As we read of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, we realize that the Lord experienced temptations such as we. Let us learn to shun them and say as Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan".

Prove with care! Prove with care!  
'Round thee evil spirits stand,  
Which on every side are calling,  
But obey not their command.  
Let God's hand keep thee from  
falling.

Whether straight or crooked, shun  
the snare.

Prove with care! Prove with care!

Prayer should be the key of the  
day and the lock of the night.

**Home For The Handicapped**

At the annual meeting of the Home For Handicapped committee held Feb. 17, Bro. Hartzel Schmiggall of Oakville was placed on the board.

A dinner was held on Thursday

Feb. 15 for all the volunteers that helped in 1972. A total of 248 persons were present to enjoy a delicious dinner. After the meal, a program was put on by a choir (all handicapped). The evening was a blessing to all present.

Feb. 16

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

God has richly blessed the undertaking of the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped. In the past 14 months, 30 dear people have been brought to the Home, filling it to over 60 percent . . . These dear souls are now receiving personal care, guidance, and occupational therapy from loving hands.

If the interest and need continues as it has in the past year, we could be filled within the next year. Since this Home was built primarily for relatives of those attending the Apostolic Christian Church, we wish to inform you of our present status and acquaint you with our concern.

We feel that perhaps there are a number of handicapped persons among our brothers and friends who will one day need the facilities that have been made available. It would be very helpful to us if those caring for a handicapped person would advise us as to their thoughts and intents.

If you feel there will be a future need of a home for your loved one, even though it may be distant, please contact the Home now and have your name listed. There is no obligation whatsoever. This is only to enable us to determine the probable needs so we can help you when the need arises.

We extend a Hearty Welcome to all to visit the Home, so you can more fully appreciate what your love gifts have done for the less fortunate.

Pulaski

### What More Can You Ask

God's love endureth forever—  
What a wonderful thing to know  
When the tides of life run against  
you  
And your spirit is downcast and  
low.  
God's kindness is ever around you,  
Always ready to freely impart  
Strength to your faltering spirit,  
Cheer to your lonely heart.

God's presence is ever beside you,  
As near as the reach of your hand.  
You have but to tell Him your  
troubles;  
There is nothing He won't under-  
stand . . .

Toledo

I cannot see what lies ahead  
Whether sunshine, pain or tears;  
I'll live each day with faith in Him,  
And wipe away all fears.

My Lord has promised to stand by  
To guide and care for me;  
I'll take each day and walk with  
Him

Down paths I cannot see.

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## THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

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The Creator wisely created a place. Eden was home to Adam and Eve. Since then, the light of divine illumination has provided a place for the steps to turn to. There is a belonging, a hearth, a place for returning.

It may be on seashore or mountain, in city or desert. If love is there, there is a yearning and a gladdening. As we view the beautiful glory of the coming ages, we see a place. How our hearts will be happy, at their Sunday best always. The most beautiful reality of home is, God is there. "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

The descriptions of God are many and awe-inspiring. He is told of being a place of broad rivers and streams . . . Something great this is. How great is His beauty. In His temple everyone speaks of His glory. Like the appearance of fire is His loveliness. His glory is as the appearance of the rainbow. He's really beautiful.

That skyline of His city is going to be colorful. How will those buildings of gold look? This is going to be A PLACE! The affections will be sweet, the fellowship wonderful. Here we have street lamps. There will be that rich, wonderful Light. (It's so brilliant now we can't approach.) A precious gem gives sparkling gleams. There, the rays, sparkling, glistening, the rich

beauty and color of that light will be beyond our fondest dream. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

The earth turns, as God created. There is a shadow of turning. In that place, God will be the Light of all the earth. It will be much more bright, brilliant, and in every place. "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

God has a wonderful heart. He loves to save all that will come. He goes the second mile and much more, and is of tremendous mercy. That earth will be completely populated. People will be there like the people of Nineveh, the Queen of Sheba, perhaps Nebuchadnezzar . . . those that have listened to Him, truly calling on Him. The sound of busy-ness will be beautiful. The avenue will be full. The goings-on wonderful. There will be no graveyard shift, no slack time. All will be best. "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."

It's going to be interesting, what those people bring. They will be good and pleasant people. We'll clearly understand them. With beaming, happy faces, they will love to give homage to the great King. There'll be some ties with

God's people. We'll have interests out there in those dear hearts also. "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it."

The problems of the city today mount. Crime blots an ugly stain. Falsehood stalks across the neighborhood. Abominations of the heart are eye sores of communities. There, like the purest snow: It's spotless. Is your name written in that Book? If it is, did you ever try to picture how it looked? It's beautiful! We can gladden up and be happy when we think about it. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

It's going to be scenic. Such as you've never seen. The color and contrast will combine in spotless loveliness. The city will come down from high in the sky, descending in charm and beauty. Those waters, as they plunge and fall . . . what music they will make. The great Light will bring His own joy of beauty. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Even the waters are out of the ordinary. They will be of life.

Everything, everywhere will be a symphony, so wonderful, a place we would rather be in no other. Sweet, sweet Home!