



And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

Man's words can sometimes be empty sounds, only mere words. Human wisdom vaunts sounds that are only words, the philosopher's vain syllables. When God speaks, there is power and demonstration of the Spirit. The word is there, and it includes also the reality. When God gives a name, its meaning is moving in action and reality. Take the love chapter; it can be read, and it is beautiful to the taste. Its reality glows in dynamic living. Read it in the life of the sweetness of a child of God. The verses are all there in actuality. His word will never pass away. So it is with a name . . . it is a person . . . And in all the exciting, sweet, pleasant personality that the name is. God's writing is indeed deep and high, broad and long, passing all knowledge. Glory be to Him forever!

JESUS AND HIS CIRCLE OF LOVE

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows, and hushed the sea.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service. He never wrote a book. Yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never marshaled an army, drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun. Yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, brought more rebels to stack arms and surrender without a shot. He never practiced psychiatry. Yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. Scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone, but the name of this Man abounds more and more. He lives. Herod could not destroy Him. The grave could not hold Him.

He stands upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints. The living Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

One man found 208 names assigned to Jesus in the Bible! Included were Son of the Highest, Immanuel, the Word, the Lamb of God, the Messiah, and the King of Israel. Truly, God has highly exalted Jesus and "given him a name which is above every name" . . . The many-sided character of our Lord demanded that He be endowed with literally hundreds of different titles.

The Holy Spirit refers to Jesus Christ as the Second Man, the Last Adam, the Son of God, the Son of

Man, the Only Begotten of the Father, the Firstborn from the Dead, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Captain of our Salvation, the Head of the Church, the Messiah of Israel, the King of the Jews. His name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace. The Holy Spirit refers to Christ as the Lamb of God and the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The field of engineering is utilized to call Christ the Chief Cornerstone, the Rock of Ages, Head of the Corner, and the Foundation Stone. He is the Sun of Righteousness and the Bright and Morning Star. He is called the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Angel of the Lord, the Bread of Life, the Door, the Water of Life, the Word of God, the Good, Great, and Chief Shepherd. Where shall we stop? He is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Yea, He is the Altogether Lovely One.

Each name in the Bible has a certain meaning peculiar to itself, Mrs. Lydia Baxter told her friends. They were visiting in the living room of NYC home one afternoon in 1870 . . . The name Jacob was descriptive of the character of Jacob, because the name itself actually means **Supplanter**; . . . The name Isaac means laughter, for when Abraham and Sara learned that at their advanced ages they were to become parents, they laughed . . . **Samuel** means **Asked of God**, since his mother Hannah asked God for a son, promising to dedicate the lad to God's service, if He would answer her prayer. Hannah means grace, Sarah means princess, Naomi means pleasantness.

Mrs. Baxter, despite her radiant personality and cheerful disposition, had long been an invalid, and periodically was confined to her

bed for days. Those who came within the influence of her lovely Christian spirit marveled at the way she bore her pain, endured her physical agony, and refused to let it crush her. They came to visit her constantly, not so much to give encouragement and comfort as to receive from her some added buoyancy.

Lydia, one of her most intimate friends used to confess, we are not here to cheer you up. You don't need cheering up, but we do. And we are here so you, the sick one, can give us a little of your zest, and so some of your wonderful faith can rub off on the rest of us . . .

How do you do it? others would ask, as they marvelled at the way she triumphed over pain and confinement.

I have some very special armor, she would reply. . . You see, I have the name of Jesus, and I use that name as my special protection. When I feel badly, and wonder if I will ever enjoy a good night's sleep again, I take the name of Jesus and ask Him to give me the soothing balm of His presence, and I soon drop off to sleep. The name Jesus means Saviour.

Her life gave evidence to the reality of her faith. Soon her friends were searching the Scriptures, to find out more about the

THE SILVER LINING

Grabill, Indiana 46741

Editor: Henry Souder Jr.

Published Monthly By the Apostolic Christian Church of America

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

News Correspondent: Ed Souder

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

Second class postage paid at Grabill, Indiana 46741.

Amt. suggested for a year, \$2.00.

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

name of Jesus, which was so precious to their friend . . .

Lydia had been born in Petersburg, New York, Sept. 2, 1809 . . . Following marriage, she and her husband moved to New York City, where they were to make their home until her death, June 22, 1874. Her study of the Bible enabled her to understand the significance of the name of Jesus and appreciate its meaning and power in a wonderful way.

The name of Jesus represents the personality and character of Jesus in all His mighty power, she stated. When Jesus stated that where two or three are gathered in my name, He meant that they were assembled together in His Spirit for the purpose of glorifying Him and expanding His work in the world. When the people shouted on Palm Sunday, when He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**, they meant that Jesus came as the Lord, for the name represented the character of the Lord. Christians were those who believed on His name, which was the same thing as saying **believed on Him** . . . John wrote his gospel so many might have life in His name, which meant that they might have life in Him. God's name was to be holy and hallowed, as God himself was holy and hallowed. When we call on the name of the Lord, we call on the Lord himself, and when we are baptized in his name, we are baptized into him and the fellowship of his church.

Lydia, in 1870—her 61st year, wrote a poem which William H. Doane set to music:

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe.
It will joy and comfort give you;
Take it then where'er you go.

PUT A TOUCH OF ROSY SUNSET INTO A LIFE

Blooms for the happy hearts garden that are reflections on earth of flowers that blossom above . . . **Shine with cheer:** The day was cloudy and cheerless; then someone came, and everything brightened up . . . **Encourage:** You can, my wavering heart hears, and I shall . . . **Help:** I am going your way, so let us go hand in hand. You help me and I'll help you. We shall not be here very long . . . **Do what**

you can with what you have . . .
A narrow window may let in the light,
A tiny star dispel the gloom of night,
A little deed a mighty wrong make right,
A rose abloom may make the desert fair . . .
A smile and there maybe an end of strife . . .
A look of love and hate may sheath the knife, a word, ah it may be a word of life . . .

Everything is important in the Master's work.

THE MASTER IS COMING

Unseen, We Entertain in Royal Hospitality

They say the Master is coming
To honor the town today,
And no one can tell at whose house
or home
The Master will choose to stay.

But I thought as my heart beat
wildly,
What if He would come to mine?
How I would strive to entertain
And honor the Guest divine.

And straightway I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat—
I swept, and polished, and
garnished
And decked with flowers sweet.

I was troubled for fear the Master
might come
Ere my task was done.
I hastened and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her
sorrows
And my comfort and aid to implore.

But I said, I am sorry,
But I cannot help you today;
I have greater things to attend to,
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another,
A cripple, thin, pale and gray,
And said Oh let me stop and rest
awhile
Here in your home, I pray?

I've traveled far since morning,
And I'm hungry, faint and weak.
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek.

I said, I'm grieved and sorry,
But I cannot help you today,

I look for a great and noble
Guest . . .
And the cripple turned away.

The day wore onward swiftly,
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was ever in my heart
That the Master might come.

And I thought I sprang to meet
Him,
And serve Him with utmost care,
When a little child stood by my side,
With a form so thin and spare . . .

Sweet, but with marks of
tear-drops,
His clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his feet were cold.

And I said, I'm sorry for you.
You're sorely in need of care,
But I cannot stop to give it;
You must hasten on elsewhere.

At the words a shadow crept over
The blue-veined little brow . . .
Someone will feed and clothe you
dear;
I'm too busy now.

At last the day was ended.
My task was over and done;
My home was swept and garnished,
And I watched in the dusk alone . . .

Watched but no footsteps sounded,
No one passed by my gate,
No one entered my cottage door.
I could only pray and wait.

I watched till the night had
deepened,
And the Master had not come.
He had entered some other door
I cried, and gladdened some other
home.

My labor had been for nothing.
I bowed my head and wept,
My heart was sore with longing,
But in spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me.
His face was grave but fair:
Three times today I came to your
door
And craved your pity and care.

Three times you turned Me away,
Unhelped and uncomforted,
And the blessing you might have
had
Was lost, and your chance to serve
has fled.

Oh Lord, dear Lord, forgive me.
How could I know it was Thee?
My very soul was ashamed
And bowed in humility.

He said, The sin is pardoned,
But the blessings is lost to thee,
For comforting not the least of
mine,
Ye have failed to comfort Me.

The Valley and the Prayer
(The editor has supplied the title to a printed letter, received by my mother and I. The author is Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. See how valuable time is, and how good to use the opportunity to prayer.)

I have so many reasons to thank the Lord for His many blessings bestowed upon me for the 73 years of my being upon earth. I have been blest with good health, and was never sick more than a day or two at a time, and have never been confined to a hospital, although to the best of my ability and as time permitted, I often visited sick and suffering brethren and friends who were confined to hospital care.

However, late in November of '73, I became ill and could not retain food in my stomach. During December, I lost much weight and I was facing a formidable problem. I had always abhorred the idea of surgery, and to a great extent followed health rules and was able to resume my work and family obligations without pain or distress, for which I was daily thankful.

However, not improving in my condition, I was encouraged by members of my family and by brethren in the church to go to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. After committing it to the Lord in prayer, the mountain of fear concerning surgery seemed to vanish as if cast into the sea. I praise the Lord for removing my doubts and fears, as a wise man will change his own convictions when reason would call for it. My wife and I decided to go to Mayo's on Jan. 7.

During the tests and observations at the Clinic, which is truly very scientific and exacting, they discovered that I had gastric ulcers in my stomach, the reason for my inability to eat and retain food. This type of ulcer cannot be effectively treated by medication, but on the other hand requires surgery. To this I became reconciled, and surgery was arranged for the

17th of January. Dr. Bearhs (pronounced the same as my name) was to perform the surgery. He is a famous surgeon and is flown to other parts of the world to operate on notables and dignitaries. Naturally I did not belong in that class, but I had requested his services.

Now the main point of this writing is concerning the valley of the shadow of death experience. Many of us live quiet sheltered lives, enjoying the green pastures and the quiet and still waters of an uninterrupted Christian life. True, many of us sometimes because of our own failings and lack of understanding feel the winds and storms of life blow over us for our correction and humbling, all permitted by our loving Lord. So many go through a lifetime and never enter into the valley spoken of by the sweet Psalmist.

After the surgery is when I entered into the dark valley—darkness back of me, high insurmountable walls at either side, and it seemed there was a soft yellow glimmering light far beyond me in this dark valley. My prayers to the Lord were broken and interrupted by pain, and it is then I recalled that our elder brother and ministers, Sunday School teachers and so many of our dear brethren in our church and in other congregations assured me of their prayers, and it is in this manner that Paul's teaching to the Romans, Chapter 12, found meaning: **Continuing instant in prayer**, which was so needed to carry me through the three days following this painful surgery.

A heartfelt feeling of humility underlines my account of my experiences, and I do not wish to convey that other brethren have not experienced the same as I or even a greater witness of the love and gracious care of our blessed Lord.

So I have re-evaluated the prayers of the saints, and esteem each prayer that the strongest and weakest pray to be of value in the sight of our Heavenly Father and to help carry us through the trials and troubles of this earthly life.

Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw,
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

"A limited supply of 1974 Ministers and Churches of America and Japan on hand, 50c per single copy. Note an error in Kiowa Kansas church time schedule. Should be a.m. 10:00, p.m. 12:00. Orel R. Steiner, Oakville, Iowa 52646.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME PROJECT REPORT

Jack Krantz

In 1969 upon completion of the new building for the Dessie Scott Children's Home in Kentucky, many brothers felt that because of the great need for child care facilities, it would be well if our church checked into this need further. After receiving clearance from the elder body, many investigations were made by an exploratory committee and reports were made at each conference as the years went by. Last August at the Morton conference, permission was given to go ahead.

Two sites were offered at no charge for the use of the Children's Home, Francesville and Leo. After tours and meetings with public officials from both communities, a period of two weeks was allowed for the committee brothers to pray that the Lord would direct them in making a site selection. At Remington, on the 30th of November, a meeting was held and the vote was taken. Eighteen votes were cast and one counselling elder, who supports the project, declined to vote, which resulted in a tie vote of nine to nine. After prayer, two ballots were placed in the Bible. A brother drew Leo as the site. We believe the Lord's will was done. While either site was acceptable by all, the Lord did the selecting.

The corporation papers have been received, and the attorney is now working on papers to clear the Home with the Internal Revenue department as a tax exempt not-for-profit corporation. Re-zoning of the land, making of a topographical map, sewage disposal, water, master layout, building plans, qualifications for the administrator and house parents, financial matters and many other items are on the minds of your committee members as time rushes on. Very shortly the call will go out, and hopefully we will be able to select the administrator. We solicit your prayers and support, as this brother and sister

will be important to the conduct of the Children's Home.

LATTY

LeAnn Laukhuf — Carol Sinn

Holy Communion was served to our congregation on Feb. 17. To assist our Elder Bro. Loren, Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier from Rittman was here. It is always very strengthening to partake of the Lord's Supper as often as we do, but we should always have our hearts prepared, not only at this time, but every day of the year.

At our annual business meeting, the following were elected as Sunday School teachers: Bro. Russell Stoller and Sis. Ellen Stoller. Bro. Glenn Stoller was put in as trustee.

Whate'er thou art, where'er thy
footsteps stray,
Heed these wise words: This, too,
shall pass away.
Oh jewel sentence from the mine
of truth!
What riches it contains for age or
youth.

When skies are clear, expect the
cloud;
In darkness, wait the coming light.
Whatever be thy fate today,
Remember, even this shall pass
away.

ATHENS

Hazel Vibbert

Looking out into the cold, windy morning and seeing red birds, I often think of the old sayings about if you see a red bird, you will see someone you are not expecting. How things stay in our minds when we are young . . . so should be real careful of what we teach our children, and always watch and pray, for we can expect the Lord at any time.

Irene Spratt was a patient in the Athens Hospital, but is home doing good. Charles Vibbert had a spinal fusion, and after a month in Huntsville Hospital is home in another body cast. It has been a lot of flu in my family and others too.

We are always glad to have visitors to stop by and worship with us. Anyone coming this way be sure and feel welcome to stop. Church starts at 10:00. We have started a adult Sunday School class, so the children can assemble with us for the preaching.

Be praying for our church, that this will work out for the glory of

God. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way since Charles has been sick.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Jeannie Haerr—Kayleen Heiniger

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . ." God was willing, and almost every bench was occupied on the first Sunday in our new church, Feb. 17. Although the building is not complete, the sanctuary is nearly finished. Dinner has been served cafeteria style, and Sunday School resumed the second week. How grateful we are for partial use of our facilities. Worship services now begin at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Lovingly, Bros. Dan Koch, Tremont, and Noah Herman, Tuscon, delivered the first sermons. We were reminded of the mortar, uniting the bricks as the love that binds our members.

Our initial regular midweek service, Wed. at 7:30 p.m., was to hear the testimony of our new sister-in-faith, Cheryl Nussbaum. We were privileged to have Bro. Al Aberle, Tremont, with us for that evening and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, for the baptism.

Several have completed their studies midterm. Candace Nussbaum graduated from the Bloomington School of Practical Nursing and plans to work at Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Dianne Verkler is employed at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, after finishing her R.N. training there. Paula Knapp has earned her degree in elementary education from ISU.

Our new church has added yet another, Jodi Leigh Young, born Feb. 23. She is the daughter of Hank and Jeanise, a sister of Mona, and a granddaughter of the Art Bauers and Ralph Youngs.

FRANCESVILLE

Sharon Neihouser — Helen Huber

In this day and time, we hear so much about shortages of everything. We can be comforted when we read, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear". We can be assured this is one shortage that will never come upon us, and this is the most important to us, because it will last for eternity.

On Sat. Feb. 15, Larry and Pam

Leman (Bro. Sidney and Sis. Fern) gave their testimonies of the work Christ performed in their hearts, turning a sinner into a saint. The following day they were baptized. We welcome them into the family of God as our new brother and sister in Christ. Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott visited for both Sat. evening and Sun. afternoon. He read the story of the Prodigal Son, telling us the son had to make effort on his part to come back to his Father, and his Father was looking for his return. He mentioned that he wondered how many fathers are looking for their son or daughter down the road, to come home from the evils of the world.

This was a joyous day for us, but we also were in sorrow. Our dear friend Timothy Gutwein, 21, passed away early in the morning hours, after an illness of ten days. He was the son of Bro. Nate and Sis. Adeline Gutwein. We have many precious memories to remember him in his last few days on earth. The precious hymn was sung, "Oh where could I go but to the Lord, seeking a refuge for my soul, needing a friend to help me in the end . . ." On the Wednesday before his death, as his parents were getting ready to leave for home, he told them he wanted to tell them one more thing, that he wanted to repent. We all have this hope and strength, to hold to that he could find peace with his God. We know as dear parents this was a great concern laid upon their hearts. They and us all have the hope of meeting him in Heaven.

Cindy (Erb) Timmons, 21, died instantly of multiple internal injuries on Monday night Feb. 11, as she met with a head-on collision. She was the daughter of Neil and Ruth Erb and the granddaughter of Sis. Octavia Erb.

Two more precious souls have decided to turn their backs on the world and start on the road that leads to Heaven. They are Wendy Gudeman (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) and Van Bucher (Bro. Wally and Sis. Rosella).

Hospitalized were Cheryl Scheffer and Sisters Ella Pelsy and Zura Streitmatter. Ella has been moved to the Turtle Creek Nursing Home, Lafayette, and Zura was stricken with a stroke and is paralyzed on her right side and speechless.

As we each walk through life in

our different stations, no matter what or where they may be, we all need the grace of God. We would never be able to reach our goal, Heaven, if God's hand would not be there to help us along and gently pick us up when we stumble and fall. Bro. Elmer reminded us to **Hang On To The Father's Hand.**

Correction: Last month's Silver Lining stated Bro. Chris Lee Gutwein was one of our newly-elected ushers. It should have read Bro. Chris Lee Wuethrich.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl — Elaine Eisenmann

"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

The few of us who found it worthwhile to assemble in the Lord's house on a recent mid-week service had the greater blessing, as we listened to our Elder Bro. Noah extol the 22nd Chapter, II Kings. It was a new chapter to me and perhaps others, Of the Book that was found while repairs were done on a building. It was like a circle of children listening to a story by a servant of God, wise and learned in God's word. We are grateful for those who bring Bro. Noah when he is available.

We enjoyed having Bro. Burt Butikofer for a Lord's day. It is good to have visiting ministers on occasion. We are alerted anew in God's word. The Lord bless them for their labors.

After many journeys to Mayo's Clinic for help to bear his illness, Bro. Ernie Anliker was relieved of his cross and is now at rest. He passed away Feb. 9, and burial service was the following Tuesday. Sis. Rekie wishes to send the following: Your kindness and concern has meant so very much, and will be remembered. Your prayers, comforting words and cards were appreciated. Rekie Anliker and family.

Might we suggest you send the Silver Lining to someone about whom you are lovingly concerned. Don't overlook any tool to accomplish God's work.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Again we're looking forward to spring, the lovely time of the year when growing things take on life and beauty, as Bro. Henry Beer in his **Garden of Verse** expresses it:

The promise of seedtime and harvest is given

As long as this universe stands;
The summer, the winter, the day
and the night

Still follow the Master's commands.

Ray, husband of Sis. Lucy Leuthold Schultz, is confined to Sherman Hospital. We hope he can soon return to his home and loved one. They live at 813 Preston Ave., Elgin Ill 60120.

Bro. William and Sis. Evelyn Wewetzer Gudeman announced the engagement of their daughter, Gail to Ronald Hallead. A May 11 wedding is planned.

Our ministering guests were Bros. Maurice Frank of Leo and Earl Banwart of West Bend. We are thankful for all the faithful servants of the Gospel who strive and labor to glorify God's holy name.

FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Brian Wiegand has come to see his lost condition, and called upon the Lord Jesus to be his Saviour. Brian is the son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Wiegand.

Bro. Noah Schrock meditated on many things, before he and Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisted Bro. Josh Broquard in serving Communion. We were also happy to have Bro. John Steiner minister to us, having accompanied the Schrocks from Iowa.

Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend has given us inspirational messages while he is here. He is helping his son, Bro. Dale and Sis. Donna in building their new home.

Bro. Orie and Sis. Ernestine Stoller observed their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 11.

We are sorry that Sis. Lydia Wiedman is in the hospital. Bros. Eli Moser and Elmer Aberle are home from the hospital.

Note: We sincerely thank all who so kindly remembered us in prayer, also with cards, gifts and many acts of kindness after our accident. Bro. George and Sis. Clara Broquard.

FORT LAUDERALE

Kathy Sutter Henry H. Schwartz

We in Ft. Lauderdale welcome Noah Clauss into our fellowship as a brother in faith. Noah gave his testimony of faith, and we rejoiced to acknowledge that the Lord had surely worked in him.

Visitors during February were Bros. John Bahler, Vernon Leman and Bob Pohl. While Bro. John visited us, we heard the conference report and enjoyed the Lord's Supper. We would surely soon falter in our walk if we did not hear the word of life, and we are grateful for those who gave of themselves to spur us on.

Many of our congregation attended the Dedication service for the Sarasota church. Already they have felt the blessings of the Lord. New families have joined their assembly, and dear souls have answered the call of the Lord. They can truly be encouraged with the beginning, and we rejoice with them. May they continue to feel the blessings of the Lord, and grow in unity and faith, as they worship together in their new facilities.

FORREST

**Juanita Schneider
Kathryn Steidinger**

Postures Before God

Let us learn how to
kneel before the Lord for strength;
stand before Him to praise His
name;
sit before Him for His loving
counsel.

Our dear friend Fred Rieger, 89, passed away at Helen Lewis Smith Pavillion on Feb. 9. Funeral services were held on Feb. 11, with Bro. Josh Broquard assisting our ministers. He is survived by four daughters: Sis. Leah Honegger, Sis. Clara Honegger, Aldine Nussbaum of Pontiac, and Elda Mae, with whom he resided; five sons, Phillip, Herman, Marion, Fred Jr. and Donald, all of Forrest.

Bro. Emil Sohn has been able to assemble with us again, after being absent for a few weeks, having the flu and complications. Sis. Millie Traub and Bro. Sam Maier were hospital patients, but are assembling with us again. Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman has been laid up following foot surgery.

Little Gina Marie came to brighten the hearts and home of Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol Metz on Feb. 17. Also glad for a sister are Kimberly, Brad, and Darren. Bro. and Sis. Joe Metz and Bro. and Sis. Orie Aeschliman of Roanoke are the grandparents.

(Bros.) Ed Alt of Cissna Park and Merrill Laukhuf each spent a Sunday with us. The warnings that these brothers brought were sound, and the teachings were many.

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts and especially your prayers during my surgery and convalescence. Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." We share the joy with Sis. Lena Strahm, that her daughter, Ungela, has found peace with God and man . . . is awaiting the privilege of bringing her testimony of faith. We wish her continued grace and joy in her new walk of life.

Our appreciation to the Lamont congregation, who so graciously welcomed us into their assembly and Sunday School, as our church was given a new look. May the dear Lord be given all praise and honor, that it has been made possible for us to have a more desirable place of worship.

Our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spent a midweek service with us. We thank him for many admonitions . . . welcome his return.

Rodger and Janice Shannon have moved to Bonner Springs, Ks., as a substitute in the Kansas City schools. We hope they continue to assemble with us when possible.

Mary Jane Kraft, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, spent 18 days in the hospital with double pneumonia and micro-plasmatic infection.

Little Brian Kraft is at K. U. Med. Center taking another 5-day series of chem-o-therapy treatments. So nice to see him smile and play with other children. . . . **Thank You.** To all of you who sent Brian birthday cards and gifts, we say a very humble and sincere **Thank You.** It was very thoughtful and kind of you all to remember him, and he is still having joy and pleasure from them. Bro. Lloyd

and Sis. Nadine Kraft.

Spring is very evident . . . trees and shrubs are budding, various bulbs up, crocus blooming etc. . . . a reminder that we are approaching the Easter season, a time of beauty. How it humbles us as we go to the cross of our Saviour, see Him hanging there . . . shedding His blood as an atonement for our sins, that all who repent and are baptized shall have a hope for eternal life.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libby Meyer

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
I knew something good about you?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folk bothered to recall?

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too:
You know something good about
me;
I know something good about you?

We want to thank Bros. Gene Marti, Alphonie Strahm, and Lester Hartter for ministering to us.

LAMAR Marie Marti Mrs. Raymond Braker

On February 19, Sam Baker of Bentonville, Arkansas was baptized and taken into the fold. This act of love and faith was performed in his home, due to his serious illness, by our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. We rejoice that this desire could be fulfilled before his death, which occurred on Feb. 28. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Betty, and his mother of the home. Funeral services are to be held in Oakville.

Bro. Fred Lanz wishes to thank those who so thoughtfully remembered him on his 82nd birthday. He has been confined to his home and unable to attend services much of the time. He and his wife, Sis. Emma, deeply appreciated the young folks who came and sang for him one evening.

The engagement of Luella Marti, daughter of Sis. Arlene and Bro. Dean, to Gary Fanning of Lamar has been announced.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss Esther Schaefer

If God within these evil days
His mercy were not sharing, No
strength or grace could we obtain.
Our hearts would be despairing.

Announced as having peace with God and waiting to give their testimonies are our converts, Cheryl Koehl, and Ken and Karen Koehl.

We welcome Sis. Debra (Rocke) Joos from Eureka. She is the bride of Bro. Harvey Joos. We wish Harvey and Debbie much happiness as they travel life's road together.

Hospitalized are Sis. Pauline Tohm, Sis. Mary Luthi and Lloyd Joos. Those who had to spend some time in hospitals, but are again at home are Bro. Gilbert Schmidgall, Cal Moser, and Ted Schmidgall.

Weeding Our Gardens

In my neighbor's garden I saw a
big weed;
I thought, I can't let that go to
seed,
So I pulled it up with the greatest
of care,
And left it so neighbor would see
it was there.
Then the thought came to me,
though I hate to confess,
In my own garden were hundreds
of weeds, more or less.
In thoughts and in actions, in
words or in deeds,
We have a big task keeping out
our own weeds.

PHOENIX Ann Mangold

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. It is so important for us to remember those words all of our lives. If our lights are shining daily on earth, think of the joys of being able to shine eternally with the Lord.

He has beckoned a new, young soul who has answered His call. Deanna Beery, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie, has given her heart to the Lord and is truly a bright light in our midst.

Just as the Lord calls new souls to follow him, he also calls His children home to rest eternally. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Herb Knochel in the loss of his father.

Sis. Cathy Emch and Bro. Carl Blumenschein have both returned home from the hospital, and we hope to see them worship with us again soon.

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) John Klotzle, Altadena; Albert Schneider, Rockville; and Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville. All of our visitors are constant reminders that, even though we are far from most in distance, we are always close in the Lord.

PORTLAND Pearl Miller

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

My sheep know my voice, and the path that I take.

They follow wherever I go;
my Sheep know my voice
And come at my call, but a stranger's voice do they not know.

My sheep know my voice, and the pastures of green,
Where I lead them as often to feed;
my sheep know my voice,
And the cool sparkling stream where beside its still waters I lead.

My sheep know my voice, and the valley of death
Thro' which I shall lead them some day; but no danger nor harm
Can touch one of them, for I will be with them alway.

My sheep know my voice, and day by day they abide in the fold
And go not astray; they love me because
I have made them my choice and they follow my call
For my sheep know my voice.

Ministering Bro. Ed Knecht visited us on Feb. 24, and we were reminded of how our dear Shepherd careth for His sheep. May we never become as the hireling!

The crocuses, forsythia, daffodils, and camellias are bursting forth in bloom — the signs of Spring. This is a beautiful time of year, as God shows His magnificent handiwork. A very inspiring quotation from one of Froelich's letters, 1849, follows: "Another year brings another spring, and the sap flows again, and from year to year, the tree becomes sturdier and stronger and more fruitful; thus also to Aagau a new spring seems to have come—for in the little tree

the sap is flowing and it blooms again through the blessing of God, and other fruits of Christ will appear to the praise of His grace, even though in troublous times; for it is of the Lord—with Him is nothing impossible." "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

Friend Anna Miller is in the Sierra Vista Convalescent Home, Oregon City, Oregon. She is getting along quite well, for which we are thankful.

Edna (Klopfenstein) Lincoln is at home for several weeks now, and is doing quite well considering her condition. While conversing with her by 'phone this morning, she said she knows it is the many prayers that have helped her.

The Book

This book is the greatest the world ever read!

It is food for the soul typified as our bread.

It is a storehouse of wisdom to those who would learn,

A light and a lamp when His way we discern,

A warning to the wicked and a guide to the blind,

If only they long just His pathway to find.

The answer to all of our problems is there.

And He will unfold them in answer to prayer.

They are hidden from worldings, and wisely it's so,

Lest they use them for self and their wisdom to show!

Lest they swallow too quickly the meat of the word

And strangle to death without knowing the Lord,

So read it and study, not to prove your own thought.

But to learn from the Author the blessing He brought.

Search the book prayerfully, and in it you'll see

The wonderful picture the Lord has shown me.

In this picture supreme the Author you'll see

And enjoy the great message John learned at His feet;

And the Book will mean more . . . for the

Author you'll know

As your Lord and your Saviour

. . . as onward you go.

PURDUE

Linda Pfledderer — Lynell Bahler

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. We should realize our need to pray often, and believe that our prayers will be answered according to His will. In the Bible we read that "whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." On Feb. 6, Bro. Edwin Bahler spoke to us about how God teaches us to pray through **The Lord's Prayer**.

On Feb. 20, Bro. Art Gudeman from the LaCrosse congregation was with us and spoke many edifying words. It was encouraging to see so many come to praise God.

ROANOKE

Doris Mangold — Erma Moser

Has someone seen Christ in you today?

O Christian, be careful, watch and pray.

Look unto Jesus in faith, and then Faithfully bear His name before men.

We were happy Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville could be with us to help Bro. Gene in reading the memorandum, Feb. 3.

Sis. Mae Kay Hodel (Vince) was hospitalized for surgery and is now able to assemble with us again. Bro. John Bowald suffered a stroke, spent some time in the Eureka Hospital, and is now in the McDaniel's Nursing Home, El Paso IL 61738. Bro. Ezra Schlipf spent some time at Carle Clinic, but has returned home.

Keith and Connie Hohulin are the parents of a baby son, Byran Keith, born Feb. 1. This is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie Hohulin and the Max Tessiers.

Ray and Margaret (Hangartner) DeSigne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. We wish them many more happy years together.

Our eldest Bro. David Fehr passed away at the Eureka Hospital, where he had been a patient a day and a half. His funeral was Monday, the 18th, with church ministers officiating. Surviving are two sons, Lawrence and Aquilla, three daughters, (Sisters) Clara Bach, Mabel Bowald, and Alice.

Funeral services for Charles Blunier, who passed away at Eureka

ka Hospital, were held Wed. Feb. 20. Surviving are his wife, Ella; one son, Nelson; a brother, Frank; and a sister, Sis. Bernice Grose.

Another of our older brothers, Andy Schumacher, had the misfortune of falling, and is now recovering in the Eureka Hospital.

On Saturday evening, we assembled in our house of worship to hear the testimonies of six dear souls. Then on Sunday, we witnessed the baptism of Scott Leman (Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen), Richard Bertsche (Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy), Rusty Plattner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge), Mark Hodel (Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann), Carol and Bob Barth (Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae). We are thankful to Bro. Edwin Ringger, who came to be with us and helped with this most important work of the Lord.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Doris Mangold to Bro. Norman Rocke of Eureka, and also Sis. Mary Bradle to Bro. Sam Martin of the Princeville congregation.

The annual church cleaning was done on Monday and Tuesday. Many helping hands made the work easy, and we thank all the willing workers.

Sis. Anna Mangold (John) celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary with a family dinner at the home of her daughter, Sis. Kathryn Hodel (Bro. Ray).

Arnold and Connie Aeschleman have moved to Tucson. Their new address is: 8499 East 23rd Street, Tucson Ariz 85710. We hope they enjoy their new home in the Southwest.

Mrs. Charles Blunier wishes to share these words in memory of her husband:

Darkness is powerless Before the
dawning light,
And so it is with death.
We have allowed ourselves to think
of it as a dark door,
But actually it is a radiant bridge
spanning the gulf
Between two worlds.

TAYLOR

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

Even though we still have some cold days, there are signs of spring coming soon, when all will be green again. Months go by so swiftly. I realize it all the more since writing for the Silver Lining,

because then I wonder what can be written that is of interest to others, though every article is interesting to me, and I read the Silver Lining from cover to cover.

We have been blessed with visiting ministers. On Feb. 10, Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski was here. Bro. Albert's messages are always an inspiration. On Feb. 17, Bro. Arnold Gerst from the Chicago congregation was with us. We appreciated Bro. Arnold's message from God's word; we can learn much each time God's word is spoken.

Bro. Arnold & Sis. Marge Gerst came to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arrowsmith, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Sat. evening, Feb. 23, the Memorandum was read by Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin and Bro. Harvey Heininger from Oakville. Sunday was a blessed day, when (Bros.) Paul, Harvey, and Sam Huber (Sabetha) ministered to us. We were warned of the evils in the world and were encouraged to fight in the battle for the Lord.

Sis. Betty Hoerr was hospitalized, after she fell and injured her shoulder.

Sis. Jeanne Grimm graduated from practical nurse training. She will be employed at St. Mary Hospital in Quincy.

There is a time, we know not
when—

A place, we know not where,
That seals the destiny of men
For glory or despair.

There is a line, by us unseen,
Which crosses every path,
The hidden boundary between
God's mercy and His wrath.

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

The congregation sang, "May this be a day of blessing; In Thee, Lord, we are rejoicing . . ." We all felt blessed by the ministry of Bros. Josh Broquard (Fairbury) and Walt Anliker (Eureka). We were happy to have our retired elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold among us that day, too; we thank all of them for visiting us.

Two new babies have come into our community. Shelley Rae was born Jan. 31 to Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy Knobloch; she has one bro-

ther, Eric. Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Knobloch and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Katherine Klopfenstein (Gridley) are her grandparents. Sis. Pauline Knobloch of Peoria is her great-grandmother. The new baby at the home of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Becky Pyles, Alisa, and Jennifer . . . is a boy. He was born Feb. 12 and is named Troy Allen. Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich are the maternal grandparents.

We are happy to report that Bro. Nate Stoller is again ministering to us, after being unable for some time. Sisters Eunice Klumpp and Lois Endress are recovered from their surgeries and assembling with us again . . . A sincere thank you for the kindness that was shown to me during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. Sis. Eunice Klumpp . . . Sis. Lois also wishes to express her appreciation for the good deeds and prayers that came her way.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle spent some time at Mayo's, where Ben underwent surgery. They are at home again. Nathan Herner is ill and confined to his home. Wayne Guingrich (Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris) entered the hospital with severe pain and is receiving tests and x-rays.

We sympathize with Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose Staley in the sudden death of his mother, Vera Staley of Chillicothe. She is survived by her husband, three sons, and one granddaughter.

CONGERVILLE

Mary Schrock Arlene Banwart

The true joy in living is doing for others. A blessing is received when we visit the sick or help the poor. If we exercise ourselves in doing for others, these are the treasures that will last . . . was the message brought out by one of our visiting ministers. We thank Bros. Josh Broquard, Vernon Leman and Harvey Grimm for their services.

Happy to be home is Mary Wettstein, who had broken her hip, and now able to walk with the aid of a walker. Sis. Emma Reeser has been in church again.

Taking up residence in one of the new duplexes of the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka is Bro. John & Sis. Ida Rocke. We are glad they plan to continue worshipping with us.

The Conference Report was giv-

en to us by Elder Bros. Josh Broquard, Perry Zimmerman and Edwin Ringger. We were encouraged to be more like-minded.

INDIANAPOLIS

Wayne and Judy Steffen

Once more the winter chill is gone,
The robin's song awakes the dawn,
The daisy bed, the apple bough
Burst forth in lovely blossoms.
Lilac-scented breezes bring
The warm, sweet fragrances of
spring . . .
Once more within our hearts is
born
The joy that is a springtime morn!

As we embark on a new season,
we are renewed in our thankfulness of God's creation.

Our visiting ministers were: (Bros.) Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; John Bollier and Dave Bertsch, Leo; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Theo. Beer, Milford; and Wendell Gudeman, Francesville. We are thankful for the word that they brought to us.

On Feb. 23, our friend Ted Perry, from Anderson, told us of his conversion and willingness to follow the Lord. The next day Ted was baptized. We welcome Ted as a brother in faith.

On Feb. 23 we elected Brother Richard Aberle from Cincinnati as minister. We support Brother Richard and wish him God's blessings in his ministry.

LA CROSSE

Lorene Moser—Mary E. Gudeman

It was a blessed time when we could sit in quietness and peace Sat. evening, Feb. 2, when Elder Bro. David Bertsch (Leo) with Elder Bro. Edward Frank read and explained the memorandum. We can feel the concern the shepherds have for their flocks. They brought us many timely warnings of how the prince of this world comes so cunningly and slowly. Warning was to guard ourselves carefully with prayer and obedience and stay close to God.

We were spiritually refreshed through the ministry, when on Feb. 3 Bro. Bertsch with Bro. Morris Frank (Leo) brought us many good teachings. The afternoon of Feb. 10, Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) shared God's word with us. Bro. Elmer quoted, Jesus says, "Take heed that no

man deceive you."

Happy grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Esther Bucher, when Allison Beth was born Jan. 29, to Bro. Art and Sis. Sue Ringger (Indianapolis). Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah Frank have a new grandson, Micah Joseph, born Feb. 4 to Bro. Tom and Sis. Carolyn Frank (Indianapolis). Celise and Clay welcomed him home.

Little Dana Bucher (Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki) had her tonsils removed. Bro. Phil Troxel, who suffered a stroke, is showing improvement. He is in Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso. Sis. Louise and Bro. Edward Wittmer are medical patients at the same hospital. Bro. Albert Sinn is unable to assemble with us. Shirley Pfeifer (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma) has been ill for some time. She is improved and was in church Sunday.

Our Wednesday night hymn singing has resumed. It is a privilege and pleasure to sing these beautiful hymns to His glory.

This teaching was brought to us, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Two men were on their way to Heaven, each bearing the cross God had allotted. One man thought his cross was too heavy to bear. The worldly deceiver told him to cut off an end, which he did. He continued on, but it still was heavy. He cut another end off. His cross was lighter, but as he looked down the road, his friend was far in the distance, carrying his cross and closer to Heaven.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Harlan and Sis. Martha Braker, little Kim and Laurie welcomed the arrival Feb. 7 of Rachel Renee.

We were shocked on Feb. 11 to hear of the sudden passing of Bro. Fred Knochel of Kawkawlin, Michigan. He is the father of Sis. Marie (Bro. Harold) Schieler of here and Bro. Al Knochel of Lafayette. Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie were here in January to her sister's funeral, Sis. Esther Siebenthal. They often came to visit us. He worked for our folks off and on when we were children. Our sympathy goes to all who knew him.

Bro. Harold Waibel had a knee operation, due to an injury he got while remodeling their home last summer.

My sister, Sis. Louise Waibel, has made soap for foreign relief from lard others bring, since 1967. She has used 163 cans of lye.

Bro. Jake and Sis. Emma Bahler celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary.

Sis. Lillie Frey has been in the hospital for tests.

Mark and Virgene (Steffen) Gabis of Florida are parents of a baby boy, named Joshua. The grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucile Steffen of Rensselaer.

The cross is the place where the sins of the world and the love of God met in redemptive encounter.

SARDIS

Karen Indermuhle

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

No matter what happens in our lives. God can turn all situations into blessings. Each trial gives us strength to go on, knowing the Lord is always there to help.

Some of these winter days are rainy and dreary, but each day, even if the sun is not shining, is bright to those of us who know the Lord. Every day is a day of sunshine with Jesus. Praise God!

Sis. Martha (Delbert) Indermuhle, Sis. Ruth (Raymond) Headley and myself have been hospital patients. We all wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who sent cards, letters, prayers, made visits, and showed us such wonderful deeds of love.

Correction to be made in the book listing the name of the Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers. On page 13—Sardis: Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle's phone is 483-1593.

BLUFFTON

Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

Bro. John Fiechter, 84, was laid to rest Feb. 8. This was sixty years to the date after his wedding day. He had been united in marriage to Sis. Lydia Gerber, who preceded him in death. Now they are awaiting that great wedding supper when all of God's children shall be the bride. Bro. John and Sis. Lydia's children are Bros. Ervin,

Dale, John, and Gerald, and Sisters Irene (Aaron) Reinhard, Velma (Carl) Kipfer, Marie (Herman) Drayer, Alice (Millard) Aschliman, Mildred (William) Neuenschwander, Doris (Chuck) Neuenschwander, and Lillian (Walter) Bertsch. A brother, Bro. Joel; five sisters, Sis. Emma (Sam) Baumgartner, Sis. Lillian Stoller, Alma (Oscar) Hoffman, Queenie (Glen) Barger, and Elizabeth (Levi) Ginzel remain.

Following an extended illness, Sis. Mary (Louis) Baumgartner, 73, passed away on Feb. 27. Her first marriage was to Bro. Fred Karle, who died in 1951. In 1960 she married Bro. Louis Baumgartner, who also preceded her in death, in 1966. Several step-children survive Sis. Mary. They are Bros. Roger and Harry Baumgartner, Sis. Lucille (Norman) Steffen and Sis. Mabel (Eugene) Heyerlv. One sister, Sis. Esther Hay of Chicago survives, as well as four brothers, Ezra of Bluffton, Ohio; Alvin of Boston, Mass.; Bro. LeRoy of Peoria; and Bro. Lloyd of Sidney, Illinois. Burial was in the Latty Cemetery.

Many from far and near witnessed the uniting in marriage of Bro. Ron Kipfer and Sis. Linda Gerber on Feb. 10. The couple will be making their home in Peoria, where Ron is employed. The parents of the couple are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Devonna Gerber and Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer. May this new family circle abound in unity and love.

Several ministers were guests in our congregation. They were (Bros.) Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Jim Ringger (Bradford) and Walter Steffen (Milford). May each one be blest for his loving deeds.

Our congregation has had many confined in hospitals. They are Sisters Lucinda (Joel) Fiechter, Martha (Lloyd) Gerber, and Lydia (John) Kaehr, Friend Mary (Dan) Lantz and Bros. Obed Gerber, Sam Steffen, and Joel Schaefer. Most of these are at home recuperating, for which we are most thankful.

The engagement of Sis. Debbie Liby and Bro. Kent Fiechter was made known. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Liby and Bro. Homer and Sis. Clara Fiechter. Also on the same day, March 3, Sis. Renee Yergler was announced to Bro. Steve Reinhard. Bro. Claire and Sis. Mary Jane Yergler and Bro.

Glen and Sis. Leota Reinhard are parents of the couple. May the Lord richly bless our two new couples.

It is especially this time of the year that we walk in thought with Christ out to dark Gethsemane. We each love Him so much for giving His all—for even us.

It was alone the Saviour prayed
In dark Gethsemane;
Alone He drained the bitter cup
And suffered there for me.

Alone upon the cross He hung
That others He might save;
Forsaken then by God and man
Alone, His life He gave.

Can you reject such matchless love?

Can you His claim disown?
Come, give your all in gratitude,
Nor leave Him thus alone.

EUREKA
Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits . . ."

When thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent,
What time will then remain
For murmurs or lament?

Our visitor . . . only one—Bro. Ben Fehr from Roanoke. We thank him for his visit.

We have two souls to report that are repenting. They are Tim Carr and Joyce Crawford. His wife is Sis. Donna (Martin) Carr, and her husband is Maurice Crawford.

Engagement: Bro. Norman Rocke and Sis. Doris Mangold from Roanoke were announced Feb. 24.

Sis. Rose Schurch was dismissed from the Eureka Hospital, and has entered the McDaniel Nursing Home in El Paso.

Sis. Emma Grusy passed away about noon, March 1, in our "Home" for the aged. She was taken to Gridley for further arrangements.

Sis. Martha Grusy is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Kent Alan, infant son of Bro. and Sis. Ed and Donna Kupferschmid, was a medical patient a few days in Eureka Hospital.

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED NEWS Elmer Bucher

On the 17th of February, we held our annual meeting after our regular monthly meeting. Bro. Richard Kilgus from Elgin was elected to serve on the board for 3 years. Bros. Herman Menold and Elmer Bucher were re-elected to serve another three years. The board consists of Bros. Harold Krantz, Herman Menold, Al Hunziker, Hartzell Schmidgall, Frank Honegger, George Bauer, Harvey Grimm, Richard Kilgus and Elmer Bucher.

Perhaps we wonder from time to time if our contributions to the Home are appreciated by the residents and their families. The parents of one of the residents said they thank God every day for the privilege their daughter (an only child) has of living in the Home. As I visited the residents recently, one of them came up to me and expressed himself quite simply but very sincerely, "I love you". I'm sure this is his feeling toward all who have helped to provide this Home for Him and others like him. He would do more to show his love if he could. How much do we who are able, both physically and mentally, do to show our Lord we love Him, for what He has done for us in giving His life to provide a Home for us?

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The definition of a Christian is one who believes in Christ, following His examples and teachings, showing a gentle, humble, helpful spirit.

The schedule for April services is: April 5, Eureka; Apr. 12, Normal; Apr. 19, Forrest; Apr. 26, Roanoke.

Why not subscribe to the AC Handicap Times?

LESTER
Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

There is a hint of spring in the air, as the days begin to mellow, and good earth softens under the sun's warm rays. If we but ask Him, He will soften and mellow our hearts with the warmth from heaven. How far may we go on in sin? How long will God forbear? Where does hope end, and where begin the confines of despair? An answer from the skies is sent: Ye that from God depart, While ye are

called today, repent, And harden not your heart.

We are thankful that Bro. Clifford Grimm, West Bend, was directed into our midst to speak His good and holy word.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold are grandparents of a new grandson. Kelly James was born Feb. 28 to Larry and Mardi Leuthold, and is welcomed home by his brother, Carter. Great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Rose Moser.

Duties were assigned to various brothers at our annual meeting, in the interest of keeping our church in godly order.

Albert Wulf, seven-year-old son of Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice, was in the hospital for corrective surgery. He was in the same room as Sid Meyer, who was in for a knee injury. The two little boys live on neighboring farms and could share this event of being sick. Bro. Jake Knobloch was hospitalized with a heart attack, and is showing improvement. Bro. John Gerber is hospitalized with an intestinal disorder. Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd is home again, after a bout with ulcers. **Thank you:** I want to thank all who remembered me in so many kind ways while I was hospitalized and since returning home. The cards, gifts, visits and prayers shall long be treasured by my family and me. Karoline Doorneweerd.

MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson

Soon all nature will be coming to life, after a long winter of rest, reminding us of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said of Himself, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live".

On Feb. 13, Bro. Noah Schrock ministered to our congregation in the evening. We spent a blessed evening together under the sound of God's word.

We are happy that our friend, Ethel Bednarski, has turned to the Lord in repentance; she is the daughter of Sis. Emma Schmidt of Winthrop. May she find much happiness, peace and joy in her new life in Christ.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year, for regular addresses.

MORTON

Mrs. Keith Stevig

Mrs. Harry Kaiser

We rejoice with the four dear souls who were taken into the fold on Feb. 10. They are Alayna Butts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Butts; Anne Causey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Causey; Deborah Roecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roecker; and Steve Hauter, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Hauter.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Gene Leman, Wolcott; and Bro. Fred Knapp, Goodfield. We are thankful for the blessings they brought us.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Beth Neukomm and Bro. Dennis Mott. Their parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Gerry Neukomm and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mott.

Our annual business meeting was held, and Bro. John J. Getz was elected as trustee. Bros. Larry Dicks and Richard Weeks were elected as ushers, and Bro. Sam Staker was chosen as an usher at funerals.

A baby girl, Stacy Allison, was born Feb. 9 to Connie and Roger Koehler. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Edna Koehler.

A baby girl, Kimberly Dawn, was born Feb. 24 to Bro. Greg and Sis. Christine Kaiser. Grandparents are Bro. Warren and Sis. Matilda Kaiser and Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Dale Baer. A brother, Clint welcomes her home.

Those in the hospital have been: Sisters Ruth Kaisner, Edna Dufelmeier, and Emma Bernhardt.

Graveside services were held Feb. 13 for Jill Ann Schaefer, still-born daughter of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Marjorie Schaefer. Surviving are a sister and brother, Janet and Kevin, and grandparents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huetten, and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Schaefer of Tremont.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25 for Sis. Anna Krantz. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Helen (Sam) Ackerman; three sons, Bro. Harold and Bro. Jack of Morton, and Robert of Laguna Beach, California.

Correction. Sis. Rebecca Herman was married to Bro. David Bloom on Jan. 13. David's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bloom.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner Wiegand

We gladly welcome two new sisters in faith, Carol Massner Bonnesen and Marilyn Grimm Wilkerson. Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber from Eureka spent the week-end with us and assisted in bringing the conference report.

Our friend, Tom Ohnmacht is now in service for our country. He would appreciate hearing from those back home. Tom's present address is: Pvt. Thomas J Ohnmacht, Recruit Casual Section RAC RTA, MCRD, Parris Island SC 29905.

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf — Marjean Lehman

O my Redeemer, who for me expired
And purchased me with his own precious blood!
Who pardon from all sin for me acquired,
That now my heart can rest in peace with God!
Deliver me from all distress and worry,
And from all bondage fully make me free;
In conflict with the cunning adversary,
Be Thou the Hero who gives victory.

Thankfully we rejoice with our dear friends, Pat Kyburz (wife of Bro. Lloyd) and Nancy Kyburz (wife of Bro. Jerry), because they were announced on Feb. 17 as having found God's abiding peace.

He who comes confessing:
My Lord and My God! . . .
And with joy expressing,
Blessed is his lot.

Sis. Gladys Widmer was hospitalized for tests, but has returned to her home. Sis. Josephine Farney was able to return to her home, after a four-week hospital stay due to surgery.

We hope both Gladys and Josephine will be able to receive strength and good health. Without exception each one of us at some time has whispered, "I need the prayers of those I love."

As Easter approaches, let's reconsider the sacrifice that was made for each of us.

To the Saviour's grave then hasten,

Where He lay in calm repose.
Christ, in strength from God the
Father

From the grave in triumph rose.
Thus the path of life He made;
With His blood your ransom paid.

ALTO Sue Root

Bro. Noah and Sis. Margaurite Blough celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with an open house, put on by their children. Several from the Bay City Church were with us for the day, among them Ministering Bro. Andy Virkler. Again we were privileged to hear the story of Jesus and his love for mankind.

Several in our area have been ill with the flu. Friend Joan Wingeier was hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen are traveling to Mayo Clinic, where Aaron will undergo tests.

(One of the older sisters gave this.)

As thy days —
Oh blessed promise!
Day by day
His strength is mine
Balm for every
bitter sorrow,
Grace to wait
and not repine;
Strength to cast
my care upon Him,
Faith to trust
His power divine.

BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

Bro. Robert and Sis. Janet, Jimmy and Kimberly Meyer welcomed Carla Sue into their home and hearts. Carla was born Feb. 17. May she in some measure fill the empty void left by little Lori last October. Lori gave her life in a tragic harvest accident. The Lord takes away, but then, He gives again.

Hospital patients: Bro. Aaron Strahm, surgical . . . Sis. Pearl Meyer, tests. There is much flu, with colds and coughs, in the community. (Both your reporters had a round). Sis. Lena Wenger had a bout with pneumonia. The little folks took their turn with chicken pox.

Plans are to read the memorandum on this Saturday evening. Sabetha is invited to assemble with us, and Bro. Gene Marti will

help Bro. Lester Hartter read and explain matters to us. Part of it will be by tape recording.

Good Friday

He suffered all;
The nails, the thorns
For this was why
Our Lord was born.
They all drew near
As Jesus spoke;
His words did shame
And fear evoke.
Forgive them, Father,
Jesus sighed.
The sky grew dark—
And Mary cried.

PULASKI Nancy Musselman Ernestine Wuthrich

(Bros.) Noah Shrock and Harvey Heiniger were here Feb. 2 for the proving of friend Gene Smith. It is always a renewal of our first faith when we are able to hear the precious testimony of a friend. Sunday, many traveled to Garden Grove to witness Gene's baptism.

The Garden Grove congregation is now holding services every Sunday. We miss their spiritual contributions and fellowship, but wish them many blessings.

Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich was hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Russell Wuthrich was hospitalized a few days for tests.

Thank you: I wish to thank everyone for love and kindness shown to me and my family while I was in the hospital and at home. I appreciate all the prayers, cards, visits and gifts.

Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich

Thank you God, for little things
that often come our way,
The things we take for granted,
but don't mention when we
pray,

The unexpected courtesy, the
thoughtful kindly deed,
A hand reached out to us in the
time of sudden need.
Oh make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet sur-
prise from never-dreamed-of
places.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year, for regular addresses.

TUCSON

Mrs. Donald Bauer Mrs. Loren Knapp

We rejoice that another was taken into the fold, as Dale Knapp gave his testimony and was baptized. Many were present to witness the baptism, from far and near.

We felt the Lord in our midst throughout that day, as Bro. Noah Herman was ordained Deacon, with the laying on of hands, and Bro. Jim Funk was asked to serve as our new minister. One of the ministering brothers stated at the end of that blessed day, "Surely our cup runneth over."

Bro. Jack Sutter, who was in the hospital earlier in the month, is now home and improving. Bro. Henry Schrenk is home again, after submitting to surgery. He is now able to work. They are both assembling with us once more.

Our monthly dinner, a pancake supper, was held in the fellowship hall with many of our winter visitors.

Some from Tucson were able to spend the 17th of February with the Phoenix congregation. A blessed day was had by all.

Visiting ministers included Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Carl Kinsinger, Altadena; Roy Farney, Phoenix; and Bros. Richard Schupbach and Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; Albert Schneider, Rockville; and Fredrick Knapp, Congerville.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

A child is born . . . What a joyful event! And so exciting when it's the first one. Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol Waibel welcome home tiny Peggy Lynn, born on Feb. 25. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel and Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramsever.

Many visiting ministers were with us: (Bros.) Rudy Graf (Akron), Leo Moser (Lester), Earl Kilgus (Remington) and Elmer Schrenk (Alto). How wonderful it is to hear the same story from brothers so widely scattered, each in his own style and tone of voice, but nevertheless all inspired of God to bring us salvation!

" . . . Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me . . ." One by one our dear old brothers and sisters are passing

through that valley. Bro. Fred Knochel died at the age of 81, the last in his generation. He always had a few words of encouragement and love for all who greeted him on Sunday morning; his white head will be missed from the front news of church. Surviving are his widow, Sis. Nettie: seven sons, Bro. Altha (Lafayette), (Bros.) Ted and Herb (Phoenix), Bro. Norman, Floyd and Victor (Bay City), and Fred of Lake Jackson, Texas: three daughters, Sis. Marie (Bro. Harold) Schieler (Remington), Sis. Alvina (Bro. Wallace) Wackerle (Bay City), and Sis. Laura (Bro. Glenn) Knapp (Fairbury).

After quite a long illness, Sis Helen Lambert, 78, also is gone. We've missed her sweet smile and the feeling of love she gave for awhile already. She leaves Bro. John, her husband; three sons, Elmer, Virgil and Charles; two daughters, Mrs. Terrell (Luella) Hovle and Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) LaCrosse; one brother, one sister.

Time marches on: our older generation is leaving fast; soon the middle-aged will be the older, and everyone slowly moves up a step. Are we ready to help those younger than us, in the Christ-like way our dear old brethren helped us?

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

Peace be to thee! Our friend, Rick Dotterer has experienced this peace of heart and is now awaiting baptism. Our prayers are he will hold onto this precious gift, so that when the trials of life come, he will have a refuge, the peace of our Lord.

We want to thank our visitors, Bros. Harold Emch and Earl Gerber, for giving us much to think about as we travel this spiritual life. They are not merely here to talk just to be heard, but thru God they teach us how we are to act on this path as we travel along, and with much love they gave to us strength to go on. May the Lord bless them richly!

We are so glad to see our dear ones that have been ill in church again. Sis. Martha Marty and Sis. Adele Ickes needed hospital care. Max Miller is glad to be home, following his stay in the hospital, and even though he is still on crutches, he is back in school. Sis. Barbara Mathys is thankful to be up and

around again. She wants to thank everyone for cards, gifts, flowers, and prayers, and also the blood that was donated in her behalf. She has moved closer to her employment at 1534 Cedar Lane, Wooster Ohio 44691.

The engagement of Dale Gasser and Janet Cecil was announced. Dale's folks are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Liz. Also engaged are Blanche Mathys and Wayne Coy. Blanche is the daughter of Sis. Barbara Mathys.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Fred and Sis. Irma, Sis. Margaret, Charles and John Marty at the passing away of their sister and aunt, Pauline Marty. We pray the Lord will comfort these dear ones, as one by one they go out of this life.

Thank you: We would like to thank everyone who remembered our beloved husband and father during his illness with prayers, gifts and cards, and during his death for the sympathy cards and other deeds of kindness. It was all very much appreciated. The Family of Bro. Noah Bauman.

Beautiful hands at the gateway tonight,
Faces all shining with radiant light;
Eyes looking down from yon heavenly home,
Beautiful hands they are beckoning 'Come'.

SHIODA

Willis R. Ehnle

A tooth problem reminded me of the Scripture. **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.** I felt something wrong in the back of my mouth, so I went to see our "mass production" dentist in Kofu, Dr. Akiyama. He has five new-looking, blue-covered dental chairs, which are watched over by as many little Japanese girls in white uniforms. The dentist circulates from chair to chair, from patient to patient.

I learned that this particular tooth was a wisdom tooth which was not only in poor condition but, if left alone, would cause serious damage to the adjoining tooth. Therefore, that tooth must be pulled. **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump,** or in other words, one bad tooth can make the other bad, one bad example in the church can cause others to lose their way. May

God help each of us to be sound and pure in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thus to exert influence toward godliness, joy and peace. May none of us be the bad tooth that causes others to decay.

Our children attend our own, church-sponsored Shioda American school during their elementary years. At present there are only 7 children in the school, and social interaction, or the opportunity to make friends with many children, is very limited. I have heard no good reports on what most of the large schools do for the children morally and spiritually. There is a danger that children will be socially developed into a pattern that sets them at odds with their family and the teachings of God's word. We must keep in mind that it would be better for our children to be illiterate and, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to attain unto eternal life, than for them all to obtain doctor's degrees and be forever lost. **For what shall it prosper a man, if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul.**

In our churches in Japan, a closeness in the fellowship is developing which is a real treasure. We hope we can thereby better fulfill the Scripture, "ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ."

Everyone should repent and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki
Marie Inoue

It was so wonderful that we could have Bro. Ben Hodel and his two sons, Steve and Bruce, from Roanoke visit us. They were visiting several countries and dropped to see us for a few days. They are very wonderful people, and we had a real blessed time with them. They were able to visit Bro. Willis Ehnle and family at the country church. When they returned to Tokyo, we had a fellowship evening at Sis. Junko Hatsumi's apartment near our Tokyo church. Sisters Betsy Erickson and Linda Morrison joined with us that meeting. Yes! We could have a real blessed fellowship together in our Heavenly Father.

It is terribly bad flu spread around in Tokyo, and some of the schools and kindergartens closed their classes this week. Our Sunday School and my English classes chil-

dren could not come because of flu.

Keiko Yokomi, who is very faithful to come to our Tokyo church, is going to move to Osaka, because her father's company moved him to Osaka branch office. She really doesn't want to move, and loves our church and brethren. Her mother has the same feeling. It is very sad for her, and we also really don't want to let her. I feel that we should pray and have contact with her and her family through correspondence.

A few words in addition to Bro. Yamazaki's message . . . Akito and I spent an evening with a dear older lady who is a close relative to one of our brethren. As we finished a lovely meal served Japanese style, of course, on a low table as we were seated on cushions on a tatami floor, part of our conversation was about faith. It was evident that her faith was of Buddhist nature, as in one corner of the room was a Buddhist altar and an incense stick burning, to honor spirits of ancestors who have passed on. She also expressed their belief in reincarnation: our lives are lived in several stages; at the end of this present life we return to this earth in another form, perhaps an animal of some kind, so as before we existed in this present life, we were here in another form. Along with this the belief is that the happiness of one stage depends upon good works and morals of the former stage. The fact that seemed to trouble the lady is that we have no control over our present life, as we have no knowledge of our actions in the former state of our life. Satan certainly appears as an angel of light by guiding people's lives in thinking that good deeds and high morals can purchase happiness for our soul.

Akito then explained in her native tongue our faith, that the beginning of our relationship with the one true and living God, who has eyes that see and ears that hear, contrary to idol worship, is to believe and humble ourselves before Him, and that the beginning of man is when he was born and the end of this life on earth is when we die. We will not return in any other form, for our life is in the hand of God, to be placed according to the condition of our undying soul. A concern for close family and friends is often a burden to the

believers here, and it is our constant prayer that friends can have a desire and longing to believe in the one true and living God.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Communion Services have been announced for Sun. March 10. Bro. Loren Stoller has been invited to help.

Lillian Pfister arrived home safely, after spending 10 days on a tour in Israel. She reported an enjoyable trip.

Bro. Edw. Bertsch is still at the National Nursing Home in Ft. Wayne. He seems to be failing. We visited the three Nursing Homes at Butler. It is very nice when the patients help to sing the hymns, and they do appreciate the visitation.

We have been missing Sis. Mary Lantz in church. She has been confined to her home with the virus, which so many here are having. Today, March 5, was a beautiful sunshiny day. The robins have come, so spring must be just around the corner.

Gary and Christie Bollier are planning to spend a few months in England to further their education.

Pam Bertsch has graduated from her course in nursing and will now take up her nursing duties.

CISSNA PARK

Margaret Rudin — Grace Bauer

This is a quiet time of year
With days all clothed in gray,
When barren trees climb somber
hills,
And spring seems far away.

But we know well, the time will
come
When birds will sing again,
When lilac buds will bloom and
grass
Will follow April rain.

There is a time, perhaps, when
God
Seems strangely far from view,
When sadness and discouragement
Shade all the things we do.

Then is the time we must have
faith
In His all-knowing plan,
For spring shall follow winter,
Both for nature and for man.

Our friend, Stanley Maul, confesses peace before God and man, and hopes to bring his testimony before the congregation soon.

Sisters Bertha Meiss, Carolyn (Mrs. Marvin J.) Hari, and Marge (Mrs. Ed) Alt were hospital surgical patients. Sisters Edna Hoffmann, Mabel Vogel, and Mabel (Mrs. Dale) Farney were hospital medical patients. We have had a lot of illness, due to the flu.

Born to Sis. Sharon and Bro. Dennis Walder, Feb. 13, a son, Nathan Lyle. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Feller and Sis. Lucille Walder.

Born to Sis. Sharon and Bro. Kenneth Eisenmann Feb. 27, a son, Steven Charles. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Phil Sauder and Sis. Lydia Eisenmann.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Ed Ringger and Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Fred Knapp, Congerville; and Gene Leman, Wolcott. We thank them for their labors of love.

FORT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

We have had several days of springlike weather. We would like to believe that spring is here to stay, but it's a little early for us.

This day we witnessed the union of two dear souls, Sis. Janice Springer and Bro. Dan Braker, as they were united in marriage by our Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart. May God's blessing be upon them in their new life together. We will lose Janice to the Lamar congregation. They will live at Lamar.

I am happy to report that little Craig Colegrove is improving. He has been hospitalized with bronchitis.

GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

We enjoyed the presence of Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Bethi in our midst. Bro. Rudolph shared the memorandum with us.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ahlquist. Uncle Jess rejoices in this new great-granddaughter. Kenneth Ahlquist serves in the U. S. Air Service, now stationed in Thailand.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

People are like stained glass windows. They glow and sparkle when

it is sunny and bright, but when the sun goes down, their true beauty is revealed **only** if there is a light from within.

Again we had the opportunity to do some soul-searching, as we sat and listened to the inspired and heartfelt testimony of Mike Hinrichsen on Sat. evening, Mar. 2. Mike was baptized on Sun. Mar. 3. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen, R.R. Congerville.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol Heinold of Goodfield are the parents of a baby boy, Clinton Daniel, born on Feb. 15. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Mary Helen Heinold, R.R. Deer Creek, and Sis. (Mrs. Howard) Yentes, Morton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hodel, Goodfield, and Mrs. George Yentes, Morton.

Bro. Harold Plattner, Goodfield, entered the Methodist Hospital in Peoria for major surgery on Mar. 4. Sisters Laura Hohulin and Hilda Leman have also been hospital patients this past month.

Note of Thanks: I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for all prayers, cards, and gifts while I was in the hospital, and since I am home. Sincerely, Hilda M. Leman.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

Two dear soldiers for Christ have laid their armor down and are now asleep in Jesus. We will miss Bro. Joe Schlipf, who passed away Jan. 30. His wife, Sis. Sally Gramm Schlipf preceded him in death in 1967. He longed to be with her and can now rejoice in their reunion. Other survivors include Sis. Sophia Schlipf and Bro. Emil Schlipf.

Sis. Emma Grusy, 85, passed away March 1 at the Eureka Home. She too longed for her Heavenly Home. She is survived by Bros. Albert and Emil Grusy, Sisters Lena Meiss, Bertha Meiss, Louise Gramm.

Hospitalized were Sis. Lillian Witzig, Bro. and Sis. Henry and Ruth Gramm.

Kevin and Kathy Yergler are the happy parents of a boy, Kevin Ezekial. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Bernice Yergler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulk, El Paso.

Bro. Dan Koch assisted Bro. Ed-

win Ringger in the reading of the Memorandum on Jan. 30.

The Mortonaires and our Bible Class sang a number of beautiful hymns at our monthly singing. We appreciate the efforts of both groups, and extend a special thank you to the Mortonaires for their coming and adding a special blessing to our singing.

IOWA CITY

Twila Whipple — John Mogler

His word tells us that He will be merciful unto those who seek to do His will, but unto those who are disobedient, they shall receive damnation. Bros. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) and Bob Pohl (Burlington) quite plainly painted the picture for us—our destination leads in one of two directions.

Two ways, O man, are there for thee;

There are two destinations.

Upon the path to heav'n we bear

The cross and tribulations.

The other path with joy abounds,

And yet no inward peace is found.

It leads thee to destruction.

In true repentance, die to sin,

In Jesus' name believing!

Baptized into His death with Him,

Full pardon be receiving!

Who dies with Christ will with Him rise,

A new life's way before him lies,

The road of life with Jesus.

LAMONT

Betty Wernli

Bro. Sam Huber of Sabetha was a Sunday visitor, ministering to our needs. Several carloads of young people accompanied him and made for a most enjoyable weekend.

Sis. Mary Isch has had minor surgery, and Bro. Roy Wernli was hospitalized several days for tests.

We did so enjoy the fellowship and love of the Gridley congregation, when they assembled with us for about three months. May the Lord continue to bless them in all ways as they reassemble in their newly-remodeled house of worship.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

With the beginning of March, we are enjoying spring-like temperatures, but many from our congregation have been absent, due to colds

and flu. Sis. Wilma Sauder (Bob) and Bro. Byron Rice were hospital patients, and are dismissed. Bro. Bob Beer fell and is in the hospital because of a blood clot in his leg; Sis. Theresa Stier has been admitted to the hospital with pneumonia; and Bro. John Oesch remains in serious condition at University Hospital in Columbus.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Frieda Dinger (Fred), whose father passed away.

Our news this month seems limited to illness, and I thought of the seriousness of life and the inevitableness of death as expressed in Hymn 253 of our Zion's Harp:

My lifetime doth pass away;
Hourly to the grave I hasten,
And I know each fleeting day
My allotted span will lessen.
Think man, death comes soon or late.

Tarry not, it will not wait!

SARASOTA

Linda Miller

Phil Wingeier

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

These are the words which came to us for our open house services. The Lord has so richly blessed us with all that we have here. Our new church is now completed. On Feb. 10 we joined together and shared the feelings of love and happiness in our open house service. On Feb. 24, our building was dedicated as God's House. Much time, effort and patience has gone into the building. Our church was filled to capacity and there were chairs filled in the aisles.

Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rockville; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Alfred Bahler, Remington; and Ben Maibach, Detroit occupied the pulpit for our dedication services. Other visiting ministers during the month: Floyd Wieland, Detroit; Harvey Grimm, Bern; Joe Schrock, Congerville; Philip Sauder, Cissna Park; Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Paul Gasser, Akron; Ken Lawson, Min-

neapolis; Harry Sutter, Darrel Klopfenstein, Ft. Lauderdale; David Kieser, Princeville; and Art Gudeman, LaCrosse. I sincerely hope that I have not missed mentioning someone, and must extend my apologies if I have. We are thankful for all those who come to worship with us, and extend a hearty greeting and invitation to all those coming our way.

We were happy for the announcement of peace for June Eisenman, daughter of David and Kay Eisenman. She is now awaiting proving and baptism. We are very humbled to know that we now have others in our assembly seeking the Lord. We are truly thankful for all the Lord has provided.

For those hoping to be in our area, the best way to come to the new church is highway 41 to Bahia Vista intersection, turn East on Bahia Vista four miles, until you come to Honore Ave.; turn North one-half mile, to 333 North Honore, Sarasota. Sunday services are as follows: song service 10:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Mid-week services are held on Wednesday evenings, with song service at 7:00 P.M.

For further information, feel free to contact any of the following: Church phone. 955-9517; Philip Winöeier, 959-3244; Edward Getz, 756-4346; Robert Reiman, 355-6767; David Eisenman, 955-0767.

VALPARAISO

Camille and Wm. Feller

As spring again is approaching and beckons anew, we see the miracles and evidence of God's creation. We are reminded of the words.

The flowers within my garden,
The moonbeams that shine from above,

The joy of every newborn baby,
The birds that sing the melody,
Reflects the love of God the Father
and His Son up above.

We thank Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) for ministering to us on Feb. 24. May God bless him and the brothers who minister the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ everywhere. Bro. Harry Bucher had been recovering from a virus. Our thanks go to brethren from Bluffton and LaCrosse for sharing their Sunday worship and fellowship with us.

Thank you: Bro. Bill Jacob and Sis. Eunice (Jacob) Feller wish to thank everyone for their prayers and sympathy when their brother Hank passed away. . . . **Thank you:** Bro. Bill Jacob and his wife Sis. Nettie (Zimmerman) Jacob thank everyone for their prayerful support and thought when Bill was in the hospital. Bro. Bill came down with a stroke this past month. He is doing fine now.

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. Raymond Anliker

I Need You, God

Dear God, I do not want to know
What things there are in store,
But I implore your help to live
And to accomplish more.
Your hand alone can lead me
through

The darkness of the night
And bless me with encouragement
To keep on doing right.
I try to be prepared each day
To take my life in stride . . .
But I need grace to guide my steps
And never leave your side.
Almighty God, in every thought
I most sincerely pray
For just enough assistance now
That I may never stray.
Be with me every morning when
The sky is gray or blue,
And let me find the stars at night
That light the way to you.

Two souls have answered the call
of the Lord, as they feel they need
God. Jacqueline Møler (daughter
of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lillian)
and Julie Anliker (daughter of
Bro. Ray and Sis. Louise). May
God grant them grace to live day
by day in this sinful world.

We rejoice that Sis. Lucille (DeWaine) Schmidt is home from the hospital and will be able to assemble with us soon. Ray Wilson still remains in the hospital as a medical patient. We are glad to see Sis. Florence Banwart and her father, Nathan Banwart again, after a lengthy absence due to illness.

On Feb. 23, Joni Mauck (daughter of Bill and Florence) from Washington State and Louis Schneider (son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella) were united in marriage by Bro. Noah Gerber. We welcome Joni to our congregation,

and ask the Lord to bless them as they begin life together.

Thank you: I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the prayers, gifts, cards and visits while I was in the hospital at Rochester. Sis. Lucille (DeWaine) Schmidt.

SILVERTON

Judith Knecht

Give me the strength to meet each
day with quiet will.
Give me the faith to know Thou
art my shepherd still.
Give me the light to find my way
when shadows fall.
Be thou my steady guiding star,
Father of us all.

During the month of February, our annual business meeting was held. Bro. Art Metz is our new trustee, and Bro. August Dietrich Sunday School teacher. May the Lord ever give our teaching brothers and sisters the needed grace, understanding, and inspiration to teach our dear children in these changing times.

GARDEN GROVE

Don Clark

Through the past weeks, the blessing of God has been near to us here.

Through the grace of God, we were able to hear the testimony of Gene Smith at Pulaski on Sat., Feb. 2. The next day many met at Garden Grove for services. We all then witnessed Gene's baptism. One more brother to a flock is a wonderful blessing. We were happy to have Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Harvey Heiniger with us, as they spoke from the inspiration of God. We have had many friends and visitors. We now hold services every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. We hope to have two services as soon as it can be worked out.

Love and greetings to all from those of us from Garden Grove.

KIOWA

Janice Frieden

Each night I kneel
And say this prayer,
Thank you, God,
For being there.

For giving strength
And peace and care;

We're better for
We know You're there.

And when You light
The dawn with sun,
I pray anew
Thy will be done.

And constantly
I breathe this prayer:
Thank you, God,
For being there.

While glancing through a small book, this "Prayer of Thanks" was read, and its meaning made me wonder how many times during the day, when we lift our hearts to God in prayer, do we really consider the fact that "God Is There"! Whether the prayer be short or long, a simple "Thank you", "Help me," or "Forgive me," **God Is There!** He listens — He Understands — He helps — He loves. Oh, how blessed to know our God is there!

Our monthly singing was held in our Fellowship Hall on Feb. 3, and we enjoyed a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship by singing hymns to our Lord.

Sis. Elizabeth Diel is still a hospital patient in Wichita, where she is undergoing tests. We miss her very much.

Thanks to our gracious Lord, our new church is nearing completion, and we are planning for Open House and Dedication. We hope to have Open House March 17, and Dedication March 31. To each of you we extend a thank-you for your many gifts of love, and an invitation to join us in dedicating our lovely structure to God, who through His manifold blessings has made it all possible.

PEORIA

Mrs. R. J. Miller

Our congregation has been blessed with wonderful sermons from visiting ministers, (Bros.) Noah Herman of Tucson, Vernon Leman of Eureka, Jess Schrock of Congerville, and Elder Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka, as well as from our own ministers. Praise be to God that his servants can and do bring the truth without fear, freely, without interference. May we store the promises in our hearts, look forward to the coming of the Lord, and reread the Bible and apply its teachings to our everyday life.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr

announce the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Susi, to Bro. Roger Herman, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman. Susi is employed at Heights Finance Corp. in Peoria, and Roger is administrator of our Peoria Nursing Home on Skyline Drive. They plan a May wedding.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Binkle announce the engagement of their daughter, Sis. JoAnne, to Bro. Joe Hoerr Jr., son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr. JoAnne is enrolled in the nursing program at Illinois Central College, currently student-nursing at Proctor Community Hospital. Joe also attends Illinois Central College, majoring in business administration. They plan a summer wedding.

Bro. Ron Kipfer and Sis. Linda Gerber were married Feb. 10 in Bluffton and are residing in Peoria. Sis. Lynn Warren and Bro. Dave Eggli were united in holy matrimony in Peoria church, by Bro. Charles Hemmer, March 3. They plan to make our church their church, as do also the Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz family. We welcome them all.

Sis. Anna Miller had a fall, and was moved to the infirmary of our Home. In the hospital are Adolph Roecker, Sisters Mary Hohulin, Edna Klein, and Mayme Streitmatter. Home from the hospital are Sis. Iola Feucht, Bro. Alfred Thomas, Sis. Kathryn Witzig, Bro. Herb Schwenk, Sis. Evie Hoerr, Sis. Kathy Huber, Bro. Silas Sauder, Kathy Brewer, Ben Hoerr, and babies, Tina Sinn and Christy Herman.

It is with great joy that I report that Debbie Waibel, daughter of Bill and Sis. Joyce, and Eddie Meister, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Bernie, have repented.

Sis. Barb Hoerr became step-grandmother again; Bro. Jim, Sis. Ginny, Dave, Sis. Hattie, Bro. John, Sis. Dot, Bro. Carl and Sis. Evie Hoerr became uncles and aunts again, as the youngest of the Dave Hoerr family, Eloise (Mrs. Steve Meister) gave birth to her fourth girl, Jessica, Feb. 27.

Paul Erkert, son of Herb and Sis. Christianne, is engaged to Nanci Fisher. Planning a May 4 wedding are Marilyn Thomas, daughter of Bro. Ivan and May, and Larry Kauffman.

In the Top Ten of the 1974 graduating class of Richwoods High

School are Ben Hoerr, son of Bro. James and Sis. Virginia, and Sis. Peggy Thomas, daughter of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Maizie.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi — Mary Jane Leuthold

Tremont was host to the youth fellowship groups. How privileged our young folks should feel, when they have an opportunity to sing praises to our living Lord and Saviour, for when we are doing the Lord's will, it can only mean Satan must flee. Thank you all for coming and sharing praises with us. Bros. Steve Rinkenberger and Joe Braker were with us on these Sunday evenings, and gave some very inspiring messages for young and old alike.

Jennifer Lynn came to dwell in the home of Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeannette Beutel this past month. She will certainly be a joy to them, as well as her sister Teresa. Little Krista Marie arrived in the home of Richard and Sue Woerner. Grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Wilhelmina. May she bring much joy to their home.

Sis. Carrie (August) Bolliger had the misfortune of falling and breaking some ribs. She has been confined to her home. Sis. Melba (Jerry) Hangartner is hospitalized with pneumonia. Sis. Doris (Weldon) Staker underwent surgery and is now recuperating at home.

We listened to portions of the conference tape two Wed. evenings, and can certainly say we all have work to do, and surely we want to abide by the traditions of our church and preserve the true faith, for by this we will reap eternal benefits.

Bros. Art Bahler and Merle Kaisner spent a blessed Sunday in our midst. We received many teachings from the word of life spoken through them by the Spirit. It was brought out that, when the Lord was tempted by the devil, after forty days in the wilderness without food, because the devil told him to do it he would not yield. So even though the things we do or say might seem good in themselves, if the evil spirit tells us to do them we, too, should not yield. Let us yield only to the still small voice of our Lord.

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Laurie Petri

It was a real blessing to have so many friends and parents come see us and visit on March 6.

Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont spoke to us from Psalm 1. He spoke on the godly and ungodly man; and how we need to rely on God all the time, to guide us and strengthen us.

The next meeting will be on Wed., April 3, at 8:00 p.m., in the New Salem Room in the University Union.

WICHITA

Glennis Allenbach

Our hearts are saddened because of our minister, Bro. Al Langhofer. He was told it is necessary to undergo heart surgery, Mon., March 4. He has been a good example for us during this crisis in his life. He has certainly brought home the point of where else can we go but to the Lord! . . . His prayer being, the Lord's will be done.

I recall sometime ago when my husband had some serious vein surgery, that he was told he would not be alone going to surgery, that the Lord would go with him—a comforting thought.

This week end, the Lord willing, we will have Ungela Strahm's testimony and baptism. Ungela is an example of Christian upbringing leaving an impression.

We are still working on the completion of our church. We have some bricking to do, and are still working in the Sunday School, the kitchen and serving area.

We were pleasantly surprised by a visiting minister, Bro. Raymond Roth from the Kiowa Church.

We were pleased to have a group of young people worship with us one Sunday.

My husband's large family Bible has an alphabetical index. I have often looked up a certain word to see how it is used in the Bible. Of the word "kindness" one listing is Matt. Chap. 5, verse 42: "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow . . . turn not away."

I reiterate, how kind our brothers and sisters from the other churches have been to us.

Wherever there is a human be-

ing, there is an opportunity for kindness.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day . . . And, I send the promise of my Father upon you . . ."

If Easter be not true—

But it is true, and Christ is risen,
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise.

Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true.

The message of Easter cannot be written in the past tense. It is a message for today and the days to come. It is God's message which must re-echo through your lives.

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven.

AMES

Sue Banwart

We are truly grateful for those brethren laboring for the Lord, who expound God's inspired holy word. A humble thank-you to Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville and Bro. Duane Metzger of West Bend for feeding our little flock the past two months.

There were surely joy-bells ringing in our hearts when we welcomed, as our dear sister-in-faith, Georgia Griffith . . . as the hymn-writer expresses our thoughts . . .

Dearest child, we bid thee welcome
In our blessed brotherhood;
From the wild tree thou art grafted
On this holy tree and root.

As another quarter has come to an end, we bid farewell to a number of students who have completed their schooling. Leaving us are Bro. Curt Frank, Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail Messner and Racheal, Bro. Don and Sis. Carol Schmidgall and Benjamin, Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane Schmidgall and Aaron, all returning to the Oakville area, and Bruce Wuethrich from Francesville.

AKRON

Katherine Ries

Who is he that cares and watches
O'er our life and soul's estate?
Who is he that thus has drawn us?
Christ alone. His love is great.

We rejoice as another soul has, through Christ, been drawn to repentance. Lori Graf, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet, has found peace. We are anxiously awaiting her testimony and baptism, to accept her into the fold.

We miss Bro. Paul (Sis. Rose) Pamer, who is hospitalized. Home address: 33 Clouse Dr, Akron O 44313. Bro. Robert Graf is recuperating nicely at home, 568 Washington Ave, Barberton O 44203, after spending several days in Akron General Hospital. Sis. Anna Von Gunten is at home, 315 N Hawkins Ave, Akron O 44313, recovering from surgery.

We extend sympathy to friend Irvin (Evelyn) Walker and his family, in the death of his brother.

BREMEN

Pauline Laidig

God cares; He truly cares!
To this one thought hold fast—
His tenderness is infinite,
His love and mercy vast.
We cannot comprehend His plan,
But this is in His word:
All things shall work for good to them
Who love and trust the Lord.

We know God does truly care, but we cannot comprehend how much. At Christmas-time we love to think of the Blessed Babe of Bethlehem, but as Good Friday approaches, a more somber and sad feeling prevails as we think of the Great Sacrifice our Heavenly Father was willing to allow His precious Son to make for the sins of all mankind. On Easter, our hearts are filled with joy and thankfulness as we recall, through sermons and hymns, our Saviour's victory over death and the grave, and that He is now interceding for us at God's right hand. May this great love inspire us all to live a more dedicated life for the Lord.

In a sermon, one of our ministering brothers compared a package to a song or hymn, in that we receive all that is in the package when we take it out, and we can

also receive every thing from a hymn that the writer was inspired to put into it, if we are receptive to its message. We do have to be careful to not merely sing the words, but listen for the message too.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Joe Bauman, in the passing of his father, Elder Bro. Noah Bauman, whom we learned to love and respect.

Sis. Jane (John) Conrad submitted to surgery.

CHICAGO

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Sometimes we may wonder what we can do to brighten the lives of those about us. Perhaps we feel we don't have many special talents to use. . . But it is wonderful how such small gestures of kindness can mean so much, and yet require so little effort. I was impressed by the following article, describing how nice it is to smile:

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good-will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad. . . Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen. . . Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Luke Rinkenberger, infant son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Jeanne, will undergo surgery this month. We wish him well and hope he can be fully restored. It is comforting to know that God, in his infinite love, tenderly cares for each little one. **For of such, we read, is the kingdom of heaven.**

We were blessed with two visiting ministers: Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton, and Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton.

CROGHAN — NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler — Eleanor Herzig

We are happy that many of our loved ones who have been hospital-

ized have been granted sufficient health to return to their homes and families. Bro. Lawrence Farney has been able to return to his home, and Sis. Sarah Virkler has gone to the home of her son, Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois Virkler. Both Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Sarah have spent many weeks in the hospital and have been unable to assemble with us for some time — Sarah since May. Bro. James Farney was hospitalized as a medical patient for several days, and was able to return home and assemble with us again on Sunday. Sisters Rita Petzoldt and Louise Purvines have been surgical patients. Sis. Lena Virkler (Naumburg congregation) had the misfortune of breaking her collarbone. She is recuperating at her home. Sis. Lucille Farney is also home again after undergoing surgery on her eyes. Sis. Barbara Virkler is hospitalized as a medical patient. She has been hospitalized several weeks, and has also been unable to assemble with us for some time. May each of those who must suffer bodily afflictions put their trust in our Heavenly Father. Surely He can comfort each of us in our time of need.

Little Dean Matthew, born on Feb. 23, was welcomed home by four brothers, two sisters, and his parents, Virgil and Carole Widrick. His grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people . . . and there followed him great multitudes of people. . . And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them. . ."

What a blessed portion was theirs, the sick, the lame, the blind, those seeking out his words of truth, the chosen disciples. They were able to sit and hear his loving words and gaze upon his gentle face. Yet we are provided the same feelings and stirring of heart to-day. The Holy Spirit works to convict a soul, leads to the valley of refreshing through repentance, and finally guides the child the

Homeward Way.

There can be no doubt in the heart of the convicted soul, the repentant soul, or the born again believer that Christ today is ever near, calling and healing, teaching and guiding. Praise the Lord this grace is still offered.

O Jesus, Thou has promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall my servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my friend.

Welcome, Bro. Fred and Sis. Kathie Herman, from Morton, to our Detroit family. We look forward to a tie of Christian kinship while you assemble with us.

Hospitalized for a brief stay were Sis. Katherine Koprince and Sis. Helen Shaw.

They might not need me, but they might.

I'll let my head be just in sight;
A smile as small as mine might be
precisely their necessity.

MILFORD

Sandee Price and Sue Schieler

The memorandum was read and expounded upon to our congregation on Feb. 17, when Bro. Ed Hohlman from Goodfield came to help in this important work.

We also have had the privilege of many other visiting ministers this month, and we are grateful to them for taking the time in their busy lives to journey here to share God's word with us. Feb. 24 brought (Bros.) Joe Braker—Morton and Bob Meyers—Bluffton; Mar. 3, Ken Dietz—Bradford, and Len Meyers—Chicago.

Death called Sis. Frieda Stieglitz from our congregation, after a lengthy illness.

Bro. Ray Haab was involved in a car-train accident and was hospitalized for one week. We're happy to report he is home now, and improving daily.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

One life; a little gleam of time between two eternities; no second chance for us forevermore.

With the first signs of spring, we are all thankful that the cold winter is past. The days seem

quite a lot longer, and the air is getting warmer. The birds are beginning to return, and the early flowers blooming. Some of the trees are showing signs of life again. The wonderful miracle of awakening can be observed, and we must often think of the One Living God who does all these things. What a fortunate people we are!

Sis. Frieda Streitmatter, who resides at the church home in Eureka, has asked us to thank everyone who remembered her at Christmas and on her birthday with cards and gifts. We are always happy when she can be with us to worship together.

One Sunday we were privileged to have visitors from various places; Alto, Lester, Peoria and Bradford, and were glad to meet new and old acquaintances. Bro. LeRoy Hartman of Peoria was guest minister. Many lasting thoughts remained after listening to the meditation of the Revelation. Never before has there been so much confusion in the world and so many souls are seeking for something. —they know not what. There is discontent all around. Everyone has so much in the way of material possessions, yet they do not possess the inner peace that is so soothing. All signs point in the direction of the Lord's return very soon. So many people remark about this. Some anxiously await that time, and others have fear in their hearts. If only our dear friends could know the joy of being a Child of God, and what little is required of us in comparison to the great price our Lord paid by shedding His precious blood and giving His life at Calvary. When one is prepared it matters not when the Lord calls for us.

On Feb. 9 a little boy, Joseph Alan, was born to Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna Martin. He was happily welcomed home by two brothers and five sisters. Sisters Louise Martin and Louise Dreyer of Cissna Park are grandmothers. On Feb. 28, twins were born to friends Henry and Benola Bowdoin. Brad Allen and Beth Ann are their first children, and were welcomed by grandparents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Alvina Streitmatter.

Bro. George Wagenbach has spent the past two weeks in the hospital for tests. He is getting along as well as possible, and we

sincerely hope he can soon return home. We miss not seeing him in his usual place in the fellowship hall where he can meet others. Although he can walk some, he uses a wheel-chair to get about, and says how good his children and grandchildren are to him.

Clark Baurer, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Joy, had the misfortune to break two bones in his foot at school, and has it in a cast and gets about with the aid of crutches. Louie Baer remains very ill in the hospital, having suffered another recent heart attack. He suffers much pain. Our friend, Ervin Martin is very ill in the hospital, having suffered a coronary. He is receiving treatment in the cardiac care.

We were happy to hear of the engagement of Bro. Sam Martin, son of Sis. Louise and the late Bro. Sam Martin, to Sis. Mary Bradle, daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna of Roanoke. We wish them the Lord's blessings on their new walk in life together.

Thank you notes: We are overwhelmed at the goodness of so many loved ones who have prayed for us, sent cards and gifts, and for the visits to see Louie while in the hospital. Thank you one and all. God willing, Louie will be returning to his house in a few days. Louie and Sis. Helen Baer and family . . . I want to thank everyone for the cards I received on my 88th birthday, and for the many cards, gifts, prayers, flowers and phone calls during my illness. A special thank you to the young people who take time from their busy lives to be concerned about my well-being. Sis. Lena Stichling . . . Lena is able to be up part of the time, but still confined to her room, so visitors, cards, etc. are welcome.

UNION CITY Karen Martin

We are thankful for all the visitors we have had during the month, and invite all who are visiting in the area to come and worship with us when they can.

. . . I saw a crocus peeking its bright yellow head above ground. Surely spring is just around the corner.

For our services in the Philadelphia area we have found a very lovely meeting-place. It is the local grange, an old stone building, look-

ing not unlike a stone chapel, and set on a hill overlooking the countryside. We have all fervently expressed the desire to support the Union City church whenever possible, for we miss our dear brothers, sisters and friends there when we cannot see them each week; but with the gasoline shortage and lower speed limits, etc. it has become increasingly difficult to travel the hundred or more miles each way each week.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Howie & Dianne Leman

Living on a college campus and working at jobs where we come in contact with so many different people really makes us aware of the ungodliness that exists today. It also makes us stop to think how unbelievably fortunate we are to have been exposed to the Gospel and shown the way to eternal salvation, thus providing us with an opportunity to separate ourselves from the activities of the world, and to have a hope for life eternal with Christ. Our hearts ache for those around us who have not surrendered their lives to the Lord, and we pray continually for them. It is especially difficult to see brothers and sisters, close friends or mates who have grown up in a Christian home, but who have not chosen the Christian walk of life. As born-again Christians, it is our obligation to not only pray for the unsaved, but to be ready to answer them concerning our faith, to be constantly setting a good Christian example, and to withstand any ridicule, scorn, or vengeance with the proper spiritual attitude. May God grant us the grace to be worthy Christian examples and to have love and compassion for all who do not know the Lord as their Saviour. Our minister, Bro. Dave Wiegand said in a sermon, that we must love everyone, even if they may look or act in ways of which we don't approve. That gets pretty hard to do, especially when the number of strange persons one meets is large. However, when we consider how our Lord mingled with all types, we realize we must be willing to share our knowledge of the truth with anyone who desires to hear it.

We welcome JoBeth and Ron Diehl to our congregation. They live in Effingham and will assemble with us when possible.

ZAPATA, TEXAS

Esther Wagler — Dolly Stoller

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art, at home, abroad
He still is near to thee.
Begin the day with God.
Kneel down to Him in prayer.
Lift up thy heart to his abode.
And seek his love to share.

We were saddened to hear of our Bro. Ernie Anliker's death. He spent his winters here. His presence will be missed.

We thank God, we were blessed with a visit of Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, from Lamont, also Sis. Joyce and husband Brad Eland from San Antonio, Texas.

This will be our last report from Zapata this spring. Some have left and returned to their home churches.

Princeville

GOD KNOWS BEST

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain?
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain.

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow;
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow.

The growing trees are strengthened

When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form.

God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain.

For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain.

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmur-
ing
And no time to lament.

Minneapolis

Thank you for the little things
that often come our way;
The things we take for granted,
but don't mention when we pray.

Gridley, Ks.

Thy love is truly great;
Thy mercies are untold.
Thou givest food and drink
For spirit, flesh and soul.

Hanna of Australia, in her girlhood suffered from a very strange and baffling disease of the bone. As the ailment progressed, she lost the use of her legs, and finally they had to be amputated. For over 50 years she was bedridden, suffering intensely, yet she bore it all with Christian patience. In fact, her life was a benediction to all who came in contact with her. Being well "established in the faith," she abounded "with thanksgiving" and proved to one and all that a believer can be happy even in the most depressing and painful circumstances. In her book, written when she was 77, she says, "I long for all to prove as I do that with our loving Savior's help it is possible to be happy under very trying conditions." Always rejoicing in the Lord, she learned to call her place of suffering Thanksgiving Corner. Visiting her, people found that the room was filled with the glory of God, and they went away blessed. She sent messages to the ends of the earth, full of cheer and encouragement. She had on her prayer list over 200 whom she undergirded with almost unceasing intercession at the throne of grace.

A man was telling about his sister-in-law who was completely paralyzed. Yet she remained cheerful, and often gave a glowing testimony to those who came to visit her. He said, "When you look at her, you can see God's grace and glory shining through."

Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.

No affliction would trouble the child of God if he only knew the Lord's blessed reason for sending it!

Address change? Let us know beforehand. Zip number? Send when you contact us. \$2.00 is suggested per year for the Silver Lining.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Want to do a good deed? Write a few nice words or send an Easter card with a handwritten note to someone in the service. Think to yourself: What would I like if I was away from home?)

Sgt Kenneth L Ahlquist 292508863
432 FMS Girard
PSC Box 8497
APO San Francisco 96237

Sp5 Thomas G Batt 328-42-0157
HQ 210th SA GP (S-1)
APO New York 09352 Elgin II

Pvt Ricky Bauer 347-38-1631
2nd MP 2nd Inf Div Clissna Pk
APO San Francisco 96224

Sgt Michael R Bender 515468941
6950th Scty Gp Box 1822 Alto
APO New York 09193

Pfc Jeff A Blume 307624246
Echo Co 2nd BN 2nd Marine Wolcott
Camp Lejeune No Carolina 28542

Pfc Francis J Bonnesen 484686885
B-btry 3rd BN Oakville
61st ADA 34d Arm Div
APO New York 09091
Budigen Germany

Lcdr and Mrs Lee B Cargill
120 Catalina Ave NAS
Lemoore Calif 93245

Richard L Clark
San Antonio, SAC
San Marcos, Guatemala
Central America Bluffton

R G Colclasure
US Naval Station Box 6 Eureka
FPO New York 09597

SP-4 Frederick M Dinger RA52511988
C Btry 2nd How Bn 6th Arty
APO New York 09039 Mansfield

Pvt John H Dotterer Phoenix
1163 Letterman GEN HOSP
San Francisco CA 94129

MSGT Earl J Ebersol
26 FMS (USAFE)
APO New York 09012

Mr and Mrs Virgil J Eisenmann
2168 Auhuhu St Burlington Ia
Pearl City Hawaii 96782

Mr and Mrs Bradley Eland
222 Moonstone Oakville
San Antonio Texas 78233

En I M F Emch USCG Lt Sta Passage Isl Coast Guard Sta Portage Hancock Mich 49930	Girard	Pfc Shirley J Landes 484-68-6121 Com D Box 448 USASFS Augsburg APO New York 09458	Pvt David T Peasley 482-70-5483 B BTRY 3181st FA APO San Francisco 96301 Formerly of Garden Grove Ia
STG3 Thos. A Emch USS Belknap OLG 26 A S Div FPO New York 09501	Girard	Sgt Eric Langhofer 52nd Ams Box 2724 APO New York 09123	Mr and Mrs John Reimchisel Sup Dist Rheinland Pfalz APO New York 09227 Bluffton
Lt Col Frederick Farney Box 234 San Juan Texas 78589	Croghan-Naumburg	Sp4 Russell A Lanz 043-44-0380 HHC 1st 37th Armor Div APO New York 09326 Rockville	Pvt Randy Reinhard 304-54-1773 USA MEDDAC Ft Sheridan Ill 60038 Bluffton
EN3 Thomas L Fiechter 314-58-8402 R Division USS Luce DLG7 FPO New York 09051	Bluffton	Pfc James A Laukhuf 276501944 D-Battery 1st Bn (CV) (SP) 62ADA 25th Inf Div APO San Francisco 96225 Rittman	Sgt William Richards 1306 Violet Bossier City Louisiana 71010
Pvt Daniel R Frank 325521405 Comm Co HQ Bn 2nd Marine Div Camp Lejeune N Caroline 28542	Morton	Capt Roger C Locher 511489189 Box 1638 Litchfield Park Ariz 85340 Sabetha	Sp4 Leon D Rufener 274-44-5488 31st Combat Support Hospital APO New York 09077 Rittman
Pfc David L Frank 323-506-456 Hedron—Fmflant MAS Norfolk Virginia 23511	Morton	Gary MacDonald 31st NCR DETAIL ICELAND Box 11 NAVSTA KEFLAVIK FPO New York 09571 Altadena	Dean W Sabo Box 1200 Letterman Army Med Ctr Presidio of San Francisco Calif 94129
LCpl James Frank H S Co 1-3 S-1 Marine Brig FMF FPO San Francisco 96602		Pvt 2 Stephen A Maller 304-62-9510 Box 882 Building 406 Ft Meyer Virginia 22211 Bluffton	Pfc George Sauder 471 680 853 Headquarters & Co A 45 Med Battalion APO New York 09165 Morris
SN Richard Gilmore USNB559593 OC Division USS Stribling (DD-867) FPO New York 09501	Gridley II	Lt. Col. and Mrs Everett Martin 6361 Kingsbury Dr Dayton Ohio 45424	Mr and Mrs Tom Schambach Bel Air Trailer Park RR 2 Box 20 Waynesville Mo 65583
Pfc James Gramm 353-44-3821 HHC 4th BN 64th Armor APO New York 09162		AIC Robert Messner 476662524 Box 5781 307 F M S APO San Francisco 96330 Winthrop	Pfc David G Schneider 483 62 9579 93rd Med EVAC Hosp West Bend Ft Leonard Wood Missouri 65473
Mr and Mrs Ronald Greenbank 5945 Kenneth Ave Apt 14 Carmichael Calif 95608	Alkron	Pvt Steve Meyer 512-60-3346 HHC USDB Ft Leavenworth Kansas 66027 Sabetha	Sgt Ernest L Schwartz 307-56-3798 1915 Comm Sq Box 1629 Grissom AFB Ind 46970 Bluffton
Pvt Randall C Haas 470-64-6126 Co C 1/501st Inf 101st Airborne Div (Airmobil) Ft Campbell Kentucky 42223	Morris	Sp4 Emil Minger 549-92-2526 EGSMC APO New York 09054 Altadena	Pvt Tom Speicher 316609336 5th Gen Dispensary Milford APO New York 09050
Mr and Mrs Marshall Jorpeland 1200 N Courthouse Rd Apt 515 Arlington Virginia 22201	Forrest	Pvt 2 Samuel G Mogler 321-48-8372 TRP I 3/2 ACR APO New York 09452 Eureka IRST PIT	Phillip Steffen c/o Postal Agent Kemblocha Hararge Ethiopia teacher in the Peace Corps Elgin II
Sp/5 Daniel L Kaeb 325-42 3348 B 3/60 ADA APO New York 09173		Pvt Thomas L Moser 328-42-4978 P O Box 1225 Letterman General Hospital San Francisco Calif 94129 Elgin II	Pfc Richard N Steiner 299-48-4794 1197 LGH Rittman Presidio San Francisco Calif 94129
Sgt Scott L Koehl 350-44-0594 40 Division FAU COMFAIRWEST PAC FPO Seattle Wash 98767 near Atsugi Japan	Morton	Pfc Charles Allen Mott 557845931 B 1/36 FA APO New York 09178	Sp4 Bruce Stoller 207907099 570th MP Plat (RYGD) APO New York 09757
		E2 John W Mott 557-84-5661 B 3-4 7429 Ft Ord Calif 93941 Altadena	Pfc Wade Stoller 316603278 MCAS Cherry Point N Carolina 28533

Mrs. W. H. Meyer,
Edelstein, Box 27
Illinois. 61526

LCDR David and Dee Unsicker
Supply Dept. Naval
Administrative Command
NTC Great Lakes Ill 60088

Pfc Larry G Walder 339-48-1437
Co C 1/68 Armor Cissna Pk
APO New York 09034

Sgt Keith D Weber 384-54-5577
446 ONS Box 50 Detroit
Dover AFB Delaware 19901

SSGT and Mrs Richard E White
3014 Apt B Valparaiso
Hammond Heights Kentucky 42223

Capt and Mrs Morris Wiegand Jr
17 November Dr Roanoke
Big Spring Texas 79720

Pfc Richard Wuethrich US55833256
543rd QM Group
Service Branch MHE Shop
APO San Francisco 96243

Sgt and Mrs James L Willert
401 Supply Sq (USAFE)
Box 1694
APO New York 09283

S Sgt Raymond D Young AF17670134
RR 1 Box 20 Lamont
Herndon West Va 24726

AMN and Mrs Tim Zeigler Forrest
7513 South 25th St Apt 5
Omaha Nebraska 68147

JESUS LIVES!

Henry Souder Jr.

Heaven appeals in all its home-drawing beauty in Jesus. We are given a close-up look at: Living in the skies. The matchless splendor of the enduring ages.

Transportation in cars etc. is for our aging times. Ease and beauty of movement is a characteristic of the coming age. Speed is a measurer of this world. He went into heaven, and He was there! Barriers, such as walls, are easily moved through. Notice the beauty of His movement: "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

He lives in one lovely peace. One of his characteristics is unchanging peace. Gethsemane and Calvary bring out His deep, eternal quietness of spirit. That wonderful peace is rich, glorious to ponder. It is something to know now. It is blooming beautifully forever. The feelings of the flesh, ordinary emotions can be wrong. It was so with the disciples: "But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit."

A risen Saviour brought reason to live above troublous emotions. He knew the waves that sweep our thoughts. Our troubles are not strange to Him. He knows it is the feeble inclination, to observe the winds and think of dark depths.

With a strong hand outstretched, He bids us live in His unbroken calm. Time and again. He probes directly to what is troubling the apostles: "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?"

Let His questioning lift you to His answer!

Jesus is the answer to many of our wonderings. Just how it will be is shown by **How He is**. Know each other? Oh yes, just like they knew Jesus, real flesh and bones. Just like they did there. Someone that can be felt. Recognize? The same One, the same link, the same love, the same as always, and ours. How gently, lovingly, plainly Jesus shows, it is actually Himself. "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

We shall be like Him, the scripture says. Even before the new body for loved ones, we can see recognition.

He showed them . . . Eternity is plainly actual and real. Its power of communication is the same friendly talking and answering as now . . . But more richer delights waiting to unfold. Forms are the same loved ones we know and love now. His hands and His feet, not something unknown. How great a joy

waits, and is now. This comes into fulfillment for us, as it did to His own: "And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet."

We could know much more. Let us listen to Him. Let us transport our thoughts into the reality that is coming. It is amazing, wonderful how the Lord deals with our frail hearts and timid minds. Only He could understand, and reach right where needed. No one could so gently, so tenderly lead to the truth, time and again. "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?"

Do you have something to eat here? It is a real-for-sure body. Eating, descriptive of actual living. A person, alive and healthy, with an appetite.

We look into the coming Ages of ages. How happy! Enjoyment! The family dinner table. All His children in. Wonderful, real. We see delicious food God has prepared for His own. Most of all is the matchless splendor of Jesus.

"And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them."

Eternity truly will be rich in reality, and sweeter than all.