



Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the

Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.

A Work of Faith, a Labor of Love

In the March issue of The Silver Lining, Bro. Jack Krantz gave a summary of steps taken to establish the Apostolic Christian Children's Home and the various work accomplished to date. May I try to bring you up to date on how we have handled our meetings, prayerfully asking God's blessings and with your prayerful support. These have been some of our guidelines used and under which, we believe, God has been able to guide and bless our thinking.

No meetings have been held by the committee approved by the elder brothers, without an elder or more in attendance for counseling. . . All regular meetings are open, at which time final action is taken, and members and friends

who have an interest in this work are encouraged to attend. . . All parties attending, at an allotted time, are given the opportunity to express their thoughts for our consideration. Minutes are kept of each meeting, and copies are sent to all directors, incorporating members and the four counseling elders appointed by the elder body. Elder Bro. David Bertsch will send a summary to all of the elder body on a regular basis. . . The directors each have a vote, and five or more of the nine directors shall constitute a quorum and can act on any matter discussed at the board meetings. . . All meetings must have official notification, as provided by the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and/or advance ac-

tion taken by the directors in accordance with the statutory regulations. . . Meetings have been held at different churches, to give the broadest exposure and knowledge of what we are doing to the greatest number of members and friends. . . Complete financial information is kept by our treasurer, and a report will be made in the Silver Lining during the next few months, along with other vital and interesting information.

We will try to do our best to keep you informed. If questions arise, please write Bros. Jack Krantz or William Klopfenstein, requesting information, and we will do our best to answer. We ask your continued prayers and guidance that God's will may be done.

Applications for the Children's Home Administrator now being accepted

Through our Lord's guidance we seek to help the children in need of loving care. An outline of the qualifications for Administrator are listed:

Must be a brother sound in faith, upholding church order and doctrine, married to a sister of like standing. . . Must have the support of his home church and Elder. . . Demonstrate administrative ability and understand fiscal policies. . . Be able to command respect of children as well as adults. . . Desirable age between 25 and 55 years; consideration will be given to all applicants. . . Must be able to meet requirements of governing authorities. . . A resume is required to be sent with your request for an interview.

The brother and sister interested can send their resume of experience to Apostolic Christian Children's Home, Box 8, Leo, IN 46765. The replies should be forwarded prior to July 1, as interviews will begin about this time. We will try to arrange interviews promptly, at mutual convenience. Time is of great importance, and your applications should be submitted promptly.

World Relief

At a meeting of the Apostolic

Christian World Relief Committee at LaCrosse, to consider the needs of the storm and tornado victims, all agreed an emergency collection should be solicited immediately, to raise funds for those who suffered loss of loved ones and personal property.

Investigations have been made in many of the damaged areas of Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Many brethren have assisted in labor, distributing clothes—food supplies—furniture, and cleanup. Any additional information on affected loved ones should be forwarded to the following brethren:

Alabama: David Bertsch, R 1, Grabill, IN 46741; Indiana and Kentucky: Wendell Gudeman, R 1 Box 4, Francesville IN 47957; Ohio: Arthur Gasser, 161 S. David St., Smithville OH 44677; Illinois: Herman Kellenberger, 614 Addison St., Elgin IL 60120; Other areas: Vernon Leman, R 1, Eureka IL 61530.

Your prayerful consideration of this financial plea will be greatly appreciated. . . Jim Hoerr

AKRON OH Katherine Ries

Two elders and five ministers were in attendance. The church was near to overflowing. Visitors were present from Rittman, Detroit, Eureka, Francesville. Youth

and aged were there. Two very youthful fourth-generation converts were about to give their testimonies and to receive counseling into the path of righteousness. . . And although this is not unique in the annals of the church, the love and the tears of joy that were shown surely is a foretaste of the rejoicing in heaven. Friend Lori Graf gave her testimony as Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier counseled step by step into a life of full abundance. Friend Steven Pamer then gave his testimony, while Elder Bro. Rudy Graf counseled in what one faces in the future. After proving, both friends were certified for baptism, which took place and after, the laying on of hands of the elders, asking the blessings of God, of the Holy Spirit enter-

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ing into the hearts of our Bro. Steven and Sis. Lori.

Now it is accomplished, O covenant blest!

His will on my heart and my tongue is impressed;
To speak or keep silence as He shall command,
With prayer and with worship before Him to stand.

Friends Eric and Mary Ritzman, son and daughter-in-law of Sis. Marie, have announced the arrival (March 8) of daughter Jennifer Marie.

We are glad to have our loved ones who have been ill assemble with us again. Bro. Pete and Sis. Elizabeth Barna, Bro. Paul and Sis. Rose Pamer, Sisters Anna Von Gunten, Anna Hanla, Olga Trostle, and Eva Emery. It is good to see all of you again. Sis. Anna Von Gunten wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards during her illness. . . And Sis. Lena Wright tells us she was very happy to receive the many birthday cards, and wishes to thank all who remembered her.

We thank Thee, dear Heavenly Father for our elders and ministers who bring us Thy word, who admonish us as a father unto sons and daughters, and who by example, show us the great love Thou hast for each one of us. . . And the visiting brethren who also labor in Thy vineyard, we ask Thy blessings upon them, as they too bring us the teachings of love and discipline. We greet Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier, (Bros.) Walter Anliker and Gary Maibach, who were present with us.

The high school graduating classes include Bro. Glen Greenbank, son of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily; Sis. Lori Graf, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet; Bridgett Heib, daughter of Bro. Leo and Sis. Elizabeth; and Mark Palitto, son of Bro. John and Sis. Martha.

ALTADENA CA Mrs. Don Cremer

Spring is in the air. The beauty it brings is evident everywhere. Every season brings proof of the Lord's handiwork, but somehow it seems spring is especially miraculous.

The home of Robert and Sis. Judy (Graf) Crockett has had a

miracle, with the birth of a new son. They have named him Brian Robert. He was born April 7, and welcomed home by a big brother, Allan, 4.

We greatly enjoyed and were blessed by the ministering of Bro. Joe Kaisner, Forrest.

We were saddened to hear of Bro. Clarence Graf's illness and hospitalization. The Lord has answered prayers, and Bro. Clarence's condition is improving. Praise and thanks to the Lord.

We welcome all to visit us this summer.

ALTO MI Sue Root

An 85-year-old man came into my office and told me one of the saddest stories I have yet to hear. Along with other experiences I have had working with families, it has made me come to realize how precious our faith really is, when we can enjoy the love and unity of our families and the family of Christ. The fellowship we have is called a **taste of the greater joy that shall be ours**, which puts it so beautifully. The story went like this.

This 85-year-old-man originally come from a family of 10 children. When I ask if any of the extended family would be visiting him (I work in a Nursing Home for veterans), he made the following comment. "No, I have no one. Families do not always get along you know." As he talked further, it came out that there had been a niece who he was close to at one time, but that relationship had also fallen through, approximately three years ago. Through deteriorating health he had lost his life savings, which he had accumulated on a 19-acre farm and small government pension, his home, and his family. He told me that there was "nothing at all left for him," and that he only "wanted to die". A more despondent, lonely, and despairing individual I doubt I have ever met.

Certainly we often do not realize how much loneliness there is, and likewise how fortunate we are to have our faith in Christ to bind us together, that we might all reach our common goal.

Michael and Connie Bender are the parents of a new baby, Jason Scott. The grandparents are Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst.

AMES IA Sue Banwart

What a blessed privilege it is to retreat from the turmoils of the world and sit under the sweet sounds of God's holy word. Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend was our visiting minister and brought many timely teachings.

The engagement of Bro. Lynn Frank, Oakville, to Sis. Priscilla Bowers of the Wichita congregation was made known. Bro. Lynn is attending college in the Ames area.

Time is so swiftly passing, and we can see signs of the end approaching. How many of us stop and take inventory at each day's end?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling-time is through.

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single one of the many that you passed?

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

On April 3, we had five tornados to come through, so much destruction and deaths. At last count, 81 people were killed, 18 in Limestone County . . . still over 200 in the hospitals. Some people were killed from the Hillsboro and Landerville area. We thank everyone who so generously sent clothing and furniture.

We had Bro. David Bertsch from Leo with us for a few days, and on Sunday the 15th, he helped Bro. Lavoyd serve Communion. Thanks Bro. David, and come back again soon. You always give us so much good advice to live by.

Bro. John Norman's father is in the hospital at Lester, Alabama.

BERN KS Esther & Stella Moser

The S a b e t h a congregation joined us for Good Friday services. Bro. Gene Marti through His word took us to Calvary's Hill, where in our mind's eye we could see our Lord and Saviour suffer and die on the cruel cross for the sins of all

mankind. And so many lightly pass it by!

We enjoyed Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha on a Sunday morning.

Todd Rokey (Bro. Allen and Sis. Glenda) was hospitalized for a short time, to part with his tonsils.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Ben Leuthold (and other relatives) in the passing of his brother, Bro. Chris Leuthold, Peoria. Chris was born near Berne, and as he grew to manhood attended the Bern Church. On Dec. 25, 1923 he was married to Sophia Widmer. It was here they found their Lord. Chris and family later moved to Peoria. We always enjoyed his visits to Bern.

Thank you: Thanks to all for prayers, gifts, visits and deeds during the illness and passing of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Sis. Julia Plattner and family.

May the following poem be a help and comfort to those in sorrow:

May I place my hand in yours,
 dear God?
 I need guidance along the way.
 The path is so steep and stony
 And so hard to follow today.
 As I face up to reality,
 I feel my courage grow weak,
 And friends I know have
 problems too:
 Their help I hesitate to seek.
 Let me place my hand in yours,
 God,
 That your presence can calm my
 fright.
 For with You by my side, dear
 Father,
 I can conquer this fearsome night.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL Jeanie Haerr/Kavleen Heiniger

A newly-baptized soul was called upon for a prayer to close our church service. A convert said she quickly bowed her head, praying silently that he would be given the needed grace and words, for she knew him better than some of the other members. The following Sunday, a brother whom she didn't know was asked to give thanks. Again she earnestly interceded for him, as the thought came to her that she should be equally as concerned for all.

If we are concerned, then
 Just suppose—that no more souls
 would repent.

Just suppose—that you had witnessed your last baptism.

Just suppose—that there were no children for a Sunday School.

Just suppose—that no ministers took the time to visit other churches.

Just suppose—that our elder grew weary of hearing confessions.

Just suppose—that the world has come to an end.

But thanks be to God
 that Jim and Ann Kellenberger did
 repent.

that Jim and Ann Kachelmuss,
 Chuck and Paula Knapp, and
 Kirk Nussbaum are our new
 brothers and sisters in faith.

that fifteen ministers did visit this
 month. Elders and those occupying
 the pulpit include
 Bros. Ed Hohulin, Paul Butikofer,
 Josh Broquard, Perry Zimmerman,
 Uriel Gehring, Ken Schneider,
 Clarence Kachelmuss, Roy Sauder,
 and Dan Koch.

that our Elder Bro. Dan Koch
 could hear needed confessions
 prior communion.

that our children could present the
 Easter story.

that there is still time to change
 your life of sin.

Open house dates for our new building are May 19 and 26, June 2 and 9, with dedication set for June 23. Work in the last few weeks consists of exterior bricking and landscaping. As we near the completion of our labors, we welcome the opportunity to share our facilities with you.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber—Donna Drayer

God bless the precious little soul
 Entrusted to your care;
 God grant the baby many joys
 For all of you to share;
 God fill your home
 With love and faith
 And in the future, too,
 May He bestow His blessings
 On your little one and you.

Several homes have welcomed a precious little soul into their family circle. Bro. Sam and Sis. Darlene Habegger have received their first child, Jason J., born April 8. Bro. William Jr. and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander and Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habegger are the

grandparents. Bro. Hubert and Sis. Judy Isch were blessed with a third child on April 8. Little Gregory Wayne is welcomed at home by Mary Jo and Douglas. Brian Michael, born on April 10, is the name Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Drayer chose for their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Marguerite Kipfer and Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie Drayer. Bro. Stanley and Sis. Jenny Isch have received their first son, Marvin Stanley, born on April 10. He is welcomed by several sisters at home. Bro. Jack and Sis. Diane Schwartz have received their first child. Christy Kay was born on April 12. Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth Schwartz and Sis. Emma Steffen are Christy's grandparents.

On April 6, a dear sister was called home. Sis. Catherine Reinhard, wife of Bro. Harry, will long be remembered in our congregation. May God comfort her husband, and children: Sis. Joan, Larry, Roger, Linda, and Mary Jo, all at home. Sisters of our loved one are Mildred and Sis. Violet Steffen and Sis. Virgine (Roy) Reinhard, and brothers are Wilmer, Bros. Glennis and Ralph.

Lucy (Glen) Fiechter, Sisters Irene (John) Neuenschwander and Bertha Moser and Bros. Calvin Rauch and Edward Schwartz have spent some time in the hospital.

Christian Endeavor was held the week-end of April 20-21 and our Sunday School received many students from the Indiana congregations. We were reminded in their Sunday evening program that the definition of the word **endeavor** is "a serious, determined effort". This "Christian Endeavor" was truly put forth by all—those who were hosts and those who took time to come and spend a week-end in Christian fellowship. Many new ties of friendship were made during those precious hours that will last a lifetime.

Sis. Vickie Meyer and Bro. Jim Elsasser were privileged to have many relatives and friends witness their marriage ceremony on April 7. Bro. Jim's uncle, Bro. Dave Kieser (Princeville), assisted in this holy rite. Vickie is missed by all in our church, but especially by her parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Lela Meyer. The new couple is residing near Bro. Jim's parents, Bro. John and Sis. Lillian

Elsasser of Princeville. (Bros.) Joe Stoller (Princeville) and Elmer Bucher (Francesville) also assembled with us on that wedding day.

Bro. Simon and Sis. Delores Heyerly gave away in marriage their daughter, Deborah, to Dennis Fry on April 27, in an evening service at our fellowship hall.

Many young brothers and sisters from Tremont, Elgin, and Junction worshipped with us on April 27-28. We were fed by the ministering words of Bro. Sam Schlatter (Junction). The world truly does not understand the blessing received through our Christian fellowship.

Tom Fiechter, son of Lloyd and Pauline Fiechter, has been discharged from serving his country. We welcome him home.

Thank you: We would like to thank everyone who remembered our beloved husband, father, and grandfather during his illness with prayers, cards, and gifts . . . also at his death, the sympathy cards and other deeds of kindness. Family of Bro. Samuel H. Gerber.

"We sincerely wish to thank all those who remembered us on our 50th anniversary. Also for Easter and get-well cards, gifts, and most of all, prayers offered in our behalf. Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gerber.

BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall were among us the first Sunday in April. We enjoyed many blessings through the ministry of these brethren. Bros. Leo Moser and Dennis Warner of Lester spent a week-end with us; Bro. Leo and Bro. Dave Kieser served Holy Communion.

A fourth daughter was born to Larry and Sis. Sandra Guingrich on April 17. She has been named Kristine Marie. Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich are her grandparents.

The engagement of Sis. Joan Knobloch (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma) to Bro. Bill Frank (Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah) of LaCrosse was made known. We must marvel; there just is no substitute for the work of faith in bringing two people together. This faith is the solid foundation for a blessed marriage "in the Lord".

Congratulations to our high

school graduates. They are: Marvin Ehnle (Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla), Paul Ehnle (Robert and Jean), Marcia Elsasser (Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen), Sis. Susan Elsasser (Bro. Bill and Sis. Violet), Rose Koelling (Mary and the late Levi), Sis. Susan Ringger (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola), and Nate Stoller (Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha). The best formula I know for a future of success and happiness is, in the words of Jesus, Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Midweek services here are suspended for the summer, until the first Wednesday evening in November.

BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl—Elaine Eisenmann

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

It is always a joy to have visiting ministers of God's word to worship with us. . . Another well of living water to refresh the spirit. Bro. Joe Braker was our speaker, we listened intently at the word of God.

We visited our young children recently in their Sunday classes, and observed their intentness in hearing the story of Jesus, with the disciples and their bulging net of fishes. . . Then busily coloring the picture. . . The older children likewise learning of Jesus' life on earth. A blessed privilege is still ours to hear and study the word of God.

Bro. John Frank is out of the hospitals, after several weeks of tests and treatment. His strength is fair. Sis. Clara is a faithful helpmate.

Our World Relief group is diligent in getting quilts made, also baby items, stuffed toys etc. We are thankful for Bro. Robert Pohl's remnants, and feel we should use what is available to us.

BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

May is such a lovely month. One becomes so aware again of God's wonderful creation, as the flowers burst forth in beautiful colors, and the trees, lawns and meadows become a rich green. We also love to hear the chirping and trills of the birds as they return for another season. . . And green rows ap-

pearing in the garden, where tiny, dark seeds were planted, just add more to the wonder of it all.

Memories of mother, the sweetest of all, over and over through life we recall. . . Some of us can only recall these precious memories, but we hope many will have the opportunity of honoring their mothers on her special day. May we, who are mothers, be inspired to live godly lives, so that we will leave precious memories for our children to recall.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Robert and Sis. Sue Beebe in the passing away of his mother. I'm sure fond memories of her linger with them.

A few of us visited Sis. Pauline Clauss on her 92nd birthday. We found her enjoying ice cream and a piece of the cake her niece had baked for her. Pauline has improved somewhat, is again able to sit in a chair, and sometimes eats by herself, even though her vision is quite dim. She is being cared for at the LuAnn Nursing Home in Nappanee IN 46550, but her nieces and nephews give her that added attention which makes the difference.

CHICAGO IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

These words had a poignant impact on each of us as we sat in attendance at the funeral of our dear elder brother, Al Fisher, on Good Friday, April 12. Bro. Al was especially fond of this song, and the words aptly express his desire and readiness to be relieved of earthly toil and sorrow and to be united with his loving Savior on Jordan's other side. Al was taken from this life suddenly on April 9, a few days after returning home from a three-month winter stay with his wife, Sis. Margaret, in Florida. He was 70 years old. Returning from the South, he was able to spend one last Sunday with his beloved Chicago flock.

Bro. Morris Frank of Leo, who labored many years with Bro. Al in the Chicago church, spoke of the believer's blessed hope of eternal life, and the uncertainty of situations in this life, as he

brought us the funeral message. Although our hearts are saddened by the loss of our dear elder brother, it is wonderful to have this confidence that he is now asleep in Jesus, and while he was here on earth, he sought earnestly to do his part, laboring diligently in the Lord's vineyard.

Al was appointed minister of the Chicago congregation in January of 1946, deacon in December of 1954, and was ordained elder Feb. 1, 1970. During his 28 years of faithful service as a minister, deacon, and elder, he was often left alone on the pulpit and weathered many storms. He stood firm for the true faith and sought diligently and sincerely to do his part in promoting peace and love among the brotherhood. In this huge metropolitan area, it was always Al's wish that our assembly would be a place where the Gospel could be preached, and that many brethren and friends from outlying churches, who came here for schooling or employment, could find a haven of rest among God's people. Surely, over the years the Chicago church has provided just such a haven.

Our congregation will surely miss our departed elder brother. We can feast on the memories of his former presence among us, and can rejoice in the fact that he no longer has to bear the earthly burdens which confront mortals during their pilgrimage.

We rejoice that another soul has sought to make the essential preparations for eternity. Our friend, Jerry Kaufman, formerly of Altadena, has turned to God in repentance and testifies of His wonderful peace. It is comforting and encouraging to see souls turn from their former lives, and seek to become a new creature in Christ Jesus. How precious it is in our rapidly changing world that souls can find a way of escape, as they follow our wonderful Lord and His divine teachings.

We were blessed with the visit of ministering Bro. Dennis Warner of Lester. Not having been raised in our church, he presented an interesting account of how our brotherhood's adherence to the **whole counsel of God** impressed him, and that eventually along with his wife, who is from our church, he turned to the Lord in repentance. He further related his

appreciation of knowing the Lord, and of the love and fellowship found in our churches.

We were also pleased to have Ministering Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Earl Gerber of Forrest with us. Their inspiring sermons were uplifting and edifying. We heard much about the prophecies of the latter times, and how important it is that we live each day expectant of Christ's return or our personal departure from this life, and how we should be doing our best to redeem the time which is allotted to us.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howard and Diane Leman

The students will soon be gone. How quickly the school year has passed, and how much the students have learned. We spend time gaining earthly knowledge, whether it be through college classes or just reading books or newspapers. Hopefully, we spend even more time gaining spiritual knowledge through Bible reading, church attendance, and Bible study groups. Our congregation has really enjoyed having a Bible Study group during the past month. Under the leadership of our minister, Bro. Dave Wiegand, several of us have met to read, study, and discuss various Bible topics. This has been a wonderful experience for all the participants, and we hope to continue.

Our annual business meeting was held at the end of April. Bro. Larry Leman was elected trustee and his wife Sis. Nada, Sunday School teacher. Sis. Loretta Leman will assist in Sunday School when needed.

We were served Holy Communion May 8 by our Elder, Bro. Ed Hohulin. Assisting him was Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley. Bro. Jim Hoerr was also a visitor.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Doug Kellenberger to Sis. Sue Schock. They are both from Elgin, but will live here, as Doug has a year of school to complete.

Karen Schlipf, daughter of the Bro. Loren Schlipf's of Gridley, became the bride of Joe Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of El Paso, on May 25 at Goodfield Fellowship Hall. They will live in Champaign, as both are attending U. of I.

On June 17 we will begin our

one-week evening Vacation Bible School. Everyone looks forward to this!

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

We all remember mother
on her special day—
We send her gifts and flowers
and lovely cards that say
How very much we thank her
for the nice things that mothers
do,
The sacrifices that they make;
but when this day is through
We're prone to take for granted
her precious love and care.
The fact that when we need her,
Mother's always there.
She will never mention it,
nor ask for any praise,
The joy of doing things for us
is her reward always,
But just the same, it would be nice
if we'd find time to say
Just one small word of heartfelt
thanks
to mother every day!

Bro. Arthur Gudeman was our guest minister and brought us the inspiring Easter message. The Bible class enjoyed Easter breakfast at the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys Kaufman, then came to church and heard the Easter message. The Sunday School presented us with an Easter program.

Our government set aside the day of April 30 as Prayer and Humiliation Day. We had services that evening instead of Thursdays. May we ever pray for our government, that they may rule wisely.

Best wishes are extended to Bro. Craig Rudin and Sis. Trudy Zimmerman. Their engagement was announced.

Five of dear friends, Jon Anderson, son of Sis. Mary; Jeannine Rudin, daughter of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Kathryn; David Obergfel, son of Bro. Matt. and Sis. Betty; and Gladys and Harry Knapp have given their hearts unto the Lord. They confess peace with God and man and expect to bring their testimonies before the congregation soon.

Funeral services were held April 10 at the Knapp Funeral Home for our friend, Daniel Knapp, age 58. Survivors are his wife, Eileen; sons, Ronald, Gerald and Bradford; two daughters, Mrs. Christine Hawthorne and Mrs. Con-

stance Vogel; five sisters, Sis. Leona Walder, Bertha Honegger, Lillian Hasselbring, Evelyn Bucher and Ollie Hagen; three brothers, Lester, Harry and Bro. Francis. Bro. Steve Rinkenberger officiated. Burial was in the Cissna Park Cemetery.

Sis. Doris Knapp and Kate Enz were hospital surgical patients. Bro. Sidney Kaufman had an appendectomy. Bro. Elmer Jacob had hip surgery. Bro. Elmer Hari was a hospital medical patient; he had pneumonia. They are all getting along nicely.

CONGERVILLE IL

Arlene Banwart/Mary Schrock

An apple tree is a beautiful thing,
When it shoots forth its buds in
the spring,
Prettier still, when the blooms
come out,
With bees and butterflies flutter-
ing about.

A brook is also a beautiful sight,
In the sun by day, and the moon
by night;
It sparkles and shimmers, and
keeps going fast,
Til its main destination it reaches
at last.

Another thing is a rambling vine,
As it grows and reaches and its
runners entwine,
Sometimes with tassels or berries
or bloom;
It crawls everywhere and finds its
own room.

A girl or boy with head bent low
Upon their knees to pray,
That the way of truth they learn
to know,
And might travel in that way.

"Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning, When with our Saviour heaven is begun." These beautiful words were sung as Bro. Bill Reeser was laid to rest. Bill passed away on April 19. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Sis. Emma (Moser) and to his children: Richard Reeser, East Peoria; Mrs. Marion Aeschliman, Joliet; Mrs. Marie Petrosty, Metamora; Mrs. Edna Tellkamp, LaMoile; Mrs. Linda Waller, Carlock.

We wish to thank Bro. Josh Broquard (Fairbury) for ministering unto us. A truth brought out to us this month—The Lord will recog-

nize us by our fruits when he comes to call us.

Thanks—I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, gifts and prayers while in the hospital. Bro. C. E. Steffen

CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

LuAnn Virkler, daughter of Bro. Howard and Pernal, has finished her basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. She graduated highest in her class, with honors, and received her dress blues. After spending several days with her parents she has gone to 29 Palms, California, where she will be in school for Electronics Technology for one year. Her address is PFC LuAnn S. Virkler, W-091-38-2827, MCCES Student Company, Box 4006, MCB 29 Palms, 29 Palms CA 92278.

We are thankful our loved ones who have been hospitalized have been able to return home. Pernal Virkler and Paul Virkler, little son of Bro. Ted and Sis. Mae, have been able to assemble with us again. Sis. Irene Farney has returned home, and we hope she will soon be with us.

Our Wednesday evening services have begun for the summer months. Visitors in our area are welcome to assemble with us. We alternate every other week with the Naumburg congregation. For the help of visitors in our area, our church is the Evangelical Baptist Church, affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Church of America. Because our church was the first in the United States, we have retained this name. Sometimes visitors in New York have been unable to locate the church because of this name difference.

DETROIT MI

Bonnie Popp

I'm glad that God gave me no other
To guide me life's perilous way—
Than a dear, precious, old-
fashioned mother,
New-fashioned in Christ, I should say.

A mother whose standards were taken
From a holy, infallible Book,

A mother whose faith was unshaken,
Who led me toward Heaven to look.

She taught me to reverence the Bible,
God's word to believe and obey;
She told me the way of salvation;
From her I learned early to pray.

I believe anyone who was blessed with a Christian mother, as I was with the examples of mother and grandmother, will never be able to be thankful enough for their influence. Perhaps rather than choosing a gift on one day of the year, we could try to channel Christ's love and pass it on!

A lovely Easter week-end was all the more blessed for us by the visits of Ministering Bros. Joe Aberle, Richard Aberle and Merle Kaisner. Truly the message of that first Easter was brought forth.

April 13 was the wedding day of Janice, daughter of Walter and Hilda (Strunk) Bauer, and Joseph Kavulich.

We are happy Sis. Linda Shaw is home, after a brief hospital stay. Sis. K. Koprince has been able to assemble with us and is feeling a little better now.

Bro. George Alden passed from this life on April 16 at the age of 80. During the last year, Bro. George was quite ill, but expressed his desire to meet face to face with Jesus.

O think of the heavenly joy of that rest
With Jesus, among the great host of the blest,
Where we shall be welcomed with music and song
In light where the angels and seraphim throng.

ELGIN IL

Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss

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

Sis. Ardean Schlipf, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Eileen Greiner, was united in marriage to Bro. Robert Romersberger of Gridley IL. They now live in Fairbury. Many relatives and friends were here for the wedding, including

Bros. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, Phillip Sauder and Edward Alt of Cissna. We enjoyed a blessed day.

We also enjoyed visits by (Bros.) Jesse Schrock of Congerville and David Wiegand of Champaign. **Thy messengers Thou sendest, by them to us extendest the living Bread of Heaven.**

Birth: A son, Kent Wayne, born April 4 to Bro. Herman and Sis. Sharon Braun, R 3 Box 342 A, St. Charles IL 60174.

We miss Sis. Rose Goll (Fred) in our assembly. She has been absent due to illness, and we look forward to seeing her among us soon. Her address, 655 Enterprise St., Elgin IL. We also miss Bros. Joel Gude-man, Joseph Schmidgall and Albert Wewetzer, who have been hospitalized, and we hope they will soon be at home again with their loved ones and assemble with us.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Douglas Kellenberger (David) and Sis. Susan Schock (Richard). A June 30 wedding is planned.

We have just been informed that Sis. Ernestine (Joel) Gude-man has been taken to the hospital with a heart attack a few hours ago.

Sis. Ricka Stettner (Jacob) is now living at the Apostolic Christian Resthaven, 971 Park Rd., Elgin IL 60120.

Sis. Karoline Kuehner observed her 96th birthday on May 4 with her family and a few close friends. While visiting with her since, she mentioned that she would like a nice **Thank you** in the Silver Lining for the many cards, gifts and tokens of love received. Thank you and God bless you all. She is semi-invalid, and with the exceptions of the infirmities of age, she is in fairly good health, and is blessed in being cared for in the home of her family and loved ones.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

All nature heeds the call of spring, as God awakens every thing, and all that seemed so dead and still

experiences a sudden thrill, as springtime lays a magic hand across God's vast and fertile land when we see a fragile flower break through what just a day ago or two

seemed barren ground still hard

with frost we see that in God's world no life is lost. . . and man like flowers, too must sleep until he is called to live in that place where angels are and where there is eternal spring.

The robins, bluebirds and brown thrashers have returned to their summer haunts, and again we are enjoying their songs and beauty. We hope the bluebirds will be tenants in several houses placed for their benefit along various fence rows. Speaking of lovely pictures, our cherry bush trees have been literally covered with lovely white blossoms. We are looking forward to finding some fruit on these trees.

Next Sunday, Sis. Marie Butikofer will have reached her 84th milestone. Her family plans to have a get-together in her honor the evening of her birthday. She has six sons and four daughters, namely Harry, Reuben, Paul, Bert, Albert and William, Elizabeth, Anna, Ruth and Shirley. They all live in this area except Ruth (Mrs. Wilbur Weigand) and Shirley (Mrs. Eugene Nester). Her husband, Bro. Albert passed away a few years ago.

Bro. Harvey Heiniger assisted our Elder Paul Butikofer in hearing Charles Schneider's testimony of repentance and peace with God and man. This was a very impressive experience. After the baptism, communion was taken, and that is always very strengthening.

Wedding and shower gift thank you notes are coming this way from the Kelvin Knoblochs. They were married a few weeks ago and are now living in the Lester area. Mrs. Knobloch is Sis. Elizabeth Moore's daughter, Marion, and Mr. Knobloch is the son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene Knobloch of Lester. Bro. Paul Butikofer performed the wedding ceremony in Marion Mother's home.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer will have reached their 25th wedding anniversary on the 8th of May.

Bro. Uriel Gehring spent a short time with us. They were enroute to Bloomington. Uriel was not feeling too well, due to some leg trouble, but did expound some on the scripture for us on Good Friday.

The farmers are busy preparing

for corn planting.

Among the high school graduates of May 21, there are three who are of much interest to us. They are Sharon Schneider, daughter of LaVern and the late Lavila; Bro. Wilmer Moore, son of Sis. Elizabeth and late Bro. Werner; and David Pulfer, son of Paul and Sis. Evelyn Pulfer. Sharon plans to seek employment in Minneapolis, David wants to farm, and Wilmer's plans are indefinite.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid. . ."

In God I put my trust
I neither doubt nor fear,
For man can never harm
With God my Helper near.

Sis. Kary Schmidgall and Bro. Mike Schmidgall were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber on March 31. She is Bro. and Sis. Marvin and Dorothy's daughter. He is the son of the Fred Schmidgall's of Deer Creek. The new couple are living in Eureka.

Our visiting ministers were as follows: Bros. Edwin Bahler—Remington, Harold Schmidgall—Gridley, Earl Banwart—West Bend, Eli Somerhalder—Kiowa, Willis Wiegand—Goodfield, Robert Walder—Congerville.

Birth: A son to Bro. and Sis. William and Judy Cottrell on March 26, named Brian William. He has two little brothers.

Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker was a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital, but is now home. She is Bro. Walter's wife. Bro. George Sauder was a surgical patient, but is home. Sis. Minnie Martin is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Kathryn Leman was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital a few days.

Jake Wettstein, son of Harold and Loretta, underwent an appendectomy, but is now home. He was in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Julia Ehnle from the "Home" is a patient in Proctor Hospital.

Sis. Jane Stoller and Bro. Kurt Ehnle were announced to be married. She is Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara's daughter; he is from Princeville. Sis. Vickie Heinold and Bro. Steve Martin were announced. She is Bro. and Sis. Howard and

Vera's daughter, and he is Bro. and Sis. Nelson and Mary Ellen's son. She is from Goodfield. Bro. James Vierling and Sis. Linda Endress were announced. She is from Princeville and he is from Oakville, but he has employment near here so attends our assembly.

Bro. Norman Rocke and Sis. Doris Mangold were married April 17 in Roanoke church. They will live near Eureka.

Our two latest additions in our "Home" are Sis. Rosa Wiegand from Goodfield, Sis. Emma Reeser from Congerville.

Note of thanks: I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the prayers, gifts, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since I am home. Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker. . . She is improving from her surgery.

FAIRBURY IL
Joyce Huber

A most interesting Easter story was presented in a program by the Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday.

Bro. Donald Broquard has been given the duties of our church treasurer.

Sis. Aline Troehler had a mishap of falling and breaking her hip. Also hospitalized were Sis. Anna Roth and Sis. Anna Huette.

We enjoyed visiting ministers recently: (Bros.) Rudy Graf, Ben Stavinec, Ezra Feller, and Ed Alt.

Note: I wish to thank every one who remembered me with cards, gifts, visits, and prayers while in the hospital and since I'm home. Lydia Wiedman.

FORREST IL
Juanita Schneider
Kathryn Steidinger

Mother's Love

Her deeds have moved the sternest hearts

To wonder and to tears;
Her love has kindled faith and trust

Through all the changing years;
Her sacrifice, unselfishness,
Her trust through praise or blame
Have shrined her in the hearts of all

And glorified her name.

Many blessings were enjoyed when Bros. Rudy Graf, Josh Broquard and Perry Zimmerman served communion. Our hearts are

stirred when we think of His suffering for us. Other ministers that have visited us are Bros. Ben Stavenik, Elmer Bucher, Earl Banwart, Earl Kilgus, Vernon Schwab, Paul Butikofer, Ben Manz, Art Bahler, Ed Bahler, Merle Kaisner, Simon Wagenbach and Bill Kupferschmid.

Bro. Alfred Bachtold, age 65, passed from this life on April 20. We all miss Bro. Alf's presence in our midst, and our sympathy goes out to his family, Sis. Dorothy (Wiegand) and children, Sis. Doris and Bro. Marvin, at home, also Berniece Zeigler and Joyce Schroeder. Bros. LeRoy Huber, Ed Alt and Josh Broquard, along with our home ministers brought words of comfort through God's word.

Thank you: Your loving expressions of sympathy was a wonderful support during the loss of our loved one. The Alf Bachtold Family.

Rodney Zimmerman (Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred) and Mickey Rieger were married. We have also had two announcements in our congregation: Bro. Craig Rudin of Cissna Park and Sis. Trudy Zimmerman (Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred) . . . and Bro. Greg Stoller (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta) and Sis. Jill Ehle of Princeville.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Wanda Kupferschmid welcome Garrett Lee into their home. Other children are Kristen, Chad, Corbin and Daton. Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner and Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid are the grandparents.

Hospital patients were Sis. Carrie Wiegand, Bro. Ed Bach, Bro. Jerry Leman, Bro. Ed Stoller, and David Schmidgall. Sis. Leona Ricketts has returned from an Iowa City hospital, where she had surgery on her knees. Bro. Harve Leman spent a few days in the hospital in Urbana. Mike Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Robin, fell from a horse and broke his arm. Bro. Emil Sohn is able to assemble with us again, for which we are so thankful.

Thank you: My sincere thanks to all for prayers, cards, gifts and visits while hospitalized and since returning home. Bro. Emil Sohn.

Shawna Adams, little daughter of Terry and Sis. Sharon, is improving since having heart surgery and hopefully will soon be dismissed from St. Francis Hospital,

where she has been a patient since her birth March 11.

The Lord took Sis. Bertha Kilgus (age 71) to her eternal rest on April 29. In love and humilthy, Sis. Bertha cheerfully looked forward to assembling and helping with the church lunch whenever her health permitted. We all share the loss with her family (Bros.) Henry, Alvie, Sam and (Sisters) Mary and Hulda Honegger. Thank you: We sincerely thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one. The family of Bertha Kilgus.

FT. LAUDERDALE FL
Kathy Sutter/Henry Schwartz

We are enjoying the signs of spring that have come to South Florida. The pungent gardenia is blooming, there's new growth on the trees, yellow and green against the older leaves. . . The trees that were pruned just a few weeks ago filled with vigorous new life. We can often find a lesson it seems; there's a need to trim and prune.

Pruning time has come again, I see the branches fall useless, useless branches and the shoots that stood up proud and tall.

The soul, too, needs a pruning time, When faults are cast aside, to let the fruits of grace divine. In newer growth abide. . .

The home of Bro. and Sis. Aschliman was blessed with a precious bundle, Erika Kay. These little ones take so much care, but give so much joy. We wish them many happy times together. Grandparents are Bro. Walt and Sis. Jean Aschliman, Bluffton, and Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel of Ft. Lauderdale. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Sis. Margaret Fisher. She and Al had spent the winter months with us. We extend our sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Herman & Marilyn Steffen from Miami Springs. Her father, Mr. Robert Wood was killed instantly in a car accident in Chicago. Herman is the son of the late Bro. Ed and Sis. Louise (Steitmatter) Steffen of Fairbury.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Schrock, Steve Rinkenberger, Dale Eisenman, Al Schneider and Bob Grimm.

FT SCOTT KS**Ida Sinn**

We felt we were favored by having Bro. Raymond Roth with us today.

Bro. Sam Huber was with us one Sunday to minister unto our needs, in the absence of our ministers, who attended the dedication of the Kiowa church.

Bro. Sam Anliker was with us on Good Friday evening and helped Bro. Raymond Banwart serve Communion unto us.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School children presented a program in verse and song about the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

Sis. Anna Pfister had the misfortune of breaking her hip. She spent 3 weeks in the hospital and is now recuperating at the Golden Age Lodge. She can still see the bright side of life, and with all her affliction, she has faith and still feels that the Lord has never forsaken her.

FRANCESVILLE IN**Helen Huber/Sharon Neihouser**

Early Easter morning a resurrection service and program were held. Later, also a breakfast was held. In the afternoon, all Sunday School children presented their parts in the Easter Program. It humbles us to hear the little mouths speak of Jesus' death on the cross, and that He arose again so that we all may live to be with Him in Heaven, if we all come to Jesus at the foot of the cross.

Bro. William Kahler, 88, passed away on Monday afternoon, April 8 of a heart attack, while he was mowing the lawn. He attended church faithfully every Sunday and always had a warm handshake and smile for everyone. He leaves one daughter, Sis. Norma (Robert) Pflederer and her husband.

On April 12, Jan Gutwein, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Maxine, received injuries when he accidentally dropped a rifle, causing it to fire in his side. The bullet lodged in his right shoulder. Only by God's mercy was his life spared.

We are so happy again that our dining room and fellowship area is all completed. On April 21 we could again enjoy eating and fellowshiping in the noon hour. May we each one treasure the fellowship highly, for we certainly missed it when it was taken away.

We wish to thank each one who helped in any way on the new addition.

A surprise visit was brought to us on April 21, when Bro. Akito Inoue of Tamahata, Japan, ministered to us. He had been on a business trip to California and was on his way to New York, when he stopped for a short visit over the week-end. He spoke to us on God's creation. May we ever trust in our Living God, for we know behind this Great Creation there was a Greater Creator.

Sis. Louise Anliker wishes to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts, and prayers while in the hospital and since returning home. Louise is now able to assemble in church with us, for which we are thankful.

GARDEN GROVE IA**Verle Funk**

Unto God's word have thou respect;

Twill make thee wondrous wise.
Upon its pages oft reflect;
Its statutes ne'er despise.

His word is finest of the wheat;
Hide it within thy heart.
Tis better far than honey sweet,
Tis sword, and shield and dart.

We all rejoiced to have our friend, David Peasley, home on furlough the past two weeks. David has spent the past 14 months in Korea and was led to Jesus in repentance while overseas. So we were especially happy to see him again. We pray God will direct his life — be his guide and protection as he completes his army life stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Ks. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peasley, Garden Grove.

The engagement of Bro. Anthony Funk (son of Bro. Wm. and Verle) to Sis. Eileen Yackley was made known. We will be happy to have Eileen in our small congregation.

GIRARD OH**Kathryn Emch**

Bro. Jess Emch has been visiting his daughter, Ruth Jardine, and her family in Dover, Del. for the past several weeks.

We wish to thank Bro. Ernest Graf for his visit and for serving in the pulpit.

Bro. Ben Hartzler came to serve our congregation so Harold and I

could attend our son, Jim's graduation from chiropractic school. Our special thanks to him and those with him.

GOODFIELD**Elna Grimm**

If I knew you and you knew me,
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,

I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness;

Our thoughts would presently agree

If I knew you and you knew me.

If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self,
we

Could look each other in the face
And see therein a truer grace.

Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose;
The why of things our heart would see,

If I knew you and you knew me.

Yes, forgiving is made easy when we love and understand each other. It has been said that, It is not flesh and blood, but the heart, that makes brothers, and haven't we found this to be true in our Christian Household?

Bro. Leroy Huber was with us on Good Friday evening, to expound God's word and to assist Bro. Ed Hohulin with Holy Communion. The depth and beauty of His love and mercy seem, somehow, more penetrating as we partake of this beautiful sacrament.

We were happy to hear the announcement of Sis. Vickie Heinold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Howard and Vera, R.R. Deer Creek to Bro. Steve Martin, son of Bro. and Sis. Nelson and Mary Ellen, Eureka, on April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Knapp, Eureka are the parents of a baby girl, April Joy, who was born on April 3. Grandparents are Mrs. Wilma Knapp and the late George A. Knapp, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zook, Washburn. . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike S. Sauder had a baby girl, Melanie Faith, born on April 19. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona Tanner, Goodfield, and Mrs. Wilma Sauder, and the late Charles Sauder, Eur-

eka. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Walter Honegger, Forrest.

Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville, was here to minister to us on Sun. April 21.

Those hospitalized have been our friend, Linda (Mrs. John R. Rokey), Bro. Harold Knapp, Sis. Margaret Newlin, Sis. Joyce (Wes) Hohulin, Bro. Lou Funk, and our son, Jeff Grimm.

Notes of thanks: Sis. Margaret Newlin would like to thank all the loved ones for the many gifts, cards, visits, and prayers. She appreciated everything very much. . . I would also like to say thanks to each individual who has been so kind and thoughtful to Jeff.

GRIDLEY IL Dixie Ringger

Just as the spring sunshine is warming the good earth, so have our hearts been warmed with blessed and joyous news of several kinds.

We are most happy to report the joy of five dear friends who have found the need to repent and are starting on their pilgrim journey. Annette and Marvin Kaupp (Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther), Bart and Larry Kiefer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lorene), and Rick Hany (Alf and Sis. Marcella) have made the way of truth their choice.

The engagement of Sis. Brenda Ringger (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat) to Bro. Brace Weiland (Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret) of Bay City was made known to us on May 5.

Bro. Robert Romersberger and Sis. Ardean Schlipf were united in marriage on Sun. April 7 in Elgin, and on April 23, Bro. Rick Ringger and Sis. Marla Witzig were married in Morton.

We partook of the Lord's supper and were reminded of His suffering, on Sun. May 5. Elder Bro. Josh Broquard assisted in this Holy sacrament.

(Bros.) Edwin Bahler and Marvin Schmidgall visited us.

Sisters Lillian Witzig, Emma Ringger and Martha Stoller have returned to their homes, following hospitalization. . . Note: My thanks to all who remembered me with cards, gifts, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Martha Stoller.

Bobby Yergler, 6-year-old son of Glen and Lillian, remains in the Intensive Care Unit of St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. He had several

operations for a brain tumor and has been unconscious for several weeks. Only God knows why, only God can heal and only God can understand and comfort. If we keep our eyes, ears and hearts focused on Him, then we can answer as the Christian did to the heathen philosopher who asked, "Where is God?" The Christian answered, "Let me first ask you, Where is He not?"

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young

"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me". We were privileged to partake of this Holy Communion on a Sunday. Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker with this impressive ceremony.

We enjoyed a blessed Saturday evening when Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Raymond Banwart assisted our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker in sharing the memorandum with us. Bro. Roy Wernli was another welcome visitor.

Midweek services will be discontinued until fall. . . Looking forward to the first Sunday evening of the month, for our singing hour . . . alternating with the Lamont congregation.

Hospital patients: Sis. Esther (Bro. Sam) Kraft, ten days for observation and treatment. . . Happy to see her back in church. . . Charles (Esther) Knapp, ten days for treatment of a bleeding ulcer, is assembling with us again. . . Darren Isch, 9-month-old son of Sis. Janiece and Dale, was dismissed from the hospital, apparently recovered from last month's pneumonia. . . he became ill, was hospitalized with another siege of double pneumonia, at present is feeling fine. . . Ed Bartels, father of Sis. Dorothy (Ephraim) Young, spent some time in the hospital for observation and treatment, then returned to the Madison Manor.

Brian Kraft, 3-year-old son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, has had a rough time, spent 3 days in K.U. Med. Center in Emporia, three times, for blood tests. . . at this time he is at K.U., doesn't seem to be responding to the medication.

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

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Janice Herrman

Another busy school year is drawing to a close, and as we look back we feel that we have many reasons to be thankful. The precious word was brought to us this past month by (Bros.) Joe Shrock of Congerville, Charles Sauder of Tremont, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, Dan Koch of Tremont, and Art Baurer of Princeville. We received many good teachings to enrich our spiritual life.

Our graduates for this spring semester are Bros. Bob Barth, Dennis Kaufman, Clark Stoller, Bruce Sauder, Jim Meiss, Sally Beutel, Sis. Brenda Ringger and Marilyn Swadley. Sis. Lynnette Aberle and Sis. Jeannette Rudin have completed their nurse's training at Mennonite Hospital.

On April 22, ISU was host for college week-end. Sunday we had church services at Bloomington-Normal church. It was wonderful to be able to fellowship with our brothers and sisters from far and near and to feel God's love among us.

During the summer months we plan to have Bible Study every Thursday night except for May 23, July 4, and August 22. Everyone is welcome to attend.

INDIANAPOLIS IN Wayne and Judy Steffen

For you can't do a kindness without a reward,
Not in silver nor gold, but in joy from the Lord—
You can't light a candle to show others the way
Without feeling the warmth of that bright little ray—
And you can't pluck a rose, all fragrant with dew—
Without part of its fragrance remaining with you.

If we all try to practice being kind to the people we meet and helping those in need, our lives will be a lot happier.

We were thankful to have Bro. Gene Leman from Wolcott visiting us on April 21.

On April 17, Kristine Elizabeth, a new baby girl, was born to parents, Dave and Becky Pearson. Grandparents are John and Edith Mayer and Whitie and Penny Pearson.

On April 14, the engagement of

Sis. Elaine Steffen and Bro. Ted Perry was announced. Elaine is the daughter of Ray and Lucille Steffen, from Rensselaer, and Ted the son of Don and Donna Perry of Columbus, Ohio.

We are happy for Kathy Neuenschwander, who turned to the Lord in repentance and has found peace in her heart. Kathy is the daughter of Charles and Doris Neuenschwander.

IOWA CITY IA

Joan Mogler/Twila Whipple

As the winter ends, we can see the beauty of spring coming forth. The grass turns from brown to green, and the branches bring forth their leaves. So is our life when we find the Lord. Our cold heart is melted by the warmth of God's word, and as the trees bring forth fruits, we must also bring forth the fruits of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith. If we do this, we will find our name written in the Book of Life.

We trust God's blessing will rest upon those brothers who travel some distance to bring us God's holy teachings. Bros. Joe Schrock (Congerville) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) willingly taught us of God's judgment, but also of His mercy and peace.

JUNCTION OH

Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Eugene Fetter, Toledo, who spent Easter with us, Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, who spent a Sunday evening with us.

Lester Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) spent time in Skokie, Illinois, attending school in connection with his work. We are thankful for the safe return of our loved ones when they travel.

Sis. Mary Sauder spent several days in Mansfield. She lives with her daughter here, Sis. Evelyn Manz.

The tornado did some damage in our county, and although our county was listed as a disaster area, the loss suffered by our people was only minor. We were very, very fortunate here, and our heart goes out to those who were struck.

The last World Relief meeting of the season was held in April. Our next meeting is to be in October. Many pleasant hours were spent working together, and we

are thankful that the Lord has blessed us so richly that we can share with others.

The children in our Kindergarten and Primary Sunday School classes went to sing for the older brothers and sisters of our church. They sang for Bros. Henry Manz and Isaac Dotterer, and Sisters Leona Dotterer, Mary Sauder, Della Manz and Minnie Dotterer. After eating out, they all attended Thursday evening services. It is thrilling to watch the faces of the little ones as they do good deeds for others.

Bro. Henry Manz was able to attend morning services on April 21 for the first time since his stroke. He is still quite weak, but was able to be in his wheelchair for the entire morning service.

Many brethren gathered the last Saturday in April to spring clean the church. The dining and Sunday School area has recently been painted, and everything looks so nice and clean. We are so thankful for our comfortable place of worship.

Margaret Aufrance is again able to assemble with us, after being absent for some time.

Our sympathy is extended to John Slane in the death of his brother, Jim. Jim lived in Michigan a number of years, but spent his boyhood in this area.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Libby Meyer

Another semester has passed very quickly it seems. Life, too, passes quickly as we look back, and so it is a blessing and a joy to look beyond the grave with a hope of entering the blissful land which shall never pass away.

Bro. Martin and Sis. LaVilla Langhofer are parents of a son, William Joseph. He is their first child.

We thank ministering Bros. Ron Heiniger, Alfie Strahm, Gene Marti, Sam Huber, as well as all those who have come together to worship with us this past year.

KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

God's own Son, Jesus, was nailed to a cruel cross and had to shed His precious blood for us. He who was perfect in every way and had done only good to all He met had to die so cruelly. And why? So that we, who deserved to die, might

have eternal life through Him. Their darkness was turned to brightness, and their sadness turned to joy on the third day, that first Easter morning, when their Jesus overcame death and arose from the grave. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

We had many blessed occasions to remember these events: on Palm Sunday, Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix joined us and we partook of Holy Communion, followed later by a singing in remembrance of our Lord's suffering; then on Good Friday, we assembled for services in remembrance of Christ's death; and on Easter, we were thrilled anew to remember His resurrection.

Among the many blessings we received this month, another was granted to us when Elder Bro. Roy Farney shared the memorandum with us. The knowledge that God is yet granting us elder and ministering brethren who, by God's grace, are striving to keep our doctrine true gives us great peace and joy in this time of world strife.

Bro. Sam Schrock is a patient in the Kiowa Hospital.

Sunday April 29 was our day to sing at the Kiowa Manor, and I couldn't help watching how much pleasure one little lady got out of the singing and message. It was a joy just to watch how she glowed with her love for God. After we sang at the Rest Home, we returned to the church for a farewell supper and singing for Ministering Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma Somerhalder. It was with sadness that we bade them farewell, for they will be so greatly missed. We pray that God will truly bless them in their new home, and hope they will return to visit us often.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman

We were privileged to hear the ministry of Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester) on March 31. Many blessed inspirations were brought to us. . . Let our light be shining bright, carry an extra vessel of oil, should the bridegroom come at midnight, we would be ready to meet Him.

To break Thy bread we now have gathered,
In covenant to drink Thy wine;

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

"Come for the feast is spread."
Bro. Leo with Elder Bro. Edward Frank served the Lord's Supper to us. It is strengthening and a renewing of one's self to take of this Holy cup. In the evening, we again were blessed with God's word from Bro. Leo, with Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott).

One by one our soldiers are going down the valley, passing into the beautiful light. Bro. Albert Sinn, 78, passed away April 5, after an illness of two years. He was among the first to come to this area 60 years ago. Funeral services were held April 8. He is survived by his wife, Jennie (Swing); two sons, Leroy and Eugene.

Sis. Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon) underwent surgery April 25. She is getting along well. We are thankful to God that many of our loved ones have been dismissed from the hospital: Bro. Phil Troxel, Friend Anna Meiss. . . Assembling with us again are Bro. Sam Frank, who was hospitalized for pneumonia, Bro. Sam Clauss, Bro. Edward and Sis. Louise Wittmer. Ed and Louise wish to thank each one for the kindness shown them at the hospital and since returning home, the prayers, visits, cards and gifts.

Many willing hands were ready to help with the annual cleaning at our house of worship, Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday.

Friend Shirley Pfeifer (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma) was real excited about going to live at her new Home for the Handicapped in Morton. We will miss Shirley's smile and her presence at church.

We have experienced a wonderful week-end when three dear souls gave their testimonies on Sat. evening, April 27: Steve Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera), Denise Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen), and Mary Lynn Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann). Elder Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna) assisted Elder Bros. George Yergler and Edward Frank. April 28, Bro. Ezra with Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) and Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield) brought us the precious word of God. To show the people the power of God, the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes for 5,000 men was expounded upon. Bap-

tismal services were held following afternoon worship, witnessed by many loved ones. It is truly uplifting when dear souls are welcomed into the fold of Christ. What a joy for a grandfather when he can baptize his two granddaughters.

Two engagements were revealed April 28: Sis. Joyce Gudeman to Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty). The couple's parents are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary and Bro. Donald and Sis. Josephine. . . Also, Sis. Joan Knobloch (Bradford) to Bro. Bill Frank. Parents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma and Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah.

LAMAR MO

Marie Marti

Mrs. Raymond Braker

We extend sympathy to Sisters Rose Widmer and Anna Frieden in the loss of their sister, Sis. Clara Fuhr of Wolcott. Hospital patients have been Linda Barton, Marie Simons, (Sisters) Edna Frieden and Marie Banwart (for hip surgery).

A Mother

She could not give her children gold, so she gave them faith to have and hold.

She could not give them royal birth, a name renowned throughout the earth.

She gave them love and a listening ear, and told them God was always near.

She could not give them worldly things, but what she gave was fit for kings,

For with her faith and love and the path she trod, she made each child aware of God.

Notice: The soldiers' reunion for those who attended church at Lamar while in service will be held at Lamar Aug. 3 and 4. We extend a hearty welcome to everyone who is interested.

LAMONT KS

Betty Wernli

Obedience to God's word and faithfulness to Him, to the church and to each other were expounded to us, among so many other concerns of our elders, so clearly during the deliberations of the memorandum. Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott, along with our Elder

Bro. Sam Anliker spent themselves in our behalf.

Bro. Pete Fankhouser has again made his home recently in the Sabetha Rest Home. May he ever feel the precious promise of our Lord each day **That my grace is sufficient for Thee.**

Sis. Dena Sauder has been confined to her home with a blood clot in her leg, but is improving each day.

LATTY OH

LeAnn Laukhuf/Carol Sinn

As the spring flowers begin to bloom again, may the word of God spring forth in our hearts to refresh us.

Ministering Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin) traveled to our congregation on April 21 to speak to us God's holy word.

On Easter week-end, a number of Latty folks traveled to West Bend to visit friends and relatives. The week-end was enjoyed by all and a sincere thanks goes to the West Bend people for their Christian hospitality.

We are very pleased to report the engagement of Bro. Larry Wenninger (Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine) and Sis. Joyce Gudeman (Bro. Art and Sis. Mary) of La-Crosse.

Notes of thanks: Sis. Hulda Gerber wishes to thank all those who remembered her with cards, gifts, and prayers while she was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

We experienced a blessed week-end the last week of April, when three young friends were privileged to bring their testimonies of faith before the church, and made their vows in baptismal waters the following day. New sisters-in-faith are Audrey Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn), Karen Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen), and Marvella Knobloch (Sis. Iola). Visiting ministers were Elder (Bros.) Noah Shrock, Oakville: Joe Waibel, Bay City: (Bros.) Noah Gerber, West Bend; and Alphi Moser, Morris. In the evening, the elder brothers assisted our Elder Bro. Leo Moser in serving Holy Communion.

We are happy to have Sis. Doreen Meyer assemble with us. She has moved from Peoria to live with

her mother, Sis. Emma Meyer.

We have several new babies to report. On April 5, Pam and Tony Bosch became parents of their first child, little Charlene Kay. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle Leuthold. On April 16, Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jolene Metzger became parents of their first child, tiny Dana Lynn. He weighed less than three pounds at birth and remains in the hospital. Grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz, West Bend. On April 29, Mike and Bonnie Knobloch became parents of a girl, Valerie Jo. Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen are grandparents. On April 30, Keith and Mary Metzger had a baby girl, Kari Eileen. She has two brothers to welcome her home, and grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Flora Metzger.

Chuck Knobloch was hospitalized with a broken leg, suffered in a motorcycle accident.

The children of our friends, Emil and Liz Wulf, hosted an open house for their parents on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Married was Tim DeHaan, son of John and Sis. Ione, to Lois Almond.

Fourteen young folks are graduating from high school. They have had the benefit of good homes, good schools, and a good church and Sunday School to lay the groundwork for a productive and happy life. They are Arnie Wulf (Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona), Mark Metzger (Bro. Freddie and Sis. Esty), Jay Mogler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Frieda), Mike Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen), Sis. Audrey Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn), Audrey Moser (Lou and Tina), Rodney Metzger (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella), Bradley Kellenberger (Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine), Carol Leuthold (Bro. Art and Sis. Emilie), Lila Doorne-weerd (Dick and Leah), Barbara Knobloch (Gilbert and Vicki), Roy Roeman (Eddie and Amelia), Roy Feucht (Bro. August and Sis. Martha), and Lyle Feucht (Ernie and Sis. Martha).

MANSFIELD OH
Aaron A. Sauder

To the old rugged cross I will ever
be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly
bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my
home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

This favorite song was sung at the funeral May 6 — within just three days, two of our beloved ones have gone to share the glory of the Lord forever.

"Blessed be His Holy Name". . . what a wonderful testimony were these last words spoken by Bro. John Oesch, before he fell asleep in the Lord on May 3, at the age of 53. Sis. Kate remained at her husband's bedside during these last four months which Bro. Johnny spent in the hospital in a losing battle with leukemia. Our love and sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Katherine Stoller Oesch; two sons, Michael and John; and 14 daughters, Cheryl Shumacher (Edward), Cindy, Sally, Westcott (Mel), Sara, Nancy, Judy, Lori, Mary, Betsy, Kristi, Tammy, Heidi, Amy and Traci; his mother, Sis. Tillie Fuhrer Oesch (Karl); three brothers, Ben, Elmer and Robert; and six sisters, Ann Farnley (Harvey), Rose Munson, Edith Mayer (John), Emilie Went (Harold), Martha Oesch, and Helen Ramsier (Wallace).

On Wed., May 8, funeral services are to be held for Sis. Lillian Them (widow of Bro. Will), who passed away May 5; she would have attained the age of fourscore on May 10. Our sincere sympathy to her three sons, Everett, John and Robert, in the loss of their dear mother; and her brother, Everett Feisley.

Likewise we express sympathy to the Koroknay family in the recent death of their oldest sister, Anne Koroknay Appleman (Ted).

Hospital patients have been Sis. Katherine Bocka (Martin), Sis. Sarah Bocka Rice (Byron), and Bro. Ted Schauwecker, who have again been able to return to their homes and to attend church services.

Thank you to Bro. Eugene Fetter, who visited our congregation and ministered to us on May 5.

MILFORD IN

Sandee Price/Sue Schieler

Holy Communion was served to our brethren on Palm Sunday afternoon, then we all assembled that evening to enjoy the Easter program. On Easter morning, brethren and friends gathered at

dawn for sunrise services.

We are happy to report that Sisters Flossie Hartter and Millie Beer are now both home from the hospital, and we look forward to seeing them in our congregation soon.

The engagement of Bro. Fred Beer and Sis. Pat Plattner of Roanoke was announced. Bro. and Sis. Carlton Beer and Bro. and Sis. Russell Plattner are the parents of this happy couple.

Rosie, Jeff and Mike Haab welcomed their new baby brother into their family April 5. Thomas Roy came to join the happy family of Bro. and Sis. Don Haab.

May 28, Bro. Harold Emch of Girard brought God's word to us.

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, visits and prayers. In Christian love, Flossie Hartter.

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgal

Our heavenly debt He did forgive
And gave us raiments spotless,
His Spirit did our souls revive;
Our hearts were filled with
gladness.

He cleansed us from each sinful
stain

Through the precious blood of
Jesus.

He did unite us unto Him,
From Adam's fall redeemed us.

Our congregation enjoyed many blessings the week-end of March 31 . . . Three dear souls gave their testimonies and were baptized: Cheryl Koehl (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys) and Ken and Karen Koehl (Ken, son of Bro. Charlie and Sis. Esther and Karen, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Martha Greiner). Elder Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern was here to assist our elder Bro. Paul Fehr. (Bros.) Dennis Warner of Lester and Ken Lawson of Minneapolis were also here and shared God's word with us. On Sunday evening, we were privileged to sit at the Lord's table for Communion. We could feel the Lord's nearness and were truly blest.

Ron Messner was announced to have peace with God. He is the son of Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia of the Winthrop congregation. Ron is attending UMM at Morris and has been assembling with us.

It was a joy to assemble the eve-

ning of April 10 to hear the Sunday School present their program for Easter. It was inspiring to hear the little children and youth tell of Christ's resurrection, in verse and song. We thank the dear children and teachers for their efforts.

We welcome Bro. Bob and Sis. Lena Reuter and their son, Bro. Jim from Wolcott into our church circle. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their home in this area.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner hosted a reception for their son, Bro. Sidney and his bride, Sis. Cheryl (Weigand). They are making their home in Minneapolis.

The arrival of little Timothy John on April 19 has brought much joy into the home of Bro. Steve and Sis. Pam Schaefer. He has two sisters, Becky and Michel who happily welcomed him. Grandparents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch and Bro. John and Sis. Esther Schaefer.

We are thankful that the ones who have spent some time in hospitals this past month are all able to be at home again: (Sisters) Cheryl Koehl, Emma Spohr, Bro. Ben Greiner and George Luthi. Bro. Adolph Koehl of Peoria also spent several days in the hospital at Morris. He fell and received an injury while visiting relatives here.

Sis. Louise Mohrman observed her 80th birthday on April 3. She wishes to add this note: Many thanks to my children for the flowers, cakes, food and gifts and to all others who remembered me with cards, gifts and phone calls, and those who visited me in my home. It made me happy. Louise Mohrman.

The 3rd Annual Ft Sam reunion of G.I.'s and their families with ETS between Jan. 1, 1970 and July 1, 1974 will be held in Morris July 27 and 28. All G. I's are cordially invited to attend. Hosts are: Bro. and Sis. Jerel Schmidgall, Bro. and Sis. Karl Koehl, Bro. and Sis. Keith Schmidgall, Bros. Dale Koehl, Beirne Messner and Doug Wulf.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathy Olson

Congratulations and our blessings go out to Bro. Syd and Sis. Cheryl Messner, Wed. Mar. 10, and Friend Linden and Ime Venhuizen, Wed. Mar. 2. We are happy to have both couples make Minneapolis

their home church.

We wish to thank Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop for ministering the word unto us.

"We wish to thank all those who remembered our daughter Sharon, with cards, gifts and most of all their prayers, while she was a patient at the Methodist Hospital, Peoria." Sis. Kathryn and Everett Olson.

Mrs. Josephine Esterling underwent surgery and is now recuperating at home.

A Tribute to Mother

For though "small souls" are heaven-sent

And we realize they're only lent,
It takes a mother's loving hands
And her gentle heart that understands

To mold and shape this little life
And shelter it through storm and strife . . .

No other love than mother love
Could do the things required of
The one to whom God gives the keeping

Of His wee lambs, awake or sleeping—

MORTON IL

Mrs. Keith Stevig

Mrs. Harry Kaiser

I never can forget the day
I heard my mother kindly say,
You're leaving now my tender care;

Remember, child, your mother's prayer.

The years have gone, I can't forget
Those words of joy, I hear them yet;

I see her by the old arm-chair,
My mother dear, in humble prayer.

I never can forget the hour
I felt the Saviour's cleansing power.
My sin and guilt he canceled there;
'Twas there He answered mother's prayer.

Oh, praise the Lord for saving grace!

We'll meet up yonder face to face;
The home above together share,
In answer to my mother's prayer.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Russell Rapp on April 8 for Sis. Naoma Witzig, who had been ill for several months. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Mary Ellen Winings of East Sandwich,

Mass., Sis. Shirley (Mrs. Edward) Hauter of Morton, Sis. Lois (Mrs. Boyd) Metzger of Northbrook; four sons, Bro. William of Ventura, Calif., Dr. Frederick Witzig of Duluth, MN, Bro. Harold and Bro. Gene of Morton; three sisters, Mrs. Ellis (Katherine) Beal of Harper, KS, Mrs. Arthur (Lois) Hauter and Mrs. Alfred (Salome) Carius of Morton.

Bros. Roy Sauder and Eugene Bertschi assisted our Elder Bro. Russell Rapp in serving Holy Communion. It was a very solemn occasion, being reminded of our Lord's suffering and how He instituted the Lord's Supper.

Sis. Marla Witzig and Bro. Rick Ringger were united in holy matrimony on April 28 by (Bros.) Earl Zeltwanger and Edwin Ringger.

Other visiting ministers the past month have been: Bros. Earl Banwart, Don Sauder, Harold Zeltwanger, Willis Wiegand, Walter Herrmann, and Bro. Harvey Grimm.

Our Sunday School Bible Class was host to 12 Sunday Schools on the evening of April 21 for Youth Fellowship. Some 450 students participated in raising their voices in song to the Lord.

The engagement of Bro. Steve Hauter and Sis. Anne Causey was announced April 28. Their parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Hauter and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Causey . . . Announcement was made the same day of the engagement of Bro. Steve Schmidgall and Sis. Chris Hunziker. Their parents are Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen Schmidgall and Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara Hunziker of Peoria . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwenk have announced the engagement of their daughter Janine, to Bruce Pero of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pero. They are planning to be married July 7.

Joshua David was born March 22 to Jane and Gary Schneider. Grandparents are Bro. Verden and Sis. Alma Rinkenberger and Mrs. Helen Schneider.

Sis. Kathy and Bill Lyman are the parents of a daughter, Tracy Lynn, born April 17. She has a sister, Cori. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Lemman of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lyman of Peoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brunner of Springfield.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Lyn Roeschley welcome the arrival of a daughter, Stephanie Lyn, born April 27. Grandparents are Sis. Mabel Roeschle and the late Ray Roeschley, and Bro. Andy and Sis. Irene Leman of Sabetha.

Those who have been in the hospital or are convalescing at home are (Sisters) Verena Heiniger, Louise Hoerr, Lydia Huetter, Joan Roecker, Lavina Kilgus . . . Janine Schwenk and Rebecca Rumbold, Bro. August Barth and Larry Stephens.

We are thankful that Sis. Frances Sauder (Mrs. Albert) is able to be at home and assemble with us again, after being hospitalized for over a year.

With great joy we listened to the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of 9 dear souls on the week-end of May 5: Randy Schmidgall (Bro. Harry and Sis. Helen), Jeff Kauffman (Clifford and Lola), Ed Kaiser (Bro. Harry and Sis. Laverne), Ron Jones (Gene and Sis. Sherrill), Gary Rassi (Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl), Chris Hirstein (Jack and Mary Jo), Gary and Carol Roeschley Orrison, and Steve Wiedman (husband of Sis. Kay). We thank Bro. Edward Frank and Bro. Ed Hohulin for the blessings they shared with us on this week-end.

NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

On Easter, the Sunday School children presented a very enjoyable program.

A baby boy has blessed the home of Richard and Wendy Mohrman, on April 2, and has been named Jason Richard. They live in Denver, New York, Maternal grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Herschey.

Linda M. Herzig, daughter of Ted and Gertie Herzig, was married to Michael W. Shupe on April 20.

Our mid-week services have started again, and are held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., alternating the Croghan and Naumburg churches each week.

It is collection time for the Silver Lining. The Naumburg congregation may hand their dues to their reporter.

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

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Miss Della Witschey

Gus M. Weltz of 812 Fifth Street passed away on May 8 in the local hospital, after a length illness. He observed his 84th birthday on Jan. 29, and is survived by his widow, Minnie Brothers Weltz; one step-daughter, Mary Ann Brothers of home; one sister. Funeral services were held from the Ratcliffe Funeral Home on May 10, and interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

Mrs. Al Frautschi

Our young people were invited to spend Sat. evening and Sunday at the Bluffton congregation, with the Christian Endeavor on April 27 and 28. A wonderful time has been reported.

Forty-seven people, including the Mansfield choir chartered a bus and spent Sat. and Sun. here. The singing was a wonderful sermon in song. The dinner on Sunday was served at the Fellowship Hall.

Mark and Nancy Souder are both college graduates this month. Nancy will be working and getting training in a store in Indianapolis, and Mark plans on training and working at the Cross Roads in St. Louis and Houston for awhile.

Dean Stoller spent some time at the hospital at Ft. Wayne. She is doing well at home now. Sis. Elizabeth Pulfer is also at home from the hospital.

We are all rejoicing over the good news of Roberta Norr Klopfenstein and Ricki Kipfer, who have decided to follow our dear Saviour.

We have four high school graduates. Beth Stieglitz, daughter of Marvin and Joan, Susie Stieglitz, daughter of Oliver and Emma Jean, Kim and Kevin Souder (twins), children of Dwight and Betty.

OAKVILLE, IA

Martha Wiegand

We rejoice in the happiness of two young couples. Engagements were announced of Bro. Lynn Frank (Bro. Robert & Sis. Clara) and Sis. Priscilla Bowers of Wichita (Bro. Milton & Sis. Lillian), also Bro. James Vierling (Bro. Emil & Sis. Pearl) and Sis. Linda Endress of Princeville (the late Bro. Levi &

Sis. Mildred). We wish them much happiness in their lives together.

Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend ministered to us. We enjoyed his visit.

Friend Keith Kuntz (son of the late Bro. Roy and Sis. Ruth) has been announced for proving in the near future, having found peace with God and man. We are thankful that souls are still turning to the Lord in these perilous times.

PEORIA IL

Mrs. R. J. Miller

Their first baby was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Becky Meister, Sunday April 7. They named him Mark Alan Jr. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Bossart of New Jersey and Bro. Dave and Mary Meister of Peoria . . . Blessed with a boy are Phil and Linda Leathers. Baby Scott's maternal grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Kathryn Witzig . . . Bro. Rolland and Sis. Carol Scholl have a baby girl, born April 21. Bridget Anne's brother and sister are Todd and Angie. Her grandparents are Bro. Pete and Sis. Kathryn Hoerr of Peoria and Sis. Mary Scholl of Princeville.

Born-again children of God are Sis. Mary Ann Hartman and Sis. Judy Hemmer. They were baptized on Easter.

Palm Sunday we took communion, with Bros. Roy Sauder and Charles Hemmer presiding over the service. The Sunday School presented an Easter program that evening.

We extend our sympathy to my mother, Sis. Emma (Mrs. Bro. Conrad) Woerner and my aunt, Bertha Siebenthal, over the death of their brother and my wonderful uncle, Bro. Albert Fisher, of Chicago. May we be comforted by the fact that he is asleep in Jesus.

Bro. Alfred E. Thomas passed from this life the evening of April 12, at his home in Washington, Ill. He last worked in his upholstery shop behind his home until the first week of January 1974, when he no longer had strength to be on his legs, although he was able to be up and about in his home until the day before he died. His wife, Sis. Anna, and their children cared for him during his illness. They received many loved ones during the last three months. Even though he suffered a short time, his passing was sudden, since he didn't complain,

but was so happy to be at home even unto his last hour here on earth. The songs of faith that he loved so well, and often led for many years in singing at church, he listened to that last afternoon.

Alfred was born in Roanoke, Feb. 8, 1906, a son of Adam and Martha Fischer Thomas. He leaves his wife, Sis. Anna (Hofstetter); five sons, Eugene of Boulder, Colo., Dale and John of Peoria, Charles and James of Washington; three daughters: Sis. Lillian (Bob) Cagle and Carol (Arlie) Crutchley of Washington, Suzanna (Douglas) Weaver of Albuquerque, N. Mex.; three brothers: Joseph, Bro. Ivan, and Bro. Harlan of Peoria; four sisters: Sisters Mary (Ezra) Hohulin of Peoria, Rose (Orel) Steiner of Oakville, Clara (Joseph) Steiner of Sabetha, and Ella (A. Paul) Wagler of Burlington . . . Funeral services were held Mon. April 15, with Bro. Roy Sauder and other local ministers conducting services. Burial was in Springdale Cemetery at Peoria.

Bro. Chris Leuthold had a heart attack. He died April 17; his funeral, conducted by Peoria ministers, was the 20th. Among survivors are his wife of fifty years, Sis. Sophie; eight children; and Bro. Ben Leuthold of Bern Ks., his brother.

We sympathize with Sis. Verna Knapp Lehman of our congregation in the loss of a dear aunt, who passed away Mar. 22. She was Mrs. John Sommer, who reached the age of 100 years April 5. She was the wife of the founder of Keystone Steel & Wire Co., truly a faithful Christian. She always had a kind word for everyone who came to see her, never taking any praise for herself. Our ministers often visited her, and she would say how much she enjoyed it. She subscribed to the Silver Lining and always placed it on the table next to her chair, so she could refer to it until she received the next one. She is survived by 2 daughters and 5 sons, who faithfully cared for her the last few years.

Notes of Thanks:

Thanking everyone so much for the lovely cards, letters, gifts and the many prayers while I was in the hospital. I am doing as well as can be expected. I am still on crutches for a while longer. Edna Klein, 1809 N. Kingscourt Dr., Peoria 61604 . . . We wish to express our

heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, words of comfort, and deeds of kindness shown to us in the illness and passing of our loved one. The family of Chris Leuthold . . . "Our family wishes to offer our humble appreciation for the kind deeds of sympathy and thoughtfulness extended to our beloved father and husband, Alfred E. Thomas. He was so thankful that he was able to be home with his family while he was ill. He so appreciated the many wonderful friends and relatives who visited daily with him and our mother during the past three months . . ."

A number of Peoria brothers went to Alabama to help in the tornado-stricken area. Peoria choir and some of their children visited the churches of Alabama the last week-end of April.

We are sorry that Sis. Frieda Kipfer and Sis. Julia Ehle have been ill. Jim Schafer, son of Bro. Amos and Sis. Marie, was hurt in a farm accident. Sharon Bridgeman, formerly Sharon Olson, was hurt in an explosion. Sis. Marie Weishaupt and Bro. Rudy Hoerr are in the hospital.

The engagement of Sis. Chris Hunziker, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Barbara, to Bro. Steve Schmidgall of Morton was announced April 28.

Married May 4 were Marilyn Thomas and Larry Kaufman. Bro. Ivan and Mav are the bride's parents. Bro. Roger Geyer and Sis. Melanie Steiner were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Roy Sauder May 5. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Steiner of Morton, the groom's, Bro. Walter and Sis. Hazel Geyer of Peoria. Bro. Ed Lanz (uncle to the groom) conducted morning services, followed by Bro. Bob Pohl (whose daughter, Tina, was maid-of-honor). Visiting ministers during April were Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger, Al Aberle, and Carl Hartman.

PHOENIX AZ Ann Mangold

There shall be showers of blessing; This is the promise of love . . . We can again testify of this great promise, for we have felt the showers of blessing. Easter, and all of our thoughts turn thankfully and humbly to the Risen Christ, who bare the sins of all men and gave us the great hope of eternal

life. An added joy to this Easter was the marriage of Sis. Nancy Freed and Bro. Jon Kokanovich.

Another promise of love was revealed as the engagement of Sis. Eileen Yackley and Bro. Tony Funk of Garden Grove was announced.

There shall be showers of blessing, Precious reviving again . . . The family of God has increased with the addition of three more souls, Darby Knochel, Jake Hoerr, and Wayne Schrenk. With each testimony we are revived and strengthened to learn how the Lord has worked in another heart. Jerry and Kathy Emch have expressed their peace with God and, Lord willing, await baptism.

There shall be showers of blessing, Send them upon us, O Lord . . . Our prayer and thanksgiving for these blessings never cease, and especially when we gather to hear God's word. The Lord has blessed us with two new ministers of His word . . . (Bros.) Allen Freed and Bill Dotterer. Our prayerful support is with these two brothers, as it will continue to be with the brothers who have been lending themselves.

Those hospitalized were Bro. Floyd Banwart. Bro. Carl Blumenschein and Herb Mohrman.

There shall be showers of blessing. Oh that today they might fall . . . Let us daily look to the Lord in thanksgiving for each blessing He has bestowed.

PORTLAND OR Pearl Miller

Quoted in a sermon recently, "Prayer is as oxygen to the human body, without it, we perish." How much we need prayer daily!

Our prayers go out for those that have met with misfortune and suffered much devastation in the South and Midwest, also loss of lives of dear ones due to tornadoes that swept over our lands.

The tiny crumbs of joy and happiness
That we may scatter all along our way
May seem quite insignificant to us,
But we may bring a bright and golden ray
Into the lives of some unfortunate,
Unhappy souls who trod hard weary roads.
Each little crumb may be a lavish feast,

Give sustenance to lighten heavy loads.

One crumb may be a gentle, friendly smile;

Another, just a letter to a friend,

A tiny kindness to a little child,

A helping hand to one who's reached the end.

Such little things that may not stay in mind

For very long, may be great things, indeed.

God, grant that we retain the wisdom to

Give aid and succor, to someone in need.

Friend Annie Miller lives in the Camlu Apartments, 13669 S. Goffney Lane, Room 5, Oregon City Oregon 97045. I know she would appreciate hearing from you.

We were blessed by the verses quoted by our Sunday School children in the Easter program. It is always a joy to see young hearts and minds learn of our Lord and Saviour's death and resurrection!

Each Sunday afternoon after services, we have the privilege to sing for the aged in some of the nursing homes. How much they appreciate it! A 94-year-old man who resides at one of these homes gets on his knees to pray every night before retiring. He is almost blind and has much difficulty walking. Other residents at the home were much impressed by this.

Friend Edna (Klopfenstein) Lincoln, age 67, passed away April 29. She suffered from cancer for an extensive period of time. We are in sympathy with her dear husband, Ted and family. One by one we are going down the valley, and if we were to have an epitaph on our tomb stone, we would be thankful to have the inscription, by the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

Each morning brings its promise of good things yet to be.

And nightfall will affirm again that God is good to me.

We were happy to have Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont minister to us the last Sunday in March. He spoke of the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, how they came at different hours, and all were paid at the

end of the day, receiving the same amount. We in our spiritual life come to the Lord at various ages, and all hope for the same reward, that of eternal life. How much better, however, to come to the Lord in our youth and live our lifetime serving the Lord. The joys are unspeakable. Many were present to share in the solemn act, when Bro. Dan assisted Bro. Dave Kieser in serving Holy Communion. Each one is brought closer to each other, truly a rewarding experience.

Another Sunday, Bro. Leo Moser of Lester and Bro. Harvey Grimm of Sabetha were with us and gave many kindly admonitions and teachings. How kindly the friends were invited to open their hearts and follow the Lord.

The last Sunday in April, Bro. Robert Meyer of Bluffton was our guest minister. Precious thoughts were brought forth for our consideration. As we are enjoying the beautiful springtime, we count our blessings, thankful we can enjoy such beauty. What confusion would result if the sun failed to come up one morning and did not shine! How would we feel?

Many relatives and friends attended a wedding reception April 28 for Bro. James and Sis. Vicki (Meyer) Elsasser, who were united in marriage in Bluffton on April 7.

Sis. Doreen Meyer, who has been living in Peoria, but made Princeville her home church, has gone to make her home with her mother in Lester. We will sincerely miss Doreen . . .

We are sorry to report several shut-ins. Sis. Mary Leuthold had misfortune to fall in her kitchen, received a fractured pelvic bone, and has been in the hospital the past three weeks. We are glad to know she was able to sit in a chair the past two days.

Sis. Margaret Herrmann has been receiving treatment in the hospital, where she has been a patient the past four weeks. She is anxiously looking forward to come home, and hope she will be able soon . . . Sis. Marian Hinshaw had the misfortune to fall in her home, breaking two bones just above her ankle, and has her leg in a cast. After ten days in the hospital, she was able to return to her home.

Our friend, Frieda Berchtold is receiving treatment for pneumonia

in the hospital and has been quite ill. She is somewhat improved, but may be some time before she can return home.

We are glad to have Bro. George Wagenbach worshipping with us again. Sis. Emma Asal, who was ill for several weeks, is back with us and helping around the sink again. We are so glad when those who have been absent for a time are able to be with us again.

We have had four engagements announced in the past month. On March 31, Bro. Kurt Ehrle, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah (Moser) Ehnle, and Sis. Jane Stoller, daughter of Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber of Eureka announced their engagement. An early June wedding is planned. April 14 Bro. Bill Stoller, son of Bro. Floren and Sis. Dorothy (Perdelwitz) Stoller, and Sis. Kathleen Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty (Ringger) Herrmann made their engagement known. On April 21, the engagement of Bro. Greg Stoller, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta (Gerber) Stoller of Forrest and Sis. Jill Ehnle, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle, was announced. Bro. James Vierling, son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Pearl Vierling of Oakville, and Sis. Linda Endress, daughter of Sis. Mildred and the late Bro. Levi, made their engagement known April 28.

The hearts of several of our older members were warmed when a group of Junior High young folks went to sing in their homes.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Blunier are the parents of a new son, Douglas Jay, born April 19. He was welcomed home by a little brother, Daren and little sister, Janel; grandparents, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier of Eureka and John and Sis. Edith Stahl of our congregation, and great-grandmothers, Sis. Carrie Hodel of Roanoke and Sis. Helen Knapp of Cissna Park.

Our friend, Ben Grimm, who lived a number of years in our area, passed from this life Monday, April 29. He had lived at the Bel-Wood Nursing Home, Peoria, for the past 19 years. Ben was born Nov. 24, 1891 in Cissna Park, the son of Christian and Caroline Waldbeser Grimm. He always worshipped with us when he lived here, and often after moving to the home. Survivorson SD and Bro. Eli of West Bend;

ing are two brothers, Ed of Madison sister, Sis. Lydia Feucht. Bro. LeRoy Ehle of Bradford conducted services May 1, with our local ministers assisting. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

PULASKI IA

Nancy Musselman
Ernestine Wuthrich

Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Tremont, and Bro. John Steiner, Oakville, spent April 27 with us, giving us a new insight into God's heavenly word.

Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich spent several days in hospital . . . **Thank You:** I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital. Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich.

REMINGTON IN

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Gene Lehman, Wolcott, was here March 31 to help, as two of our ministers were elsewhere.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus had a family gathering recently, due to their 25th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene (Bahler) Habegger in Bluffton had their 25th anniversary. Sis. Arlene was born and raised here. Her folks are Bro. Jake and Sis. Emma Bahler. He was born here too. He attended services with us often, as he went to school at Purdue.

Neil Jason arrived April 16 to Bro. Clyde and Sis. Mary Sue Waibel (my nephew). Lee and Judy are happy with him.

Our community was shocked by the sudden departure of Sis. Clara (Sam) Furrer of Wolcott. We will miss them on Wed. night services, as they seldom missed. We always enjoyed having her when she came to our home.

April 3 will be a day remembered by many in this community, as Otterbien Ind. about 20 miles south of us and Monticello, about 20 miles east of us had a fierce destructive tornado. Many went over to help, and many of us helped in sending food over. One cannot be thankful enough when we are spared such an experience. An earthquake was also felt soon afterward, only a minor tremor, but both makes one think and know God is above all.

Bro. Odell and Sis. Marjorie Pittman have a married daughter, Linda whose home was badly damaged

in the storm. A number from here went over to help salvage their belongings and move them into another house. We all are very thankful they were not hurt. Sis. Marjorie's mother's house was completely destroyed.

We had lots of help at our annual church cleaning, which always makes one feel good to think that all wish to preserve God's house.

The Easter program was well attended . . . Surely is inspiring and encouraging to teachers and parents when all take part in bringing forth the message of our Risen Lord.

Sorry to have Sis. Libby (Bro. Edwin's) Bahler leave us to work at Bloomington, Ill. for the Nussbaum Trucking Co.

The engagement of Sis. Elaine Steffen and Bro. Ted Perry of Indianapolis was made known April 15. She is the daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucille of here. Elaine is a graduate nurse.

Bro. Jake and Sis. Emma Bahler are both in the hospital for tests. Sis. Lillie Frey has been returned to the hospital for further observation.

Mother's Love

A mother's love is much like God's
Forgiving, tender and true;
It will never leave nor fail us
Whatever we say or do.

A thousand words cannot express
Nor thoughts can e'er discover
The everlasting faith and hope,
Which is the love of mother.

PURDUE IN

Linda Pfledder Lynell Bahler

Another busy school year has drawn to a close. Those graduating are: Sisters Elaine Steffen, Remington; Marcia Troxel, LaCrosse Bros. Ed Troxel, LaCrosse; Dan Gudeman, Francesville; Gary Ifft, Forrest; Bill Frank, LaCrosse; Terry Longenberger and Dean Fiechter, Bluffton.

On Tuesday, April 16, the Purdue group enjoyed a carry-in supper. The graduates were honored, and officers were elected for the coming year.

Bro. Walt Steffen ministered with us on April 10, as Milford was host.

There were many gathered together for our last meeting on April 24. We enjoyed having Bro.

Orville Ringger from Bluffton as our guest minister.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Bro. Ted Perry (Indianapolis) on his engagement to Sis. Elaine Steffen, and to Bro. Bill Frank on his engagement to Sis. Joan Knobloch.

RITTMAN OH

Florence Hartzler

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" If you received everything this world had to offer, and gave up your soul, what would the end be? When time came for you to leave, and you only had the possessions of the world, what good did they do you? You would be forever lost, no hope of everlasting life. We only have one life to live, one soul to lose.

Beth Beery, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Ruth has found peace with God and been announced for proving. Howard and Sis. Lucy Beery received word that son Art is repenting. Oh such joyous times such as these, when another dear soul has found grace to turn his back on the world. Art and his family live near Toledo, where they attend church.

It's good to have Bro. Richard Steiner home, following his two-year army service. In one of the hymns we sing: "God leads his dear children along, some thru the water, some thru the flood, some thru the fire, but all thru the blood, some thru great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long."

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Don Spangler, who passed away rather suddenly. Funeral service was held April 6, Bro. Joseph Ramsier conducting. We especially want to mention his wife, Sis. Louise; sons, Larry, Darrell, and Bro. Ned. Also surviving are his mother and other relatives. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

We are glad our loved ones needing hospital care can now be at home. Bro. Carl Ingold, Bro. Maynard Gasser, and Christine Bauman are glad to be home. Bro. Phillip Webber is in an Acron hospital.

Blanche Mathys, daughter of Sis.

Barbara, and Wayne Coy exchanged wedding vows on Sat., April 20.

As we look around us in the spring of the year, we see many beautiful things in God's creation. The trees are shooting forth their green leaves, the grass and flowers are so colorful, the newly-plowed, planted and sowed earth is so nice to see, the birds and other of God's creatures are so joyful to feel the warm air. Do we take these things for granted, or do we think of the Creator and thank Him for these blessings?

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder Mae K. Hodel

Praise God for mother's gentle hand

And love we cannot understand.
Praise Him who sent us from above
The blessings of a mother's love.

On March 31, the engagement of Bro. Alan Hodel (Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathryn) and Sis. Beverly Kipfer (Bro. Carl & Sis. Velma) of Bluffton was made known . . . Bro. Fred Beer (Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann) of Milford, was announced with Sis. Pat Plattner (Bro. Russell and Sis. Marge).

Elder Bro. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield spent Palm Sunday with us and helped with the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Bro. Roy Grimm was here from Taylor. We enjoyed a very blessed day.

On Wednesday evening, April 10, the Eureka Bible class and all our Sunday School students participated in the Easter program, by singing of our crucified and risen Lord.

Evening services were held on Good Friday. "What will you do with Jesus?"

Easter, we were reminded of the resurrection of our Saviour by Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Kiowa.

On the beautiful evening of April 17, Sis. Doris Mangold and Bro. Norman Rocke were united in marriage by Bro. Gene Bertschi. Bro. Leroy Huber and many from Eureka were here for the occasion. Julie Hoffman (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary) and Jim Tibbs of Eureka were united in marriage at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall by Bro. Don Sauder, April 20 . . . Bro. Herman Luginbuhl and Sis. Marjorie

Aeschleman were united in bonds of holy matrimony by Bro. Gene Bertschi. (Bros.) Herman Kellenberger and Vernon Leman were here for the happy occasion.

The annual church supper was held April 28. A program of hymns by various groups was enjoyed by all.

Hospitalized were Sylvia Blunier, Helen Mangold, Angela Rassi, Leah Moser. All are home again.

Notice: A man's black London Fog raincoat, size 42, has been left in the east hall of our church.

We were privileged to hear the testimonies, May 4, of Keith and Lavonne Fischer (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) and Lori Blunier (Bro. Walter and Sis. Marian). They were baptized and welcomed into the fold on May 5.

The engagement of Bro. Andrew Leman and Sis. Margaret Ehle of Princeville was announced May 5.

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Carl Hartman on the death of his sister, Anna Lear, who passed away April 4.

We were happy to have Bro. Ron Heiniger visit our congregation. We thank Bro. Ron for the words of life he gave us in his ministry.

We welcome five more dear souls as brothers and sisters in the Lord. Cynthia Meyer, Sonia Strahm, Mary Wenger, Tim Hartter and Gordon Huber were given the opportunity to bring their testimonies before the congregation. Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Lester Hartter came to assist Bro. Gene Marti in this work. The baptisms were held on Sunday, following the afternoon services.

We have again discontinued our mid-week services, and now are holding our Sunday evening song services. We alternate with the Bern congregation and meet every two weeks at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to gather with us and lend their voice in praises to our Lord.

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehle

Someone told me that believers should live above reproach. In I Timothy 3, where the qualifications of bishops are written, we find these words, "Moreover he must have a good report of them that are without; lest he fall into reproach

and the snare of the devil." Certainly to humbly endeavor, by the grace of God, to live above reproach from those that are within the fellowship or without is a wonderful challenge. Anything about our actions, anything about our appearance, our speech, our attitude which might cause us to fall into reproach should prayerfully and humbly be considered, to see if corrections in line with the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles can be made, which would take away the reproach.

A young lady who sometimes attends church came to visit us. She had suffered a great loss in her life. Her father died about 10 days previously. She asked what had become of her father, whether or not he had become an **Hotoke Sama**, which is a Buddhist god, which is what the Buddhists say about everyone after they die. I explained that we commit all such into the hands of the living God, who is a righteous Judge. The Scripture teaches us that ". . . if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." There is no substitute for being ready to meet God, for it is quite impossible to change the direction of the tree after it has fallen.

We are expecting Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet Graf of Akron to visit us for 2 weeks in May.

SARASOTA FL

Linda Miller

Now it is accomplished!

I'm no longer mine;

Lord, I will forever and always be Thine,

For Thou hast created and purchased me too,

Baptized with Thy Spirit,

Thou makest me new.

Showers of blessings continue to fall, as our congregation again witnesses the presence of God in our friends. The evening of April 6 we gathered to hear testimonies of Lydia Virkler, wife of Bro. Leon, and June Eisenmann, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay. Elder Bro. Noah Schrock was here to assist our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Many times we hear that the young need the old, and the old need the young; it is in times like these that we see the two come together. Baptism is

always ever so moving, as we see the body surrender and witness the new birth.

We are growing continually richer in our gathering of souls, as two more have confessed peace and await testimony and baptism: Doug Sabo, son of Ray and Betty and grandson of Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise; and also Linda Sabo, Doug's wife. They have been in our congregation now faithfully since we have had use of our church. We praise the Lord for all His lambs.

We are happy to have Bro. Leon Virkler back in our gatherings and looking well. He had been hospitalized for surgery, but through determination was only absent one Sunday.

Most all who are only with us for the winter season are now back or on their way home. We miss them very much. We would like to thank the ministers who have been with us in this past month and shared the word: (Bros.) Harry Sutter, Ft. Lauderdale; Irvin Stoller, Laty; and Francis Rother, Morton.

Through the summer months we are planning on continuing with the 2 services on Sunday. We cordially invite all those coming our way to gather with us. As Bro. Phil Wingeier will be serving us with the word, our prayers go out in his support. I'm sure Bro. Phil would deeply appreciate help from ministering brothers that may be in the area. For those of you that may be in our area in the near future, please make note of the new telephone number of the church, to be effective June 8. The number is currently 955-9517 and will be changing to 371-2968.

SILVERTON OR Judith Knecht

Out onto Calv'ry's hill
Where Jesus died I'll go,
To hear the words He speaks,
To see Him in His woe.

A beautiful ray of sunshine greeted us Easter morning and again we were permitted to gather in God's holy house, unharmed and unmolested, where we were reminded of the suffering and death of our Lord and Saviour. May we ever praise and thank our great and merciful God for this precious plan of salvation and for the freedom we have to worship.

Following afternoon services, the Sunday School brought forth a very impressive Easter program. How willing these hearts and minds are to memorize and recite about Jesus. May these words linger in their hearts as they grow from children to adults.

Our dear friend, Emma Neuswanger, has suffered a severe heart attack and was hospitalized for some time. We are happy to report she is now able to be at home, where she lives with her daughter and son-in-law, at 1329 Mistwood N.E. Salem OR 97303.

Summer is drawing nigh, and vacations are being planned. We wish to extend our invitation and our assistance (if we can help). You may contact Bro. Clarence Dietrich, R. 3, Box 141B, Silverton OR 97381, Ph 503-873-2582; or Bro. Ed Knecht, R. 1, Box 241, Mulino OR 97042, Ph 503-632-3570.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

How uplifting to our spiritual life is this time of the year! We can almost feel how God again brings forth the green leaves and grass. The Dogwood Festival in Quincy celebrates the hundreds of pink and white dogwood trees in bloom; also each year at this time more trees are planted. With thankful hearts, we can observe the planted fields across the Mississippi River, where everything was under water a year ago. God keeps His promise: **As the day, so shall our strength be.**

Our Easter program was held Good Friday evening, with many songs and verses. We appreciate the effort brought forth from the teachers and children.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski), Kenny Dietz (Bradford), Bob Pohl (Burlington). We are thankful for all who take the time to come and proclaim the word of life; we also appreciate our own ministers and their efforts.

The meditation on Revelation, which is also being studied at our mid-week Bible Class, was very timely. It makes us want to have our lamps burning and filled with oil, as there will be no time to buy when we hear the Bridegroom coming. . . . So let our love shine toward our Redeemer and toward each other.

Henry Hodel was in the hospital

for surgery. He is now home and recovering satisfactorily.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki Marie Inoue

We had a real blessed Easter in Tokyo church with our brothers and sisters and also our friends, Mrs. Kitade and son, Hiroshi, age 19. They are relatives to our Sis. Furuya at the country church. Mrs. Kitade is very much concerned about her son, as he is afflicted with some paralysis in mind and body. I told his mother that he is welcome to come to church twice a week besides Sunday, and if I can help him some spiritual, I'm happy.

Our monthly fellowship and singing evening was held at the apartment of loved ones, Shoji and Sis. Yoshiko Sakuta. It was such a blessed evening.

As we were eating our lunch at church last Sunday, we were talking about the food scarcity in this land about 20-30 years ago. Bro. Utsuki and several others mentioned how they ate leaves, vines of vegetables and also any edible weeds they could find in order to have enough to eat, not paying much attention to their taste. It was then mentioned of the great variety there is available here today, and that of all Asian countries, Japan has the most variety of food. This is certainly one of God's blessings to us. May we not be neglectful in giving thanks or be wasteful of this daily blessing.

TOLEDO OH Lydia Meister

May the promise of the Risen Lord
And the glory of His love
Fill your hearts with lasting peace
And blessings from above.

We have surely experienced our Lord's richest blessings! Our dear Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Rudy Graf were with us April 20-21 for the proving and baptism of Mary Croy. Our hearts are lifted in thankfulness to receive Mary as our dear sister in the true faith. . . . Communion was served after the baptism. In gentle shepherding, the elder brothers reminded us to live true and faithful to our high calling. . . . Also stressed what a blessed privilege is ours. Our full cup overflowed, to have our dear sisters, Emma Schick and Chloris

Burkholder with us to share our blessings, after the years spent at home due to illness. How wonderful are God's ways, how precious His grace and mercy.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner of Detroit was with us Palm Sunday; our spirits were fed with the pure word from above. The Sunday School Program is always an inspiration! The children told in word and song the glory of the Risen Christ and His supreme sacrifice for all men. In Bro. Kaisner's message to the children, the word was given, the seed sown so lovingly. May it bring forth fruit in future days.

The March meeting of the Children's Home project was held here. The quiet unity of the brothers, their earnest desire to serve their Lord, could be felt thru all procedures. Elder Bro. David Bertsch and others stayed over to worship with us on Sunday. Bro. Bertsch in his sermons stressed the sad results when we try to shorten or lighten our cross and find it does not carry us to the door of Heaven . . . and what glory and joy will be ours if we fail not, but carry our cross . . . and we reach the blessed city of our Lord and can dwell with Him forever.

Sis. Jerre Beard, her husband David and small sons, Aaron, Jeffe and Nathan have moved to our vicinity from Mansfield. We are so happy to have them worship with us.

Springtime is happy time, when it brings our dear Irene and Burly Ziegler back from the South, where they have spent the winter.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold

Our sister, Kathy Rassi, daughter of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia, became the helpmate of Bro. Jim Schlatter, to have and to hold until death parts them. May their life together, as one in the Lord, be richly blessed. Bros. Bob Walder, Lenard Meyer, and Leroy Huber shared this blessed day with us.

Dale Alan came to dwell in the home of Friends Warren and Sue Mura, April 2. He has a sister, Lisa Anne to share with. Bro. Weldon and Sis. Doris Staker are his grandparents, and Sis. Minnie Sauder is the great-grandmother.

Friend Elsie (Floyd) Staker had been confined to the hospital, but is home. Sis. Rose (John) Schurter

is now making her home at Restmor in Morton.

Derek Alan arrived to dwell in Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Ann Sauder's home April 4. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna Sauder and Bro. Chris and Sis. Wilmina Woerner.

Bro. John Steiner ministered to us. We always enjoy and appreciate those who visit with us.

We shared the crucifixion and rising of our Lord and Saviour in song and words from our Sunday School children, as they proclaimed the Easter message to us. We were all reminded of what he bore for us, and the shedding of his blood and rising again that we might live anew.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Dean and Sis. Mary Jane Leuthold. in the passing of his father, Bro. Chris of the Peoria congregation.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all for the prayers, cards and acts and deeds of kindness extended to John and myself during my stay in the hospital and now at Restmor. Bro. John and Sis. Rose Schurter.

TUCSON

**Mrs. Donald Bauer
Mrs. Loren Knapp**

It seems as though summer has officially arrived around Tucson, as the temperatures go soaring into the 80's every day and the flowers are at their peak of beauty. Surely, we all have an abundance of blessings to be thankful for.

We're very thankful for the return of strength to Sis. Esther Sutter, as she was able to return home after her stay in the hospital. Bro. Jack Sutter, who was admitted at a later date to the same hospital, is now able to be home. The Lord is giving them both additional strength every day . . . Note of thanks: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all, for their cards, letters and prayers and deeds of kindness during our stay in the hospital and since our return home. Jack and Esther Sutter.

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all, with many visitors present.

There seems to be a special place in our hearts, as Mothers' Day approaches. Let us remember all mothers and thank the Lord for what they have taught us, in walking close with our Lord. Kindness

and love is the noblest virtue.

Visiting minister was Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Morton.

UNION CITY NJ

Karen Martin

The East has literally burst into bloom! The beauty of the flowering forsythia, with its bright yellow blossoms, the dogwood trees in pink and white bloom, azalea bushes in shades of pink to deep red, and rhododendrons in many colors are simply beautiful: and we must continue to marvel that God has given us so much natural beauty on which to feast our eyes.

We were pleased to welcome Ministering Bro. Jesse Emch from Girard, who is visiting his daughter in Dover, Delaware. One of our ministering brothers said, Bro. Jesse is a person who truly loves people, and we have only to be with him a few minutes to feel this love.

There are services in the Philadelphia area on the first and third Wednesday evening of every month, and also the second and fourth Sundays. If you are traveling in the East this spring or summer, we would be pleased to welcome you, either in Philadelphia or in Union City, where we, of course, have services every Sunday. Please call Bro. Ed Aeschlemann for directions if you need them (Phone: 302-478-7846).

VALPARAISO IN

Camille and William Feller

The blessings of Christian love and fellowship have been many with visiting brethren. Greetings were shared from Francesville when Bro. Elmer Bucher was with us for services on Good Friday. God's love for us through Jesus dying on the cross was heard by all who attended.

Our flock was saddened by the passing of our dear Bro. Wm. Jacob, who has been ill during the past few months. Jesus called him home on April 22, at age 73. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with his wife, Sis. Nettie (Zimmerman) Jacob. During fifty years of matrimony, God blessed them with seven children, all of whom survive: Wm. Jr., Kenneth, Nathalia (Walker), John, Carol (Norwell), Merwyn, and Thomas. The funeral was on April 24, ministered by (Bros.) Harry Bucher and Merle Bucher (LaCrosse). Hymns were

sung by (Bros.) Ken Bucher, Don Gudeman, (Sis.'s) Karen Feller, and Vera Nuestr, all from LaCrosse.

Our prayers are with Sis. Alma Morris, as she has been hospitalized since Easter.

On April 28, we welcomed visiting Bro. Bob Grimm from Goodfield.

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WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

A blessed Easter was enjoyed as Bro. Merrill Laukhuf of Latty spoke of GRACE and how we should be so thankful of this undeserved gift.

Thankful are we that our friend, Pat Zaugg (son of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Frances) has heeded the call of repentance from his Maker. May the Lord guide him in this new walk of life.

Jeff Banwart (son of Benj. and Betty) is progressing well and can enjoy the sunshine, but still is limited to his activity, due to rheumatic fever. We are glad to report that our hospital patients for April are all home and soon will be back in school or at work. They are: Elizabeth Banwart (daughter of Bob and Kay), Marlene Fehr (daughter of Eldon and Verdell), Greg Oberman (son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Rosie) and Sis. Edna (Earl) Banwart.

May 5, the engagement of Bro. Kenneth Banwart (son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart) and Sis. Marlene Metzger (daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger) was announced.

WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Sometimes I find a scripture I don't recall reading before that has a lyric sound to me. Isn't this one beautiful!

Our congregation was fortunate to have Bro. Ben Maibach as a visiting minister the evening of the Kiowa dedication. He brought us a God-inspired message. Bro. Ben has a special gift of persuasion. During his message I was reminded of the Bible passage where Paul is speaking to king Agrippa and the king says, "Almost thou persuadest me

to be a Christian." Bro. Ben presents a good case on the side of the Lord.

We have more happy news. Erik Langhofer, son of Bro. Al and Sis. Judy, is to give his testimony and be baptized, the Lord willing, May 4 and 5. Bro. Al is doing splendid since his heart surgery and has resumed his ministry.

We are so happy for our dear sister, Pricilla Bowers, with the announcement of her engagement to Bro. Lynn Frank of Oakville. She's a "bright spot" in our congregation.

I feel I should include what has happened in my family. We are in the midst of a traumatic experience. Because of a vascular problem, Oliver, my husband, had to lose his left leg to just above the knee. It is very difficult for us to see why this had to happen, but one thing I know, God makes no mistakes; it is impossible for him to make a mistake. Although while on earth we may never see why, I am certain there is a reason. Oliver has been able, with the Lord's help, to accept this so far and has certainly been a good Christian example. I am sure he would appreciate words of encouragement to climb this mountain, from any of his brothers and sisters of other congregations. I have faith that further on the Lord will smooth the road and lighten the load.

I do want to include that we were so happy to have Bro. Roy Farney visit us and to have Bro. Roy as visiting minister one Monday evening.

I am including my husbands name and address: Oliver Allenbach, 865 El Paso, Derby Ks 67037.

Our friend, Duane, husband of Sis. Roseann Reeves, has been back in the hospital.

WINTHROP MN

Delores Messeri and Carol Messner

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." The exhortation for communion was given so that we might all prepare ourselves and be found worthy of the body and blood of the Lord.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over one sinner that repents. Ronnie Messner, son of Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia, was announced as having peace with God, and now awaits to be proved be-

fore a cloud of witnesses. Ever thankful are we that the Lord still has patience to keep the door of grace open for dear souls.

Our annual spring church cleaning was done during Easter vacation. A blessing is surely given to those who cared and shared in giving their time.

Derrick, baby son of Bro. Darrell and Sis. Darlene Schmidt, was hospitalized with a bad case of pneumonia.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Linda Schmidt are parents of twin boys, Matthew Mark and Andrew Peter, their first children. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel. The only other set of twins born at Winthrop were Keith and Kevin, sons of the Bro. Donald Millers, now of Minneapolis (ten years ago).

Sunday, April 28, Charlene Schmidt, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel, and Howard Laugage of Gibbon were married.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Laurie Petri

On Wed., May 1, at 8:00 p.m., we had our last church service for the school year. Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville spoke to us, Revelation 6 and 7. He talked about how we should be prepared for our Lord's second coming. What a blessing and hope this is for those who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He is truly the Light of the world!

It has been a blessing this year to have our friends and family come and see us each month. We want to especially thank the ministers who have been so faithful.

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman Arles Kropf

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

A disastrous tornado struck our neighboring city of Monticello on April 3, bringing much destruction of property, bodily injury, and death. Almost the entire business section . . . court house, factories, schools, churches, homes were wiped out, but miraculously only 7 or 8 lives were lost. The day after the storm, I heard a man telling of how, after the storm cloud had passed by, he looked at the dark sky and saw the rainbow, and knew

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God was still with them. When we are so close to these scenes of devastation, it makes us more aware of how temporal our earthly possessions are, and that only the treasures that are laid in heaven are eternal.

The death angel entered into our congregation twice this past month, taking a dear sister and brother-in-faith out of this life into that Better Home awaiting the true and faithful.

Funeral services were held on April 15 for Sis. Clara Furrer, age 75, who passed away at her home unexpectedly. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Sam; two daughters, Arlene Wood and Verna Laffoon; one son, John; 3 sisters, Sisters Rosa Widmer and Anna Frieden of Lamar, and Marie Strahm of Sabetha.

Bro. Elmer Stoller, age 79, passed away on April 23, after having suffered a severe stroke several weeks earlier. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Rosia; 3 daughters, Dorothy Rose, June Hunt, and Odetta Emond; 1 son, Russell; 1 brother, Walter of Wolcott; and 4 sisters, Sisters Helen Knapp and Arvella Yergler of Cissna Park, Lillian Stahl of Princeville, and Mary Hitz of Wolcott.

Sis. Marilyn Schieler was injured in a fall while at work. We are thankful it was not more serious and that she is able to assemble with us, though she has to walk with crutches. Ed and Sis. Gladys Widmer were both surgical patients but are both able to be out again.

The Sunday School children brought to us the Easter story in verse and song, as they presented

their program the eve. of April 10.

A blessed week-end was enjoyed on April 27 and 28, when we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of our three new sisters in Faith, Pat, Nancy and Brenda Kyburz. Bros. Theo. Beer and Wendell Gudeman came to assist Bro. Alfred.

Sis. Priscilla Anker is hospitalized at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette for tests.

"I wish to thank all for the cards, visits, gifts and prayers during my weeks of confinement at St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington and Fairbury Hospital, also for the hospitality shown to my family during their time spent in Bloomington. Sis. Emma Kropf and family . . . Emma has improved sufficiently that she is able to be back at Fairview Haven, her Fairbury home.

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Henry Souder Jr.

The title is Greek, in English letters. In Philippians it is translated moderation. "Let your moderation be known unto all men." It is marked off by, to—the. The moderation.

It is a very important attribute of a sweet personality. In II Corinthians 10, in a different form of grammar, it is translated gentleness. "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ. . ."

What is God pointing out, not for our listening pleasure only, but to model our lives like Jesus? He gives us words that are 100% accurate. They ask the highest model, the best goal, pure perfection. Jesus and Paul always spoke the full counsel of God. They wanted it in action in the hearers, and they showed a sweet compassion with others.

Paul said: "I . . . beseech . . ." Notice the tone. It is reasonableness. Not being overly demanding. Those under our influence, not using rigour. See what is in the prayer our Lord gave: Forgive us, as

we forgive. It is beautifully shown in the longings of the Master's heart. His people are not to be like the servant who demanded the last ounce, the small debt. The feet washing so dramatically and truly shows what we are to do. Those little shortcomings of another, those need cleansing, those that are in our daily walk.

Another place it is used, in slightly different form, is I Peter. It is to be shown in employer-employee relationship. "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward." It is not hard to picture a boss with this sweet gentleness, moderation, and one who is hard and stern.

We are not moderate when we down-speak, talk about a brother or sister in an unloving way. Nor when we become overseers in things that belong to that person and God. We can interfere, get in the way of God. Grace needs room and liberty to work marvellous things beyond human ability. "We then that are strong ought to bear

the infirmities of the weak. . ." How do we bear them? In prayer, participating in the gentle washing, forbearance of the Master.

This in no way halts the good to be done, the response to one in time of danger or loss. All scripture is God-breathed and is profitable. We are kind, and moving in best interest to the offender and all, when the old leaven is purged. In another problem, who would not ask that the splints be applied that the limb would heal? The real admonitions and urgings, the sweet talk, brothers and sisters give. They are to be music to the sweetness of a Christian's life.

Yet we would have this beautiful gentleness. It chimes with charity. "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins." This is so sweet, seeing the pure mantle of charity cast about our Christian brother and sister. This is the divine nature of eternal life, and now.