



Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall

answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

GLEANINGS OF GOLDEN GRAIN

(Editor's note: This is from some writings given to the editor by Bro. Jesse Schrock when he was in Grabill.)

The Apostle Paul, in the Epistle of the Galatians . . . "an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ and God, the Father . . ."

Paul points out where and how he found the church which was hidden from the foundation of the world. Paul was called on to preach the Gospel. Where should he go to find this hidden church? As yet there existed no New Testament, neither had he been taught by Jesus, as were the other apostles.

He being learned and educated from the Old Testament, God foresaw this need of knowledge which Paul had. Where should he go now? Not to Jerusalem for information by the apostles that had learned from Jesus, so he could say & certify that this Gospel was not after man, neither by an angel. . . For even if an angel from Heaven would preach any other Gospel which he preached, let him be accursed.

He uncovered the hidden church that gave him his anchor, the hidden and solid rock which is Christ. Smith (that founded the Mormon Church) made people believe that an angel had spoken to him, giving him secrets. God had a different way prepared that the Jews could not gainsay, to reveal or uncover from the foundation of the world. We need to marvel at the knowledge and forethought for his church.

As the children of Israel were in slavery unto Pharaoh, so by nature all people are born slaves unto sin and world. As God through Moses freed the slaves, so God through Jesus Christ is freeing sin-slaves. . . Not only from Egypt, but as Paul states, from this present evil world.

We may observe a few wiles of Satan as he seeks to keep his people in bondage. He set up his magicians to imitate, to counteract God's miracles through Moses. It is referred to in the New Testament. As Janes and Jambres withstood Moses, so also do these resist the truth. In what way? Through imitating. That is the way of Satan's church. The tares

are a counterfeit of the true.

He offers to compromise. You may go, you that are grown, but leave your children here. That is the same as today . . . Moses objects. Next, you may go but leave your cattle here. No, we need these for sacrifice to our God. God must have our all or nothing. There is no compromise with God. We must dedicate our lives. Determination won out and always will.

The lamb had to be offered and die, so by the blood applied life could be saved. Now it was for obedience in complying with the ordinance, whether an Israelite or Egyptian. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.

Why did Moses ask for a three-day journey? This journey separates from this present evil world. I would not have you ignorant brethren, all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. . . And did all drink the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ. As the Red Sea separated people from Egypt, so does the Cross of Christ separate us from this present evil world.

The children were thirsty, crying for water. This they never experienced while along the Nile River in Egypt. Their needs were met by the smiting of the rock, which now for us is Christ. The children deserved to be smitten, but God smote the Rock of Ages (Christ Jesus). Christ on the Cross was smitten for our sins. We can obtain that living water and need not thirst, as did the rich man in Hell. This Rock (Jesus Christ) followed them, because they needed this water daily, as we need grace and to be watered by the word.

This wilderness was their testing ground. . . Christ was led into the wilderness and tested and tempted 40 days and 40 nights. Had they had sufficient faith, they could have made it in 40 days instead of 40 years. As our first birth could not attain, neither could they. It had to take the second birth, or the second generation which had faith. The first birth under the law failed. The second or new birth attained by faith, and became heirs of the Promised Land.

Paul was so sure of his findings that men or angels could not convince him different. God had this all preserved. All Scripture is given by inspiration, New and Old Testament. Suppose Paul would have preached that an angel had given him personal secrets. Would the Sadduces believed it? Now God had ordained so he could reason out of the Scripture. It was like David, which by a stone and a sling smote the Giant. He could preach thus and thus it is written.

In this most important talk with Nicodemus, the Lord used a type or a symbol contained in the Old Testament. He uncovered therein understandings pertaining to the new birth. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:"

Paul went up to Jerusalem after 14 years, by revelation (telling them what was revealed to him (or uncovered). He found also that the outward circumcision had an inner or spiritual meaning. It was the two-edged sword, the word of God cutting into the heart. Now when they heard this (of their guilt of the crucified Christ), they were pricked in their hearts. They said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

William Klopfenstein

Progress Report: As a number of our Leo-Grabill residents have driven on the road running between our two towns, they have noticed a large 4 x 8 sign, depicting what is soon to happen on the farm on the north side of the road.

Site of Children's home! To be constructed soon. In building such a home, there are many details to be worked out. Type of road lead-

ing to home, plot and types of homes have to be approved by state and local officials . . . sewer and water systems capable of handling such homes that can be expanded on, for building more homes in the future.

Your committee is finalizing the design and floor plans for the ranch type homes and construction will soon begin on the first two homes and a utility building.

Materials will be donated, and carpenter, masonry, plumbing, heating and electrical work will be of a voluntary nature. Participation by members and friends will be welcomed and appreciated. Members of the committee will be calling for your particular skills and help.

A work of faith . . . A labor of love.

FROM THE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 1974 A NATIONAL DAY OF HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER

Submitted by Carlton Lanz

Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord; and

Whereas we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power . . . but we have forgotten God; and

Whereas, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own; and

Whereas, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

Whereas, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively,

with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

Resolved . . . that April 30, 1974 be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and calls upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Beverly Maibach

As the season of spring brings forth the hope and promise of life in nature, so prayerfully our hearts are spiritually moved to nourishing the seed of truth in those seeking the hope and promise of life in Christ. We were so thankful to worship and fellowship together May 15 with visitors from our Alto, Detroit, and Bay City congregations. The support and encouragement by so many has been such an inspiration and blessing, and we are sincerely grateful.

Bro. Ben Maibach shared with us how important it is to nourish our seeks of truth upon fertile ground, that enables a firm foundation in faith and the blessings of God will be able to bring forth abundantly fruits of the Holy Spirit. Amidst the deceptions and trials of life, we must continue to pray for

each other. How essential it is that we turn to God and His holy word, than to seek that which the world and its philosophies appears to offer. Truly the only "key" that unlocks the way to the peace of God and the promise of salvation is through His Son, Jesus Christ. As another term of schooling comes to a close, may God so graciously nourish each seed of truth with His spiritual understanding and increase.

LATTY OH

LeAnn Laukhuf/Carol Sinn

Bro. Art Gudeman from La-Crosse visited our congregation. We pray that our friends will heed the message directed to them concerning their soul's welfare. We thank Bro. Art for his efforts.

On April 9, Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda Grant had their first child, a girl, Heidi Lynn.

Gridley and Eureka young groups were guests of the Latty Young group. All enjoyed the warm fellowship and welcome them back.

Timmy Gerber (son of Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary) had major surgery. Timmy is now out of intensive care and doing much better. Bro. Bill Rager Jr. and Bro. Dan Stoller were also in the hospital. Bill is home while Dan is still in, having tests.

Graduating from high school are Dwight Stoller (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy); Lori Laukhuf (Ed and Mary); Algene Scarbrough (Gene and Nova); Cheryl Wenninger (Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine); Bruce Laukhuf (Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge); Craig Stoller (Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane); Randall Stoller (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Nola); and Dixie Stoller (Bro. Louie and Sis. Mildred).

Before you follow your own de-

sire for the future, may you give heed to the Lord's way.

Sis. Ruth Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen) and Sis. LeAnn Laukhuf (Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera) graduated from Nurses' Training.

WOLCOTT IN

Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman

Tis settled, Lord, I rest in Thee;
My broken will says only Yes.
Now, now indeed my life is free;
Henceforth, Thy will it shall express.

Following the baptism of his wife, our dear friend, Roger Kyburz, also found grace to say yes to the Lord's call and has found peace. The congregation looks forward with joy to his testimony and baptism in the near future.

Our spirits were truly lifted through the messages brought to us on May 26 by Bros. George Yergler and David Bertsch. Following afternoon services, they assisted Bro. Alfred in a most inspiring communion service.

Our high school graduates are: Bro. Steve Bahler, Bro. Larry Blume, Allen Furrer, David Lehman, Sis. Janna Lou Schieler, Jon Schwab and Debbie Stoller. May they look to the Lord for guidance as they go forth into various vocations.

We are happy to have Jeff Blume assembling with us again, following completion of his service in the Marines.

The Lord has again reached into the family of our departed Bro. Elmer Stoller and taken his dear wife, Sis. Rosia and his son Russell out of this life, all within only a few weeks time.

Sis. Rosia, age 85, passed away on May 5, after an illness of six weeks. Surviving were one son, Russell; 3 daughters, Dorothy Rose, June Hunt, and Odetta Emond; one brother, Bro. Albert Oberlander. Her son, Russell, age 54, passed away during the night on May 11. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Betty); a son; and three sisters.

We trust this family might be comforted by the promises contained in the word, that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and the Lord

will not let more come over us than we can with His help, endure.

Bro. Sam Furrer had surgery on May 28, having a nacer put in, to help his heart condition. We trust he will continue to make improvement and can soon assemble with us.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." How beautiful are the flowers of spring as they burst into brilliant life again; and how beautiful are these words of Matthew comforting us that the Lord will provide in all our needs.

We have three more little flowers to add to our baby bouquet this spring! Bro. Merle and Sis. Elaine Wieland welcome little Chad Samuel; Chad's grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Clara Broquard of Fairbury and Bro. Sam and Sis. Ida Wieland of Bay City. Bro. Ron and Sis. Sharon Schlatter have a sweet little girl, Jenniffer Elizabeth, their first baby; grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel and Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter. A new little girl, Kaly Ann, has come to live with Norm and Sis. Linda Andreiewski; Kaly's maternal grandmother is Sis. Doris Knochel.

Hospitalized were Bro. Alf Kaeb, Sis. Florence Wieland and Sis. Marilyn Schamback; all are doing fine.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Brace Wieland to Sis. Brenda Ringger of Gridley, Ill. Brace's parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret; Brenda's are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat. We wish them much happiness and grace as they plan for their life together.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser/Mary E. Gudeman

God took the fragrance of a flower,

The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of a morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The tender care of an angel,

The faith of the mustard seed,
The patience of eternity.

The depth of a family's needs,
Then God fashioned from these things,

A creation like no other,

And when his masterpiece was through.

He called it simply. . .mother.

A Mother's Day program was presented to us by the Sunday School and adults with songs and verse. Bro. Harry Bucher (Valparaiso) had the closing message and prayer.

Our sympathy is given to Bro. Ernest Pfeifer and his family. Ernest's sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Billenstein, Detroit, was taken from this life April 28.

It is with joy in our hearts that Bro. Phil Troxel and Sis. Melva Bucher are able to assemble with us again. Sis. Melva wishes to extend a sincere thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and gifts while she was in the hospital & since returning home.

May the graduates let the hand of God lead them in His righteousness. A university president addressing the college graduates said, "Don't let the world mold you, but rather let God remold you in His service." High school graduates are: Tim Bucher (Bro. Art and Sis. Esther), Jaclyn Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera), Tom Troxel (Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary). College graduates are Bro. Bill Frank (Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah), Bro. Eddie and Sis. Marcia Troxel (Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary), Bro. Bill Baumgartner, husband of Sis. Janet (Levy).

It was another blessed Sunday when we could hear the inspiring word of God through the Spirit from our ministering brethren, and to hear that another soul, Jaclyn Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera) has turned away from the worldly things and has given her heart to Jesus.

Make a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay.
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes,
Of joy or sorrow.

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

It was not a usual phone call that my wife, Lois, received on May 11. It was from an acquaintance of ours who has never been to church, and

he wanted me to come and talk with him. His health hasn't been very good, so he quit his job of 26 years, took another one, and desires to quit it also. His mind is on the problem of what life is all about. Basically, he wanted someone to talk with about personal matters and his anxiety of heart. He has many friends to talk with but still he called for someone from the church, and I went. But he is not yet ready to repent and humbly seek his souls salvation. A person in distress likes to talk with someone who has a message of hope, even if he or she is not ready to embrace that hope. Let us **Be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.** Furthermore, let us take time to visit more about spiritual things, until it becomes natural.

The end-of-the-year program for our elementary school was held on May 31. Our elementary teacher, Sis. Linda Morrison from Mansfield, has reservations to return to her home, leaving Tokyo on June 11 and arriving in Cleveland the following day. To Sis. Linda, to her mother, Sis. Catherine, and to the Mansfield congregation, we say "Thank you very much for one year of service."

We need two new teachers not later than the summer of 1975 and humbly request assistance in finding them. Anyone who might be willing to come should so inform their home elder and then inform Bro. Ben Maibach. The approval of these brothers is required.

Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet Graf of Akron visited Japan in May and spent about 5 days with us at Shioda and in the Yamanshi Prefecture area. Their visit was a blending of hearts and minds which brings an additional joy to living.

In anticipation we look forward to the visit of Bro. Ben Maibach; his wife, Sis. Lorene; their daughters, Sis. Cindy and Sis. Sheryl, and their youngest son, Dougie. God willing, they will arrive in Japan on June 29.

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

TUCSON AZ Mrs. Donald Bauer Mrs. Loren Knapp

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

Our little congregation was served Holy Communion Wednesday evening, with Bro. Noah Herman assisting Elder Bro. Roy Farney. May we strive to trust and obey His word continually throughout the year. Communion gives us all spiritual strength, and helps remind us of how our dear Saviour suffered on the cross for you and I.

Sis. Esther Sutter underwent heart surgery last month, and with help from the Lord is home again. She is miraculously becoming stronger, day by day.

We received many blessings with the help of our visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Bros. Richard Schupbach and Allen Freed of Phoenix.

The desert has been extremely dry this year, but the beauty of the mountains and desert habitats still remain. How much we have to be thankful for every minute of each day.

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber/Sharon Neihouser

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." On May 12 was Mother's Day and we were privileged to have Bro. Gene Lehman visit us. He reminded us that a godly mother in the family can be a blessing in the home.

On May 26, Sis. Myra Gray daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther, and Bro. Steve Ringger, son of Bro. Sylvan and Sis. Violet of Bluffton made known their engagement. We wish them much happiness in their future step, as they plan a July wedding.

May 19 was **Graduation Day** for 13 graduates. They are Debbie Bucher (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Carol), Wayne Bogart (Jim and Eleanor), Lori Geyer (Art and Roberta), Sis. Cindy Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol), Sis. Wanda Huber (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mil-

dred), David Wuethrich (Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb), Diane Wuethrich (Bro. Otto and Sis. Donna), Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth), Dennis Westfall (Bro. Karl and Sis. Mary), Fred Yaggie (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Lois), Dale Cook (Herb and Sis. Suzanne), and Melody Gutwein. A Graduation Program was held on Sunday evening June 2, and each one was presented a Bible—Life's Best Companion.

Dale Cook, one of the graduates received injury in his left eye when a piece of metal pierced in his eye. He has undergone surgery, but was happy he could be with his graduating classmates for the program.

In Romans 2:4 we read, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" June 1 and 2 was a blessed week-end as four more souls were added to the family of God. (Elder Bros.) Sam Anliker (Lamont) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) assisted our Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman in proving these souls. Each one confessed that God had called them out of a world of sin and darkness into His marvelous Light. The following day, Bros. Roy Wernli (Lamont), Sam Huber (Sabetha), & Elder Sam Anliker ministered to us, then a Baptistmal service was held and these four souls, Ellen Gutwein (granddaughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie), Wayne Putt (son of Sis. Paulette), Steve and Mike Gutwein (sons of Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne) buried their old sinful body into Christ's death and arose to a newness of life. May God ever continue to lead them through life, supplying sufficient grace each step of the way through His Holy Spirit.

VALPARAISO IN Camille and Wm. Feller

We sing in a song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", and in the words the Christian love shared, on May 26 we enjoyed the blessings of the fellowship of brethren from Bluffton. That evening at the home of Bro. Ray Heinold we were all moved to sing of the Lord's goodness and mercy.

On May 4, Sis. Camille Feller lost her father, Lewis Pumroy, due to heart failure. Our sympathy and

prayers goes out in this her hour of sorrow and grief.

Our flock expresses its congratulations to our dear friend, Todd Ames, as he graduated from high school on May 23. May the Lord be with him in his future endeavors.

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder/Wilma Young

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of
the world.

Our public schools have closed, Bible school is in session, after which the children will have a vacation. May the Lord bless the teachers for their time and patience, in teaching our children how kind and loving Jesus is.

High school graduates: Sis. Barbara Kraft, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine; Sis. Judy Bahr, daughter of Sylvan and Helen, granddaughter of Sis. Lydia Bahr; Gary Beyer, son of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada; Brian Bahr, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Doris; Colin Young, son of Andy and Sis. Wilma; Scott Strahm, son of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten; Brenda Kraft, daughter of Glen and Faye; Debbie Kraft, daughter of John and Jean. . . Brenda and Debbie are granddaughters of Bro. Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft. . . Eighth grade graduate is Sam Bahr, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen. As our graduates enter schools of higher learning or begin a career, we pray they will look to Jesus for guidance.

Visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Gene Marti spent a Sunday morning with us; we thank him for sharing God's holy word and teachings. Bro. Clarence Dietrich from Silverton spent a Sunday with us. The same Sunday, Elder Bro. Lester Hartter was here for the afternoon; we enjoyed many words of comfort and admonition. We welcome their return.

Little Brian Kraft, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine, remains the same. . . he enters KU Med. Center every third week, to begin another series of treatments, taking up to ten days.

We are grateful for sufficient moisture to produce a beautiful countryside.

INDIANAPOLIS IN

Wayne and Judy Steffen

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The call goes out to all who will listen and heed the word. We were happy to witness the testimony and baptism of Cathy Neuenschwander on June 1 and 2. We welcome her as a sister in faith and wish her God's many blessings in her Christian life. She is the daughter of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander.

Also on June 2, we had our first communion service in Indianapolis. Bro. Dave Bertsch from Leo assisted Bro. Theo. Beer. This was a good time for us to reflect back to Calvary and to examine our lives, to see that we are leading the life that is expected of a Christian.

Bro. Tom Freed, who has been living in Indianapolis the past year and attending school here, will soon be returning to Phoenix to his home. We will miss his fellowship, and wish him the best.

Likewise, we will miss Cheryl Kraz, who will be getting married June 8 in Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband, Harry Aernhardt, will be living in New Jersey. Cheryl wrote a farewell letter to the church, expressing her appreciation. She is the daughter of Mike and Anna Kraz. We hope that God will richly bless her marriage.

We have had several visiting ministers. They have been (Bros.) Walt Steffen, Milford; Everett Hari, Bloomington; Dave Bertsch, Leo; Henry Grimm, Morton; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Verdon Feldman, Bremen; Orville Ringger, Bluffton; and Theo. Beer, Milford. Our thanks to them and to Bro. Dick Aberle for their service.

LAMAR MO

Marie Marti

Mrs. Raymond Braker

"Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." In all the arts of the teacher, Jesus is incomparable. He was

able to awaken affection, and the warmest kind of affection bound His disciples to Him and opened their minds to Him. May we ever continue to learn from His example.

We have had several high school graduates this spring. They are Stan Marti, Kent Marti, Sis. Elaine Braker, Sis. Sandra Marti, and Sis. Carol Marti. Receiving his B.S. degree in business from Missouri Southern was Bro. Dan Braker.

Sis. Marie Banwart has returned home from the hospital in Columbia, where she underwent hip surgery. She is on crutches and improving. Bro. Dale Marti is recovering from heart surgery. We were happy that both were able to be with us in church Sunday.

Jeff Marti, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Evelyn, is home again, after spending some time in the hospital in Springfield. We are so grateful that he is feeling some better. Stan Marti, son of Sis. Arlene and Bro. Dean, is continuing his treatments in Springfield. He is able to spend some time at home, for which we are thankful.

Kenneth Marti, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Arlene, remains in the hospital in Springfield, where he underwent leg surgery (as a result of an accident).

ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

It is not what we have, but what we enjoy that constitutes our abundance and our blessings. We need each day to invite God's blessings, without which our goals are in vain.

Since our Rockville colum had not appeared in the Silver Lining for the past several months, a deluge of inquiries has come to me from reporters, visitors and others, as well as from far away Switzerland and also from Germany. . .

It was again a day for the church to have reasons for rejoicing. Three dear young friends presented testimonies of their conversions and of the wonderful gift they each had received. . . Peace from God. They were then baptized and counted as one of the children of God. Names of these converts are Becky (Luginbuhl) Ellert, Richard Luginbuhl and Peggy Luginbuhl. Their parents are Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl; Bro. Leonard and Sis. Irma Luginbuhl and Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Evelyn Luginbuhl, respectively.

An event of this kind is certainly a privilege to see and ponder over, and realize what its ultimate reward will bring. This was followed at the evening service by the serving of the Lord's Supper. Bro. Rudolph Graf, elder at Akron, was present and very ably assisted our elder, Bro. John Bahler. It was gratifying to have a fine attendance in this impressive Holy Rite where we, together, could commemorate and be reminded of the cruel sufferings of Christ, when the anguish of His soul was so great and had reached the ultimate that He had to cry loud, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

We were very happy to have Bro. Herman Luginbuhl of Roanoke stop here on his way to visit relatives and friends in Switzerland. He also has relatives and friends here at Rockville, having lived in this area before moving to the West. He is on his second honeymoon, no doubt, having recently been married to Sis. Marge Aeschleman. He has four sons and one daughter, all married and all have turned to serve the Lord. May he and his new wife enjoy their lives together.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Bonnie Luginbuhl and Bro. Warren Zahner. They have our sincere good wishes. A July wedding is considered. Bonnie's parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl; Warren's are Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner. A blessing is sure to follow when one heeds the Lord's call, and this young couple can attest to having done this.

With regret we said goodbye to Bro. Dennis Bucher and his wife, Sis. Diane, who only a year ago had been transferred here. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, in whose employ he is, has sent him to Atlanta, Ga. to assume his work there. Being connected with these large chains, one must be prepared to accept these shifts which are likely to happen. For example, I took a position with a chain store and within one year I was transferred to Springfield, Mass.; Waterbury, Conn.; Washington, D. C. and Middletown, Conn. I had no choice. This happens to many of our people, I believe—not to leave out our military personnel.

Births: A son, Aaron David, to Bro. Brian and Sis. Jayne Webb.

Grandparents are Bro. Clinton and Sis. Eloise Webb and Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl. The infant is Brian and Jayne's first. . . A daughter, Renae Louise, to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Kay Luginbuhl; grandparents, Sis. Olga (Gottfred) Bahler and Bro. Martin and Dorothy Luginbuhl. . . A son, David Warren, to Bro. Edward & Sis. Terry Mangold. Grandparents, Sis. Carol and Warren Gottier and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Martha Mangold. A daughter, Kimberly Ann to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Marilyn Lanz. Grandparents, Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall and Bro. Charles and Sis. Lydia Lanz. . . A daughter, Sharon Louise, to Ray and Judy Hanv, grandparents; Sis. Hilda (Arnold) Hanv and Mrs. Stella Mitchell. A daughter, Tara Marie to Bro. W. Chris and Sis. Crystal Hansen; grandparents, Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl and Mr. and Mrs. Bilodeau.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley

Each month we look forward to the Silver Lining for news from far and near that otherwise we might never hear.

After many days of rain and the Mississippi River rising above flood stage, the sun is again shining and the river stage is receding. It is indeed an encouragement. So it is in our spiritual life, when there are trials and testings, then there are days when God again lets the sun shine in our hearts to give us new courage.

Our heart is often filled with song
When we do think of heavenly throng,
And sometimes sorrows are released
That peace and love may be increased.

When each short day does pass away,
The sun will sink without delay.
May it not sink upon our wrath;
We may not walk tomorrow's Path.

When we lie down to give repose,
We do all earthly care dispose;
Then in our prayer to God we ask
Protect our soul unto the last.

(Part of a poem written at the General Hospital Center in England during World War II)

We have had many visitors. It is indeed a privilege to enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Bro. Kent Heimer (son of Sis. Naomi) graduated from Northeast Missouri State University. He majored in Industrial Arts. Our graduates from Palmvra High School are Gaye Lynn Rinev (Gene and Irene), Jody Meyer (Bro. Dick and Sis. Charlene Sutter), Sis. Penny Sutter (Bro. James and Sis. Lois), Joe Yackley (Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara), Rodney Heimer (Sis. Naomi) and Theresa Page. Sherry Grimm (Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona) graduated from Quincy Senior High School. May they all profit from their education and may God bless them.

WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

Since I have been reporting on the stages of the addition and remodeling of our church, I am happy to report that except for possibly a few minute details, it is finished.

After attending morning service yesterday, my husband said to me, "I think our church is so pretty." I felt he was conveying what a pleasant feeling it is to walk into our church and into the quiet comfort and peacefulness of our new sanctuary. His comment could be likened unto coming into a beautiful mountain and valley scene, that seems so right in being there and saying, what a pretty spot!

We chose nature's colors, shades of greens and browns. God must love these colors; he uses them so much.

I am reminded of an incident that happened in our family several years ago. My sister-in-law's parents were having their 50th wedding anniversary. Because she could think of nothing that they really needed or wanted that she could give them, she gave of herself; she wrote them a poem. She presented it to them in small booklet form. It conveyed her appreciation of the life and love they gave her, & as a theme, all through the poem, she inserted periodically these words as I remember them:

"Snug in the middle, all cozy and free
With a wonderful sense of security."
Now relating this to our feeling

about our church. —With God our Father, and the church likened to a mother could we not say our feeling could be: "Snug in the middle all cozy and free. With a wonderful sense of security."

Our brother Erik Langhofer gave his testimony and was baptized. His feeling was that when the Lord put his finger on him, he knew he had to repent. He was overseas, at the time, and did not have the company of family and friends so he appreciated so much the letters from believing brothers and sisters. He and his family feel the Lord truly led and fed him. He is now stationed at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix and appreciates the opportunity to worship there.

A singing and shower was held last evening in honor of Pricilla Bowers and Lynn Frank, who are soon to be wed. Lynn's parents, Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara of Oakville were with us for services and the shower. Husbands and wives were both included in the singing and shower.

We were happy to have Sis. Laurice Holliday worship with us again.

We start Bible school next week for one week.

Note of Thanks: My husband Oliver and I would like to thank our brothers, sisters and friends for the love and compassion shown him in the loss of his leg. It is amazing, even to us, how the Lord has dried our fountain of tears. We have the faith that our burden will lighten.

BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

Sometimes when I read the newspapers I feel so anxious about what will happen to our country. There are those who, pretending to promote equality and justice would like to destroy the family, the very foundation of our nation; there are evil forces trying to pervert the good influences. We wonder what will become of our children? And feel we must do something to fight against the bad in our nation. Here is what the Lord says we can do: "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." This is worth more than all the

letters we could write or community action we could join, for "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We were happy to have visitors among us in May, especially Ministering Bros. Earl Gerber (Forrest), Walt Herrmann (Princeville), and Bro. Nate Steffen (Elgin, Ill.).

Sis. Emma Moser spent several weeks in the home of her daughter and family, Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser. A group of us enjoyed an evening singing there; then that night she became sick and had to be taken to the hospital in Elgin, Ill. We're glad she was soon feeling better and could be dismissed.

We sympathize with Lucy (Nathan) Herncjar, whose father passed away.

Many gathered at the Peoria Fellowship Hall May 18, to witness the wedding of Judy Endress (daughter of Sis. Lois) and Steven Pettit of Wyoming, Ill.

The telephone lines were hot on May 20, when a very special baby was born to Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser. It was a boy, welcomed home by six sisters. Little David Jeffrey is named for his daddy, and Grandpa Streitmatter. His paternal grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser.

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

The Peoria choir came and sang for us the 28th of April. We always enjoy their visits and hope they can come again soon.

Rose Mary King is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was called to be with God on April 27 at 1:30 p.m., born on Aug. 4, 1961. She is survived by her parents, Perry and Dorothy King; 5 brothers, Anthony, Tim, Mike Dwayne and Mark; two sisters, Mary Ann and Tonya, and grandmother, Sis. Mary Tucker. Little Mark King was real sick and in Birmingham Hospital at the time of his sister's death, but is home now and doing fine. . . Still has to go for checkups.

BREMEN IN Pauline Laidig

We were blest by the presence of several ministering brethren. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Wendell Gudeman came for a week-end, and

we were refreshed in the spirit as we partook of the Lord's Supper and heard the many good teachings and words of wisdom which they were inspired to speak. We can't help but think of the sacrifices they, their families and even their congregations make as they leave to serve in the Lord's work, but it is greatly appreciated by us. We felt it a privilege to have Bro. Joe spend his 75th birthday with us, and we wish him God's richest blessings. Bro. Walter Rager was with us on Mother's Day and stressed the importance of the mother being in the home, caring for her children and directing their pathways.

Two weeks of Bible School are soon to begin, and we hope many precious seeds will be planted in the hearts of the children, and that the fruits will be evident in their future lives.

Our high school graduates are Bro. Joel Zimmer, Teddy Conrad & Allan Suttor. Bro. Tom Conrad has finished his studies at Purdue and is looking forward to a career in teaching. May they all turn to the Great Teacher for guidance in their future undertakings. We are glad to have Gayle Zeltwanger, Sis. Marian Germann, and Bros. Randy Suttor and Louis Gerber home from college for the summer.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Mike and Sis. Marge Mangold in the passing away of Marge's father, Ernest Schwab, of Roanoke.

Sis. Anne Leman experiences some days of discomfort, but attends church whenever she can. We were glad Bro. Dan Germann was able to come for the communion services. It is hard for him to be gone long periods of time, but he gets along well at home. It is a real example to those of us who can easily come and go, to see the effort put forth to attend services by those who are enduring discomfort or pain.

CHICAGO IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Millions of people inhabit the earth. Millions more have lived on it during the many years that have transpired since God created the first man. One Sunday morning, during our twenty-minute ride to church, in which time we beheld numerous cars and people on the highways of this large metropoli-

tan area, we began to ponder on the magnitude of this great host which God has made.

How powerful and all-knowing God is as the Creator and Sustainer of all this life! He knows every thought that comes to mind in every individual. He knows every act, whether good or evil, that each one has ever committed. He knows all there is to know about every man who has ever lived, and we read that He has numbered even the hairs on our heads. With such incomprehensible knowledge and power, surely there is nothing we can hide from Him. Rather, there is every reason we should confide in Him and fully trust Him! Isn't it inconsistent if we profess to believe Him to be capable of such overwhelming and infinite power and wisdom, to then harbor doubts or become deeply troubled and unduly concerned with the cares of this life? If we recognize such a God, who possesses the awesome power to create the universe and all that is therein, we can also believe that His power and wisdom is able to work all things together for good to them that love Him.

We were pleased to have Elder Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville, and Ministering Bro. Loren Strahm from Gridley Ks. visit us. As Bro. Noah concluded his message the Sunday afternoon he was here, he made this statement, "It would be the height of folly for anyone to continue to postpone his salvation for even another day."

We are glad that there are those who have taken heed to this warning, and have sought God in repentance, allowing Him to perform the miracle of conversion in their lives. We were blessed with the testimony and subsequent baptism of Jerry Kaufman on May 12. Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena was here to preside over this meaningful and joyous event. We warmly welcome Bro. Jerry into the household of faith. We are sad to see the departure of Jerry, his wife Jeraldine and their daughter, Stephanie, who are moving back to California, where they lived prior to their coming here a year ago. We will also miss our many young sisters and brothers who were with us during the school year, but will be leaving now that the term is coming to a close. We will be glad to see some of them return again in

the fall along with, perhaps, some newcomers who are always welcome.

One of our ministering brothers told of an illustration he beheld while pruning a large bush in his yard. Many of the outer branches, especially the small ones, had died during the winter, but the main vine was still strong and thriving. Those branches which were closest to the main vine were healthy and able to remain in the bush but the outer ones which had died were cut off.

Thus we are reminded by the things in nature of the familiar words of Jesus: "Abide in me and I in you. . . I am the vine, ye are the branches." Let us remain close to Him and continue to draw our nourishment from Him. When the winter is past and spring is come, we will not have to be cut off, but will remain strong and united to the Vine.

CONGERVILLE IL

Arlene Banwart/Mary Schrock

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind
To thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned.
I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,
Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

On the week-end of May 19 we enjoyed hearing the testimonies and witnessing the baptism of Bob and LeAnn Seigle.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Our new Sunday School teachers are Bros. Ralph Gudeman, Dale Leman, and Kenneth Knapp. Serving as superintendent is Bro. Willis Knapp. We have again started Vacation Bible school.

Those hospitalized were Sis. Lil Schrock and Carol (Russel) Miller. They are home again, and we look forward to welcoming them back to church.

Many good teachings were brought forth by our visiting ministers: Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Gene Lehman, Wolcott.

Graduating from high school were: Sis. Marge Steffen (Bro.

Duane and Sis. Lois), Kent Steffen (Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary), Joan Miller (Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty), Cheryl Schieber (Bro. John and Sis. Alice), John Denler (nephew of Bro. Ken and Sis. Phyllis Knapp), Ann Roth (Bro. Keith and Sis. Pauline), Peg Knapp (Bro. Frederick and Sis. Marge), Joe Miller (Bro. Jake and Sis. Marian), Jeff Schieber (Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma), Lynn Knapp (Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice), and Vern Williamson (Bob and Sis. Doris). Jim Steffen (Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois) and Chuck Schrock (Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly) have graduated from college. We hope that in the future they can carry with them the good teachings from home and church.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss are parents of identical twin sons, Aaron Arnold and Allen Eli, born May 12. The twins have three sisters, Renae Lynn, Dawn Lynette, and Kara Ann. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss and Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger. The twin babies, named for their grandfathers, were born on their mother's birthday, which was Mother's Day.

Duane Bach received his CPA certificate at an awards banquet held at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago, hosted by the Illinois Society of CPA's. He also received honorable mention to the Elijah Watt Sells award. This was presented to the top 59 candidates in the nation out of 33,000 who took the exam in Nov. 1973. His wife is the former Barb Winterland, and he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Bach. . . Keith Huber, son of Bro. and Sis. Jessie, was awarded the \$1,000 health career scholarship given by the Hospital Auxiliary. Keith is planning to attend ISU, leading to a degree in medical technology.

Jean Huber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Reuben, was one of four who graduated with distinction from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, having maintained a 3-year grade point average between 6.00 and 6.99. . . Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slagel received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. After his internship at Virginia, he plans to serve 2 years in a med-

ical shortage area with the Public Health Service.

Bro. and Sis. George Saathoff were surprised by neighbors with cake and flowers for their 55th wedding anniversary.

We are sorry that Sis. Marie Kilgus had hip surgery at Champaign. Sis. Marie Broquard had a cataract removed, and Sis. Louise Moulton was hospitalized.

We enjoyed visiting minister Bro. Steve Rinkenberger.

The following poem was composed by one of our single sisters. It makes a tribute to Father's Day.

The earth is awakening with jubilant song,
Trees budding forth—they've been dormant so long.
The rich fertile earth lies awaiting the seed,
The farmer's best efforts now are at need.
He must diligently prepare the waiting soil;
To get all things ready often late he must toil,
For ground conditions must be at their best
Before putting the seed in the earth to rest.

Then with a prayer upon his trusting heart,
Humbly knowing he's done only a small part,
For although he has done the best he can,
The God-fearing farmer knows it's God not man
Who makes tiny seeds burst forth take root
And in due time produce rich golden fruit,
So let us trust Him completely;
God who cares for a seed,
Will He not help us? Yes, to heaven he'll lead.

HOME FOR HANDICAPPED Elmer J. Bucher

When the Home project was first considered, a questionnaire was circulated among the families who had a handicapped person. Along with other questions was, "Do you feel there is a need for a home for handicapped?" On May 25, we approved for admittance (at a later date) residents number 48 and 49, filling the home to capacity (except for emergency), and confirming the belief that there very definitely was a need for such

a home. It is quite evident that the brothers who first proposed such a home were led by the Lord to do so, and God has richly blessed the undertaking through a multitude of faithful brethren and friends.

On March 27, Ruth Ann Schwartz came from Bluffton; April 17, Shirley Pfeifer from La Crosse, and on May 24, Jane Aberle from Sabetha, bringing to 46 the number of residents. Three are scheduled to come later in the year.

As we continue to observe the love of the brethren and their wonderful support of the home, it makes us more aware of the priceless heritage our fathers have preserved by the grace of God, and how we need to listen to the voice of God as He seeks to direct us and asks us to occupy till He comes.

A note to the Sunday School children who helped purchase the whirlpool bath: Since I have come to the Apostolic Christian Home, I have had use of the whirlpool bath. I enjoy it very much and it does me so much good. I want to extend my appreciation and thanks to you for making it possible for us to have this wonderful convenience in our home. . . In Christian Love, Willis Belsley.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herrman

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Bro. Jim Leman gave us many good teachings from the Beatitudes. Bro. Simon Wagonbach also delivered an inspiring message during the month of May.

Many of the college students have returned home for the summer months. We hope to see them again at our worship service in the fall.

During the summer months, we plan to study the book of Romans at Bible Study. Each Thursday night a visiting minister will meditate on a specific chapter in the book of Romans. We are looking forward to learning more about God's precious word.

JUNCTION OH

Henrietta Manz/Betty Manz

Our dear Sis. Martha Laukhuf passed away on May 8, at the age of 91. Her funeral was at the Latty Church on May 10. Our sympathy is extended to the family, including

Bro. Isaac Dotterer of our congregation. Martha attended our church when she was able since the 1940's. She went through many hardships in her life, but kept the faith even when tried severely.

Ministering Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, spent Mother's Day with us. Bro. Kenneth Sauder spent Sunday, May 19, with us. We hope they come again soon.

We wish God's blessing for our 3 hi school graduates, Ed Schlatter (Sis. Juliet), John Rose (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz) and John Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn). We hope whatever they choose to do for their life's work, that they'll put God first in their lives.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale have returned from Florida, and we're thankful they are again assembling with us.

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Let's honor our fathers, not only on what is set aside as Father's Day, but every day.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger/Donna Metzger

Our Sunday School enjoyed a picnic, which the entire church was invited to observe the end of the school year. Classes will resume after a summer vacation.

We are grateful to Bro. Duane Metzger, West Bend, for bringing us God's word on a Sun. Each time we have a visiting minister, the message is brought forth in a little different way. All who sit under the sound of the doctrine can never say they could not understand what what God expects of them.

Sis. Judy Metzger was hospitalized for surgery. She is feeling better and has returned to her job.

Sis. Jeryl Mogler graduated from Nettleton College as a legal secretary. We know her light will shine as she enters the working world.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling became grandparents for the first time, when Dale and Diane (Leuthold) Stickling became parents of a boy, Delayne Dale, on May 29. This is the fourth grandson for Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold.

The beautiful lawn of Bro. Phil & Sis. Lydia Mogler was the setting

for the wedding for June Vander Sanden and Delbert Knobloch (Sis. Iola). Elder Bro. Leo Moser performed the ceremony in the presence of family and friends.

Let us all pray for our country and try to be good citizens. In spite of the corruption and deceitfulness we hear so much about, it is a wonderful country where freedom still means something. Can we imagine what it would be like not to be able to worship as we please?

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

Bro. Herman Kellenberger was our visiting minister. We thank him for his efforts.

Randell and Debra Schmidt are parents of a new baby boy, Jeremy Lee, born May 14. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Vera Schmidt.

Our high school graduates are Kathy Schmidt, Susan Esterling and Debra Schmidgall. May the Lord bless them and be their guide in whatever they choose for the future. We wish Mavis Miller also God's blessing as she graduates from nurse's training.

Our church building has taken on a new outside look, as a stucco job has just been completed.

A Tribute to Dad

God took the strength of a mountain. . .
The majesty of a tree. . .
The warmth of a summer sun. . .
The calm of a quiet sea. . .
The generous soul of nature. . .
The comforting arms of might. . .
The wisdom of the ages. . .
The power of the eagle's flight. . .
Then God combined these qualities. . .
And when there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was completed,
And so He called it—Dad

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer Corrine Schmidgall

As this is vacation-time for many, we invite anyone who comes this way to stop and worship and fellowship with us. We have discontinued our mid-week services for the summer, and now have song service at the church every first and third Sunday of the month.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Coleen Dog-

otch are the parents of a son, Damon Allen, born on May 20. . . Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma Dogotch and Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice Wulf of Lester are the grandparents.

God was kind to Sis. Mary Luthi and granted her wish to go to her eternal home, on May 26. She was 86 years old. She is survived by one brother and one sister, Bro. William Luthi and Sis. Rosina Moser, both of Morris. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Harold Gramm.

Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillian Koehl have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rita to Gary Rose of Morris.

(Bros.) Ken Jawson of Minneapolis and Floyd Weiland of Detroit spent a Sunday with us. We thank them for the God-inspired messages.

George Luthi was taken by ambulance to Rochester Mn. Our prayers are that he will find some relief there. Sis. Pauline Tohm and Bro. Leonard Wulf were hospitalized at Morris for several days, but are at home again.

Nine of our young folks received their high school diplomas: Greg Gramm (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila), Barb Joos (Albert and Sis. Edith), Arnold Kussatz (Bro. Earl and Sis. Minnie), Lawrence Luthi (Bro. Roy and Sis. Marilyn), Craig Schmidgall (Sis. Mabel) Danny Schmidgall (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila), Ted Schmidgall (Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia), Sis. Connie Zeltwanger (Bro. John and Sis. Mabel) and Rollyn Zeltwanger (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna). We wish them all God's guidance.

Therefore, O soul, consider well
What there shall be your portion,
And choose while yet you live on earth

The way of full salvation!
If in the Lord your hopes do rest,
Then with this treasure you are blest.

Woe to the unbeliever!

MORTON IL

Mrs. Keith Stevig Mrs. Harry Kaiser

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

Then trust in God thru' all the days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.
Tho' dark thy way, still sing and praise;
Some time, some time we'll understand.

This is one of the many ways God consoles us here on earth. He inspires man to write hymns in which we can sing and believe in. In this particular song, Christ is telling us that even though souls here on earth are taken and we have great sorrow, there is still hope. Some day we will be in heaven with him, and then we will understand. This song should be comforting for all of us who lose our loved ones.

God chose Rebecca Rumbold for his heavenly bouquet on May 21. She was almost 4 years old and the daughter of Bro. Garv and Sis. Mary Kay Rumbold. Surviving are a brother, Alan, and a sister, Sheri Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah Funk of Gridley and Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina Anliker of Eureka; and great-grandparents, Mrs. William Martin of Cissna Park and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Anliker of Eureka.

Debra Stoecker (20) passed away May 20. She is survived by her parents, Lem and Edith Stoecker Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Steve (Diana) Rigel of Galloway, Ohio; her grandmother, Sis. Elizabeth Stoecker of Morton; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw of Peoria Heights.

Sis. Louise Hoerr had a heart attack, and passed away May 5 at the Galena Park Home of Peoria, where she was a patient a week. Surviving are four sons, Vernon of Denver, Louis of Minneapolis, Alvin of Peoria, and Don of Fairbury; two daughters Sis. Virginia (Al) Hunziker of Morton and Mrs. Chuck (Norma) Welch of Pleasant Hill (CA).

Bro. Otto Berchtold (86) passed away June 2. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary; 3 daughters, Mrs. Charles (Viola) Boheneck and Mrs. Joseph (Wanda) Burdette of Peoria, and Mrs. Irene Doss of Sunnyland; two sons, Elmer and Harvey both of Peoria.

A baby girl has blessed the home of Becky and Tom Kaiser on April 18 and has been named Dawn Al-

icia. Grandparents are Sis. Doris and Bro. Elden Bauman of Morton and Harold and Illa Kaiser of Tremont. . . Bro. Wayne and Sis. Jody Knepp are parents of a baby boy, boy, born May 22 and named Joseph Wayne. He was welcomed home by 2 brothers, Wesley & Jamie. & two sisters, Wendy and Julie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sprnger of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knepp of Eureka. . . Curt Joseph, a baby boy, born May 26 to Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Annette Tanner. Awaiting at home to welcome him are Brian and Donna. Grandparents are Joe and Lena Stieglitz and Gotthold and Anna Tanner, all of Morton.

We have had four engagements announced. Bro. Dennis Kaufman & Sis. Alayna Butts. Their parents are Sis. Marge and Ben Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Butts, all of Morton. . . Rita Schock to Ron Strunk. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schock of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Struck of Deland, Florida. Janet Staker to Michael Woerner. Their parents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Clara Staker and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Woerner, all of Morton. . . Gregg Krantz to Patty Cassidy. Their parents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Dorothy Krantz and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gamble, all of Morton. . . On May 19, Bro. Dennis Mott and Sis. Beth Neukomm were joined in holy matrimony. Their parents are Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry Neukomm and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mott, all of Morton.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Ezra Feller from Cissna Park, Roy Grimm from Taylor, and Walter Anliker from Eureka.

Those who have been in the hospital or are convalescing at home are Bro. Russell Rapp. Bro. Willis Gieger, Sis. Mona Stoller, Catherine Seidel, Shirley Baer, Marlene Galbraith, and Margaret Rassi.

NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

We were privileged to have with us on May 26 our Ministering Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman, bringing us many wonderful messages. We also enjoyed visits of loved ones from Oakville.

Hospitalized were Sisters Edith Herzig, Lucy Hany, and Corrine Virkler, and Bro. John Hany.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis.

Minnie Taube in the death of her brother, Alpheus Isley.

We wish God's guidance and blessing in their future to Sara Hirschey, our high school graduate; and Linda Virkler and Randy Hirschey, who are college graduates. Sara and Randy's parents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice, and Linda is the daughter of Everett and Betty.

We praise the Lord for calling another dear soul, Charles Meeker, unto repentance. We wish him much grace in this important step.

High School graduates: Rose Virkler, daughter of Perry and Hazel, and Bruce Demorest, son of Cliff and Sis. Jane.

PEORIA IL

Betty Miller

Brides and graduates headline news this time of year, and we are delighted to report the following: Bride Sis. Susi Hoerr and groom Bro. Roger Herman were joined in holy matrimony Sunday, May 12. Bride Nanci Fisher was married to Paul Erkert May 25. June bride Sis. Joanne Binkle was wed to Bro. Joe Hoerr Jr., June 2.

A bride-to-be is Sis. Marcia Thomas, daughter of Sis. Lucille & the late Bro. Harold. Her engagement to Bro. Ray Bauer of Cissna Park and Bloomington was announced.

High school graduates are Linda Aeschleman, Nanette Fehr, Rodney Getz, Ben Hoerr, Bro. Bob Hoerr, Dan Hoerr, Bro. Jack Hoerr, Bro. Mark Hoerr, Cheri Jones, Terri Jones, Ida Koehl, Marv Meier, Sis. Diane Meister, Tony Plattner, Sis. Peggy Thomas, and Sis. Beth Unsicker. A breakfast was held at Fellowship Hall, attended by our ministers, Sunday School teachers, and the graduates. Each graduate was presented a Bible, with his or her name engraved on it. Our congratulations to all.

A benefit dinner was held at Fellowship Hall May 17. Choir members served over 350 people, then presented an inspirational and beautiful vocal program under the direction of Bro. Ed Meister.

A patient at Proctor Hospital for two weeks was Sis. Emma Messer. She wishes to thank those who remembered her with cards, gifts, and, most of all, prayers in her behalf. Sis. Emma Weyeneth suffered a heart attack and is in the

hospital. Bro. Jack Koehl, Bro. Warner Bauman and Sis. Nettie Witzig are sick. Some others have illnesses or problems that seem too personal to mention or too lasting to keep repeating, but they ALL need our prayers. May we always be thankful for the privilege of prayer, and never neglect it when so many loved ones need God's help and healing power.

Notes of Thanks: I thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and gifts while in the hospital and since I'm home. It was all very much appreciated. Sis. Marie Weishaupt. . . To all my dear ones, I would like to thank each one for the lovely flowers, gifts, and cards, and the prayers offered for me. Sis. Frieda Kipper.

Bro. Noah Herman and Bro. Vernon Schwab visited our congregation with inspiring and interesting messages.

Dean Hoerr, son of Dave and Sis. Harriet; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Schurter; and Donna Ferraro have repented and are awaiting baptism.

Sis. Jane Hemmer moved to Huntsville, Alabama, for the summer to help Bro. John and Sis. Ann Wagler in Christain work there.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Dorothy Meister have a new baby girl, born May 9. They named her Sarah Elizabeth. Rebekah is their other daughter's name. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Cissna, and paternal grandmother is Leola Lockhart.

PORTLAND OR

Pearl Miller

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments. . ."

Let's look to Him who is perfect in wisdom!

The Tangled Threads

The thread of your life is all tangles and knots.
There's nothing that you can do!
You've tried and you cannot unravel the thread;
Another must do it for you.

The Lord will unravel your tangled thread!
If you give it to Him to do.
He knows every knot; He knows where the end
Is hidden away from you.

He never will take it out of your hand;
The offer must come from you.
Oh hand it to Him and let Him begin
To straighten it out for you.

In the month of May, we appreciated the visit of Bro. Clarence Dietrich. Many wonderful teachings from the precious word were ministered unto us!

Bro. Ben and Sis. Lydia Schlatter from Toledo and their daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Jim Stager and family from Hood River, Oregon visited us. We wish to thank Bro. Ben for sharing the progress of the "Children's Home" in Leo. It is heart-warming to hear how the Lord is opening the way for this home to soon be erected!

REMINGTON IN

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Ed Alt, Cissna Park, was with us on Sun. May 19, where the graduates and parents were honored: Jeffrey Beckey (Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma), Mary Lou Clauss (Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred), Rex A. Clauss (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene), Lili Bahler (Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois), Sharon K. Leman (Bro. Richard and Sis. Edna), Larry Schieler (Bro. Herbert and Sis. Mary Jo), Sharon Sieben-thal (Wayne) and Lucinda K. Bahler (Victor and Alma).

I found a golden key one day
Upon the path I trod,
And it unlocked a golden door—
The door that led to God.
And as I looked inside I saw
These words upon the wall,
Your God is love and love is work,
There's love and work for All.

Tillie (Bahler) Schaibley of Frankfort Ind. is in the nursing home there. She had a big sale at her home. Several from here attended. She was a great antique collector. Her husband, Howard passed away several years ago.

We now live in the house where her folks lived for many years. I'm sure many of us remember Bro. Robert Bahler well. He was a minister here for many years. I still remember many things he said in his sermons.

Greg Schneider (Bro. Kenneth) had the misfortune of falling and injuring his kneecap. . . still has a

cast on. Little Amy Waibel (Bro. Gene) broke her arm while playing with a pony.

Jayne Schieler (Bro. Herbst—Mary Jo) announced her engagement to Michal Price of Fowler Ind. A July wedding is planned. . . A Bridal shower was held at the Fellowship Hall for Sis. Elane Steffen. Her wedding will be soon. May all strive to live their lives, so that they can enjoy God's richest blessings is our wish and prayer.

Bible School is in progress.

Sam and Amanda (Baier) Gruber had their 55th wedding anniversary, with many of their relatives present, including Bro. Sam Anliker from Kansas. His wife Kathryn was a Gruber. We wish them God's blessings.

A word of Thanks: We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to each one who remembered us with lovely cards and visits while we were in the hospital and since we are home. Jacob and Emma Bahler. . . Glad to report, both have improved, altho Emma's recovery is slow. Sis. Lucile (Ray) Steffen was in hospital for surgery. Sis. Lillie Frey is in hospital again.

SILVERTON OR Judith Knecht

On May 11, all who could come gathered together to help clean the church inside and out. Much was accomplished, and we wish to thank the brothers, sisters and friends who came with a willing heart and helping hands. May the Lord bless all.

During the month of May, Curtis Leman was united in marriage to Becky Knowlton. Becky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton, and Curtis is the son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman and grandson of Sis. Beth Anliker. May these dear ones find happiness, and may the Lord bless them in their new life together.

Keep your heart free from hate,
your mind free from worry, live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by.

SARDIS

Karen Indermuhle

"Honor they father and thy mother. . ."

There are calendar days in May and June to give special remembrance for fathers and mothers. How blessed are you and I for having God-fearing parents. They do so much for us during our lifetime. Mom and Dad should not be taken for granted. After all the love, correction, wisdom and godly instruction they've given, parents deserve our love and honor as the Lord commands.

Our human nature makes it a little difficult to simply say aloud, "I love you Mom and Dad". Tell them.—and praise the Lord, for we are surely blessed!

Church services will be held on Saturday evening, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at our Sardis church, and then at the West Virginia church on Sunday, June 30. Come and worship and praise the Lord with us and enjoy the fellowship out in God's beautiful hills.

Anyone is welcome to stay overnight Saturday evening. Please, let us know ahead of time, so arrangements can be made.

WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner and Marcelle Dapper

My Lord, an offering do I bring;
My heart I give to Thee.
I gladly give this heart of mine,
Which Thou dost ask of me.

This is the covenant that Ronnie Messner, son of Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia made with the Lord before the baptismal waters. It is by far the most precious, solemn promise that we make with God. ". . . my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." Elder Bros. Sam Anliker, Herman Kellenberger, and Leo Moser lent themselves for the proving and baptism of this dear soul. We are so thankful to have another brother added to our fold.

Following baptism, holy communion was served by the elder brothers. Truly our hearts were drawn to Calvary, where Jesus died and shed his blood for mankind. We are not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly. . ." These words in I Peter surely apply to the dear elders that

came from afar to serve our congregation.

After committing our meeting to the Lord in prayer, we held our annual Sunday School elections. Bro. Ernest Dapper was voted in new teacher and Sis. Delores Messerli was re-elected. Substitutes are Bro. Don Messner and Sis. Gertie Messner. Sis. Marcelle Dapper was chosen to help on the Silver Lining.

Winthrop graduates are Karen Hawk (Roy Hawks), Charlene Lauwagie (Elmer Schmidts), Dean Messner (Roland Messners), Holly Nelson (Al Nelsons), Pam Messner (Jim Messners), Sis. Dixie Messner (Leo Messners), and Vern Messner (Harold Messners). Whatever life has in store for these young souls, may it not be that they just seek the wisdom of this world, but the wisdom of God in their lives.

The Winthrop Sunday School picnic was held at the Gaylord Park, with a good turnout. We thank our teachers for all their effort and time given to our youth. There will be Sunday School vacation over summer months, until school resumes in the fall.

CISSNA PARK II

Margaret Rudin/Grace Bauer

The world and Satan I forsake;
My longing heart, O Saviour, take,
And fill with love divine.
O may I never turn aside,
Nor from thy bosom flee;
Let nothing here my heart divide.
I give it all to Thee.

This we witnessed June 1, when three dear souls, Jon Anderson, David Oberffel and Jeannine Rudin gave their testimonies, and were baptized June 2. We now have three new candlelights. May they shine brightly and be an asset to our church and those around them. Bro. Ed Frank helped with this important work.

Best wishes are extended to Bro. Ray Bauer, whose engagement was announced to Sis. Marcia Thomas.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Wm. Rentsch, age 83, May 14, (who passed away at the Hoopes-ton Nursing Home, where he had been a patient for a year). Survivors include: Sisters: Lena, Rose Sauder, Mary Lawless and Hulda Rentsch.

Twenty-four hours after his burial, the Grim Reaper took away our friend, Earl Kaufman, age 43, very suddenly. The day before he had attended the funeral for Bro. William. It goes to show us we have no promise for tomorrow. Survivors include his wife, Eileen; daughters, Cheryl, Beth, and Kathy; his parents, Fred and Martha Kaufman. Our ministers conducted the services, and he was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

We wish our graduates much success. They were reminded that some day we would all have to come face to face with God and give account of how we have lived here on earth. We have 4 members and 11 friends that graduated from this year's class.

We have VBS from June 3 to 14. There is an enrollment of about 100 students. We also have evening classes for high school students and young adults. Our ministers for four evenings will be: Bros. Everett Hari, Wendell Gudeman, Alfred Bahler, Joe Braker.

Bros. Maurice Frank, Charles Sauder, Albert Aberle, and Everett Hari were our guest ministers. We thank them for coming and bringing us God's precious word.

Our sick; Sis. Kate Walder was again hospitalized for observation and tests; she is home and has improved. Bro. Wm. Beer was a hospital patient, having had pneumonia. Bro. Ben Neukomn was a hospital surgical patient.

God bless our fathers
And keep them strong in faith,
For the Spirit of God is the refuge
of man
And the light in his dwelling-place.

AKRON OH Katherine Ries

"My knee is bad, but I can't complain; I've had many good years, can still sew, and am very thankful. It is a beautiful day". This in reply to my greeting to dear Sis. Lena Wright, 96 years old, when I said Sunday morning, "How are you this beautiful day"? What an example—what love—what a blessing!

We are most grateful to our elder and ministers, as well as the visiting ministers who serve us with their inspiring and edifying messages. Bros. Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville and Gary Maibach of

Rittman were visitors. May God bless them all.

Friend Harold (Sis. Esther) Fritz is back to work, after an accident which resulted in a broken bone in his foot. Sis. Frida Gruenig is progressing satisfactorily at her home, 615 Copley Rd., Akron OH 44320, after surgery. She wishes to thank all who remembered her with cards. Sis. Anna and Friend Joe Hanla have been absent due to illness. Bro. Paul and Sis. Rose Pamer, meeting again with us, wish to thank all who remembered them with prayers, cards, and gifts during their illness.

On Sunday June 2, Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet Graf brought greetings from the brethren in Janan, whom they had visited during May. They were quite enthusiastic about their experiences with the brethren there. We welcome them home, and are grateful to the Lord for their gratifying and safe journey.

ALTADENA CA Mrs. Don Cremer

Again we have been given grace to turn to the 6th chapter of Romans and claim verses 3-11. These are many beautiful verses summing up one thing: death (the old man) giving way to life (new in Christ), in the baptism of three dear souls, Bill Cooper, Joyce Hackenjos and Laurie MacDonald. These, as all in Christ, have chosen to die unto sin and be raised to new life in Him. On Sunday, May 19, these converts were submerged in our church's baptismal, a burial vault, which was donated to the church many years ago by a nearby cemetery. We pray many more souls will turn to a living Jesus in a dying world.

We had three visiting ministers for this blessed week-end. They were Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Phoenix; (Bros.) Bill Dotterer, Phoenix; and Leonard Meyer, Chicago. We thank them for sharing with us.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have left, to spend the summer in the Kansas—Oklahoma area.

Our baby daughter, Bethany Cremer, was hospitalized two days for minor surgery. We thank our loving Lord for leading us through this time of hardship. She is doing very well now, and the scar is healing beautifully where a tiny hernia rupture once was.

Bro. Clarence Graf has been out

of the hospital and home for some time now and we certainly feel the Lord has answered many prayers. We're so glad to see him back at church and looking well. He had asked me to submit a personal note: "I wish to thank everyone for the prayers offered for me while in the hospital and at home in April and May, also for the many cards received and good wishes extended me. I appreciate the beautiful verses, consolations, visits and gifts of money and flowers. It surely is a blessed fellowship we have. I wish I could answer each one of you personally. Your least Bro. in faith, Clarence Graf Sr.

We extend a welcome to all to visit California, and our church this summer.

ALTO MI Sue Root

"Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes. . ."

Our dear friend John Krebs has gone the way of all the earth. . . Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach conducted a most fitting service for this dear friend, whose smiling face we shall all miss. His wife, Sis. Mary (Wingeier) preceded him in death several years ago. We extend our sympathy to his family & friends. . . We also extend our sympathy to Sis. Marie Kroph, whose sister Hannah Fuss met accidental death.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Kathy Schrenk are the happy parents of a baby son, Phillip Duane. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delilah Schrenk.

Sis. Kathryn Grawburg has spent some time in the hospital, but is now home. She is getting around with the aid of a walker, and is able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst are spending some time in England, visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Michael and Connie Bender and their children.

BERN KS

Esther & Stella Moser

We had a most blessed week-end, May 18-19, when we could welcome five young brothers into our fold

and fellowship: Dean, Rodney and Curtis Strahm (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie), Dennis Esslinger (Bro. Martin—Sis. Arlene), Arden Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl). It was interesting to listen to their testimonies, how the sermons seem so much more meaningful, and they all quickly learned the importance and power of prayer. One told us he had to pray the third time before he could sleep the first night. We had many visitors with us, among them, Elders, Paul Fehr (Morris) Gene Marti (Sabetha) who ably assisted our Elder, Lester Hartter. Bro. Carl Hartman was also a visiting minister.

A little gem that impressed me in the greeting-line. . . with me was a sister that helped start these converts in Sunday School; one thought to thank her for her efforts. So you Sunday School teachers, when you think everything falls on deaf ears, that seed sown into tender young hearts remains to grow in later years.

Congratulations and blessing to our graduates. High School: Bro. Curtis Strahm (Bro. Alphie), Sis. Shirley Strahm (Bro. Ephraim), Mary Grimm (Bro. Paul), Laurie Luthie (Bro. Glen), Wanda Esslinger (Bro. Martin), Nanette Meyer (Bro. Louis). Mary Lehman (Bro. Edward) earned a degree in Nursing, Methodist Medical Center, St. Joseph and also has employment there; Mary Ann Isch, (Elmer) from K. State, Manhattan; Deanna Esslinger (Bro. Vernon) K-State. Deanna was married May 31 to Dave Morlan, Lancaster, Kans.

Hospital patients: Bro. Edward Lehman (tests). Duane Meyer (Bro. Leroy—Sis. Helen) had a bout with nephritis and will need to take it easy all summer, a hard task for an active 11-year-old. Sis. Lena is 92 and until now was able to maintain her home. However, age is taking its toll, and she was transferred to a nursing home.

NOTE: Bern Silver Lining readers. July is the month for our annual collection. Please pay your reporters. Thank you.

UNION CITY NJ

Karen Martin

We were saddened to see the departure of our dear sister-in-faith, Freda Wartman. She will

now make her home in Eureka, and she has the prayers of those relatives and friends here in the East who will sadly miss her. Although Freda has had much pain and sorrow in recent years, I cannot recall her complaining; instead she always seemed to have a smile and a word of love and encouragement to those round about her..

Add all the love of all the parents and the total sum cannot be multiplied enough times to express God's love for me, the least of His children.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

Bro. Herb and Sis. Peg Heyerly were blessed with a son, born May 11. He has been named Jade M. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Martha Heyerly and Bro. Oscar and Sis. Agnes Schaefer. Bro. Bill and Sis. Diana Tonner have received another son. Trent Curtis was born on May 21. Trent is welcomed at home by his brothers and sister.

We enjoyed visits from the Bremen and Mansfield choirs. Bro. Verdon Feldman of Bremen journeyed with his choir and ministered to us. Many inspiring hymns were voiced by the groups, and we welcome them back at any time.

Bro. Sam Hirschy was laid to rest on Mother's Day. His wife, Sis. Elizabeth, survives. Other survivors include their two sons, Edward and Dennis; a daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Anna Louise) Sowers; seven brothers, Fred, John, Henry, Elmer, Carl, Amos, and Alfred; three sisters, Mrs. Irvin (Leona) Zimmerman, Mrs. Jess (Dora) Fox, and Mrs. Milo (Mary) Fuchs. Bro. Sam had not been able to go in and out as easily as he would have liked for the past several years. The young group enjoyed singing to him, and he will be missed very much. May our Heavenly Father comfort his dear wife and family.

We have had only a few shut-ins, which we are very thankful for. They are Bros. Calvin Rauch, Sam Kaehr, and Donn Steffen; Sisters Ida (Roy) Aschliman, Maxine (Charles) Fiechter, and Ida (Levi) Schwartz; and Susan Steffen, daughter of Bro. Sherman and Sis. Lucille.

Following a sudden heart attack, Sis. Mary (Blanche) Gerber, 63, passed away at her home on May 27. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Herman; one son, Larry of Labelle, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Geraldine) Richardson of Storm Lake, Ia.; Miss Dorothy Gerber at home, and Mrs. John (Roberta) Eisaman of Bluffton. One sister, Edna Easterday of Groton Center, Conn. remains, and Kenneth Ray Gerber, who was raised in the home. Our prayers go out to Bro. Herman, at his unexpected loss of his helpmate.

Bro. Bob Meyer has chosen Sis. Ann Jones to be his companion. A fall wedding is being planned by the couple. Their parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Lela Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones.

The engagement of Bro. Steve Ringger and Sis. Myra Gray has been announced. Steve's parents are Bro. Sylvan and Sis. Vi Ringger, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Gray of Francesville are Myra's parents. . . Bro. Russell and Sis. Dorothy Mosers' daughter, Sis. Kay, is planning a September wedding to Bro. Keith Gerber, a son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Gladys Gerber. . . Sis. Peg Kaehr (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Mary Ann) will be married in the autumn to Bro. Tony Fiechter (Bro. Dale and Sis. Doris).

Before we partook of Holy Communion, one of the ministering brothers described each of us as being a separate kernel of wheat. Each kernel is ground, and we become one body or one loaf, and in unity partake in the Holy Rite of observing Jesus' broken body for our sake. Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) helped us observe Holy Communion. It was a very blessed day.

On June 2, Bro. Dean Fiechter took Sis. Cyndee Steffen as his wife. Their parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice Fiechter and Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen. The new couple will be residing near Indianapolis this fall, as Dean has accepted a teaching position.

Dale Aeschliman, a son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Imogene, graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine. We wish him success in his future plans.

EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

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

God has given us His promise,
That He hears and answers
prayers;
He will heed our supplication
If we cast on Him our cares.

We were blessed with a number of visiting ministering brothers. They were: Noah Hermann—Tucson; Dale Eisenman, Lenny Myer—Chicago; Nathan Stoller, Roy Ehle—Bradford; Joe Stoller—Princeville.

Hospital patients: Bro. Charles Wettstein (my father) was a patient for a week in Eureka Hospital for tests. . . Sis. Ada Zimmerman was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. . . Sis. Fannie Sauder, wife of Bro. George, went to Mayo's for a check-up, but is home again.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Gary and Nancy Knepp, a son named Douglas Alan, born May 20; this is their second son. . . Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Sandy Knecht, a girl, Denise Elaine, born May 16; this is their third daughter. . . Glen and Becky Bauman have their first child, a boy, born May 22; his name is Chad Eugene.

Sunday, June 2, Sis. Jane Stoller and Bro. Kurt Ehle from Princeville were married by Bro. Leroy Huber. She is the daughter of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber. He is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehle of Princeville. May God bless Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane on their pathway of life together. They will be welcomed in the Congerville Church as they will live in that area.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Eli and Emma Somerhalder in our assembly. They are living in one of the new duplex buildings near the "Home." Our latest new residents in the "Home" are Bro. Louis Funk from Goodfield and Sis. Freda Wartman from Bergenfield, New Jersey.

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

FORREST IL Juanita Schneider Kathryn Steidinger

And So God Speaks

Have you stood entranced by the
dazzling sight
Of a perfect rose, bathed in morn-
ing light,
And felt that only an artist rare
Could paint the loveliness growing
there?
And then, Dear Friend, did your
heart whisper low
That this fragrant rose with its
heavenly glow
Was part of God's handiwork, part
of his plan
To speak, through the beauty of
nature, to man?

We are rejoicing to see and feel
the light and the warmth of the
sun, after many dreary days in
May, and we are aware of God's
presence, as we see the lawns,
trees and fields growing again and
the beautiful flowers burst into
bloom.

God has brought sunshine into
the home of Gary and Kathy
Knauer by blessing them with a
baby girl. Jennifer Lynn is the
first grandchild of Gene and Sis.
Velma Schladenhauffen. Bro. John
and Sis. Patsy Stoller are happy to
have a daughter, Candice Kay. Bro.
and Sis. John Schambach of Elgin
are the maternal grandparents,
and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta
Stoller welcome their first grand-
child. First-time parents are Bro.
Jerry and Sis. Kathy Leman, with
the birth of their son, Erik Allan.
First-time maternal grandparents
are Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther; Bro.
Sidney and Sis. Helen Leman are
the paternal grandparents (all of
the Forrest congregation).

Our friend Jane Bounds, daughter of Harvey and Sis. Dorothy Rieger, gave her testimony of faith on May 15, and the following Sunday she was baptized, after making a covenant with God. We now welcome her as our new sister in the Lord.

We have been blessed with spiritual sunshine through God's word. Visiting ministers were Bros. Edwin Bahler, Loren Strahm, Kenneth Dietz, Phil Sauder, Ed Alt, Art Bahler, Josh Broquard, Merle Kaisner, Joe Braker and Joe Zimmerman.

On May 29, Bro. Silas Nuss-

baum, an old faithful soldier of the cross, was laid to rest. We are thankful that he can exchange his cross for a crown. In bygone years, Silas was a willing laborer in God's vineyard, but for several years, ill health kept him confined in a nursing home. Bro. Silas can now rest from his labors, but his works will follow him.

Bro. Frank Honegger, Bro. Herb Bachtold and Lorelei Broquard (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Roberta) spent sometime in the hospital. Bro. Harve Lemman had surgery and is now a patient at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

We were happy to see Bro. Louis and Sis. Louise Zimmerman in church Sunday morning, after being at home for several weeks. We know that it takes a lot of effort when the body is weak, but we also know that God can give strength and bless them.

Notice to Forrest Subscribers: Please pay your dues for the Silver Lining to Bro. Larry and Sis. Cynthia Kaisner during the month of July.

Goals are like stars; they may not be reached but they can always be a guide.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

God's loving hand is everywhere,
On every busy thoroughfare—
On mountain heights, in valleys
low,

On desert sands, in swirling snow;
The things we see and touch and
feel

Prove God is present and He's real,
And oh how blest to understand
We're kept by God's own loving
hand!

These words seem especially true to me this time of year . . . the beautiful springtime, when we fairly tingle with joy and anticipation of each new day, with its newborn miracles.

Bro. and Sis. Stan and Judy Knapp were blessed with a baby girl on May 14. They have named her Melinda Kay. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis Zobrist, Goodfield, and Bro. and Sis. Willis and Bernice Knapp, R. R. Congerville.

Hospital patients have been (Bros.) Chris Hohulin and Eli Knapp, both of Goodfield. Bro. Lou

Funk has been released from the Eureka Hospital, and is now living at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. He wishes to express his thanks for all the cards, gifts, prayers, visits, and help of all kinds. Everything has been appreciated.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Ed Aeschleman of Union City, who ministered to us on Wed. evening, May 22.

Notice to all Goodfield Church subscribers: June is our collection month. If you haven't already paid me, there is still time.

Joe Tanner was married to Janet Zimmerman, at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall on Sat. May 18. Joe is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ben and Leona Tanner, and Janet is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Zimmerman. They were married by Bro. Ed Hohulin.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie B. Weltz Della Witschey

The annual all-day meeting will be held at the country church on Sunday, June 30, beginning with a song service at 10:30 or 11:00; lunch will be served at noon, and the afternoon service will begin at 1:00. Several visiting ministers will be present, and all members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Paul B. Emch, 73, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Berger Emch died very suddenly on Sunday, May 26. He is survived by his widow; one son; two sisters, Mrs. John Froelich and Mrs. K. W. Calvert; one brother, Frank Emch.

Frank Schupbach passed away on May 23, following a long illness. He leaves his widow, Georgia Pegg Schupbach; one daughter, Erma.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., was the guest of her aunt, Miss Della Schupbach, over the week-end of May 26. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade attended the graduation exercises of their grandson, Mark Wade, at Reynoldsville, Ohio on June 6. Mrs. Lydia Hassig of Kidron, O., visited with relatives here on May 26.

Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach was a hospital patient for several weeks, following a gall bladder operation, but is improving. Mrs. Frank Barth has been a patient in a hospital in Parkersburg, W. Va., for several weeks, following the amputation of the left leg above the

knee, on May 13; her condition is somewhat improved.

The annual Hassig reunion was held on the Virgil Hassig farm on Limestone Ridge, June 9.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey and daughter Thelma and son Paul of Moundsville visited with Della Witschey on June 2.

PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

Mothers were honored on Mother's Day, when their daughters took over the kitchen duties that day. They furnished and served the noon lunch.

There were many empty benches May 19, when a number were at Roanoke to witness the wedding of Bro. Sam Martin and Sis. Mary Bradle. After a wedding trip, they are at home in Dunlap, and attend church here in Princeville. We heartily welcome Sis. Mary to our congregation.

On June 2, a number attended the wedding of Bro. Kurt Ehnle and Sis. Jane Stoller at Eureka. They will be living near Eureka, so will make that their home church.

Bros. Lawrence Wagenbach and Harold Steiner and Sis. Roma Rumbold were chosen as new Sunday School teachers.

Sis. Martha Hemmer was visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Bro. Lynn and Sis. Miriam Klopfenstein and family in Alabama, when she became ill and was brought to the hospital in Peoria. After a two-week stay, she returned to her home for a short time, and at present is staying in the Apostolic Christian Church Home on Skyline Drive in Peoria. We are thankful she does not have to be confined to her bed and is able to come to her home at times.

Sis. Margaret Herrmann is convalescing in her home, after a six-weeks' stay in the hospital. She is getting along nicely, and wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and flowers while in the hospital and since returning home.

Sis. Mary Leuthold, who spent seven weeks in the hospital recovering from a broken pelvic received in a fall, was able to return to her home, where she is gaining strength. She is able to be in a wheel-chair during the day, but is yet unable to walk. She wishes to thank everyone for the many pray-

ers, cards, gifts, visits and get-well wishes. . . These acts of kindness mean more than one can imagine.

Sis. Marian Hinshaw is making satisfactory recovery, following a fall in which she received a broken ankle. She wishes to thank each one for all kind deeds during her shut-in days. The many cards, flowers, gifts, and visits were much appreciated.

Sis. Lucille Rumbold spent a few days in the hospital for tests, and is at home again and improved. (Sis. Mary Musselman, wife of Bro. Phillip, had minor surgery and is convalescing nicely at home.

Sis. Dorothy Stoller hasn't been feeling well since she and Bro. Floren have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter. She has not been to church for some time, due to a bad cough, but is better and out again. Our friend, Charlie Streitmatter, had heart failure and spent ten days in the hospital. He is again at home and is feeling much improved.

Friends, in this world of hurry and work and sudden end, If a thought comes quick of doing a kindness to a friend, Do it that very minute, don't put it off, don't wait. What's the use of doing a kindness, if you do it a day too late?

Don and Mary Lou Streitmatter are the parents of a daughter, Ann Marie, born May 30. She was welcomed home by a big sister, Donna Lou; a little sister, Ema Jean; and two big brothers, Jim and Mark. She has a grandmother, Sis. Emma Meyer of Lester, and great-grandparents, Fred and Sis. Carrie Metzger.

We are happy to announce the engagement of Lonnie Terrill and Connie Gayheart. Both young people made their home at the Dessie Scott Home in Kentucky. Lonnie spent several summers with Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy Wieland and is presently working in Louisville, Kentucky and lives in New Albany, Indiana. Connie has been making her home with Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland the past few years.

Many graduation exercises have been held the past few weeks, and our young folks have graduated to various degrees. We trust they will go into the future, resolving

to do their best in serving God and those around them. We never graduate from God's School of Learning. There is always something to learn, and one main thing is patience. Wouldn't we be a sad people if we felt we knew all that God had to teach us?

It appears that someone took the wrong coat from Roanoke on the day Bro. Sam Martin and Sis. Mary Bradle were married. If someone has a dark blue, double knit lady's coat with a scarf in the pocket, would you please contact Miss Arlene Knapp at Princeville, IL 61559?

I will be accepting contributions for The Silver Lining during the month of July for anyone who has not made a contribution yet this year. Your reporter.

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder Mae K. Hodel

Sis. Emma (Henry) Bowald died May 10. She is survived by a son, Richard; two daughters, Sis. Anna (Chris) Bradle and Sis. Norma Bowald; one brother, Samuel Belsley; five sisters, (Sisters) Anna Heiligenstein, Louise and Ella Belsley, Minnie Leman, Rose Mingler.

Our love and sympathy are extended to the Ernest Schwab family. He is survived by his wife, Carol and two daughters: Sis. Marjorie (Mike) Mangold, Mrs. Judy (Edward) Laskowski.

Hospitalized is Sis. Hulda Beer (our oldest sister, 96 years old). She had surgery on her hip, but is walking again. Also hospitalized were (Sisters) Norene Herbst; Annabelle (Edward) Blunier; Martha Martin; Ida Fischer; Bro. Jim Weyeneth; and our friend, Jim Fischer.

Janet Zimmerman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Helen) and Joe Tanner (Bro. Ben and Sis. Leona) of Goodfield were married May 18 at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall.

Sis. Mary Bradle (Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradle) and Bro. Sam Martin (Sis. Louise and the late Sam Martin) of the Princeville congregation, were united in holy bonds of matrimony May 19.

Susan Hodel (Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann) and Tom Davis were married June 1.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Dave Kieser, Art Baurer, Princeville; Jim Ringger, Bradford; Ed Aeschleman, Union City;

Vernon Leman, Eureka; Nathan Stoller, Bradford.

A little son was welcomed by his parents, Bro. Keith and Sis. Kathy Fisher Funk. He has been named Kortney Keith. He has a little sister, Kelly.

Thank you: My humble thanks for the many gifts, prayers, visits, and cards while in the hospital, while convalescing in Morton, and since I am home. . . Anne Hernfelt.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 3-14. Our thanks to the many who teach our children of the great love of God.

June 8, opportunity will be given to our friends, Delilah Fehr (Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise) and Lynn Fischer (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge) to give the testimony of their faith.

A careful man I ought to be,
A little fellow follows me;
I dare not go astray,
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The best in me he must always see.
That little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Thro' summer sun and winter snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
That little chap who follows me.

SARASOTA FL Linda Miller

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

The first of the month was another of our most blessed weekends, as we came together to hear the testimonies of Doug and Linda Sabo. We have been very prosperous in the growth of our flock. We welcome Bro. Doug and Sis. Linda into the fold and wish them God's blessings.

Most of our seasonal families have gone to their homes for a few months. We are holding regular Sunday services in our Sunday School rooms, as we find it unnecessary to use the entire church

for the few that we have. Our Wednesday evening services have been discontinued until the fall, when again our number increases. We still have plenty of room for those visitors who may be coming our way during the summer months.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier would like to express their special thanks and appreciation to all those who have visited, even for a short time. Bro. Phil & Sis. Fern plan to be traveling to Alto, to be with their family for approximately the month of July and a week into August. We wish them a safe journey, although we will miss them very much. During Bro. Phil's absence, we are hoping that ministers will be coming our way to deliver the word to us, so that we may continually feed our hungry souls.

Many of the telephone numbers are being changed in the area of the church, effective June 8. Please feel free to contact the following at their new numbers: Phil Wingeier 371-4155; Dave Eisenmann 371-2062; the church, 371-2968.

TOKYO JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

It's becomes early in summer, and we could see God's beautiful creation around here. Our beloved Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet Graf, Akron, visited here in Japan from May 11 to May 27, and we had real blessed time with them. It's so wonderful that we American and Japanese brethren are in one mind together in the Lord; even far away between. We could learn many things from them. They are very wonderful people. We had real blessed singing and fellowship services, by Sis. Junko Hatsuumi's kindness on Saturday evening, May 18, and Sisters Linda Morrison, Betsy Erickson, Eiko Nozawa and Hiroko Natori came from the country church and joined with us.

We are going to have Holy Communion Service here in Tokyo church the last Sunday of June, when Bro. Ben Maibach and his wife and children come to Japan. We are looking forward to their visit as a blessing in the Lord.

"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have

to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:"

WEST BEND IA Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. Raymond Anliker

May Bro. Dale and Sis. Cheryl Moore feel the sincere prayers that are being extended out for them in their illnesses. Louisa (Reuben) Anliker was hospitalized for tests. Everyone is so thankful it wasn't serious, and is back in our assembly again.

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Glenagene Fehr are the happy and thankful parents of a son, Kevin Jay, born May 19.

High school graduation is over; our graduates are: Outi Paananen (Finnish exchange student)—daughter of Ray Anliker, Julie (Ray) Anliker, Debra (Harley) Bruellman, Lori (Donald) Bruellman, Yvonne (Victor) Banwart, Linda (Eldon) Fehr, Connie (Faye) Gress, Jackie (Nathan) Mogler, Greg (Wm.) Oberman, Debra (James) Schmidt, Rodney (Betty and the late Richard) Schmidt. We wish these young graduates God's richest blessings, and may they feel the deep concern of their parents, as they enter new schools of higher learning this summer and fall. May God take each of them by the hand, to lead and guide them on His righteous pathway is our sincere prayer.

DETROIT MI Bonnie Popp

Sunday, May 26, Sis. Beverly Maibach and Bro. Mark Bahr became husband and wife in the Lord. May the light of their love which shone forth on that day be a light to all who enter their home . . . as a witness of Christ, the center of their home, their love, and their life. And to the new couple we would wish: "The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

We are grateful for the support of the ministers who visited with us that week-end: Bros. Harvey

Grimm; Sam Huber (Sabetha); and Jim Ramseyer (Bay City).

One of the most precious and glorious blessings of a Christian is to know that our Lord is always with us. Jesus is there, and He truly doth care. So often those around us who are so confused, bitter and sad, confess that it is because they have no one to turn to who really cares.

I need not journey far, this dearest friend to see,
Companionship is always mine . . .
He makes His home with me.
. . . Thank you, Lord for caring.

May we extend our sympathy to Sis. Lucile Maibach in the loss of her brother.

BURLINGTON IA Edna Pohl—Elaine Eisenmann

On Sunday evening, May 19, Bro. Harvey Heiniger joined us to serve communion. We need this opportunity periodically, to remember what Christ did for us so we can have a hope for eternal life. It also is a time to examine ourselves and help us to renew our faith in God and our love towards our brothers and sisters in Christ and for Christ himself.

The following Sunday evening, May 26, we were privileged to have Bro. Aaron Steffen of Alto as a guest minister. We thank him and those who accompanied him for his visit here.

A new baby girl, Karen Sue, was born June 3 to Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie Anliker. She has one brother, Brian, and one sister, Renee, to welcome her home.

Some of our loved ones have spent time in the hospital, but we hope are on the mend by this time. They were Sis. Esther Wagler (wife of Bro. Ben), and our friends Ed Streeter, Brad Gehring (son of Bro. Uriel), and Matthew Eisenmann (son of Bro. Paul's)..

June 2, several of our older Sunday School students were guests of the Oakville Sunday School, along with Taylor and Pulaski. We are glad for these opportunities to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances of our neighboring churches.

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

ELGIN IL**Louise Steffen/Katie Kachelmuss**

Even as the springtime flowers
grow beneath the sun's warm
rays,
So the Lord by His own power
makes us garlands for His
praise.

We enjoyed the visits of Bros. Clarence Dietrich of Silverton, Paul Gasser of Akron, Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Earl Banwart of West Bend, and were richly blessed with the Bread of Life.

Five of our young friends were involved in an accident near Eureka and were taken to a hospital in Peoria. They are all home again, and we thank God they were not more severely injured. They were Debbie (John) Steffen, Susan and Linda (Earl) Steffen, David (Frank) Schock, and Kenneth (Gerald) Kellenberger.

We miss Sylvia Schmidgall in our church circle. She is with the telephone company, worked here for several years, and transferred to Peoria so she could be closer to her mother and family. Her present address is 604 S. Monroe, Mackinaw IL 61755.

Gail, daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Evelyn Gudeman, was married to Ronald Hallead on May 11. Bro. Perry Zimmerman, uncle of the bride, joined them together in holy matrimony. They are living at 1670 Mulberry Ln. Elgin IL 60120.

Bro. Joseph Schmidgall is at home again after major surgery, and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts during his illness.

Our community was saddened when two of our firemen lost their lives while rescuing a young man from the angry waters below the dam on the Fox River. One of them was Stanley, husband of Barbara Kellenberger Balsis. She is the daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger. The Balsis address is 436 Ryerson Ave., Elgin IL 60120. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Barbara and her family, and God bless them, as He has promised to be with the widows and fatherless.

Know each other better:

This memorial was composed by Bro. Otto Stettner after the death of Bro. Gustav Preiss, who

was 20 years old when he passed on to his reward 53 years ago:

In the early manhood days
When hope like a fountain plays,
And life is full of love and cheer,
A loving son and brother dear
Was called by God all-wise
To be with him in Paradise.
Yea, ere life's burdens and its care
Into the heart and soul can wear
His span of life he had attained
As God all-wise for him ordained.
Although in spring of life and
years

His soul from this vale of tears
Had passed from hence to yonder
life,

This comfort in us shall survive,
And our heart's grief alleviate:
He did not wait until too late,
But while healthy, well and sound,
Salvation in the Lord he found.

Well did he heed in youthful age
The words of Holy Scripture sage,
Remember now and seek in truth
Thy Creator in thy youth,
Ere evil days shall be thy lot
When thou shall say, They please
me not.

In sorrow deep and hard to bear,
Sad hearts do not of hope despair,
But in faith look forward when
Beyond the grave we meet again,
Where loved ones who have gone
before
Will greet again in yonder shore.

Bro. Otto passed on to his reward more than 30 years ago, and only our older members will remember Bro. Gustav, but his sister, Sis. Emilie Preiss is still among us, having passed the three-score and ten years, and has been a shut-in for sometime, due to the infirmities of the body. She lives at 215 Hill Ave., Elgin IL 60120.

FT. LAUDERDALE FL**Kathy Sutter/Henry Schwartz**

We are thankful for every servant who gives of himself to bring us the living word. Bro. Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville and our own ministers gave us good instruction during the month of May.

We were sorry to say farewell to Sis. Bev Kaeb. Bev has completed her studies in Miami and returned to Bloomington. We enjoyed her stay, and hope she can come back to visit us often.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Jane Martin of Morton have moved to Ft. Lauderdale. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and hope they and their

family will soon feel at home here in South Florida.

**KIOWA KS
Janice Frieden**

We were tremendously blessed on May 19, when Ministering Bro. Noah Herman of Tucson was in our midst, and again on May 26, when Ministering Bro. George Lambert of Wichita joined us. The words that they brought to us, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, filled our hearts to overflowing with an ever-deepening love for God, who called us from a life of sin and granted us the joy of knowing and living in Him. Also, they brought us grave words of warning about the dangers in this present time, caused by Satan, who is continually setting his deceitful snare to turn straying feet from the truth of the Gospel. May we ever be watchful, and so yielded to God that when these deceitful temptations come, they will find no place within us to reside.

We were very thankful that Bro. Sam Schrock was released from the hospital after a lengthy stay, and hope that he, and Sis. Esther Hodel, who underwent tests at the Mayo Clinic, will soon be able to worship with us again . . . as is Sis. Marie Schurter, who was also a hospital patient.

Due to the busy season coming up, Wednesday evening services have been cancelled until fall. The fields are already ripened for the harvest, and as we look out over them, we can see truth in this thought:

It is with men as with wheat;
the light heads are erect even
in the presence of Omnipotence,
but the full heads bow in reverence
before Him.

**MANSFIELD OH
Aaron A. Sauder**

What a joyous week-end we shared, when Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and Joe Ramsier were with us, on Sat. evening June 1, to hear the testimonies of Beverly Zimmer Keefer (Clair), daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Sabo Zimmer, and of Carolyn Domka (daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Sabo Domka). On Sunday we were privileged to witness the baptism of these two new sisters in the Lord.

Bro. Carl Blumenschein formerly lived in our community, but due

to ill health had moved to Phoenix 13 years ago, where he passed away May 29. He was returned to Mansfield for burial, with services held June 1. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, Sis. Katherine Hock Blumenschein; daughter, Ruth Reinhardt (Ray); two sisters, Kate Blumenschein of our congregation and Margaret Mayer (John); and three brothers, Adam, Henry and John.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Martha Isley of our congregation and Sis. Minnie Taube (Elmer) of Castorland on the death of their brother, A. R. Isley.

We likewise give our sympathy to Sis. Caroline Dotterer in the passing of her sister, Martha Dotterer Laukhuf.

Sis. Martha Fuhrer Cordrey (Kenneth) was a hospital patient, but we are thankful she has been released and has attended worship services.

OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

Bro. Ervin and Sis. Teresa (Wagenbach) Marti are happy parents of their third daughter, Shayla Diane, born May 20.

We welcome Bro. Keith Kuntz into our fellowship, having given his testimony before the church. He is the son of the late Bro. Roy and Sis. Ruth Strunk Kuntz.

Friends Elizabeth Martin (Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Reiman Martin) and Tom Lindeen have been announced for proving and baptism. We look forward to hearing their testimonies.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Aaron Steffen (Alto), Uriel Gehring (Burlington) and Arnold Gerst (Chicago). We appreciate their willingness to be used in the service of the Lord.

RITTMAN OH Florence Hartzler

Children of the Heavenly Father, safely in His bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given. . . We that are privileged to be His child gathered together in His house to hear the testimony of four dear souls, and then to witness the baptism the next day, as they were brought into the fold. They are now: (Sisters) Shelly Jenkins, Beth Beery, (Bros.) Dale and Rick Dotterer. . . Rejoice with

me, for now I'm free, I joy in a new pleasure; from God above, the gift of love is mine in fullest measure. Rejoice . . . Christ is my choice, His cross alone my glory; while life shall last, when death is past, I'll sing the joyful story!

Thank God for His servants! And we have been blessed with visits from some of these servants from difference congregations. We enjoyed hearing the word of God, in love, from Bros. Rudolph and Ernest Graf, Akron; Ed Aeschleman, Union City; Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Bill Gudeman, Elgin; Carl Kipfer, Bluffton. Spread the joyful tidings in anthem and glory; Jesus hath redeemed us, O give Him the glory!

Peace, like a river, came to our friend, Stanley Winkler, and he is now awaiting the time for his baptism. Oh! dear friends, be not Almost Persuaded, Christ to receive, but be Fully Persuaded, Lord, I believe!

Joy has come to the home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Dottie Ramsier at the birth of a daughter. Little Carla Ann is welcomed by brother Curt, and since Dave comes from a family of boys, his parents, Bro. Nelson and Sis. Aldine are happy for a little granddaughter. Dottie's folks are Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Hartzler.

Love has come to two of like mind, as the announcement of the coming wedding of Bro. Robert Graf of Akron and Sis. Alma Gasser.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest; Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast. . . Sis. Lydia Steiner was laid to rest after a long illness. . . We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best. . . Services were conducted by Bro. Rudolf Graf.

"God is our refuge and strength . . ." How many times do we have to go to Him for strength when we have illness. Bro. Isaac Rufener Sr. is in church again, following surgery. Sis. Josephine Bauman and Sis. Ella Widmer are also able to attend church again, for which we are thankful.

Many of our brothers, sisters, and friends are graduating from high school this June. Whatever your plans are for the future, why not take Christ along, and make Him your leader. Follow Him, and your path will be full of love and safety!

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL Jeanie Haerr / Kayleen Heiniger

Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow. . . A very tangible example of love has been the many gifts of labor, time, talents, materials, prayers and dollars that have made it possible for us in Bloomington-Normal to have a building of our own. It has been a special joy to have some of the many people who lovingly contributed for our welfare visit our congregation for the open house services May 19 and 26.

Love is of a friendly nature, Does no selfish thought possess. . . Those who unselfishly labored in His vineyard for us were Bros. Leroy Huber, Dan Koch, Edmond Kloter, Walter Recklau, Henry Grimm, Francis Rother, Bob Pohl, and Leroy Hartman, along with our own dear ministers.

Babies have their own special ways of teaching us of love (and patience). Two families welcomed new babies. Bro. Lynn and Sis. Anna Marie Young welcomed a son, Rickie Shane Young on May 8. Ron and Donna Hodel welcomed a daughter, Robin Sue on May 29.

Brian Walter and Nelson Haerr each spent a few days in the hospital, but are well and enjoying their friends again. Mark Kupferschmid fractured a rib when he fell from a bicycle. He seems to be doing okay and not complaining.

Hank Young graduated from ISU and has taken a job with Cottage Hospital in Galesburg.

Bro. Ray Haerr, Sis. Jeanie and their daughter Heidi visited in Germany. They attended church in Ludwigsburg with the Fritz Judt Family and a singing in the evening at the church at Neuhutten with the Maurer Family. Many send greetings to the people who visited them while in the service. Bro. Ray and Sis. Jeanie's tour of duty in Germany dates back to 1956 and 57, so these people have been entertaining our members and friends stationed in Germany many years.

CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

Bro. Ben Hartzler was with us for Sunday evening services on May 26. He deeply impressed upon us the need to "carry the torch" and keep our light shining in our daily walk of life. How important it is that we walk in God's foot-

steps each day; only through our daily contacts can we impress the importance of this WAY to those with whom we work and associate. How wonderfully God provides brothers willing and able to carry His message to us.

Charles William Jr. is the name given to the first child to bless the home of Chuck and Bonnie Cobb. Little Charles was born on May 3. His grandparents are Urban and Evelyn Farney and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cobb. His great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick and Bro. Reuben and Sis. Lovina Farney.

We welcome Bro. Leon and Sis. Lydia Virkler back in our assembly after spending the winter at their home in Sarasota. What a blessing to greet Sis. Lydia as a sister-in-faith, and we rejoice as the angels in Heaven when this miracle takes place.

Bro. Jerome Farney was hospitalized several days for tests, as was Esther Rauhe. They have both been able to assemble with us again. Our hospital patients are Bro. Lawrence Farney, Bro. Leon Virkler, and Sis. Martha Steiner.

Congratulations to our high school graduates. May each of them look to God for guidance in their future life. They are: Bruce Farney, son of Carlton and Josephine; Cindy Farney, daughter of Urban and Evelyn; Niles Farney Jr., son of Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly; Sis. Pam Herzig, daughter of Bradley and Sis. Regina; and Steven Virkler, son of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois. Sis. Pam and Sis. Lisa Grau will also graduate from the Vocational School in the Business program.

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

We are commencing our letter with two pleasant notes. A baby boy was born to the Bro. Floyd and Sis. Janice Frieden. He has been named Bruce Alan. A baby girl was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Cheryl Moore. She is called Peggy Lynn. This makes a trio of girls for the Moores.

Bro. Noah Gerber was our visiting minister. It is always a pleasure to hear him expound the scriptures to us. Realizing full well that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from God, it behooves us to listen attentively and do what our Lord

expects us to, both by word and deed.

Bro. Dale Moore has returned home from the hospital at Iowa City, after spending two weeks there for a series of tests. Both he and Sis. Cheryl wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for cards, gifts, visits and prayers from the folks who remembered them recently. Sis. Cheryl has been confined to her bed since the new baby has arrived, because of some infection confined to an area on her leg. No doubt she will soon be well and up and about again.

Our midweek services for the summer have been resumed. We meet the first Wednesday evening of the month to sing praises to the Lord. The next two Wed. evenings are spent with regular church services, and then the last one is devoted to Bible study. Visitors are always welcome.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Kathy Butikofer are getting their home in readiness. This is located on highway 56. Kathy is already working at the hospital in West Union. We appreciate their presence in our church.

We have two comparatively new flowers in our garden: they are the columbine in various shades of pink and blue, a hybrid version of the old-time honeysuckle. The second is a pink oxalis, which is quite interesting in that the blooms, which are very dainty, close up toward late afternoon, to reopen in the morning hours. The bluebirds did take to our houses, for which we are very appreciative. They seem to feel at home in the apple orchard, which no doubt offers them various insects to feast upon. Their warble is very pleasant, and their colors are pleasing to the eye. May God be thanked for His greatest gift to man, that of the plan of salvation, and for the many other gifts in nature.

FT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

Trista Lynn is the name chosen for the new daughter of Bro. Lou and Sis. Debbie Banwart. She has a sister, Taira to welcome her.

Bible school is now in session. We are very pleased with the turnout.

Our two high school graduates are Edwin Fischer, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lillian, and Teresa

Bahr, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Ruth.

Sis. Carol Sinn, wife of Bro. John, fell and broke both arms and received extensive cuts and bruises about her body. Sis. Ethel Smith, wife of Bro. Harvey was hospitalized for foot surgery.

Note of Thanks: Sis. Anna Pfister wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks to all who remembered her with a visit, card, flowers, etc. while she is recovering from a broken hip.

We are looking forward to the Soldier's Reunion at Lamar, Aug. 3 and 4. We invite you that plan to attend to include Ft. Scott in your plans.

IOWA CITY IA

Joan Mogler/Twila Whipple

Bros. Clifford Grimm (West Bend) and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville) were our visiting ministers. How thankful we are to be reminded of our high calling and what we must do to reach our eternal home.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie Anliker are the happy parents of a new daughter, Karen Sue. She is welcomed at home by Brian and Renee.

We are thankful to have a few new faces gathering with our small group. Sis. Jane and Janet Schaer have found employment in Iowa City, and Sis. April Wiegand has enrolled at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

MILFORD IN

Sue Schieler/Sandee Price

Something wonderful can happen anytime or any day, but sometimes those things which aren't so wonderful happen too. Sis. Alice Beer fell and broke her arm . . . It's always a special blessing to others when the recipient receives misfortune gracefully.

Dale Beer, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth, announced his engagement to Mary Kay Rutkowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rutkowski.

On June 2, Latty hosted our adult Sunday School class. Those graduating from high school are: Sandy Beer (Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth), Lee Beer (Bro. Jesse Bud and Sis. Shirley Beer), Nancy Beer (Bro. Frank Jr. and Sis. Lois), Brent Kaiser (Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara), Marla Hoover (Don and Sis. Ginny), Sis. Kathy Price (Bro.

Glenn Sr. and Sis. Kathryn), Doug Hoerr (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marguerite), and Janette Zimmerman (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Nancy).

These souls have sent a revival to each believing heart here at Milford . . . Lee, Coleen and Beth Beer—children of Bro. Jesse (Bud) Beer and Sis. Shirley, Grandchildren of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella . . . Sandy Beer, daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth, and Steve Frantz . . . surely these tender souls need our prayers. . . Prayers are like seeds dropped in the sod; we must pray them, but leave the rest to God!

LEO IN Mrs. Elias Souder

We welcome home Gary and Christie Bollier; even tho' they are not here for now, they are back in the States . . . also happy to have Janet Klopfenstein Hartman and little daughter come back. Janet's husband, Bill, plans on coming soon.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch has been critically ill, but is doing as well as can be expected. She had an operation for appendicitis. Minnie was 80 years old her last birthday.

It's nice to have Sisters Lillian Levy and Ida Graff come to church and worship with us. They spent the winter months at their home in Florida. Sis. Mayme Levy Getz is now a resident of Grabill.

Bro. Mark Souder's new address is Edina, Minn. He plans on living there, where his work takes him.

Some of our young people spent a Sunday with the Latty young people and reported an enjoyable time.

Sis. Lynn Klopfenstein plans on continuing her education at Muncie for the summer. Lauren Klopfenstein spent some time at the Mayo Clinic. He is home again.

Vacation Bible School is continuing this week, from June 3-16.

A wedding shower was given at the fellowship center, honoring Kim Souder, who plans to be married to Renyold Lengacher the 4th of July.

PHOENIX AZ Ann Mangold

Heavenward, ere Heavenward, let us wend our way. To reach our heavenly goal, we have to make a beginning as well as a commitment. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy

Emch made their beginning, and on Mother's Day became part of the Lord's family.

Bro. Carl Blumenschein passed from this life to begin his eternal rest with the Lord. We extend our sympathy to Sis. Kate, his wife. Bro. Carl's love of singing and his encouragement to the church will be outstanding in our precious memories of him.

Two more beginnings were made, by Shirley Mohrman and Bonnie Greenbank. Each has turned her heart to the Lord in repentance.

Having graduated from nurse's training, Sis. Julie Hoerr has begun her chosen profession. We wish the Lord's blessings for Shirley and Bonnie in their new walk, and for Sis. Julie in her new career.

Because every converted soul needs continual refreshing and renewal, we thankfully partake of the Lord's supper. Bro. Noah Hermann of Tucson assisted Bro. Roy Farney in carrying out Communion services.

God has given each of us the ability to choose between His way of a new beginning, or Satan's way of walking down the old path of a bitter ending. There can be no question of which way, when comparing the fresh beginning that has been purchased with the blood and offers life eternal, to that path that leads to destruction

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howard and Diane Leman

We welcome Bro. Bill and Sis. Connie Witzig to our congregation. Bill has been transferred from Carbondale. They are busy now settling in their new home.

This is a good time of year for newcomers, since all our students have gone home for the summer. Congratulations to our graduates: (Bros.) Jim Stoller, law; Les Schambach, horticulture; Sis. Jan Stoller, fine and applied arts; Jim Steffen, ag. engineering; Stan Blunier, ag. mechanics; Sis. Teresa Hufford, Parkland College of Nursing.

Steve Fischer, son of Bro. Rich and Sis. Dorothy, graduated from Champaign Centennial High School.

Happiness flooded our hearts as we heard the news that our friend, Karen Schipf Baker is seeking the Lord in repentance. Karen and her

husband Joe are students at the U. of I. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Loren Schlipf from El Paso.

Bro. Ed Hohulin, our Elder, has announced that friend Donna Applegate has found peace with God and man and is ready for baptism. She will be the 6th person to be baptized in the Urbana church.

Would be most happy to have anyone interested to join us on a 9-day tour of the Bible Lands. . . Planning on leaving directly from Chicago Jan. 6 1975. . . Would welcome an Apostolic Christian minister. Early registration a savings. Henry and Cora Frey R.R. 1 Eureka IL 61530. . . Phone 309-467-3230.

Taylor MO

I am not skilled to understand
What God hath willed, what God
hath planned;
I only know at His right hand
Is One who is my Saviour!

I take Him at His word indeed;
Christ died for sinners, this I
read;
For in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Saviour!

Jesus Makes The Difference

The clay within the hillside
Was worthless in the mine
But by the potter's working
He made its surface shine.
We too may be unpolished,
Our glow be rather dim,
But the Master Potter
Can make us shine for Him.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold

Communion services were conducted May 5, with Bro. Theo. Beer, Milford, assisting our Bro. Dan Koch. When we partake of this supper, we think of Jesus suffering, and His death on the cross for the sins of the whole world. . . How He went to the cross, had a last supper with His disciples, and told them to do it in remembrance of Him until He comes again. It makes us think, how soon will it be? We pray for grace for each of us to be able to endure, and be ready with a desire in our heart to meet Him.

We welcome four sisters in faith: Anne Zurcher, daughter of

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

Bro. Curt and Sis. June; Marjorie Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene; Linda Dill, daughter of Sis. Barbara and Henry; Susan Bolliger, daughter of Bro. Jay and Sis. Alma. We also welcome a brother in faith, David Aberle, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera. They gave their testimonies May 25 and were baptized the following day, May 26. We are

so thankful they all were given grace to seek their soul's salvation. (Bros.) Gene Bertschi, Roanoke; Dave Kieser, Princeville, assisted Bro. Dan. . . Also Bro. Steve Ringenberger, Cissna Park and Bro. Vernon Wettstein, Congerville, visited us. We thank them for their labors of love.

We are sorry to hear William Michel was hospitalized; however

he is at home now. Sis. Katherine Winzeler has been confined to her home; she is feeling better.

We wish the following high school graduates God's guidance in the future: Mary Ann Schweigert, Mona Yergler, Carol Aberle, Mark Rapp, Peter Aberle, Barbara Hild, Tom Bollinger, Mark Largent, Gary Moser, Steve Pflederer, Robin Roberts and Ronald Wagenbach.

NOT REJECTED TOTAL FAILURE!

Henry Souder Jr.

No sadder fact in all the world. . . through all the ages. . . than those who refused to hear. The Saviour cried about them. He would have gathered the people of Jerusalem as a mother hen does her babies. They would not. Paul had continual sorrow for those so dear to him outside. Child of God, let your pleadings arise for those in such danger.

The make-up of the world is still the same. Like John's day, there are the pretenders: "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

The truth strikes deep. It is the way to peace. Every accountable person bears resemblance of something. We bear a resemblance to either God, or Satan. The serpent came in Eden. His emotions, aims, words, his entire outlook was unsavoury and ugly. Those who follow are his own children, and become like him.

Wrath is coming. Sinners will not dwell in God's presence. Not even anywhere in His universes. They will be hurled out into darkness, the outer. How happily yet the day shines: "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:" Humbleness escapes the devil's grasp, and finds entrance into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Some have found the truth. We know that. We also know the dead-

ly, sinful error, so sickening and loss-bringing: Saying one is saved, but in lip service only. God hates that. He hates all sick teaching. Don't think you are saved if God has not worked over the inner reaches. His working brings confession and cleansing. If not, the finger points: "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

God would like to have you, but if not, he will get along very well without you!

What day out there, or today is numbered as your last? If a friend or an unbeliever would open the eyes to what actually is, he will see how frightening it is.

The finishing, death, the cutting through that thrusts into eternity is already there. Already. It is only Jesus' mercy that has kept the cutting from happening. God knows the date, and it's a real date. It can come at an instant; then mercy is no more. "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

The water baptism for repentance was by John. Repentance is still how we turn and come. It smooths the road in our heart for our Lord's entrance. Baptism is into the death of our Lord, and arising into His resurrection. It shows forth majestic meaning of glorious truth: "I indeed baptize

you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:"

What glorious resemblance lights the child of God. Life in its full, real, rich meaning thrives. How beautiful it is to live in the emotions of God! All those beautiful gifts of the Spirit! Divine nature. The Spirit within. That is real living.

While we have even one breath left, we should live and speak what is true. It is a sober picture. On the one hand bright joy, the other dismal, rejecting failure. At harvest, the farmer would gather the sheaves on the threshing-floor. Then, breaking force would separate the kernel from its cover. Using the wind, the farmer would take his "fan" and toss up the contents. The grains would fall, together, and the chaff would fall in a separate place.

We see what is really going on. God is working over his floor, from one end to the other, thoroughly. Not the least grain will be lost. Every action, not always understood, is for deep purpose. It is so good what our gracious Lord is doing.

"Whose fan is in his hand, & he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When he reaches the other end, where will you be?