



Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockerowing, or in the morning:

Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

This day is a rose . . . in the morning light . . . its dewy petals . . . are folded tight . . . As the hours go by . . . the petals unfold . . . so they shine in the mid-day . . . like purest gold . . . Its fragrance grows sweeter . . . each passing hour . . . when evening falls . . . it's a full-blown flower . . . May each day of your life . . . bring gladness that grows . . . and blooms in your heart . . . like a beautiful rose

LIKE A BEAUTIFUL ROSE

Just an ordinary member
Of the church. I heard him say,
But you'd always find him present,
Even on a rainy day.
He had a hearty handclasp
For the stranger in the aisle.
And a friend who was in trouble
Found sunshine in his smile.
His talents were not many,
But his love for God was true.
His prayers were not in public,
But he prayed for me and you.
An ordinary member?
I think that I would say
He was an extraordinary member,
In an humble sort of way.

What would I like if I was hard-
worked, sick or lonely?

I know not when He sends the
word
That tells me fervent prayer is
heard;
I know it cometh soon or late;
My part is but to pray and wait . . .
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I
thought.
I leave all care with Him above,
Whose will is always one of love.

Be like a cheery tree in bloom.

An aged saint's health is failing.
Instead of complaining or praying
only for herself, she can spend her
sleepless hours at night in earnest
intercession. The result? She glows
with the joy of the Lord, and her
prayers are being answered.

A tenement district in New York
City . . . a boy in ragged clothes
. . . a small piece of broken mirror
in his hand. Holding it high in the
air, he moved it slowly back and
forth, watching the narrow slit of
a window above him as he did so.
"What are you doing?" a man sud-
denly demanded, as he shook the
youngster roughly by the shoulder.
"Like most boys in this neighbor-
hood, you're probably up to some
mischief, aren't you?" The boy
looked up into the stern face of his
accuser and said, "See that window
. . . I have a little brother who has
a room on that floor. He's a cripple.

The only sunlight he ever sees is
what I shine up to him with my
mirror!" The man was shamed that
he had spoken so gruffly, realizing
that the lad was doing a kind deed
in reflecting the sun's rays to his
brother . . . We, too, have chances
for kind deeds . . . let us, as the
sunshine, spread love . . .

Do with what you have; to some-
one it may be better than you
think:

On a storm-beaten shore, a small
crew was trying to push a heavy
lifeboat out of the sand into the
surf, to rescue survivors of a sink-
ing ship. Their combined efforts
were not quite enough. They called
for some reinforcements. No one
was near enough to hear them, ex-
cept one cripple. Although handi-
capped, he made no excuses, but
came and did his part. Remark-
ably enough, his slight additional
strength gave just the impetus
needed. As a result, the shipwreck-
ed sailors were saved.

They might need me. . . I'll let
my head be just in sight. A smile
as small as mine may be precisely
their necessity!

Be a friend to those in need,
Folks both near and far away;
Help to sow the friendship seed,
Don't say, **I've no time today.**

Take a moment of your time;
Drop a card into the mail,
Starting some sad heart to chime,
One who's worn by cares or frail.

Take a moment of each day,
Call to speak a glad hello;
Someone's sick across the way,
Waiting, hoping cheer to know.

Take the time to pray for those,
Laid aside in bed so long.
They're not there because they
chose;
God will send their hearts a song.

Home — a world of strife shut
out — a world of love shut in.
John Wesley once observed two

women. One was speaking vehe-
mently, gesturing wildly. The other
stood perfectly still, remained tran-
quil and unperturbed. The first
woman stamped her foot and
shouted, "Speak! so that I may
have something more to say to
you!" Wesley observed, "That was
a lesson to me: **Silence is often the
best answer to abuse!**"

I could tell where the lamplight-
er was, by the trail he left!

I do not know the load my brother
carries;
Oft hidden from the eye is each
man's cross.
I only know his stumbling footstep
tarries
Under the burden of great pain or
loss;
And since I do not know, may I
keep ready,
Because I know what such could
mean to me,
A word of courage, or a hand-clasp
steady,
To ease one fainting step toward
Calvary.

I lift my lamp beside the golden
dawn!

Most people want genuine under-
standing. If you can understand
the feelings and moods of another
person, you have something fine to
offer.

Friendship: Union of finest feel-
ing, binding of hearts, sympathy
of souls.

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He drew a circle that shut me out. . . . But love gave the wit to win. We drew a circle that took him in.

A Christian bought a farm. Soon his nearest neighbor, who was not a Christian, asked him, "Have you bought this farm?" "Yes," was the reply. Said the non-Christian, "you've bought a lawsuit!" "How's that?" asked the Christian. "It is this way. I claim that your fence line is ten feet on my side, and I am going to take the matter to court to prove it." "Oh don't do that. If the fence is on your side of the property, we will take it up and move it back to where you claim it should be."

The non-Christian neighbor was completely disarmed. He asked, "Do you really mean it?" "Of course I do," said the peaceable newcomer. The neighbor said, "the fence will stay just where it is."

Blazing torches in the dark streets of life!

Do it to the Lord!

A boy worked for a shoemaker and had to prepare leather for soles. A piece of cowhide would first be cut to size, soaked in water, and pounded with a flatheaded hammer until hard and dry.

About a block away was another shop, and young Harry often looked in the window to watch. This man did not pound the soles, but took them from the water and nailed them on immediately. One day he approached this cobbler and said, "I noticed you put the soles on while they are still wet. Are they just as good as if they were pounded?" With a wink and a cynical smile the man replied, "No, but they come back much quicker this way, my boy!"

Young Harry hurried back and suggested that perhaps they were wasting their time in drying out the leather so carefully. His employer took his Bible, read to him Colossians 3:23, and said, "Harry,

I do not cobble stones just for the money. I'm doing it for the glory of God. If I should have to view every shoe I've ever repaired at the judgment seat of Christ, I would dread to have the Lord say, 'Dan, that was a poor job. You didn't do your best.' I want to see His smile and hear, **Well done, good and faithful servant!**"

Many times humble believers, standing at the door of death, have actually brought comfort to grieving loved ones by telling of their own joyous anticipation of meeting the Lord Jesus face to face.

A veteran nurse said: Something strange and beautiful happens . . . when they come to the end of the road, all fear, all horror disappears. I have often watched a look of happy wonder dawn in their eyes when they realized this was true.

Thus, in the beauty of charity, divine love, every moment may be a continual Christmas!

SUNBEAMS AT MORN

Henry Souder, Jr.

The golden sun comes peeping in. A child awakens with happiness.

The morn for God's children is truly beginning. We have the golden Dawn of eternal ages. We have the wonder of beautiful things unfolding. Happiness is keyed in God's word. It is knowing the meaning of His definition . . . That is the key to golden light gladdening each moment with joy.

It's not far off . . . Nor is it unattainable mystery. The door is not shut by sickness or sorrow. Those things offer part of the combination to open its treasures. Happiness is not found except in the way of sorrow. Cross-bearing. God pictures it thus: "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing . . ." This is the way of the saint. It is with beautiful song. "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

Remember how He said, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"? Blessed brings the smile of the saint. The beautitudes are rich, the golden life of eternal ages shining in. Some are in the present: "for theirs is"

. . . and some future, when comes glorious climax. His satisfaction fills beyond the fondest dream.

Sunbeams at morn is through prayer. We have an audience, an entry to the King of kings. Prayer takes us to a Place, a beautiful, beautiful home. Power is there, power to place us in the winning all the time. What does His word say? "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Isn't that just what we need?

It shines in golden beauty; all the gladnesses God assembles for the homecoming . . . Eternal life! Our minds cannot express, cannot imagine all He is and shall be.

The unsearchable riches of Christ can make all our troubles and sicknesses shine with heavenly ray. This holds the beauty of the Dawn: "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong." The narrow way has most beautiful spiritual sights. See the shining!

The darkness is behind. (What horrors the hordes of sin hold.)

The chase was continually empty and vain. No comparison to joy, peace and love. We have substance. Our face smiles in reverent thankfulness. Freedom! Keep that face toward the sunshine. Do we picture how our name must look on that beautiful page? ". . . rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Not just when we read these words, but time and again, continually . . . Now we can rejoice in the Best Christmas ever, every day.

It is beautiful to hope of the moment of final triumph. That is golden light beaming in. No victory on earth can come close to that winning gladness. The last mistake and the final care, past. There will be Jesus. Loved ones will be with us. Triumph will thrill the air. Forever and ever, light will be glorious, full splendor.

The believer's soul has such wonderful light, our glorious Lord. ". . . in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory . . ." Think of it . . .

Bright indeed is the light, beaming into our spirit!

INDIANAPOLIS IN Patrick and Judy Dubach

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually. . ." Advance farther into this new year on your knees. Faith does not concern itself with the entire journey. One step is enough. Breathe a prayer for courage to fill your legs, as well as your heart, as you face the unknown, the unexpected. Put your hand into the hand of God. He gives the calmness and serenity of heart and soul. Climb with Him, even to the end of life's trail. The peak that is nearest the storm cloud is nearer the stars of light. Heed the Master's voice, and press bravely on, to the fulfillment of your task.

This passage is full of good teachings, and if we can just try to remember some of it, our lives and loads will certainly seem lighter.

We are always grateful for the visiting ministers who come to us, as it gives our own minister, Bro. Dick, a chance to hear the word also. With us in January were Bros. Maurice Frank, Leo; Wendell Gude man, Francesville; Henry Beer, Milford.

Sis. Suz (Mrs. Art) Ringger was hospitalized for a short while, but is able to assemble with us again.

We have had two business meetings already in this new year, to elect church officers and Sunday School teachers and other church business.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Libby Meyer

We were thankful to have Bro. Sam Huber with us for Bible Study. It was a blessing to be reminded of the prophecies in the scriptures. Truly, God did send His Son to bless us.

Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to Bless you, in turning every one of you from his iniquities.

We miss Bro. Mark and Sis. Bev Bahr, who have moved to Detroit.

Our best wishes and God's blessing go to Bro. Steve Gutwein and Sis. Linda Pledgerer (Francesville), whose engagement has been announced.

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock - Mary Leman

This new being now arises, Having died with Christ before; What in Adam's fall had perished, Christ

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

We welcome Benj. Zimmerman (son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu). Lori Knapp (daughter of Brother Frederick and Sis. Marge) and Karen Schieber (daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma) into our fellowship. They gave their testimonies on Jan. 18 and were baptized the following day. Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) assisted our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard on this happy occasion. Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton) ministered to us on Sunday.

Other ministers this month were Bros. Ron Heining (Bloomington) & Ben Fehr (Roanoke). "The life of a child of God means help is given to bear our cross or disabilities."

Bro. Ernest Stahl injured his right thumb, due to an accident in his work. Although he has pain, he is back at work.

A little daughter, Angela Ranae, is a new addition to the home of Herb and Sandra Chang. Grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Marion Miller and Mrs. Chang of Hong Kong.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The hymnwriter said: "The time flies on . . .". During these winter days when nature's forces lie quiet, it is an incentive for our souls to become quietly reflective. Looking inward, one can hardly think honestly in this manner without realizing that so many blessings are yet ours. Where does the secret lie? How can this blessedness be retained in a world which is contrary to what is righteous? Another hymnwriter says, "What were earth to be without Thee . . .?" Isn't this the key? Is this in part what Christ meant when He told Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven"? Experience proves that the key to a satisfying, blessed life and to a hope for eternal good is to live according to Christ's teachings.

Maturity emphasizes many of these truths. The more we realize that time does fly on, the more we know that each day is a gift. In our situation here at the Home, we are fortunate to have abundant op-

portunity to fill each golden hour doing good in a needful way. Let us all, wherever we happen to be, value highly the gift of time, for which we shall one day be accountable.

Our quiet reverie also brings to mind the gratitude we feel for all the help and contributions for the Annual Benefit Day, held Dec. 6. To all who contributed the fine quality crafts, the delicious foods, supplies, funds or helped in any way, we express our sincere gratitude. With the added room of the additional building, it was a successful day.

Perhaps there are readers who wonder about the residents and would enjoy knowing a little about them. Perhaps we can introduce a few each month, in the order in which they arrived at our home.

The first one to make his home here is Bro. Harold Miller, formerly of Portland. His parents were the late Bro. and Sis. Guy Miller. . . Marlene Moser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser of Fairbury arrived on the same day Harold came, making this building come alive as a "home". . . Nora Frances Williams, daughter of the Jim Williams of Morton, formerly of Bartonville, Illinois, soon became resident number three.

Delores Wieland, daughter of the late Walter Wielands of Princeville; Ethel Borinstein, daughter of the Allen Borinsteins of Peoria; Jacqueline Willett, daughter of the Hal Willetts of Manito IL; Nancy Kahn, daughter of the late Max Kahns of Peoria; Jim Hammers, son of Mrs. Hallie Mouser of Alton IL; Susan McGinley, daughter of the Melvin McGinleys of Bushnell IL; and Virginia Reece, sister of Charles Reece of Bartonville all arrived within the first six months.

Every resident is viewed as a person with unique problems and needs. A very important challenge immediately became ours. With the faith that all was in God's hands, we moved ahead, believing that each day held the possibility of miracles.

It has been said that caring is sharing. This can be demonstrated in many ways. Sharing gems of thought fulfills Scripture: ". . . whatsoever things are true . . . lovely . . . , think of these things." When we share these thoughts, we make ourselves no

poorer, but perhaps we may be able to enrich the lives of others.

Would you like to think on these?: Sympathy is two hearts tugging at one load.

Someone once prayed: "Our Father, Thou hast given us so much. Give us one thing more — a grateful heart."

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Hulda Geisel Moser passed away Jan. 10, at the age of 70. She and her husband, Bro. Aaron celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Dec. 1973. Survivors include her husband, Bro. Aaron; three daughters, Loree Rokey, Mrs. Vernon (Beverly) Wenger, both of Sabetha, and Mrs. Elmer (Dolores) Hutfles of Corning; two sons, Donald of Wichita and Robert of Newton; four sisters, Sis. Viola Traub of Sun City, Ariz. (Phoenix), Esther Koch and Ruby Sommer, both of Elgin IL, Connie Dawes of Pasadena, Calif.; two brothers, John Giesel, Rock Rapids, Iowa and Jesse Giesel of Bern. Memorial services were held Jan. 14 in Sabetha. Ministers were Bros. Carl Hartman and Gene Marti. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Sis. Hulda had the misfortune of breaking her hip due to a fall. She submitted to surgery, but the shock was evidently too great, as she died a day or two later. The following poem was read at her funeral, which was quite fitting:

She wished no one a last farewell
Nor even say Good Bye,
And was gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Her busy hands are resting now;
Her work on earth is done.
Her worries all are over,
And her heavenly crown is won.

Terry, the youngest child of Clifford and Sis. Barbara (Metzger) Edelman was born at Sabetha on Nov. 7, 1971 and died at the place of his birth on Jan. 16, at the age of three years, two months and nine days. He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Randy, Rodney and Bradley; and one sister, Pamela Sue; his grandparents, Mrs. Emma Edelman and Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger. Memorial services were held Sunday Jan. 19, at 12:30 P.M. in Sabetha. Of-

ficiating ministers were Bros. Gene Marti and Sam Huber. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

(Bros.) Lloyd Kraft and Loren Strahm of Gridley were here to attend Terry's funeral. Bro. Lloyd had the morning service.

We welcome our new fellow pilgrims, Sis. Jean Plattner, daughter of Sis. Loree and Bro. Henry, and Bro. Douglas Grimm, son of Sis. Lois and Bro. Nathan.

Hospitalized were Sisters Tillie Aberle (surgery), Mayme Rokey, Evelyn Wysong, Bros. Willard Bahr and Joe Menold.

SARDIS OH

Karen Indermuhle

The weather is proof of God's great power. The high winds during the last part of January have been strong and mighty. Many people caught out in town here during a wind storm were very much frightened, knowing not what damage might be done.

As I was in a store when the lights went out, I had mixed feelings of concern and then again of awe and peace. God, the all-powerful, has everything in order and all things under His control. I wondered, too, if the storm had been severe enough that lives were in danger, just how many would be at peace and ready to meet their Maker.

Faced at death's door, or with fear of injury, seems the only time for some people to be concerned with their souls. Lives can be taken so quickly during disasters, that there is no time to think of the soul's condition.

God is not to be mocked, and people are called from this earth, whether danger is known in advance or comes with no previous warning.

Much flu has been going around, with some schools closing.

Bros. Joe Ramsier (Rittman) and Fred Marty (Rittman) had the funeral services for Earl Riggenbach. He was a nephew to several of the older members here, and a brother to John Riggenbach of our congregation.

SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

We are sorry to report Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Florence Leman and family have decided to leave our little church here, and move back

to the Elgin Illinois area. A farewell singing was held for them on Jan. 5, including both Silverton and Portland churches. The next Sunday we bid our Farewells, knowing the miles would soon separate us . . . But though we miss them, we trust they'll be happy in their new home and congregation, and may we still remember one another.

Sis. Margaret Wanner hasn't been able to assemble with us lately, due to her health.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Brenda Kay is the name of the little daughter that came to live with Bro. Nelson and Sis. Kathy Rocke Jan. 8. Grandparents are Bro. Si and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline Rocke.

One by one, we pass over Jordan into eternity. Thursday morning Jan. 16, Sis. Katie Winzeler, age 81, went to her eternal rest. A daughter of Elder Elias and Sis. Katherine Koch Winzeler, she leaves one sister, Sis. Bina (Aaron) Bertsch. We all have observed a most precious example in Sis. Katie's quiet and simple life. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever;
Home safe in heaven at last.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

The family of Sis. Katie Winzeler wish to thank everyone for their love, prayers and the deeds of kindness toward her during her illness and passing.

We wish God's blessing for our sick in the hospital, who are Bro. George Woerner, Sis. Wilma (Floyd) Bliss and Leah Williams.

WICHITA KS Glennis Allenbach

In our Christian fellowship, we can gain much in getting to know each other better. Bro. Art Wullschleger was kind enough to share some of his life with us.

My father and mother crossed the ocean from Basel, Switzerland in year 1910 to come to America for their honeymoon, and then after one or two years were to return. World War I changed everything. My father died, due to the flu epidemic in 1919. I was 8 years old and my brother, Warren, was two. My parents had purchased a modest home and furnishing. The resulting years left my mother to raise her two boys.

As a child, I was trained in a Catholic school for boys for three or more years. I was taught to serve mass in teaching others . . . sang in the boys choir. My father was a Lutheran, and I was given infant baptism in that faith. My mother was born and raised Catholic, but when her mother sent her to a convent to become a nun she rebelled and left. Upon coming to America, she left the faith. My very kind "godparents", in learning I was in a Catholic school got permission from my mother to take me out, and I was placed in a Lutheran school and lived in their home several years. At age 17, I went back home with my mother. She died in 1936, and on her death bed asked me to keep the home together so my brother could keep in school. I later drifted to Salem Church and taught Sunday School for two years. Then through the influence of a young girl I was brought into a youth group at the Wichita First Baptist, and upon joining became assistant teacher to high school classes on Sunday evenings, also acting scoutmaster for several years at First Methodist, located across the street on North Broadway, Wichita.

I left in the middle of a youth meeting one Sunday, again influenced by an unusually nice person that was very much interested in the church, and a special minister who was to preach that evening (Noah Schrock, Elder). The young girl's father, Robert Young, was also minister of the church. The church was so different, and I was attracted by its fellowship and humbleness. I just kept coming

back, and later married Augusta Young. We both became members and have raised a large family. It has proven to me that the Lord certainly leads those who seek his ways, but we must be humble and obedient in all things.

The Wichita congregation certainly knows Bro. Art as a humble and obedient person. As I often attach a certain word to a person in thinking of them, I would add **kindness**, a trait I value highly in a person, certainly a Christian trait.

We held our first Communion in the new sanctuary. Our elder brother, Sam Anliker has a special gift for this. The reverence shown is felt by all. We were so happy to have another elder, Bro. Raymond Banwart to assist.

In closing, I would include a poem written in 1928 by Bro. Art while still a boy. After reading in his story of his early life, we can certainly relate to his poem. We can see how even then he saw the importance of love of God and love of others.

Now that the day is over
And the wings of night close o'er,
I love to think of days gone by
When my heart was full of joy,
To hear my mother call my name
And call me all her own,
Who cared for me and loved me
Till I was a boy full grown.

My how sad this world would be
Without a mother or father,
To teach their little ones of love,
The love of God, the love of home
And all things on earth, and above,
And as we grow, to be young men,
Our parent's love will linger on,
A priceless love that none can
buy . . .

AKRON OH Lynda Pamer

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." From these verses in Psalm 139, we can see that wherever God's children are, however scattered across the earth they may be, the Lord is with each one.

There is no night, however dark
That never ends in dawn;
There is no snow, however white

That stays when winter's gone.

There is no barrier too high
To intercept my prayer;
And there's no place I'll be alone,
For God is always there.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Marge Collins were blessed with a baby girl. Her name is Carole Lynn. They have four other children: Duane, Mark, Christine, and Cynthia.

CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin - Grace Bauer

We have recently been reminded of the Cross. Let us bear our cross patiently and not shun it. The cross God has put on us, He will help us to carry, but we have to put our trust and faith in Him. Bro. David Bertsch of Leo spent the week-end here and helped Bro. Ezra share the conclusions of the conference. It behooves us to try to live closer to the Lord. Bros. David Wiegand, Arthur Bauer, and Henry Beer also shared the word with us and brought much food for thought.

Bro. Roy Sauder was with us on Jan. 12, and united in marriage Sis. Bonnie Hoffman and Bro. Dennis Kaufmann. Where two join hand and heart, we find a three-fold cord not lightly rent apart. They are at home in Bloomington.

Our annual business meeting was held Jan. 15. The church gave their support to the new ones to take over their duties. We wish them God's helping hand.

Our sick: Bro. Wm. Rinkenberger and Andy Bauer were hospital medical patients. Sis. Nettie (Mrs. John) Obergfel was a hospital surgical patient. Sis. Emma Geyer was a hospital surgical patient, having had eye surgery. Bro. Aaron Bauer was a surgical patient. Sis. Kate Walder is a hospital patient, having had the misfortune of injuring her other hip. She had surgery and is getting along good.

Born to Sis. Jayne and Bro. John Conrad, a son, Phillip John, Jan. 30. He has a sister to welcome him. Sis. Marguerite and Bro. Aaron Bauer and Sis. and Bro. Freeman Conrad are the grandparents.

The engagement of Sis. Beverly Stock, daughter of Sis. Edith and Bro. Melvin was announced, to Bro. John Haritter. He is the son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy of Eureka. A spring wedding is being planned.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Carrie Hari are now living in the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home, 7023 N. Skyline Dr., Peoria IL 61614.

We extend our sympathy to the Jacobs family over the death of their sister, Lorene, who passed away suddenly in Florida.

The waters are troubled, and we have several precious souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance. "I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD. . ."

CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

January is a month of beginnings—a new year, new resolutions, new trials of faith, and deeper joy ahead. Sunday, Jan. 26, Bro. Dale Eisenman was ordained as elder of our congregation by Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, IL; Josh Broquard, Fairbury; and Gene Bertschi, Roanoke, who first gave instructions to Bro. Dale and to us the congregation, regarding our duties and responsibilities. As an elder, Bro. Dale and his wife Sis. Judy have added burdens and concerns on their hearts. We pray the Lord will lift them up, and, as He promised, **giveth more grace as the burdens grow greater.** Ministering Bros. Tom Leman, Elgin, and Morris Frank, Leo, also shared the eventful day with us, which ended with a special church supper.

We enjoyed our Wednesday evening visitors especially this month. On Jan. 8, Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman and Bro. Bob Pohl from the Burlington congregation shared the Spirit's teachings with us, and Jan. 15, Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto, lent himself for our exhortation.

Those hospitalized were Bro. John Schrenk, Sis. Christina Fuhrmann, and Bro. Arnold Gerst.

A point from a sermon struck home with me, not only in reference to our unconverted friends, but for each one of us to "renew a right spirit within" us. Bro. Arnie spoke of all we do for our bodies: spending money on an abundance of food, clothing, shelter, and all the luxuries that please the flesh. Yet he mentioned, even with the high rate of inflation, our body's chemical composition is worth only \$5.60. Each of our souls is worth

more than all the world. Shouldn't we get our priorities straight?

ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

Peering through our living-room window at this moment, we behold a pretty view. The ground is one vast whiteness, with here and there drifts. . . Many wild birds are flitting about, seeking their daily sustenance. A moment ago, a cardinal perched in a bit of shrubbery which with the snow as the background presented a lovely picture. The purple finches are the newest visitors to our feeding-area.

Sis. Anna Schupbach, who underwent surgery on one of her knees, is doing very well. This was done to alleviate pain due to arthritis. She is in the Children's Hospital, located in Iowa City. We certainly miss not seeing her in our midst on Sundays. . . (Sis.) Aunt Ella has not been in church for the last two Sundays. Her back is giving her trouble. In spite of her pain, she continues to do some mending of clothes.

Our midweek services have been suspended for the winter season.

Our annual election revealed that we now have as trustees the following: Bros. Lawrence and William Butikofer and Floyd Frieden; secretary, Dale Moore; Jake Gehring, care of World Relief funds; ushers, Ervin Metzger and Lonnie Butikofer; Albert Butikofer is our Bible class teacher; Floyd Frieden teaches the Junior Bible class. . . (Sisters) Ruth Metzger the intermediate class and Norma Butikofer the kindergarten class. The substitutes are John Schupbach, Tim Butikofer, Gloria Frieden and Kathy Butikofer; Our songleader is John Schupbach.

A good suggestion was made whereby more visiting in the home might come about. Names were placed in a container in the church foyer. Now we can draw from this list, and then go and visit whosoever name we drew.

Bro. Wilmer Moore is employed in the home of Keith Brandford, 452 E. High Point Rd., Peoria IL. He usually attends church services at Eureka. We are always glad to see him in our midst on Sundays; occasionally he manages to come for week-ends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schupbach in company with Roy Piepers left in

December to spend part of the winter in a warmer climate. Their first stop was in California, then Mexico and now they are in Arizona. The Loris Lehmans are wintering in Texas.

While an increase in knowledge is desirable, we should pray for God-given wisdom to avoid intellectual pride. Learning finds its highest level of usefulness only when it is accompanied by **largeness of heart.**

An understanding heart and mind
I pray, Lord, give to me,
As tender as the heart of Him
Who walked in Galilee.

FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Bill Kaeb has taken Jesus as his Saviour. He is the son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Kaeb. We rejoice that Chris and Kay (Honegger) Steffen have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Saviour. Chris and Kay were blessed with a new baby girl, Jennifer Jane. She has a brother, Bryan who has welcomed her, too. Grandparents are Bro. Alph and Fannie Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Wayne Honegger. Great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Paul Honegger and Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Arlene Kilgus were blessed with a baby boy. The new little boy, named Jason Lee, has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie Kilgus and the Ralph Warners of Salem, Oregon. . . A sweet little girl has been blessed, as she has been adopted and lives with her new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Broquard. Her name is Roxanne, and she is 8 years old. Roxanne's grandparents are now our elder, Bro. and Sis. Josh Broquard.

Bro. and Sis. Josh Broquard will be having a Golden Wedding Anniversary Feb. 28.

It was announced after our annual meeting that (Bros.) Willis Bachtold will again serve as Trustee, Jesse Huber as usher, and Warren Hartman, funeral director.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, (Bros.) Vernon Schwab, Gene Lehman, and Bob Grimm.

We are sorry that Bro. Chet Maier, Sam Walter, and Marion Meiss have been hospitalized.

A note of Sis. Anna Huetti: "Thank you to all who remembered

me while I was in the hospital and also since I'm home. All is appreciated very much."

FORREST IL

Kathryn Steidinger
Beverly Eisenmann

Three couples have been blessed with new babies—Bro. Herb and Sis. Jan Bachtold, a boy, Derek Lee, to join Heather and Ryan at home. Derek's grandparents are Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold and Bro. Merrill and Sis. Dolly Laukhuf of Latty. . . Bro. Kenny and Sis. Janice Steffen have a second girl, Kindra Elaine. Marie is their other little girl. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger and Bro. Ezra and Sis. Aldine Steffen of Fairbury. . . Terry and Sis. Sharon Adams also have another girl, named Jennifer Lynn. Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman are grandparents. Jennifer's sister, Shawna is a hospital patient.

We had a blessed week-end when Manny Rieger and his son, Leonard and daughter-in-law, Mary Anne, were proved and baptized. We welcome them as brothers and sister in the Lord. Bro. Manny has passed fourscore years, and yet we can see how God's love is the same toward young and old. Bro. Josh Broquard and Bro. Perry Zimmerman shared the duty of this important work. Bros. Earl Kilgus and Merle Kaisner spent the evening of the provings with us.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Dorothy Wenger (Bro. Ray and Sis. Miriam) and Bro. Daniel Virkler (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Cristine) of Rockville.

Ed Traub is at home again, after spending several weeks in the hospital due to a heart attack. . . Many have been unable to assemble with us in recent weeks, due to the flu and other sickness.

At our Annual Meeting, Bro. Sid Leman was chosen as trustee to serve along with Bro. Harvey Ifft and Bro. Albert Wenger.

What would it be like
If we didn't know
The sun would come up
And the wind would blow—
That spring would bring leaves
To the barren trees—
What would it be like without
faith in these?

Without FAITH — how futile

Would be every dream
Without HOPE — how hopeless
The future would seem,
And without LOVE—the greatest
Of all these three,
How empty, how meaningless
Our lives would be

FORT SCOTT KS

Ida Sinn

Under grey skies and a chilly atmosphere outside, we assembled in God's house today, each of us expecting a blessing, and surely none of us come away without one. God gave us the Sabbath to rest from our labors, and may we strive to keep it holy.

We held our annual business meeting. A few replacements were made. (Bros.) Lyle Fischer was re-elected Trustee of the church Board; Harold Kraft, teacher of the Bible class; Sis. Juanita Sinn is the new member on the food committee, and Donald Banwart is our new usher.

On Jan. 25, Debbie Smith and Paul Johnston were united in marriage. Debbie is the daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel Smith. Paul is the son of Mrs. Ann Johnston. all of Ft. Scott. They will live at Madison, Tennessee.

LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

Faith and hope and love adorn
Heart and life of all true Christians;
With these must each child of God
Be endowed in full submission . . .

"That ye love one another; as I have loved you . . ." We surely could feel this love as Elder Bros. Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Leroy Huber (Eureka) assisted Elder Bro. Edward Frank in reading and meditating the memorandum to us Jan. 18. We were reminded to take heed of that small voice and with patience let God lead the way. On Sun., Jan. 19, we appreciated having Elder Bros. Waibel and Leroy Huber with Brother Joe Stoller (Princeville) speak God's holy word to us.

Our annual business meeting was held Jan. 20. It was brought out in a prayer, how God has blessed us bountifully in the past year, with both spiritual and material things.

Sis. Bertha Heining, who was a hospital patient for three weeks with pneumonia is dismissed, but is in a weakened condition. If God willing, Sis. Bertha will be 88 years Feb. 11. Her life is revealed with much faith and humbleness.

A welcomed addition to the family of Bro. Don and Sis. Mary E. Gudeman is a baby boy, Duane Donald, born Jan. 25. Judy, Becky and Owen welcomed him home. Grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman, and Bro. Eli and Sis. Ella Schlatter of Bay City.

Kindly heaven smiles above . . . Sunday Feb. 2, it was made known the engagement of Bro. Bill Stoller (Latty) to Sis. Barbara Frank. Their parents are Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah Frank and Bro. William and Sis. Florence.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger / Donna Metzger

This area was in the path of the "blizzard of the century", which struck on Jan. 10, a Friday, and lasted until Sunday. There was a heavy loss of livestock, and some Buildings were damaged. Many were without heat or electricity and had to wait for two days for help. We are familiar with blizzards in this area, but the high velocity of the wind and the longevity of the storm made it a real crippler. We realized how much we long to go to church when it was impossible to go.

We have been privileged to listen to the tapes of the conference. How thankful we are for elders who have been endowed with godly wisdom.

A baby girl, Lisa Kay, was born on Jan. 10 to Bill and Charlotte Metzger. She has a brother and a sister. Grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach. Everyone was happy to hear that Charlotte had gone to the hospital before the storm broke.

Bro. Marvin Metzger has been hospitalized with a back ailment. He has had therapy and traction and is slowly improving. Sis. Elizabeth Nester has been in the hospital for tests. Friend Eddie Roeman underwent cataract surgery, and Alvin Metzger also underwent surgery.

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

MORRIS MN

**Esther Schaefer
Corrine Schmidgall**

Our hearts are filled with sympathy for Bro. Wallace and Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger and family in the death of their precious two-month-old baby girl, Amy Diane. She seemingly was normal and healthy, but when Diane went to her bed to care for her, she found her dead. She is survived by her parents and grandparents (Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma), and by four brothers, twins Kenny and Denny, Tim and Craig, and two sisters, Kim and Sara.

Bro. Ervin Moser is a surgical patient at University Hospital in Minneapolis. Sis. Sophie Nohl, Karen Schmidgall (Sis. Mabel) and Bro. Gene Schmidgall are patients at the Morris Hospital. Bro. Gilbert Schmidgall and Scott Joos (Jerry and Kathy) submitted to surgery, but are able to be home again.

We enjoyed mild weather, with very little snow through November and December . . . But January brought us a record 33 inches of snowfall for the month, and three blizzards. We are thankful that no lives were lost in this area, but some farmers did lose livestock. Due to the storms and snow, we had to cancel services several times.

Sis. Rose Moser observed her 89th birthday on Dec. 6. She is the oldest member of our congregation. She still lives in her own home. A granddaughter, Donna Feucht of Lester, lives with her and helps. She is usually able to assemble, for which she is very grateful. She wishes to add this note: "I wish to thank my relatives and friends who remembered me on my 89th birthday, also at Christmas for the lovely cards, letters, visits, gifts, food and telephone calls and beautiful singing that warmed my heart. Sis. Rosina Moser.

MORTON IL

Emma Knapp / Peggy Joos

Are we ready to meet our Maker and Creator, or do we yet have work that should be done before the Master comes?

With praises to the Lord, we rejoiced to hear the testimonies of Joyce Belsley (Bro. Robert and Sis. Mabel), Jody Baum (Ray and Carolyn Grimm) and Dawn Kaiser (Bro. Warren and Sis. Mathilda)

on Jan. 18, with baptisms the following day. A mother's prayers have been answered, when Ray Frank turned to the Saviour in his time of need, as we witnessed his testimony and baptism the evening of Jan. 29. We pray that God will fill their hearts with the love and strength that is so needed to live in this ever-changing world!

We wish to thank the dear brethren who ministered unto us and those who assisted our Elder Bro. Joe Braker in the reading of the memorandum. Thank you, Bros. Harvey Grimm, Dan Cook, Gene Bertschi, Roy Sauder, Ed Hohulin, Leroy Huber, Harold Schmidgall.

Who's new: Dec. 28, Joe was born to Bob and Mary Holmes at Lakewood, Colorado. A brother, Chris, and a sister, Jean were at home to welcome him. Happy grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Marie Belsley and Ray and Ruth Holmes from Evanston, Illinois . . . Jedi Taylor was the first baby of the year in Morton, born to Bro. Dana and Sis. Kris Taufer on Jan. 3. Blessed grandparents are Bro. Russ and Sis. Alvina Zimmerman and Bro. Bob and Sis. Marie Taufer . . . On Jan. 18, Veresa Nicole was the second little girl born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Janet Gutwein. Pleased Grandparents are Art and Sis. Aadie Stetzler and Bro. James and Sis. Marion Gutwein. Great-grandparents are Sis. Elizabeth Stoecker, Sis. Rosina Stetzler, Sis. Theresa Stetzler and Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gutwein.

Hospitalization: Sis. Mary A. Wuthrich had an operation, which she is recovering from now, and John Hirstein has been able to return home from the hospital, having been there for seven weeks.

"I want to thank everybody for being so good to me while I was in the hospital at Denver, Colorado. Your prayers were especially appreciated at this time. Sis. Marie Belsley.

May we be more obedient to our Saviour's teaching, as we journey on to our Heavenly goal.

**OAKVILLE IA
Martha Wiegand**

Bro. Craig Wagenbach and Sis. Michelle Wiegand were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock on Jan. 12. Visiting ministers with us for the occasion were

(Bros.) Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Roy Grimm (Taylor), Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), and Uriel Gehring (Burlington).

Our sympathy goes to loved ones who have recently been bereaved. Friend Ralph Kupferschmid was relieved of his suffering on Jan. 9, at the age of 59 years. He is survived by his aged mother, for whom he provided a home many years, Sis. Lydia Velieber Kupferschmid, also four sisters: Mrs. Florence Davidson, Bowen IL, Sis. Gladys (Bro. George) Vierling of our congregation, Mrs. Ada (Charles) Drasil, El Caion CA, and Mrs. Ella (Esral) Reeser, Burlington; and two brothers, Bro. Herb of Oakville and Melvin of Waterloo.

Bro. Joseph Eisenman, a long-time resident of our area, passed away at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home. His wife, Sis. Anna (Reiman) preceded him in death, as did a daughter Margaret. He leaves one son, Albert (Bud) of Grinnell, and a daughter, Helen (Mrs. Robert) Shullaw of Burlington.

We sympathize with Sis. Mary Ann (Bro. Norman) Frank in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Martha (Charles) Bailey.

At our annual election, Bro. Ervin Marti was appointed as Church Treasurer. Elections resulted in the following committee appointments: Bro. Vernon Stoller, trustee; Sis. Rose (Bro. Orel) Steiner, women's food committee; and Bro. Robert Kuntz, cemetery trustee.

**History of Booklet Apostolic
Christian Churches and Ministers
in America and Japan**

In the winter of 1934-35, Orel Steiner became converted and was baptized in the Morton church, with his sister Verna and three others. Having his mind and thoughts turned away from worldly pleasures, he became very interested in the churches, their locations, ministers, elders, etc. Ministers throughout the United States visited the many churches located in central Illinois, including the Morton church. It was inspiring to hear their messages, learning to know these men of God, and where they were at home.

In the fall of 1936, a young brother from the Sabetha-Bern area, Ervin Rokey, came to live with

his brother, Ira and wife Carolyn in a Morton apartmnt. After Wednesday evening services, the two young men would often spend an hour with the newly-married couple. The idea of compiling a list of all the churches and ministers was suggested.

In comparing notes with each other and corresponding with relatives in the east, the two young men made a rough outline. With help from Bro. Orel's Uncle Ben Heiniger, a Morton minister who often traveled to the Ohio and Indiana churches, a more complete list was made. It was still far from complete, since no direct contact to each church had been established. Most of this work was done in the winter of 1936, and nothing more was accomplished for several years.

Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Thom- as were married in February of 1939, and moved to his father's farm in Oakville where they now live. These papers were tucked away with other correspondence. In the fall of 1944, after corresponding with relatives and friends in our various churches in the United States, an updated list was sent to a printer in Burlington to be put in booklet form. Two hundred booklets were printed early in 1945, with only the church and ministers' names listed. Four or five copies were mailed to each church so that each minister could have a copy. At that time there were about 55 churches, 143 ministers, and 17 elders.

Since only 200 copies were printed, only a few were kept on hand and later given away. Twenty-five years later, when a back issue was desired for reference, a notice was placed in the Silver Lining to locate the 1945 and 1950 issues. Replies were received from Elder Bro. George Sinn of Latty and Sis. Leona Dotterer of Junction. Both had all the issues from 1945 forward.

The response to that first booklet was immediate; many expressed their appreciation and encouragement, as they had never seen a complete list of all the churches and ministers in a handy booklet. One dear elder brother was very helpful in immediately responding, offering suggestions and making corrections. This was Bro. Joseph Klopfenstein of the

Gridley, Illinois, church. This was much appreciated, since only by trial and error could the booklet become more accurate.

Bro. Orel remembers with thankfulness kind words from other ministers, some who have gone to their rest; among them was the elder who proved and baptized him, Bro. Emil Schubert of Peoria, also Elder Bro. Noah Hartzler from Rittman.

In the beginning, there was no serious thought of continuing the booklet, but with encouragement and interest among many brethren, Orel decided to revise the directory. The second issue, printed in 1950, included the address and location of each church.

Questionnaires are mailed to a brother in each church, and suggestions for improvements are encouraged. This procedure has resulted in listing telephone numbers, zip codes, area codes, etc. It was determined by the opinions of brethren that every three years was frequent enough for revisions, since the booklet cannot be kept current, with new ministers being installed from time to time.

In the 1953 edition, a code was included for the average number of families attending church, baptized members, and Sunday School children, as well as a schedule of service starting times. The 1974 issue, which is the 10th publication, lists the 72 churches in the United States, one in Canada, and two in Japan. Services are held at eight university campuses. There are about 230 ministers, of which 38 were elders. We now have about 9,500 members in the United States; in the 1953 edition, there were about 8,600.

Bro. Steiner says this work has been very interesting and a labor of love. According to the many comments, it has proven to be a useful directory for the brethren. The interest shown has prompted the printing of 4,500 copies in 1974.

WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

We welcome to our congregation two new brides—Sis. Lynell (Bahler) Blume, who was married on Jan. 12 to Bro. Larry Blume, and Marcia (Wyss) Waibel, whose marriage to Gerry Waibel was on Jan. 25.

The engagement of our friends,

Mary Beth Schwab (daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene) and Fred Basham has been made known.

We are thankful to God that our dear Sis. Margaret Reel is able to be at home again, following several weeks in the hospital for tests. Sis. Margaret and Bro. Dan have devoted many hours over the years in keeping our house of worship neat and clean.

Misfortune came to Bro. Charles and Sis. Beverly Klopfenstein, when their barn burned . . . also lost in the fire were a large number of hogs.

Our church remodeling is progressing on schedule, and we look forward to reassembling there in early March.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital, and since my coming to Fairbury. Each one helps make the load a little easier to bear. Ben Miller.

ALTO MI Sue Root

Bro. Chris Weigle was hospitalized for surgery on his hip. He has returned home, but is shut-in. . . Sis. Joan (Tom) Schrenk was also hospitalized for surgery. She is able to worship with us again.

Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach were with us to share the memorandum. The brothers warned us of the danger of taking up again those things which we once left behind. We were richly reminded of our responsibility to be a light to our friends and those who look to us to be different than the world.

ZAPATA TX

Esther Wagler - Dolly Stoller

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

We have enjoyed our first of winter visitors and look forward to the arrival of those who stay with us during the winter months.

We have been enjoying beautiful weather here and the wonderful sunrises and sunsets. We marvel at God's creations.

We have been blessed with many inspiring messages from God's word. It is uplifting to have our small assembly filled lately.

We are happy to have Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger with us again. He is recuperating from back surgery.

The following ministers who have visited us lately have been: (Bros.) Lester Hartter from Bern (called home soon after he got here because of a death in the family); Philip Sauder from Cissna Park; Paul Fehr from Morris; and Harve Heiniger, Oakville.

We welcome all to come and assemble with us here in Zapata.

BREMEN IN

Marian Germann

O the fount of truth and grace
found in loving,
If within the bonds of peace we
are living!
Without love we cannot live; this
is truthful.
Love should make life fruitful.

May God's true love be found in
each of us, that we may spread His
love to others.

As God brings people unto Him
in repentance, I am happy to say
He has brought two hearts together.
Bro. Steve Suttor and Sis. Jane
Hemmer of Peoria have felt God's
love bring them together and have
announced their engagement.
Steve's parents are Bro. Al and
Sis. Verla.

We are happy to have Bro. Louis
Gerber home, after 1½ years at
college in South Carolina. He is
now attending a college in the
nearby area.

Our hearts were saddened when
little Keith Rager went home to
be with His Saviour. Bro. Silas and
Sis. Pauline Laidig are maternal
grandparents.

Bro. Sam Schuch is recuperating,
after he had surgery.

BURLINGTON IA

Elaine Eisenmann - Edna Pohl

Sis. Margaret Applegate was
hospitalized for surgery, but is
assembling with us again. We are
glad she is recuperating nicely.

Our plans for our new church
building are continuing, as we have
had meetings to decide on new
benches, etc. We are very apprecia-
tive of the money donations that
continue to arrive from the various
churches.

I would like to share this poem
that I came across recently:

Try a Bit of Kindness

When you awake in the morning,
reach out for the day
And do with it something worth-
while.

An amazing lot of good can be done
With a kind word or even a smile.
If someone has strayed, please
don't judge them;
Your wisdom just isn't that great.
It is better to know that you did
what you could,
Than to find you have waited too
late.

CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, we
were privileged to assemble with
the Naumburg congregation, when
Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudy
Graf were in our midst. What
blessings we receive when we can
hear the word of God expounded in
its truth and purity. Many of us
also attended the funeral services
of Sis. Cora Beyer on Tuesday af-
ternoon.

Bro. Bernard Martin was able to
return home from the hospital for
one day, then suffered another at-
tack, and is still a medical patient.
Sis. Barbara Virkler was a hospital
patient again for several days, but
she has returned home & was able
to assemble with us yesterday. Sis.
Loretta Graves (Bro. Floyd Sr.) is
a medical patient, suffering from
a blood clot in her leg. Dawn
Schneider (Betty) is a hospital pa-
tient, after a fall, resulting in a
concussion.

DETROIT MI

Bonnie Popp

Why some days are perfect and
others not so,
Why shadows keep falling is not
ours to know;
Life's pattern is checkered; it's
part of God's plan
To send what is best for the wel-
fare of man.

One's life is a mixture of happy
times, sad times, times of trial . . .
when we walk through life with
Jesus, and remain close to the
Father in prayer, we can face the
difficult times with the knowledge
that we are not alone. It is impor-
tant that we be aware of our broth-
ers, sisters and friends who are
facing difficult times, and do our

part, even if it is only a word to
let them know we are there.

My father and mother, George
and Sis. Helen Popp, and I are
grateful for the love shown to us
during the illness and following
the death of my grandfather,
George Popp.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Mai-
bach and family have departed to
Sarasota for the winter.

We extend a loving welcome to
Bro. Mark and Sis. Beverly Bahr,
who will make their home in De-
troit. It is wonderful to have them
with us . . .

Two bundles of heaven, two
baby boys. . .

Michael Edward arrived Jan. 8 to
join the family of Bro. Larry, Sis.
Marcia and Matthew Belsley;
grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis.
Lois Belsley (Detroit) and Bro.
Elmer and Sis. Dei Steffen Bluff-
ton) . . . Joshua James, born to
Sharon and Jim Lenk Jan. 28, has
made Bro. Guy and Sis. Rose Wie-
land happy grandparents.

Bro. Paul Sabados has been in
the hospital and has suffered a
heart attack.

Like the winds of the sea are the
ways of life,
As we voyage along through life;
Tis the Set of the Soul that decides
its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

ELGIN IL

Sandy and Mary Moser

We thank you loving teachers, too,
For all your love and care;
You teach us of the heavenly home,
How we may enter there.

On Jan. 8th, an elder meeting
was held in Elgin; beloved elder
brethern traveled many miles for
the welfare of our churches. We
were certainly privileged to have
the elder meeting, and are very
thankful for the two nights of
services and blessings we received.

How thankful we are that 31
ministers visited our Elgin congre-
gation last year. Bro. Willis Wie-
gand from Goodfield ministered
the word of God to us the first
Sunday of the new year. He en-
couraged us to strive more earnest-
ly and walk more worthy of our
calling.

Bro. Dale Eisemann from Chica-
go assisted in reading the memor-

andum on Jan. 18. May we be fruitful to the teachings that were given, and may we all become more united in Christ.

Our hospital patients include: John Foell, (Sisters) Bea Metzger, Katie Kachelmuss, Carolyn Haas, Esther Wewetzer . . . Margaret Gould, and Fred Schifferer.

Word was received that Bro. Fred Messner from Winthrop passed away. He was a brother to Sis. Sarah Kellenberger of Elgin. We are happy to have Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman and their family assembling with us again. They have moved back from Silverton. Also coming back to us from Detroit are Bro. Morey and Sis. Janice Weiss and family.

We are thankful to God that our Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger had a speedy recovery and is able to assemble with us again. He had surgery on his back and is feeling much better. He wishes to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while he was in the hospital. Bro. Herman and Sis. Della have now left for Zapata, where they will be for some time.

Sisters Katie Kachelmuss and Esther Wewetzer wish to thank all those who remembered them with cards, prayers and tokens of love. Katie suffered a slight stroke and is now able to use her hand again. Esther is handicapped by a heavy cast on her arm.

TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer - Janelle Scott

After much mild weather, winter with its ice and snow has set in. Many have been sick with the flu . . . glad to report all are on the mend.

Our annual business meeting was held Friday evening, the 17th. For the cemetery committee, Bro. Marvin Wiegand was elected, for trustee, William Cottrell. A report was given to the church by the building committee for our Fellowship Hall. The plan they had drawn up seemed favorable to all.

Saturday, Jan. 11 was the wedding of Becky Hodel, daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida. Becky's cousin, Bro. Roy Grimm performed the marriage. They live at Carbondale, Missouri.

Our midweek Bible class has been studying Revelation. It was concluded two weeks ago. It has been very interesting, also the

signs point to us that our Lord's coming may be anytime. What a rejoicing for all true children of His, also a warning for all who are not ready.

Our time of waiting may be short To meet the Lord in the air. And be given a robe of white, If our names are written there.

Our congregation has been blessed by an addition of a new family, Bro. Mike and Sis. Luann Knapp from Goodfield and their four children. John is in college at Champaign-Urbana; Sussie is a Junior; Trudy is a Freshman; and little Jamie is two years old. We are expecting another family to move here this month, Bro. Kenny Knapp and family from Congerville community. We hope they will all feel how much we appreciate their coming and assembling with us.

Bro. Ben Knapps of Congerville bought an area, including a large lake. Their daughter, Margie, has been here since early last fall, looking after the improving of the area. We surely welcome her also.

This evening, Saturday, Feb. 1 will be the proving of Rodney Heimer, son of Sis. Naomi. Sunday will be the baptism. What a rejoicing when we greet a newborn child of Christ. Bro. Noah will be here this week-end. Bob Pohl will be here Sunday.

We also have reasons to sing **Ring the Bells of Heaven; There is Joy Today**, as Trudy Knapp, daughter of Bro. Mike and Sis. Luann, and Sherry Grimm, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna, are seeking their soul's salvation.

Sis. Rose (John) Hoerr submitted to major surgery and is home again. We are happy to report that she is slowly improving.

UNION CITY NJ PHILADELPHIA PA Carolyn Roberts

The Lord again has blessed us at Union City, with Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler visiting our congregation. The elder brothers brought to us the conference report, and so plainly reminded us that holding a conference was already laid out by the apostles, and can be found within the confines of the holy scripture. The apostles and elders came together to consider of matters as found in the Acts

of the Apostles.

God's word was again sounded in its truth and sincerity, and now if we will obey them that have the rule over us and will submit ourselves, **for they watch for our souls** . . . How thankful can we be to have this assurance if we thus obey.

The way was opened to have three Sunday services in the Philadelphia church this past month, with thankful hearts, for those living in the area.

We welcome anyone traveling east, to join us in worship while in the area. Your visit will be an added blessing to us.

VALPARAISO IN

Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

Let us begin the new year keeping our sights toward Heaven, continually serving and glorifying the Almighty God. We have entered this new year only by the grace of God. We know not the day nor the hour of our Lord's second coming; let us always be watching and praying.

By the grace of God, our dear Ministering Bro. Harry Bucher celebrated his 80th birthday with us on Jan. 12. Assisting Bro. Harry in the service were Bros. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) and Elmer Bucher (Francesville). The love and fellowship shared that day was a blessing to all who were there.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD. . ." Yes, it is a wonderful blessing to have little ones in the home. As we seek to train them in the way they should go, we can learn from our own example of parental guidance. While we are eagerly providing for our children, our heavenly Father is caring for us and is supplying all our needs. In turn, we desire respect and love from our children. We want what is best for them and sincerely hope they will follow our advice and obey our wishes. Often when a youngster wants to do something we can see is harmful or dangerous, we quickly discourage him and ask him not to do it. Is this not also true of our heavenly Father? Does He not often warn and remind us of the way of righteousness, through the preaching of the word and the promptings of the

Holy Spirit? Are we living as God has asked us to?

Sometimes small children are too young and inexperienced to understand what danger is, especially when they are only one or two. They will innocently put anything into their mouths, play with sharp objects, or climb on unstable furniture, oblivious to potential calamity. They may protest when we remove them from the scene of their new discovery or quickly take an object from their hands, but we do because we love them and are concerned for their well-being.

In a similar way, God sometimes leads away from the pitfalls of unresisted temptation. How thankful we can be when our Father intervenes and gently reminds us of what is best for us. There is no other way to be happy and to remain on the path of righteousness.

We rejoice with Bro. Robert and Sis. Ardean Romersberger on the arrival of their baby girl, Christine Marie. She was born Jan. 20 and is their first child. Christine's grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Eileen Greiner of Elgin IL and Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille Romersberger of Gridley.

Sis. Minnie Stortz is in the hospital, suffering from the results of a car accident . . . Sis. Laura Martin is in the hospital for surgery . . . Jason and Jaron Schlipf, infant sons of Bro. John and Sis. Jill, were in the hospital for a week. They are home and back to their lively, happy selves.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howie and Dianne Leman

Present yourself, a living sacrifice. . . Sacrificing self is not easy, especially not when you consider it as something that must be done daily, while we are living here with all the temptation of the world around us. It is difficult to deny our own desires, to think more highly of others than ourself, and to forsake those things which make us feel proud. We cannot possibly do it on our own, and thus we may feel that Christianity is impossible . . . But praise the Lord, for He does not ask us to do this on our own. He lovingly gives us His grace and Spirit to transform our lives, and to help each day to lay our all on the altar of sacrifice.

We just keep growing! Bro. Denny and Sis. Julie Fehr are now the

happy parents of twin daughters, Shannon and Shenoa, born Jan. 21. Grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Marge Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. and Sis. Wackerle of Bay City . . . Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier are grandparents again, as their daughter, Linda McGrath and her husband, John of Peoria welcomed their first child, Andrew Patrick.

Friends Joanie Hohulin & Mark Steffen were united in holy matrimony. They are living in Champaign, as Mark completes his degree in Mechanical Engineering. Joanie is working for U. of I.

Jim and Debbie Tilbury have confessed peace with God and man and are now awaiting baptism.

Indeed, God is so good!

FT LAUDERDALE FL Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz

Daniel Allen Sauder is the newest addition to the Ft. Lauderdale church. Born Jan. 3, he was fortunate to have found a Christian home with Bro. Rodger and Sis. Judy Sauder. He is welcomed by two brothers, Seth and Douglas. When we see these little ones and watch them grow, we remember that we are taught to be as little children in our spiritual life, trusting and loving.

Those ministers visiting our congregation in the month of January were Bro. Roy Luginbuhl, Bros. Wieland, Roy Sauder and Al Schneider.

At our annual meeting, we elected Bros. Aschliman and Fred Meyer to be our ushers; Bob Sutter our new trustee, and Bro. Bob Yergler the new Sunday School Superintendent.

One valuable part of our fellowship is the sharing of our brother's joys, successes, and his troubles. We rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep, as it says in Romans. Two of our membership experienced a loss, and we sorrow with them. Bro. Jacob Stoller received word of the death of his grandson, and Sis. Billie Klopfenstein was notified of the death of her brother.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Weltz / Della Witschey

The flu has been of epidemic proportions here, and the local hospital has curtailed visiting to a minimum, since there are some cases being treated there.

Terry Estep, a nephew of Miss Della Witschey, has been home on leave and will return to his duties with the Army in Turkey real soon.

Mrs. Willetta Indermuhle and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis were the guests of Miss Della Witschey on Jan. 23.

Earl Riggensbach of Sardis passed away in the local hospital on Jan. 28. He is survived by one brother, John.

Airman 1st Class Timothy Lee Murdock and wife visited here the last of January with his parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz. He left on Jan. 31 for a 15-month tour of duty in Spain and will be stationed in Mencia. Mrs. Murdock will join him in a short time.

Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended visitation at the Rush Funeral Home in Sardis, on Jan. 30 for Earl Riggensbach.

Our weather here has been seasonable, quite cold at times with snow, but of no great amount; in early January, we had a heavy snow which lasted for a few days, and we are looking forward to spring and warm sunshine.

PULASKI IA Ernestine Wuthrich Janice Rinkenberger

Jan. 18, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of Roger and Ken Wuthrich, sons of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline, and David Schaer, son of Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah. Sunday, many members and friends were able to witness their baptisms. We pray the many friends who were with us for the day will see the light, that by repentance and baptism a person is not losing anything, but gaining an eternal life which is priceless.

We are thankful (Bros.) Noah Schrock, Leo Moser and Ed Lanz were to help with this blessed occasion.

Bro. Al Langhofer stopped for services, on their way back to Wichita. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we always welcome unexpected guests.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sis. Molly Perdelwitz of Peoria. She was the mother of Sis. Esther Rinkenberger.

March is collection month for Pulaski congregation.

WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner / Marcelle Dapper

Farewell, farewell, let me go on,
That end'less rest to share.
Be faithful till the Saviour calls;
Farewell till we meet there.

Our family, brethren and friends had to bid farewell to Bro. Fred Messner, who passed away Jan. 22 with a heart attack while getting ready to attend midweek services. That beautiful hymn sung at the church gives us much comfort, to know it was the Master who calleth him home. Because of bad weather and roads, he wasn't laid to rest until Sunday Jan. 26. Bro. Harold Gramm (with Bro. Harold Messner assisting) so willingly lent himself for the services. Bro. Fred is survived by his wife Linda, 2 sons, 3 daughters; two brothers, Brother Walter and Bro. George of here; 4 sisters, (Sisters) Emma Schmidt of here, Louise Norhmann of Louisburg, Min., Ida Schmidt of Humbolt, Ia and Sarah Kellenberger of Elgin.

We would like to share with you a message written by a friend in the Bible Class entitled, **May his Soul Rest In Peace.**

The time has come when the Lord has taken a loved one away from this sinful world . . . It is hard to believe that special person has past away. I'll never forget his smile he always wore; I'll never forget how he reached out every Sunday to shake my hand, but most of all I'll never forget the love of God he had in his heart . . . Now that he is gone, all we have is special memories left of that wonderful person. May he rest in peace forever.

This shows how our husband, father and grandfather touched so many lives among our friends, neighbors and brethren. He will certainly be missed, but we have the comfort to know if we remain true and faithful, we will meet him in the realms of Heaven . . . "We received many words of comfort, food and money for the memorial fund in memory of our dear father, Fred Messner. His wife, children and grandchildren express our sincere thanks . . ."

We all rejoice that another soul is turning to the Lord. Gerry

Messner, wife of Marvin, has joined her husband in repentance. What a joy for both of them as they go through repentance together and become one in Christ.

Our dear Sis. Emma Schmidt has been a hospital patient with infection.

**A baby makes a house seem bright,
A precious beam of God's pure
light.**

Barbara and Patt Mattes are parents of a baby daughter, Tonja Marie, born Jan. 17. Her brother, Chad welcomes her home . . . Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol Ann Messner are parents of a baby girl, Jodi Ann, born Jan. 27. Todd, Jason, Lisa and Amy welcomed her home.

**KIOWA KS
Janice Frieden**

On New Year's Eve we enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship. As the evening came to a close, we sang hymns of praise to God, not only as a reminder of the blessed year we had had in Him, but also as a prayer for His guidance throughout the coming year. Just as the new year began, we sang the beautiful hymn, "Another Year Is Dawning", and every meaningful verse was a heartfelt resolution in itself. One young convert, who joined in our fellowship, said that her resolution for 1974 had been to give her life to God in repentance before the year was ended, and by the grace of our God she did.

On New Year's Day, we gathered for services and rejoiced greatly we are still a very blessed nation, free to worship God as much as we desire.

Our dear Sis. Lottie Bartel has been a hospital patient for most of the month of January. Sis. Carrie Mickel suffered a severe case of flu. It is our hope that they both will soon be up and about again, for both of these dear sisters are an inspiration to all of us. Just visiting with them reveals how they have placed their complete faith and trust in the Lord, and wish only that His will might be done.

It brought tears of joy to our eyes when we learned that our dear convert, Linda (Diel) Liggenstoffer, daughter of Wilmer & Sis. Elizabeth Diel, had found peace with God and was awaiting baptism, as was Brenda Tucker. This

desire, to be taken into the fold, was fulfilled on the 1st and 2nd of February. Elder (Bros.) Roy Farnley, Phoenix, and Sam Anliker, Lamont, could be here. To hear the testimony of souls who have found the peace and joy of serving the Lord always brings back the time when we testified as to what the Lord had done when He came into our lives.

On the 2nd, after two inspiring messages filled with timely warnings from God's word, by Ministering Bros. Alan Freed of Phoenix and George Lambert of Wichita, Brenda and Linda were baptized and taken into the fold.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Ann Kellenberger - Jeanie Haerr

We have many reasons to rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our three newly-married couples are Sis. Brenda Hoffman and Bro. Dave Kaeb, Sister Bonnie Hoffman and Bro. Denny Kauffman, and Sis. Devon Nussbaum and Bro. Kenny Rinkenberger. We are delighted they all have employment in Bloomington-Normal and are making their homes here . . .

Sis. Dana Nussbaum and Bro. Ed Meister from Peoria have announced their engagement and plan a March wedding.

Two couples are giving lots of prayerful thought to the teaching, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Sis. Ann & Bro. Jim Kachelmuss have their first child. Craig James was born Jan. 22 . . . Sis. Shirley and Bro. Virgil Funk have their seventh child. Sarah Lynette was born Feb. 3, and will be welcomed home by Susan, Ruth, Rodger, Connie, Mark, and Miriam.

We sing, JOY REAL JOY, and that best describes our feeling when we learn of someone becoming a new creature in Christ. Steve Stahl has come out of the world to seek God's way.

Sis. Ann and Bro. Jim Kellenberger have gone to Dallas, Texas for a 3-month stay, while Jim prepares for a particular job here. Ann has agreed to assist in reporting for the Silver Lining when they return. We miss some of our flock who have been absent for some time. Bro. Al Stollers in Florida, Bro. Alden Nussbaums in Phoe-

nix, and Bro. Carl Frautschis, the Orient.

BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Sis. Marilyn Schamback was hospitalized for leg surgery. Sis. Ida Wieland (Bro. Sam) wishes to thank all who remembered her with cards, gifts and prayers during her surgery.

Our dear Sis. Emma Zimmerman (the late Eli) has passed away, after many years in service to her Lord. Surviving are twelve children, six brothers and four sisters. Those of her brothers and sisters in our congregation are Sis. Lydia Freidinger, Sis. Catherine Wieland, Lillian Roese; and Bros. Sam and Erwin Wieland. Sis. Emma had been ill and unable to attend church for some time; she can now rest in her heavenly home.

Reminder to Bay City subscribers: this is the month for collection of Silver Lining dues.

IOWA CITY IA

April Wiegand / Twila Whipple

We have added another to our small group. Friend Roy Metzger of Lester has started school at the University of Iowa: Roy Metzger Jr., 3238 Burge, Iowa City IA 52242.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest and Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington.

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Many blessings were received when David and Yvonne Bruellman gave their testimonies and we witnessed their baptism. Now it is accomplished; we welcome them as brother and sister in faith. We appreciated the efforts of Elder (Bros.) Leo Moser of Lester and Paul Fehr of Morris in this important work and the reading of the memorandum. Also supporting these elder brethren was Bro. Dennis Warner of Lester.

It was also revealed to us of the engagement of Sis Susan Banwart (daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty) to Bro. Charles F. Schneider (son of LuVern and Katherine) of Elgin, Iowa. Art and Madeline wish to announce the approaching marriage of their son, Richard L. Banwart to Marlene Vernia, daughter

of Mrs. Darnell Vernia of West Bend.

The Elgin, Iowa Bible Class hosted a week-end of fellowship for our Bible Class. We spent a most enjoyable time.

We were privileged to have Elder Sam Anliker in our presence for services, Dec. 22, and to witness our children's Christmas program, which was very humbling to hear of our Saviour's birth.

Bro. James and Sis. Sharon Fehr are the happy parents of a daughter, Heidi Ann, born Dec. 7. Yvonne Marie was born to first-time parents, Alfred and Annette Fehr, on Dec. 11. Also first-time parents are William and Connie Zaugg. Their daughter, Carolyn Jean was born Dec. 9. Bro. Ed and Sis. Helen Zaugg are the happy grandparents.

Welcomed into the home of Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger was a son, Bradley Wayne, on Dec. 26.

The memorable event of Sis. Tillie and Sam Mogler of their 50th wedding anniversary brought their 14 children and families together for the first time in 16 years. Many relatives and friends extended their best wishes to them.

We are glad to report, Raymond Wilson has assembled with us again, but hope it won't be long when Sis. Kathy (Wayne) Fehr can be in our midst. We are sorry to hear Bro. Joe Benninger has entered the Sabetha Hospital, as he and his wife, Evelyn, were on Christmas vacation.

The death angel called two dear souls, Sis. Anna Anliker (Charles) and Friend Lina Metzger (Sam), on Jan. 19. Each were residing at Clear View Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held for Sis. Anna on Jan. 22, and on Jan 23 for Lina, conducted by our local ministers.

Our surgical patients are Bro. Oscar Zaugg, who is home, and Sis. Mathilda (Elmer) Fehr, who remains hospitalized. Bro. Paul Banwart Sr., Sis. Jessie Fehr, and Nathan Banwart are our shut-ins.

Frank and Sis. Kate Dogotch observed their 60th wedding anniversary with their four children, Bro. Leo of Morris, Delbert and Frank Jr. of Whittemore, Ia., and Mrs. Clem Mergen (Dorothy) of Ester-ville, Ia., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

AMES IA Georgia Griffith

We were blessed with the opportunity to gather together under the word as ministering Bro. Earl Banwart travelled from West Bend to conduct our services.

Showers of blessings . . . The home of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Charlen Banwart has been gladdened with the birth of their second daughter, Kara Leigh. She is greatly enjoyed by her sister, Krista, and all those of our group.

Oh the gift of free redemption
Did our loving Saviour give
That the world's lost multitudes
Through Jesus sacrifice
Might forever live.

Fruits of the spirit are freely given
To all those born again;
Blessings of earth he also gives
From His bounteous hand
O'er and O'er again.

Yes, Jesus freely gave His all
To endure the greatest test,
And with earthly struggles o'er
We will find, as he found
The gift of Heaven's rest.
Henry Kipfer

LATTY OH Le Ann Laukhuf Karen Klopfenstein

At our annual business meeting, we elected these brethren for the following offices: Sunday School Teachers: Melvin Stoller, Josephine Wenninger; Usher: William Rager Jr.; Trustee: Carl Sinn

The angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents. They are now rejoicing for our friend, Sharon Rager Parady (Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Rager), who has turned to the Lord in repentance.

Are you groping for a blessing,
Never getting there?
Listen to a word in season,
Get somewhere.
You will never know His fulness
Till you boldly dare
To commit your all to Him, and—
Get somewhere.

Sis. Dolly Laukhuf (Bro. Merrill) was in the hospital for tests and treatment, but is now home recuperating. Sis. Nellie Sinn (Bro. Dan) had a sudden illness of her heart which required surgery. She is in

the hospital and progressing steadily.

As the trees grow strong through the storms, so do we grow stronger by our trials.

Benj. Schlatter (Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen) and Karen Richards have announced their engagement, and forthcoming marriage on Feb. 14. Also engaged are Keith Klopstein and JoAnne Waltz. They plan an April wedding. Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Klopstein and Mrs. Kathryn Waltz are the parents.

Bro. Mark Stoller and Sis. Shirley Steffen were united in holy matrimony Sun. 26 at the Milford church. Parents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred Stoller and Bro. Walter and Dorthy Steffen. We want to welcome Shirley to our home congregation.

FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser / Helen Huber

Now it is accomplished, I'm no longer mine . . . What a wonderful way to start out the new year, a blessed week-end of seven souls added to the fold. Bros. Rudy Graf of Akron and Ed Hohulin of Goodfield came out of love to help Bro. Wendell. We all received a blessing and were so refreshed as each one gave their testimony. The souls were Jeff and Monica, Charlen and Phil Feldman (children and son-in-law of Bro. Nate and Sis. Ad Gutwein), Mark Novotny (son of Bro. Art and Sis. Maxine Novotny), Kathy Tanner, and Kristal Miller. We were reminded of the precious fellowship which we can enjoy in our faith, which helps us to stay true to the end.

Those on the sick list were Bro. Wendell Anliker and Sis. Lena Yaggie.

A daughter, Keely Christine. . . to Mike and Karla Eshleman. Grandparents are Bro. Morris and Sis. Helen Eshleman. . . After having three sons, a daughter was welcome in the home of Don and Pam Vogt. Grandparents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Mary Gutwein.

Love has drawn two hearts in our congregation together. The engagement of Sis. Linda Pfladderer and Bro. Steve Gutwein was announced on Jan. 26. Linda is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma, and Steve is the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne.

On this day, the Wolcott con-

gregation visited us, as they are remodeling their church. (Bros.) Vernon Schwab and Alfred Bahler ministered unto us. It is a blessing for two congregations of like mind and faith to assemble together in one accord. Also on Jan. 12, Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) visited us, and spoke about how we need the blood in our physical bodies to keep us alive, and we also need the blood of Jesus Christ to keep us alive eternally.

Wedding vows were spoken by Rick Wuethrich, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola Wuethrich, and Judy Hughes.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Katie Gutwein have gone to Florida for the winter months, due to his health.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lorene Pfladderer - Elaine Anliker

Two ways, O man, are there for thee; There are two destinations.

The words of this song express one of the main thoughts that Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) shared with us at our first Purdue service of the new year. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction. . ."

On Jan. 29, Bro. Art Gudeman (LaCrosse) was with us. Again, the destination of man was brought out in Matthew, Chapter 19. The Lord said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

We of the Purdue Group wish to extend our congratulations to Sis. Linda Pfladderer on her engagement to Bro. Steve Gutwein.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

Bro. Nathan Steffen from the Elgin, Ill. congregation was helping on the children's home and ministered to us one Wed. evening service.

The committee for the children's home met one Saturday, and Bro. Robert Pohl stayed with us for Sunday. Bro. John Wagler was also a visiting minister. Brother Loren Stoller was also here and assisted Bro. David Bertsch in explaining the memorandum.

Stanley Stoller met with a fatal accident near here.

Ron, son of Bro. John Bollier, went back to Huntsville Alabama

with Bro. John Wagler, to help him in their work their.

We are sorry Sis. Mayme Levy Getz is moving to Bluffton to live with her sister, Emma. We will miss her, but are glad to have her daughter and family the David Pfisters here with us.

Leah Conrad was born May 9, 1882, and went to be with the Lord Jan. 9, at the age of 92 years, 8 months. She was baptized Easter Sunday, 1931. Surviving are her husband, Joseph J. Conrad, with whom she observed their 70th wedding anniversary December 22. Also surviving are three daughters, Thelma Schlatter, Grabill; Dortha Winzeler and Berniece Getz, Ft. Wayne; and one sister, Ida Nofziger, Wauseon, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Loren Stoller and John Bollier.

Following is from a poem Sis. Leah liked and gave one of her daughters:

Not Growing Old

They say that I'm growing old;
I've heard them tell it times untold,

In language plain and bold—
But I'm not growing old.

This frail old shell in which I dwell

Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not that shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.

What if my eyesight's growing dim?

I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if time's old plough

Has left its furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made with hand,

Awaits me in the Glory Land.

What though I falter in my walk?

What though my tongue refuse to talk?

I still can tread the narrow way,
I still can watch, and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen

As in the past it may have been,
Still I can hear my Saviour say
In whispers soft, This is the way.

Then how can I be growing old
 When safe within my Saviour's
 fold?
 Ere long my soul shall fly away
 And leave this tenement of clay;
 This robe of flesh I'll drop and
 rise
 To seize the everlasting prize.
 I'll meet you on the streets of
 gold,
 And prove that I'm not growing
 old.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl Messner were blessed with a baby boy, Ryan Matthew; grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Frank Messner of Morris and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wiegand of Goodfield.

Our friend, Jodi Martinson has turned her life over to our Lord, in search for her soul's salvation. We rejoice and pray for her in this most important decision.

We sympathize with the family of Bro. Fred Messner, who passed away. Quite a number of our congregation attended the funeral.

He Has Promised

Do you sometimes feel forsaken—
 All alone, with none to care,
 When the burden on your shoulders
 Seems too great for you to bear?

Let your fainting heart take courage,

And your restless fears be still.
 He has promised not to leave you,
 And he never, never will.

MANSFIELD OH

Lucille Groh

Peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin, the blood of Jesus whispers peace within. We are glad and thankful that friend, Barbara Zimmer Tucker, daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Clara Zimmer, has found peace with her God and is now awaiting the joyous day when she can give her testimony and become a sister in Christ.

Two precious babies have been born into this world. Bro. Kenneth & Sis. Sue Sauder have a new baby boy, named Samuel Thomas. Little Samuel made his appearance into the world on January 7. Friends Barry & Joyce Beer have a sweet little daughter named Sasha Marie; Barry is the son of Bro. Ed and Thelma Beer.

We have a number of dear ones on the sick list. They are: Bro. Robert Beer, our ministering brother. . . (Bros.) Robert Sauder, Gaylord Dotterer, Sis. Freida Dinger. Friend Elmer Oesch have all been hospitalized. Sis. Alice (Frank) Grazl is a patient in Phoenix. She developed a blood clot in her leg. Sis. Ruth Weiss fell, but was fortunate not to have broken any bones.

"I sincerely wish to express my thanks for the cards, letters and gifts sent, but especially for the sincere prayers offered in my behalf during my illness, while in the hospital and since." Sis. Caroline Dotterer. (We were pleasantly surprised on Jan. 26, when Caroline was able to worship with us again in church.)

We extend our sympathy to sisters Esther Sabo and Martha Streitmatter and Friend Lydia Nolen, in the passing of their sister, Molly Perdelwitz.

On January 19, our dear sister, Elizabeth Reiter, age 95, fell asleep in Jesus. She shone faithfully for the Lord she loved for over 50 years. Although widowed at a very young age and left with a very large family to raise, she never complained of her lot, but bore her cross patiently. She took care of the Lord's house for many years, and served in any way she could, until failing health and old age compelled her to retire. We will all miss her kind words and loving smile. She was a living example of patience and love.

Surviving are five sons, Jacob, Frederick, Daniel, Carl and Edward Reiter . . . Four daughters, Mrs. Edward (Katherine) Doty, Mrs. Richard (Helen) McGinty, Mrs. Alvin (Rose) Trumppower, Mrs. Frank (Julia) Keller.

Mother was tired and weary,
 Weary with toil and with pain. . .
 Put by her glasses and rocker;
 She will not need them again.
 Into Heaven's mansions she's
 entered,

Never to sigh or to weep;
 After long years with life's
 struggles,
 Mother has fallen asleep.
 Rest the tired feet now forever,
 Dear wrinkled hands so still.
 Blast of the earth shall no longer
 Throw o'er our loved one a chill.

Angels through heaven will guide
 her;

Jesus will still bless and keep;
 Not for the world would we wake
 her.

Mother has fallen asleep. . .

MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Nettie Haab

Sis. Sandy Beer and Bro. Steve Franz were united in Holy Matrimony Jan. 12 by Bro. Theo. Beer. Parents of the couple are Bro. Frank & Sis. Ruth Beer and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frantz. . . On January 26, Bro. Elmer Hartter performed the wedding ceremony for our Sis. Shirley Steffen and Bro. Mark Stoller of Latty. Bro. Walt & Sis. Dorothy Steffen and Bro. Louie and Sis. Mildred Stoller are their parents.

We're happy to report two friends, Alan Wuthrich and Theodore Brooks, have surrendered their lives to God and found grace to repent.

Sis. Laura Wuthrich is in her home again, after a stay at the Lu Ann Nursing Home.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Robert Beer, Mansfield; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Merrill Laukhuf and Ray Sinn, Latty.

I want to express my thanks to all who kindly remembered me during and after my eye surgery. with cards, gifts. . . and the Christmas carolers. Most of all, thank you for your prayers that my eyesight has been fully recovered . . . Aline Hoerr

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini/Mildred Clauss

Our sister Anna Waibel (Mrs. George) passed away . . . We will all miss Sister Anna very much, but we know that for her the Bells of Heaven rang out the news of a dear child coming Home, beginning where they would never be an ending.

Roberta Clauss (Brother Bob's daughter) has accepted a teaching position at the Elkhart Memorial School.

We had our annual business meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 7. Several position changes were made.

On Sun. Jan. 12, many visitors gathered with us for the wedding of our Sis. Lynell Bahler (Bro.

Elmer's) and Bro. Larry Blume (Glenn's) of Wolcott. We will miss Lynell, as she and Larry will attend Wolcott.

We, the Schinis, moved into our new home in December. On Jan. 16 we had a farm sale. We had a lot of help from neighbors and friends. What a wonderful way to show brotherly love

Bro. Elmer Bahler was hospitalized several days, for corrective surgery on his nose.

Bro. Kurt Bahler (Edwin's) has returned from Phoenix. We are happy to have him with us again, and I'm sure his Sunday School class was happy to have him back.

ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder / Mae K. Hodel

The footprints on the sands of the seashore are soon covered by the changing tides and the shifting sands, and we see them no more . . . So our lives one by one are enveloped into eternity!

Our dear Sis. Mary (David) Belsley passed away. She is survived by three daughters: Sis. Frances Wiegand, Sis. Dorothy Ginzel, and Mrs. Emma Schupp; one son, Merle; a brother, Bro. Andrew Martin; a sister, Sis. Minnie Bittner.

What joy I feel, what peace is mine

As I my all to Thee resign!

Four of our dear friends, Marge Aeschleman (Bro. Joe and Sis. Mardell), Shirley Moser (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara), Jean Leman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra), Judy Hodel (Bro. Ray and Sis. Kathyrn) will give their testimonies Feb. 1 of the peace and happiness they have found in the Lord.

The engagement of Sis. Janice Sauder (Bro. John and Sis. Esther) and Bro. Jim Mueller (Mr. and Mrs. William Mueller) was made known.

Bro. Stanley Hodel was selected as the administrator of the Roanoke A. C. Rest Home, which our church purchased in December. Remodeling is being done.

Many of our loved ones have been in the hospital. (Sisters Naomi Moser, Anna Leman, Bro. Fred Herbst and Otto Scherer are still hospitalized.

LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

(Bros.) Sam Huber of Sabetha and Loren Strahm of Gridley spent a Sunday with us.

Our annual business meeting was held Jan. 19, and those elected were Bro. Bill Emch as clerk to the church board; Sis. Mary Isch as Sunday School teacher, and Sis. Jane Isch as Silver Lining reporter.

PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

Sis. Frieda Streitmatter, who resides at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, had a birthday Christmas Day. She wishes to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and visits for Christmas and her birthday.

Bro. Herman Baer is making a remarkable recovery from open heart surgery. He had to stay in the hospital just over two weeks and is convalescing at his home. We wish to express our thanks to the brethren and friends for the anniversary and birthday cards sent in our behalf. "We are especially thankful for the cards and gifts, the love and prayers uttered in our behalf during my surgery, and thank God above all for his peace and love, comfort and strength in time of need. It surely brings us to realize the need, love and faith we need in Him to bind us together. Herman and Mary Baer" . . . Otto Baer, Herman's brother, was in the hospital for tests, and must submit to open heart surgery at a later date.

On Wednesday evening, the 22nd, Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria was our guest minister. He meditated on the story of Nicodemus, who went to Jesus by night. We should let our lights shine, so everyone knows we have peace and love of God within our hearts. It should radiate from our faces, so that everyone can tell we are a redeemed person.

Following a short worship service, Bro. Charles helped Bro. Dave with the proving of two dear friends, Grace and Emanuel Streitmatter. All who were present heard two truly stirring testimonies, and one could feel the very presence of God and His angels in our midst. Both admitted that they always prayed and went to church, yet felt something was lacking.

When they attended the Apostolic Christian Church, there was something they could not find anywhere else, and felt they should live a better life. When Emanuel was taken to the hospital with a heart attack, he began to do serious thinking and resolved to make this a turning-point in his life. The wonder-working power of God did miracles for them. Emmanuel said, for a number of years he has carried a pain in his heart and was not able to work, and now that pain or burden is gone and his countenance beams with the love of God. Grace said she has a happiness that never existed before.

The following Saturday evening, many gathered from various congregations to share another blessed evening. (Bros.) Leroy Huber of Eureka and Edwin Ringger of Gridley were present for the testimonies of Friends Cindy Baer, daughter of Otto and Eleanor Baer; Debbie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sister Bernice (Wagenbach) Stoller; and Bruce Stoller, son of Bro. and Sister Emily (Menold) Stoller. These young souls gave touching testimonies. They could see the danger in walking in their own way, could find the grace to repent and give their lives in serving the Lord. A goodly number of visitors were present for baptismal services Sunday. Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield had inspiring services for morning worship, and Bro. Edwin Ringger conducted afternoon services. Many comments were heard from those in attendance, some their first time to worship with us. One said they had never heard of repentance. It was so clearly explained. Another remarked what beautiful songs we have in our church, so fitting for the occasion. They couldn't imagine the love we have for one another, freely displayed when welcoming the new converts as brothers and sisters in our precious faith.

The World's Missing Day

Some astronauts and space scientists were trying to determine the position of the sun, moon, and planets 100 years from now. A computer measurement was set to run back and forth over the centuries. Suddenly, it came to a

halt. The computer signalled that something was wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results compared to the standards. Men from the service department were called in to check it through, and found nothing wrong technically. Information was fed into the computer again. A day was missing in elapsed time.

The scientists were perplexed. Someone on the team said, "You know, when I was in Sunday School they talked about the sun standing still." He got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua, chapter 10: "And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. . . So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day."

"There is the missing day!" They checked the computers, and found it was close, but not enough. The elapsed time that was missing in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes. Not a whole day. The Bible had said "about a whole day." The same man recalled that somewhere in the Bible it said the "sun went backwards," and another search was made. . . In II Kings chapter 20, Hezekiah was visited by the prophet. "Isaiah said . . . shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz."

Ten degrees is exactly forty minutes, and completed the 24 hours. These 24 hours have been logged in the space scientists' logbook as being the day that was missing in the universe.

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

Assurance

What the new year has in store
for me

I cannot tell, But I am sure,
God's hand holds the key to
destiny.

What doors it will unlock I do
not know.

What lies beyond remains a
mystery,

But I will keep my courage high
and faith steadfast.

And greet each newborn day with
a smiling face,

Believing that my future rests
secure

In his great love and abiding grace.

We had many blessings in '74—
Ora and Ruby Massey and Louise
Hall gave their testimonies the 21-
st and were baptized the 22nd of
December. Bro. John Wagler from
Huntsville assisted Bro. LaVoyd.

I was home recovering from sur-
gery, and I want to thank all who
were concerned about me.

BLUFFTON IN

Melanie Gerber / Donna Drayer

Sisters Ilean (Lenard) Steffen
and Minnie (Sam) Aeschliman
spent a few days in the hospital.
Bro. Max Steffen underwent hip
surgery, and Bro. Hubert Isch is
recovering from an accident that
occured while working on the
Children's Home in Leo.

Randy Reinhard, a son of Bro.
Roy and Sis. Vergene Reinhard,
was married on Nov. 9 to Marilyn
Broom in Oregon.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Connie Kaehr
have received another blessing in-
to their home. Heidi Jo, born on
Jan. 21, has an older brother at
home. Also on Jan. 21, Ralph and
Rose Aschliman welcomed a sec-
ond son into their family circle.
Ronnie's little brother has been
named Ryan Anthony.

Bro. Fred Gerber has been able
to lay his cross down, ready to go
to the beautiful city where the
roses never fade. Sis. Katie and
their seven children survive: Sis-
ters Luella (Everett) Schladen-
hauffen, Shirley (John) Fiechter,
and Nancy (Keith) Honegger, all
of Bluffton; Marguerite (Stoller)
of Latty; Bros. Charles, and Rog-
er; and Dale of Ft. Wayne. May
they all have the comfort that
they can work on earth for the
Lord and someday live with Bro.
Fred forever. His brothers are
Bros. Lewis, Roy, and Henry; and
Lawrence, Norman and John.

Our hearts were drawn closely
together as we witnessed the or-
dination ceremony of Bro. Orville
Ringger as an elder on Jan. 26.
Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rudolph

Graf, and Joseph Waibel and Bro.
Corbin Bahler offered words of in-
struction to all throughout the in-
memorable day. May Bro. Orville
feel our prayerful support as he
assists Bro. John Yergler in the
many duties of guiding God's
people.

This day was filled with mixed
emotions, as our elder brother,
Sam Aeschliman retired from the
ministry. Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie
have served their congregation
faithfully over the past years. We
are thankful that the Lord has
given them a moderate measure of
bodily health, and look forward to
continue worshipping with them.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Jan. 19, this wedding engage-
was made known: Sis. Edith Blu-
nier and Bro. Tom Stoller. Her par-
ents are Henry and Sis. Wilma
Blunier; his are Bro. and Sis. Wil-
lis & Wilma Stoller. . . Jan. 26,
another announcement: Sis. Bev-
erly Stock of Cissna Park and Bro.
John Hartter. Her parents are
Bro. and Sis. Melvin Stock of Ciss-
na Park; his are Bro. and Sis. Dan
& Dorothy Hartter. A March wed-
ding is planned.

Bro. Joe Eisenman, age 82, a res-
ident of the "Home" passed away
at Eureka Hospital Jan. 13. A brief
service was held at the mortuary
on Tuesday evening. He will be
greatly missed around the "home",
especially in the summer, because
he was a lover of flowers, and
could usually be seen outside, work-
ing among the flowers. . . Sis.
Anna Bittner, age 81, a resident of
the "home", passed away in the
Methodist Hospital Jan. 19, after
being a patient for two weeks. Her
only survivor is a sister, Sis. Olivia,
also a resident of the "Home". Her
funeral was on Wednesday, Jan. 22,
with Bro. Walter Anliker in
charge. Burial was in Roanoke
cemetery. Anna will long be re-
membered because of her deeds of
charity to our "Home for the
Aged."

Hospital patients: Sisters
Martha Grusy, medical, in Eureka
Hospital. . . Lucy Kempf, a resi-
dent of the "Home", fell and broke
her leg and is in Methodist Hospit-
al. . . Sis. Lillian Fehr fell at her
home, broke her hip and is in

Proctor Hospital at Peoria; Art Fehr is her husband.

Sis. Sandy Fehr was in a car accident and fractured her collar bone, was in a Methodist Hospital, but is now home; Sis. Inez Mogler was a patient in a Bloomington hospital...

Bro. Henry Frey was a patient in Methodist Hospital, but is now home... Levi Anliker fell in his home and was taken to Eureka Hospital; no bones were broken. His wife is Sis Della, and he is Bro. Walter Anliker's father.

At our regular business meeting, (Bros.) Charles Mangold was voted in for trustee and Earl Zimmerman and Jim Stoller (El Paso) Sunday School teachers.

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Two friends having weddings are, Duane Fehr and Tammi Morrison. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lula Fehr, her folks Harold and Donna Sauder of Eureka... John Mogler and Debbie Lauderback. His folks are August and Sis. Inez Mogler, her folks the Ed Lauderback's of Eureka.

Birth: First child, a son, to Bro. and Sis. Tim and Donna (Martin) Carr. He was born Jan. 27 and has been named Jason William.

GRIDLEY KS

Edna Somerhalder / Wilma Young
Know Each Other Better

Bro. Jacob Beyer, 93, is our oldest member, also the oldest resident in our small town. Born at Diamond, Mo., he moved to Gridley as a small child. He answered the call of the Saviour at an early age. In 1908 he was united in marriage to Sis. Annie Ott; she was called from life in 1943. Nine children were born to this union: Amos, Sis. Bertha, Louise Shaffer, Mildred Rodgers, Bro. Kenneth, and Marion and Gridley, Floyd of Wichita, Bro. Clarence of Phoenix, & Edith Todd of Garden City, Ks. Bro. Kenneth was called from life in 1963. Jake was a farmer up to the

time of his retirement in 1960, when he bought a home in Gridley, where he and his daughter Sis. Bertha live. He attends church regularly... still is quite alert... walks to the post office each morning... spends his days alone, as Sis. Bertha works as a nurse in the Burlington hospital... he lived in or near Gridley the past 90 years.

Travis Dean is the name chosen by Sis. Rose Ann and Terry Schiesser for their son, born on Jan. 24. He has a sister, Carrie Ann, to welcome him home. Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm are grandparents, Sis Dora Young great-grandmother.

We have been blessed by mid-week services, with Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli sharing the good word with us... also our appreciation to Bro. Roy for spending a Sunday with us.

Glad to report, Sis. Doris (Bro. ROY) Bahr is improving; she has been ill several weeks, hospitalized three times.

January has been a nice month, seemed more like early spring than mid-winter. As this letter is written, we've had a slow drizzle all night and all day, mild temperature thus far.

JUNCTION OH

Benita Schlatter - Betty Manz

Today

Here hath been dawning another blue day:

Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?

Out of eternity this new day was born;

Into eternity, at night, will return.

Behold it aforetime no eye ever did,
So soon it forever from all eyes is hid.

Here hath been dawning another blue day:

Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?

LAMAR MO

Gail Banwart - Marie Marti

What does love look like? An author said that love has the hands to help others, it has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and

want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

One of the marks of the Christian is that we love one another with such consistency and fervor that we minister to each other's needs, and find much of our reward in the words of Christ, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these... ye have done it unto me." Let us never be weary of well-doing or in sharing our God-given gifts.

We extend our love and sympathy to Bro. Lester and Sis. Fern Braker. Fern's mother, Minnie Jane Baker, passed away Jan. 2. We also want to express our sympathy to Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda in the loss of their infant son, who was stillborn Jan. 5.

We were privileged to have Elder Bros. Sam Anliker and Raymond Banwart read the memorandum to us Sat. evening, Jan. 25. May we ever strive to be obedient.

At our annual business meeting, held in January, the following were elected: Bro. Noah Schlupp for trustee, Sis. Corrine Marti, member of food committee, (Bros.) Dan Braker for usher, and Martin Hohulin on cemetery board for three-year terms. For two-year terms Bro. Gene Banwart and Sisters Vera Frieden for Sunday School teachers and Gail Banwart for Silver Lining reporter.

PORTLAND OR

Judy Cremer

"The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved." The psalmist speaks so beautifully of the might of the Lord. We can only catch a glimpse, and experience a sample of God's strength when we live in submission to Him, but some day when we reign with Him we'll see all His power. That will truly be glory!

Many from our Portland and Silverton churches gathered in the home of Bro. Art and Sis. Betty Metz, for a farewell singing given for Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman and family.

We have been blessed by our Wednesday evening fellowships. Once a month the Silverton brethren come to Portland, once a month

we go to Silverton, and the other Wednesday evenings we gather in our home (Bro. Don Cremers).

Our prayers are with Sis. Lottie Bartell as she is at home in Kansas, suffering illness. Annie Miller is hospitalized and needs our prayer support.

We're having below freezing weather at times, with colds and flu making their rounds . . . But soon the Lord will bring us spring-time. Hallelujah.

BERN, KANS.

Esther & Stella Moser

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth. . ." A tax assessor tells how he called at the home of a man reputed to have riches. With pencil and pad in hand, the assessor asked for a listing of the man's possessions. "I am a rich man, indeed," replied the citizen. "I am the possessor of a Saviour who has earned for me everlasting life. I have a good and loving wife, and Solomon says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.' My children are healthy and obedient, and our home is happy. Then, too, God has given me a merry heart, which enables me to pass thru life joyfully."

The tax assessor put his pencil and pad away and remarked: "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation!"

Jan. 18, Sis. Lydia Marti, age 85 years, passed away at the Sabetha Hospital. At an early age she turned to the Lord, and He was ever her strength and refuge, as Lydia's trials and sorrows were many. On Feb. 26, 1911 she was married to Bro. George Aeschilman, and less than 15 months later George passed away, leaving Lydia with a six-week old baby girl. Sept. 2, 1917, she married Bro. Joe Marti. One son, Joseph was born to this union. Joe died in 1962. Survivors include, the daughter, Sis. Ella Hartter (Bro. Lester); one son, Bro. Joseph Marti; three sisters, Sis. Lucy Hartter, Elsie Olson and Mamie Strahm; two brothers, John Wittmer, North Platte, Nebr., Ben Wittmer, Falls City, Nebraska. Bros. Harvey Grimm and Alpha Strahm conducted the service Jan 21, with burial in the church cemetery.

Hospital patients and out again:

Sisters Mildred Strahm (Bro. Alvin) surgical, Lena Garber, (Medical), Bro. Ben Leuthold (medical).

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herrmann

The word was brought to us this month by Bros. Don Sauder, Clarence Kachelmuss and Henry Grimm.

Sisters Rosemary Klaus and Barb Thomas are doing their student teaching in Peoria this semester. Graduating this past semester is Sis. Cathy Knobloch of Morton.

We must remain in silence and listen as God conveys His will to us.

GOODFIELD IL Elna Grimm

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God, and he that trusts God obeys. He that is without faith is without works, and he that is without works is without faith.

Bro. Will Knapp from Deer Creek, age 92, passed away on Jan. 5, at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. His funeral was at our Goodfield church on Jan. 8. We will miss Bro. Will, for he was very spry, in spite of his age, and a good solid pillar in the church. He was there right on time each morning, with a word of kindness for everyone he met. We sympathize with the family, and especially Sisters Alice Knapp and Clem (Mrs. Bill) Joos, and our friend, Albert Knapp, who attend church in Goodfield.

Friend David Zobrist, son of Bro. and Sis. Howard and Phyllis, has turned his life over to the Lord, and hopes to be proved and baptized in the near future.

Hospital patients have been our friends, Bob Hohulin, R. R. Congerville, and Bruce Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene, also of R. R. Congerville, and Bro. Eli Hohulin, Goodfield.

Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, ministered to us on Sun., Jan. 26.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, R.R. Congerville, announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen to Larry Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler, Washburn. The couple is planning a March wedding.

John R. and Linda Rokey, R. R. Eureka, are the parents of a baby

girl, born Jan. 26; her name is Jennifer Lynn. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth Rokey, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Goeken, Delavan.

Marcia, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Arlene, R. R. Congerville, was married to Gerry, son of Bro. and Sis. Leon and Reva Waibel, Wolcott on Sat., Jan. 25 at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall.

NAUMBURG NY Eleanor Herzig

After being confined to her home for several years, our dear sister, Cora Beyer, widow of our former Elder Bro. Philip Beyer, was called to her heavenly home on Jan 18. She is survived by a son, our Ministering Bro. Robert Bever, and a daughter, Sis. Evelyn Beyer, who so faithfully cared for her mother these past years. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 21 by Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler.

PEORIA IL Betty Miller

Sis. Ida Schmidtgall wishes to thank everybody for their kindness and the flowers, gifts, and cards sent her during her illness.

Quite a few have been sick, and some hospitalized briefly for various reasons, but Sis. Emma Rapp is the only member in the hospital to my knowledge.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Elizabeth Vogel upon the death of her husband, Bro. Ben. His funeral was Jan. 14. They have been residing at the Home. . . . Sis. Lydia Schmeid's funeral was Jan 18. Sis. Sally House is her sister; Sis. Louise Schmeid, her daughter-in-law; and Sis. Mazie Thomas, her niece . . . Mrs. Gladys Oppenheim and Sis. Mollie Perdelwitz passed from this life at the Home in the early a. m., Jan. 19. Mrs. Perdelwitz is survived by her husband, William, three daughters, two sons (one of whom, Laverne, is of Peoria), four sisters.

If any readers ever feel lonely, or as if they aren't doing enough for the Lord, regular visits to the o'd folks at the Home may serve a threefold purpose . . . the people at the Home will be cheered up, your own loneliness may vanish, and you will be doing more for the Lord. Our young members deserve to be commended for all they have

been doing for and with the elderly.

Peoria young members entertained the young people of Bremen and Tremont, Jan 11 and 12. Feb 1 and 2, Bay City choir visited Peoria. Their beautiful singing was a joy for all who heard.

Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City delivered excellent messages, clear and timely reminders of the purpose of our being at church (to worship together, not to make business contacts or to show off our attire), the purpose of religion in our lives (to love the Lord and walk with Him, and not wait until our deathbed to repent), and God's purpose in sending His Son (to die for our sins and then LIVE AGAIN that we might have hope for LIFE ETERNAL).

We praise the Lord for providing us with a new minister. Bro. Ken Hoerr was elected to the ministry and will serve along with our four other ministers and help ease their burdens (as we have grown in number and we expect so much from these selfless men). Ken's wife is Sis. Darlene; they have three children—Jamie, Scott, and Aimee. Ken's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Esther. Darlene's parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Marian Hemmer announce the engagement of their firstborn daughter, Jane, to Bro. Steve Suttor of Bremen. I am happy to report that my niece and her fiance are extremely happy that the Lord has brought them together.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Shirley Triplett have been blessed with a baby boy, Mark Walter, born Jan. 14. They have one daughter, Becky, and two sons, Timmy and Matthew. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Kathryn Witzig and Henry and Sis. Viola Triplett . . . Bro. David and Sis. Connie Hoerr have a baby girl, Darcy Marie, born Jan. 18. Grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold of Princeville and Dave and Sis. Harriet Hoerr.

Pam Waibel and Ken Ober were united in marriage by Chuck Hemmer, in a lovely ceremony at Fellowship Hall Jan. 18.

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

We rejoice that God is yet calling His loved ones. Our Friend Dale Greenbank (Bro. and Sis. Gor-

don) has found the grace to repent. Our friend Jean Getz (Ron) has peace and is awaiting baptism.

Several have left our small congregation this month: Bro. Tom Freed (Bro. & Sis. Allan) has found employment in Kiowa, Bro. Eric Langhofer (Bro. and Sis. Al) completed his time in the service and has returned to Wichita; Bro. Kurt Bahler (Bro. & Sis. Ed) has returned to Remington.

Sis. Lena Vege's brother-in-law, "Swede" Madsen passed away. We wish Mary and the family God's strength in their time of sorrow.

Our hardships can make us bitter or better.

RITTMAN OH

Grace Gasser

Kind words can never die,

Cherished and blest;
God knows how deep they lie,
Stored in the breast . . .

It is so true that kind words can never die. How many times have you been near to despair, when just a few kind words of someone have lifted you up, and completely changed your day. These words are then gently tucked away in the breast, where they can be brought back to memory again and again. What greater gift can you give to anyone, and at such a reasonable price—\$Time. **KIND WORDS—Let's use them often.**

On Jan. 12, Bro. Rudolph Graf assisted Bro. Joseph Ramsier in bringing the report of the Conference.

Bro. John Steiner has been a patient. Friend Bernie Hilty is a patient at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

We rejoice with Friend Becky Maletich, as she has repented, found Peace, and is now awaiting to become a **Lamb of Jesus' flock.**—**What all the world could never give, A lamb of Jesus from its Shepherd will receive.**

We welcome Sis. Leona Dotterer to our community. She is now residing at Brenn-field Nursing Home in Orrville.

A son, Benjamin David, was born to Friends Gary and Teresa Zollinger on Jan. 20.

Bro. Alpha Beery, 74, passed away Jan. 30 at Massillon City

Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Martha.

SARASOTA FL

Linda Miller

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life." The verses go on; yet in these 2 verses, He made a promise. It's not written in a language hard to understand, and it's there for all who want to believe. It's so wonderful to know that the Lord is there to feed us the bread of life," if only we will ask and believe.

We have been well fed as many visitors have been with us and shared our spiritual food. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Kenneth Lawson, Minneapolis; Harvey Heiniger, Oakville are those brothers that have so given of themselves to serve us. We are also happy to have our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his family back with us for a season.

We are thankful that the Lord has provided our congregation to grow. Bro. Bob Blunier, formerly of Roanoke has occupation in Sarasota. Bob is with us now, but we look forward to the time when school is out, when his wife and two children will be joining us. We extend a hearty welcome to all, and thank the Lord for all He has provided.

Anytime you're in our area and would like to inquire into times of services, singing or activities, feel free to contact one of the following: Bro. Phil Wingeier 371-4155 or Bro. Dave Eisenmann 371-2062.

SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehle

It was during our annual brother conference, held on Jan. 15 at Shioda. Bro. Akito and I were on the pulpit, while we were trying to explain our U. S. fellowship. I said that those of our congregations who have visited the U. S. know about this, but the hospitality among cooperating brethren is very good, and then I said, "Visiting cooperating brethren are treated like angels." If it means love and respect to our cooperating brothers and sisters in Christ, it is good. The scriptures teach us to even entertain strangers; how much more those who walk humbly with us in serving our King. This

evening, Sis. Hiroko Utsuki will be visiting from Tokyo, and tomorrow morning, Sunday, Bro. Yamazaki will be coming. This is our opportunity. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

In reading a World Relief Committee Report, I found that the brethren, in offering aid to tornado victims in Indiana, were queried, "Where was your God that He did not prevent this horrible disaster?" This morning around the breakfast table we read John, chapter 9, about a blind man, where the disciples asked, "Who did sin . . . that he was born blind?" Jesus replied that the man was born blind "that the works of God should be made manifest . . ." Therefore, in answering the question we might say, "God was right at the controls, in complete charge of everything. He permitted this that you might know your nothingness, and that we could show you the love of God."

Mr. Mizutani (an acquaintance of mine through the company where I work part-time doing interpreting, translating and letter writing) came into our office, and while there told me that his grandfather died and had a Christian funeral. At the funeral, they were told they must not bow heads to the body, must not give any flowers to the body (as is sometimes done in lieu of burning incense). The gate to the cemetery was locked, and any relative desiring to visit the grave must get permission and be accompanied by someone from the church. Mr. Mizutani was perplexed and said that relationship with his grandfather had been cut off. To honor the dead and keep up the affinity with one's ancestors is a very strong tradition in Japan. I explained to him that the church which had the funeral was just trying to make certain there would be no idolatry through worshipping of the dead. "For thou shalt worship no other god . . ." Idolaters shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

With the serious shortage of foodstuff throughout the world I am reminded of the Scripture, "... break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD . . ." Spiritually . . . this is no time to

let the land lay idle. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki/Marie Inoue

We are having lovely sunny and cold winter weather in Tokyo, and the brothers and sisters feel His blessings. Our Sunday School has been blessed, and quite a few children gather together. We Christians have responsibility toward children, especially as Jesus recommended in the Bible.

Last Sunday, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Bruellman of West Bend visited us, as their tour had a one-day stopover in Tokyo. Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle and family were with us that day also. In our Bible class, a question was raised concerning the last verse in John's gospel which reads "... even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written . . ." The question raised was, "How could this be when Jesus only lived 30 some years on this earth?" The brothers then concluded that this probably refers back even to the time when Jesus was with the Father in Heaven, as John begins his gospel with "... and the Word was with God . . ."

The Lord gave Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue a wonderful baby boy, Koichi Pierre, on Jan. 3. As a child, he'll often be called Ko-chan, as chan is a term of endearment used for all children in Japan. Grandparents are Sis. Tamino Inoue and Bro. Pierre and Sis. Catherine Neihouser. When we look at such a beautiful creation, we can again realize God's marvelous power and strength. Praise the Lord and His almighty works.

BRADFORD IL

Rebecca Endress

Elder Bro. Dave Kieser spent a Wednesday evening with us for services and our annual meeting. Bro. Raymond Klumpp was elected church treasurer. Our new trustee is Bro. John Endress, and two new ushers were selected, Bros. Marvin Knobloch and Elwin Rumbold.

We've missed Sis. Eunice Klumpp at church for several weeks now. She underwent surgery and is recovering at home. Bro. Louie Rumbold has been absent for quite some time. He had quite a siege of

sickness after surgery, but is home now and hopes to come to church soon. Many have been quite ill with flu.

Bro. Sam Kieser has made a good recovery from his surgery and was able to take a trip to the South. "I want to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, flowers, gifts, or their love while I was in Rochester hospital and recuperating at home. Bro. Sam Kieser.

Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther Streitmatter are among us again.; Bro. Roy was seen walking into church carrying his crutches, a happy sight since he had surgery in both legs. "Roy & I wish to say a special thank you to all who remembered us with prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, and acts of kindness while we were at Mayo's and sincerely returning home." Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther Streitmatter.

We are looking forward to having Sis. Evelyn Schrock become a part of our Bradford church soon. Her engagement to our Bro. Gary Endress was announced Jan. 12. Their parents are Bro. John & Sis. Ruth Schrock, Oakville, and Sis. Lois and the late Danny Endress (Bradford).

ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

Since our column did not appear in the last issue of the Silver Lining, I am including a few items which may be of interest to some of our readers having moved away and some local shut-ins who have expressed a desire that just a few words from home are welcome, also for our foreign country readers.

Born on Dec. 23, a son, Grant Wayne, to Sis. Marcia and Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid. Grandparents are Sis. Florence and Bro. Wilbur Kloter and Bro. Werner and Sister Clara (Lanz) Kupferschmid.

A packed balcony and a filled assembly room audience had an opportunity to witness and enjoy the Christmas program presented by the children of the Sunday School. An opening prayer was offered by Bro. John Bahler, our elder. All classes from the smallest tot through the upper grades took part in the reciting of verses and carolling, centering entirely around the never-ending story of

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the birth of Christ, the Saviour. Material was chosen by the Sunday School teachers and others, who assisted in preparing such a nicely arranged program of exercises.

Patricia (Patty) Goric and Guy Champ, both young people, presented testimonies of their former lives conversions, in the presence of the church body of believers and were then baptized. There was rejoicing in the church, and both went on their way likewise. Patty's parents are Sis. Janet (Hoffman) Goric and the late Peter Goric, and Guy's are Sis. Elsie and Guy Champ.

Announced engagements are: Sis. Luella Schneider to Bro. Mark Hoffman; Bro. Leon and Sis. Martha Schneider are Luella's parents, and Mark's are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Elsie Hoffman . . . Laurie Schneider to David Sweeney; Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marjorie Schneider are Laurie's parents . . . Michael Hoffman to Luann Mangold; Bro. Clarence and Sis. Martha Mangold are Luann's (parents); . . . Bro. Daniel Virkler to Dorothy Wenger of Forrest. Sis. Christine and Bro. Kenneth Virkler are parents of Ken, and Dorothy's are Bro. and Sis. Ray Wenger of Forrest.

The marriage of Mary Mangold and John Evans took place at the home of John Bahler, our elder, who performed the ceremony. Clarence and Martha, as above, are Mary's parents, and we have Mr. and Mrs. Evans as John's.

The funeral of our dear friend and relative, John Lanz, 83, was from the Ladd Funeral Home at Rockville. His death came relatively sudden, yet he had been busy as a gardener, supplying his roadside stand up to late autumn. He enjoyed his work, meeting his many customers, and always had a cheerful word for those he met. His one remaining sister, Sis. Hattie Schrock of Iowa, was present at the services, also two brothers, Henry and Bro. Albert Lanz; three sons, Donald, John and Howard; and one daughter, Barbara. Bro. Roy Luginbuhl had the services, with Bro. Corbin Bahler offering

the graveside prayer. Interment was in the Ellington Center Cemetery.

Sis. Dorothy Schneider has again been admitted to the Rockville General Hospital, for further treatment on what appears to be a malignancy.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME The Children's Home Committee

Late December and January has seen much enthusiasm and the fruit of many efforts, as we see the boards and brick go into place. With the sound of many hammers, a little confusion, a lot of fellowship, and the very generous hospitality shown by all the Leo congregation, much work has been done.

The utility building and the two houses are mostly completed on the outside, except for the brick. The electric and plumbing has been roughed in as far as can be done now, and the heating also is being installed. The framing of all the inside walls is mostly completed, and the drywall is being installed. All in all, it appears the Lord is blessing our efforts, and our prayer is that He will continue to do so.

The very generous contribution and support everyone has given is deeply appreciated, whether it was money, labor, materials or your earnest prayers. The combined efforts of all is what will make this worthy project become a reality and hopefully in the future bear fruit pleasing to our Lord.

PRAYER IS WITH BRIGHT BEAMS AND BRINGS HIS ANSWER

KSU

I met God in the morning . . .

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive
them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Pulaski

Just close your eyes and open your heart,
And feel your worries and cares depart.
Just yield yourself to the Father above,
And let Him hold you secure in His love,
For life, on earth, grows more involved
With endless problems that can't be solved—
But God only asks us to do our best;
Then He will take over and finish the rest,
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There's always one door that is open to you—
And that is the door to The House of Prayer,
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.
And The House of Prayer is no farther away
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray . . .
For the heart is a temple when God is there,
As we place ourselves in His loving care,
And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we pray in His name Thy Will Be Done,
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on The Wings of Prayer.

Mansfield

All to Jesus I surrender;
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

Taylor

I know not whether short or long
My pilgrimage may be,
I'll daily praise my Lord with song
For all His love for me.

The amount suggested for one year, if you wish to pay, is \$2.00. There are many churches where you may give at a specified time or times, in a combined collection. Check with your reporter.