

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

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## THE JOURNEY OF TIME

A blessing can come at a most unexpected time . . . or in an unexpected way. Much of the following was set up, but printing for your reading had to wait . . . This tells a story . . . a real stimulation to great things . . . happy moments. Life is real life . . . Listen to this, sent in from Iowa City. The pilgrim starts toward the city of Zion . . . What sweet forgiveness does Jesus give . . .

The feelings of a recent convert are expressed in this poem:

I came to God one early morn,  
Unhappy, miserable, forlorn.  
He heard me weep; His ear He lent.

He gave me grace as down I went  
To confess, I want to repent.  
How hard it seemed to say those words!

And yet, how easy when He heard  
My prayer, and gave the wondrous grace!

And after here I've run my race,  
Now I've hope to see His face.

Each morn I wake up in my room—  
Sometimes in gladness, sometimes gloom,  
But always after kneeling down,  
I ask for more grace to be found,  
Here where sin doth so much abound.

Each bright new day that God doth give  
Is one more day for Him to live,  
For all that He gives in each day  
Is more than my whole life can pay—  
So in humility I pray.

One more day: TODAY!

Valparaiso news had this original poem, by Sis. Cindy Susdorf. She remembers her mother. What a challenge of comfort to hold, and dream of days to come . . . Hope lives!

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,

But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hands in comfort and in cheer,

And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;

And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

In memory of Mother, Sis. Mildred Ames, who God called home five years ago June 14.

Life is real . . . winning is for keeps. The Journey of Time is told. Events of the past are expectations in Tomorrow. Joe was one of us at Leo. Yesterday's loved ones live.

The April 1975 Silver Lining contained this: Joe and Leah Conrad celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last December. . . Her days ebbed out . . . He was wheeled to the bedside. He kissed her. "Goodbye, mother; I'll meet you in heaven." Saturday night, this May 10, that joyful meeting took place.

Our Bro. Joe finished out his days on earth. What splendor is in that glorious light for those radiant hearts. . . We can count our treasures o'er. . . Joe, Leah, and more and more . . . till the sum total in the heart of God is reached.

Albert and Katherine Rauhaus were his aunt and uncle. It was Albert's father, not Albert who was the homeopathic doctor. Katherine's husband was the one whose love in patience was there, even with bullets in his body. What riches must Joe find now in that Welcome Home. And Forever!

I like Joe . . . he's God's kind of man;

We'll meet him again, for God says we can,

Over in that dreamland with wonders so clear,

Or up in the clouds, for the Lord's day is near!

I like Joe . . . for God's love shone out,

And Joe knew the true One, and kept to His route.

Persevering, enduring, steady till the last. . .

Now riches in glory, forever forever they last!

We can be so happy . . . every phrase of God's word is real . . . It is for us. Has it ever been heard, elsewhere, such great love and marvellous grace?

"When we think . . ."

Jake Pfister

. . . When we think of the cross He bore, and the crown of thorns He wore, we should not crave a crown of honor nor a path of roses, but rather follow the footsteps of

our loving Saviour.

It is well for us to think of the hour of pain and anguish the Lord suffered, when He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

How thankful should we be that He made the atonement for us and our sins, that we through Him have access to our heavenly Father. We should prove our love for Him with obedience to His word.

A stormy situation . . . and a time of crisis. What do we do? Listen to this, sent with Detroit news:

God give me the faith of a little child!

Who trusts so implicitly,  
Who simply and gladly believes  
Thy word,  
And never would question Thee.

God give me the faith of a little child!

A faith that will clasp Thy hand,  
And willingly go where Thou see'st  
best,  
Though he may not understand.

This: God and you with faith  
can meet anything in triumph.

The Goodfield reporter sent in this. Sometimes, like binoculars, our thoughts need focusing. We need the clear, detailed sighting of Him who rules the waves and whispers, Peace, Be still.

He holds your hand where'er you go,

If you will only ask.  
He makes the pains all bearable,  
And eases every task.  
He makes the sun shine through  
the clouds;  
He sends the rain we need.  
There's nothing that He cannot do.  
For He's a friend indeed.

Monday's minute or Friday's moment in His ray has sunshine. All the day, a rainbow for every smart. The Mansfield reporter included these words. Use His place of triumph, breathed in quietness.

Some minutes in the morning,  
Ere the cares of life begin,  
Ere the heart's wide door is open  
For the world to enter in,  
Oh then alone with Jesus,  
In the silence of the morn,

In the heavenly, sweet communion  
Let your every day be born.  
In the quietude that blesses  
With a relude of repose,  
Let your soul be soothed and softened  
As the dew revives the rose.

Some minutes in the morning  
Take your Bible in your hand,  
And catch a glimpse of glory,  
From the peaceful promised land.  
It will linger still before you  
When you seek the busy mart,  
And like flowers of hope will blossom  
Into beauty in your heart.  
The precious words like jewels  
Will glisten all the day  
With a rare refulgent glory  
That will brighten all the way!

You have won in the quiet time  
what you will gain in the day.

Taylor is the church of the reporter who sent this. Every little problem has a beautiful victory. There are brothers and sisters who actually do what is told in the poem. There life is a rosy picture of promise . . . and they wouldn't exchange it for the world!

Of what are you weaving your life today,  
Of fast-fading pleasures, or joys that stay?  
Do you want it completed in lovely hues?  
It all depends on the threads you use.

Take only the best from the maze you find,  
The threads that will strengthen your heart and mind,  
Just threads you are sure of beyond a doubt,  
Durable threads that will not wear out.

To all of your threads you must add some gold;  
The wealth of God's love; it will make them to hold,  
For in weaving a life of beautiful hues  
It always depends on the threads you use.

Here is a message, sent in with Morton news. This is light on our pathway. Waves beat into the boat, but look at the One with us!

Sometimes when life has beaten you  
And the future is all but bright,  
There's a magic in just having faith  
That things will turn out all right.

### Every Step

Our words are all noticed and recorded. There is no commonplace in the light of eternity.

Someone is watching you each step you take,  
As through life you journey day by day.  
They watch and see each error you make;  
Someone watches you along the way.

Someone is listening when you join a song,  
Marks the way in which you try to sing;  
This One is He to whom all praise belongs;  
Let us trust and worship this great King.

May we live right before our fellowman,  
Watching ev'ry step we take each day,  
And help them on the road to gloryland,  
As they watch us on the upward way.

Our sister of the Wichita congregation sent this. God's people not only take trouble, but come back cheerful. His promise is an unbroken joy, a continuing promise . . .

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In closing, I would like a verse from a poem . . .

If I could write but one more line  
With this my crude and falt'ring  
pen,  
I'd write in words of hope and  
cheer  
To human kind with souls bowed  
down  
And bid them rise anew and live  
And dare to smile again.

#### LEXINGTON KY Lester Huber

"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

With the encouragement of Psalm 107:8 etc., we praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works through all of you who have made possible our new place of worship at 308 Locust Ave, Lexington Kentucky. Our original house of worship was sold, and we had to vacate in ninety days. Within that time, the Lord provided our new location, which was nothing short of a miracle. Lord willing, we plan to have our dedication, Sunday, Aug. 17. We invite you to come and share this time with us. Our morning service begins at 10:00 a.m., DST. The dedication service will be in the afternoon. Directions to the church is: Take Exit 113 off I-75 into Lexington . . . Go west on Broadway to the New Circle Road intersection . . . Turn left on to New Circle Road . . . Go one block, and turn right at the first stop light, on to North Limestone . . . Go approximately four blocks; turn left onto Locust Avenue. The church is on the right side of the street, and its number is 308 Locust. The telephone is 225-3032.

The new location has created a new interest on the part of some of our people, and on the part of some who originally attended the other church from whom we bought; they are attending with us also. We are thankful for some who have also made a beginning in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### TOLEDO OH Lydia Meister

It was grace that taught my heart  
to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

The loving grace of our Heavenly Father has again been manifested among us. Ed and Dee Beard were baptized June 15. It is wonderful to have them as our young brother and sister in faith. Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach was with us to perform this precious service. We had a blessed day with many dear ones who came to rejoice with us.

The Bible School classes were well attended, and the children very enthusiastic and attentive thru each day's session. How good it is to have sisters and brothers who lend themselves to this labor for our Lord's little ones.

Beth Harmon and John Frautschi are our hi-school graduates. Beth plans to enter the school of nursing, and John plans to study electronics.

#### WOLCOTT IN

##### Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

"Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it . . ." Since we have recently completed the addition to our church building and dedicated it, we felt we would insert the origin and history.

In 1900, the John Abersoll family moved to Wolcott from Illinois to establish a home. There was no congregation of our faith here, but since there had been a number of families settled at Remington, the Abersolls gathered with them for services. They met at the home of Bro. John Schieler, who was the minister.

It was not long until more families began to settle, some of the early ones being: Andrew Abersolls (parents of John), Andrew Lehman, Theodore Bolliers, Ben Farneys, Jacob Kellers, John Zehrs, Chris Helderles, Dan Farneys, Fred Ankers, Charles Blumes, Amos Sauders . . . As the congregation grew, they held services at the various homes, one Sunday at Remington, and the next at Wolcott. By April 1902, the need was felt for a permanent place of assembly, and a piece of land was obtained in the southwest part of town. It is said to have been 1903 or 1904 when it was completed.

It was at this time, Bro. Amos

Sauder was selected as minister and not long after, Bro. Andrew Lehman was added. The frame building which was constructed at that time was used until Oct. 5, 1952.

In May 1951, construction of the present Bedford stone building was begun, just north of the old frame church. Through the efforts of the congregation, this was completed and first service held Oct. 12, 1952. Our ministers were Bros. Will Furrer and Irvin Lehman, who conducted the first services. In 1958, there was construction of an addition to the west wing of the church, with some interior remodeling. In 1970, a new front entrance and carport were added. The Sunday School addition to the east wing was begun and completed during 1971. A total of about 2000 additional square feet were incorporated, which together with the existing east wing is now being used for Sunday School and nursery. This resulted in a Sunday School assembly room of approximately 42x24 feet, with six individual class rooms, around 190 square feet each. That new arrangement also permitted relocating and rearranging the nursery.

In 1974 and early 1975, the new addition to the sanctuary was begun and completed. The addition of 1840 square feet provides enlarged assembly facilities, as well as additional fellowship area. During this same project, the entire building, except for the Sunday School addition, was remodeled and re-decorated. The building is heated by electricity and is fully air-conditioned.

Elders having served through the years were: Bros. Chris Gerber, Martin Steidinger, Eugene Schladenhauffen, Robert Bahler, Phillip Gutwein Sr., George Yergler, Irvin Lehman, and at present, Bro. Alfred Bahler. Ministers have been: Bros. Amos Sauder, Andrew Lehman, Jake Merkel, John Trachsel, Ed Gudeman, Will Furrer, Irvin Lehman, and presently, Alfred Bahler, Vernon Schwab, and Gene Lehman.

Open House was held June 8, with Visiting Bros. Eugene Bertsch, Theo. Beer, Elmer Hartter conducting services. Dedication services were on June 22, with Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Ezra Feller, Perry Zimmerman, and our

own Bro. Alfred Bahler bringing the messages.

We express our sincere thanks to all our visitors during this time, and a welcome is extended for anyone wishing to come in the future.

Our annual Vacation Bible School, a combined effort of the Wolcott and Remington assemblies, was held June 9 through 13. at our church here. A blessed week of evening classes was enjoyed. The theme of the week was **God's Love and Power Endures**. Adult classes were held in the assembly, with Bros. Edwin Bahler, Wendell Gerber, Ed Alt, Art Gudeman, and Alfred Bahler bringing the messages . . . June 27 was our annual Sunday School picnic, and Bro. Corbin Bahler of the Rockville assembly was with us for evening services.

Ben Miller spent some time in the hospital, but is again able to be in his home . . . Wayne Christopher, husband of Sis. Nancy, had the misfortune of having diesel fuel sprayed over his body while at work. His eyes were severely inflamed, but we trust not permanently injured.

#### FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser - Helen Huber

Thus united and in concord, let us walk the path of life; Hand in hand O may love bind us . . . June 8 was the wedding day of Bro. Steve Gutwein (Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne) and Sis. Linda Pfledderer (Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma). We were so richly blest when Bro. Alphonie Strahm and Bro. John Leman (Bern) could be with us on this day and minister the precious word.

On Wed. evening June 4, our congregation rejoiced and praised the Lord for bringing back into our fellowship Jim and Lois Ann Gudeman. In giving their testimonies, it has been their hearts desire for some time and now they are a brother and sister of the faith. Bro. Alfred Bahler visited on that evening. He assisted Bro. Wendell in this important work.

We are enjoying a visit of Sis. Marie Inoue and little Ko-chan from Japan, visiting her family and friends for six weeks.

Bros. Fred Gutwein, Jim Gutwein and Dwight Bucher were hospitalized. Doug, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard, fell

from a swing and suffered a concussion, but was able to attend Bible School several nights.

Young and old met together every evening last week for Vacation Bible School. Those who shared with us were: Monday—Bro. Leroy Huber, who spoke on **Church Doctrine**, Tuesday—Bro. Gene Lehman, **Why Should I Be A Christian?**, Wednesday—Bro. Dale Eisenmann on **The Last Week of Christ's Life** (1st part), Thursday—Bro. Nathan Steffen, **The Last Week of Christ's Life** (2nd part), and Friday—Bro. Eugene Bertschi on **Events Preceding the Return of the Lord**. It was a blessing, as we have a young couple who have decided to turn to the Lord in repentance. We all rejoice with them and their families. Bro. Joe Schrock was with us on Sunday and Sunday evening at the program, and gave us timely messages on prophecy.

On June 28, Roger and Sandy Ward welcomed a little blessing, a little girl named Erica Lynn. Grandparents are Emmett and Sis. Lena Ward.

#### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Our Summer Bible School was held the first two weeks of June, with 120 children in attendance.

A baby boy, Dana Albert, was born to Bro. and Sis. Dan and Jayne Plattner on June 4. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bob and Marie Kauffman of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner, Goodfield . . . Jake and Cris Bauman have a baby girl, Angela Lynn, born on June 21. Grandparents are the Dewey Christophersons of Eureka, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman, Goodfield.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Bro. Mike Finley (Chester and Sis. Ethel) and Sis. Kathy Sauder (Bro. and Sis. Bill and Dorothy) of the Roanoke congregation.

Jan Ellis was announced for proving and baptism and we are so happy for her.

Bro. Roy Ehnle was our welcome visiting minister on June 8.

Our Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin was hospitalized for tests, and we are

indeed happy to have him back with us. Also hospitalized and back worshipping with us were Charlene Hohulin (Bruce), Sis. Alene Steffen (Bro. Jerry), and Sis. Joyce Hohulin (Bro. Wes.). Our friend, Bob Hohulin, submitted to major surgery on June 25, and it is reported that he is improved some.

#### AKRON OH

Linda Pamer

We wish to thank the brothers from both Rittman and Akron who served as teachers during our Vacation Bible School. We also thank Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale) for serving us the good word of God.

The Lord has blessed Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy Graf with another son, Timothy Paul. He has three brothers—Ed, Gary, and Tom, and one sister, Sandy. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf and Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret Gangel are Timothy's grandparents.

Sis. Marie Dakovich and Sis. Rose Luginbuhl were in the hospital for surgery. Sis. Anna VonGuntten also spent some time in the hospital. We are glad that they are again able to assemble with us.

"Many thanks to all those who remembered me with cards, prayers, and visits during my hospital stay and recovery at home." Sis. Marie Dakovich . . . "I want to thank those who remembered me with prayers, cards, and thoughts while I was in the hospital. Sis. Anna VonGuntten.

#### ATHENS AL

Hazel Vibbert

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

As things can happen so fast and unexpected, I just got back from the emergency room; my Timmy, 3 years old, got his hand burned real bad . . . On June 2, Danny Garrett was on his way to work and had a car wreck. He has severe head injury and is still unconscious. He is in Huntsville Hospital. His mother is Sis. Mildren Carrol . . . Jimmy Dofoe had back surgery the 21st of June; he is the son of Bro. and Sis. William Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gramm have a baby boy, born the 2nd of June. He has a sister, Brenda and bro-

ther. Grey. Nancy is the daughter of Sis. Irene Haggermaker. She went to Elynia Illinois to be with her family. Sis. Mary Tucker went with her . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wayne Johnson have a baby son, born June 21. Sis. Celo Johnson is the grandmother.

We had Bible school the second of June thru the 7th. It was 117 children on the last day, when the teachers and children went to the park for a picnic; like last year, it came a rain, and they couldn't stay as long as they had planned.

We are having a week of gospel meeting. I hope I can report many souls being saved . . .

### CONGERVILLE IL

#### Mary Schrock — Mary Leman

Bro. Dennis Knapp (son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Jeanette) and Sis. Gay Fanning (who lived with Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois Steffen) were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) on June 15. Our Elder Bro., Josh Broquard was also with us on that day . . . Our other visiting minister this month was Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville), whom we enjoyed having minister to us again.

Our new women Sunday School teachers are Sisters Carol Schrock, LeAnn Siegle, Gay Knapp and Mary Schrock.

God has again richly blessed our congregation with a new convert, Lynn Knapp. We rejoice with her parents, Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic, held at Congerville Grade School, was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We are happy for Sis. Francis Geiger and Bro. Joe Schumacher (Eureka), whose engagement was made known. We welcome them to make Congerville their church.

### GIRARD OH

#### Louisa B. Lance

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD . . . They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever." On June 8, we were so glad to have Bro. Ernest Graf, from Akron, to proclaim the holy word of God to us . . . On Tuesday evening, June 17, we were pleased to have Bro. Ed Aeschleman from Wilmington, Del. to be

with us and explain God's word, as we gathered in the home of Bro. Jess Emch. It was truly a blessed evening for all of us.

Sunday, June 29, we were so glad to have Bro. Jess to assemble with us again; it has been many weeks since he was able to be with us. He was accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mildred and Bill Bell.

I would like to share this poem with you; it was written by the late Sis. Marie Emch, wife of Bro. Jess.

Home is like a harbor,  
Where ships from east and west,  
Who through a boisterous voyage  
Are coming home to rest.

Again it's like a schoolroom,  
Where lessons day by day  
Are taught to little children,  
To guide them on their way.

Home is like the evening,  
Like the setting of the sun,  
Where loved ones come to gather  
When all their work is done.

Home, though it be humble,  
Can be quite rich in love,  
If we will stop and number  
Our blessings from above.

Home is far more precious  
Than wealth or fame or gold,  
Because it binds us closer  
With ties of love which hold.

Home is like a haven  
Where tired feet may rest,  
And where we ask in humbleness,  
Our home, our home, be blest.

### CROGHAN NY

#### Alice Virkler

We have been having hot, dry summer weather for several weeks in Upstate New York. We find our crops, lawns, and gardens in need of rain. However, we are thankful that the hay crop seems to be plentiful for the farmers, and they have been able to harvest the hay without the rain. Surely in due time the Lord will provide the necessary rain for our crops, as He has always provided for our every need. We have many promises and reasons to sustain our faith that He will provide all that is necessary for us in the future, as He has in the past, if we only live our lives daily for Him. Each day we must read and fol-

low His word and teachings, as this is the "rain" which is so necessary for our spiritual bodies and lives.

Sisters Laura Farney and Lydia Virkler (Leon) are both medical patients in the hospital. Sisters Irene Farney, Polly Grau, Barbara Virkler . . . and Arthur Wool-schlager have all returned home from the hospital, where they were medical patients. Roger Far- eny was also a patient for a week following a farm accident, which required several stitches in his leg. He is the son of Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice.

Sis. Sarah Virkler is a patient at the Bender Convalescent Home, R. R. 1 Glenfield NY 13343.

August is the month for our annual collection for the Silver Lin- ing. You may give your contribu- tion to the reporter.

### JUNCTION OH

#### Benita Schlatter - Betty Manz

We had several visiting minis- ters: Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Ray Sinn (Latty), and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo). Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) served us the Lord's Sup- per. We appreciate their willing- ness to lend themselves for us.

On June 15, Sis. Becky Stoller (Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther) from the Latty congregation became the wife of Bro. Tim Schlatter (Sis. Juliet). We're happy to have Bec- ky as part of our congregation, and hope she will feel at home here.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We rejoice that our elderly Friend Mary Sut- tor has found the grace to repent, has been announced to have peace, and awaits her proving.

The engagement of Sis. Benita Schlatter (Sis. Esther) to Bro. Mark Bahler (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marilyn) from Remington was an- nounced.

### LAMAR MO

#### Marie Marti - Gail Banwart

How many times have you thought about our dear old bro- thers and sisters, and wondered how long they have been a child of God? This past week, I was privi- leged to visit with one of our old- est sisters, Rosa Widmer. Rosa has been in the hospital and rehabilita- tion center in Joplin, Mo. for sev- eral weeks, recovering from a brok-

en hip sustained in a fall at her home. One sister asked Rosa how long she had been a member of our faith. Sis. Rosa said she had been a member 71 years. She said: "I was 15 years old." The look of joy on her face was enough to tell us that it certainly had been worth it all to have served God these many years. This should certainly give us something to cling to when we get discouraged in our Christain walk of life. Rosa said that she is thankful she has had such good health. She said, "You learn so much when you see all the ways others suffer. I have been very fortunate." This certainly was an expression of true humbleness on Sis. Rosa's part, and as she said, "We just have to live one day at a time." She hopes to be at home in a couple weeks. We will be very happy to have her assembling with us again, as we miss her warm smile and hearty greeting.

Sis. Corrine Marti has been in the hospital this month also. We are thankful she is home again and able to assemble with us.

Visiting ministers were: Bro. Simon Wagonbach (Tremont) and our Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker (Lamont). They brought much food for thought and we appreciate their love and concern for God's people.

Our dear Sis. Bertha Rouleau and husband Noel observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Bertha has been in and out of the hospital several times, and has not been able to assemble with us for some time, but we know Sis. Bertha thinks of us and longs to be with us again.

God, my hope and consolation,  
Ever Thou my refuge be!  
In Thy care I'll find protection,  
Though no other light I see.  
Oft on rugged road of sadness  
I find comfort, joy and gladness;  
Guided by thine hand alone,  
Thine and not my will be done.

#### MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Nettie Haab

We have several older brethren who are unable to assemble to receive the spiritual food given us for growth in our Christian life. Sis. Laura Wuthrich has been unable to get out for quite a few years, due to arthritis; Bro. Sam Reimschisel is now home from the hospital, and we hope he can soon

again spend time in God's House after a lengthy absence; Sis. Mary Armbruster fell, broke her hip and is in the hospital.

As the back of embroidery, our lives can seem tangled and knotted as the threads, but turned around we can see a beautiful pattern being weaved. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

O much-tried saint, with fainting heart,  
The thorn with its abiding smart,  
With all its wearing, ceaseless pain  
Can be thy means of priceless gain.

And so whate'er thy thorn may be,  
From God accept it willingly,  
But reckon Christ, His life, His power  
To keep in thy most trying hour.

Bro. Ray Sinn of Latty spent June 8 with us and we were fed bountifully from God's word. We were reminded of our wonderful country and the freedoms God has given us—"... For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: . . ."

The week of June 16, young and old assembled in good numbers for our VBS. (Bros.) Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Gene Lehman, Wolcott; and Joe Braker, Morton spoke to us.

Friend John Pamer passed away June 17 following a stroke some time ago. Before his illness, he expressed his need for salvation . . .

Bonnie Steffen, daughter of Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy, has realized her lost condition and turned to her Saviour. She can now say, **Once I was blind, but now I can see.**

**Know Each Other Better** was lovingly written by a daughter of our faithful shepherd.

Bro. Theo. Beer has spent nearly 50 years ministering to our Milford congregation. For approximately 20 or more, he has been our elder.

He's earned his livelihood at dairying and general farming. Since his retirement, he has spent

a number of years selling farm supplies to the area surrounding his home. He's been a very active person during his retirement, and enjoys meeting people in his sales. It has been stated of him, that he's been a salesman at heart for years, promoting the gospel and its joyous message, both from the pulpit and in his daily walk of life.

He was born in Mansfield to Simon and Katherine Beer, the middle child in a family of seven. He moved as a boy to the Milford community and spent most of his boyhood years here. He returned to Mansfield as a young man and sought employment there. During this period of his life, a dramatic need for the Lord occurred, and Theo. turned, surrendered to Him, and found cleansing in His blood.

On Oct. 25, 1975 it will be 50 years since the day he was married to Sis. Naoma Speheger at Bluffton. They are the parents of seven children, grandparents of 34, and great-grandparents of 6. Bro. Theo. has always given Sis. Naoma a full measure of credit for moral and spiritual support in his ministry. They have entertained countless members, friends and neighbors. Loving hospitality is personified in both.

Bro. Theo. is a living and loving example of a man who has found his Saviour early in life, and wants to tell others of the joy and peace abounding in the Lord. He is a kind shepherd to our flock, and a friend to all who know him. He continues to preach the salvation of Jesus Christ . . . He has stated so many times: "The love of God becomes nearer and dearer to our hearts the longer we live."

#### NAUMBURG NY Eleanor Herzig

We rejoice that two more souls have found peace with God and man and are now awaiting baptism. Everett and Betty Virkler have turned to the Lord in repentance, and can walk the pathway together.

A second daughter, Penny Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Lehman, Lowville, on June 3. Grandparents are Norman and Alice Lehman, and Sis. Barbara M. Bachman is the great-grandmother. Penny has a sister, Melissa, 21 months old.

Hospitalized were Katherine Wooschlager, Sis. Dorothy Herzig,

Sis. Rose Hirschey, and Everett Virkler.

### SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

The American lady seated at the table in the restaurant at Haneda Airport in Tokyo looked at us so intently as we walked by, that I stopped to say "Hello". . . It was June 17; we had just watched the 747 Jet, carrying our dear sisters, Betsy Erickson and Kathie Huber back to America, lift off ever so slowly, very much like the swallow in our vegetable garden (which tried desperately to carry off a small weed with a clump of mud for use in building a nest, but learned that the weight was too much to permit a successful takeoff). The Jumbo did get off, while the swallow had to dump the cargo to take-off. ". . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us . . ." Returning to the lady at the table, she looked me right in the eye and said, "You people are Apostolic Christians, aren't you?" I replied that we were, and she told me that she is acquainted with our people, the Banwarts, Fehrs, Moglers, etc., in West Bend, where her husband was the superintendent for the construction of our church there. He had since passed away. "But how did you know we were Apostolic Christians?" I asked. "By your wife's head covering" was the answer. To identify with Christ and to identify with our own brotherhood is something we should treasure. ". . . that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Two young ladies riding on a crowded train in Tokyo were dressed in the Korean dresses, the waist very high and the length nearly to the ankle. I asked them in English if they understand English. They understood enough to shake their heads "No", so we conversed in Japanese. These girls attend a large Korean high school in Tokyo, where Koreans from both North and South Korea attend. They said they are from the north (really their parents, for they were born in Japan and have never been to Korea), but they and their families cannot return to North Korea to visit relatives, because if they did, they would not be permitted out again. After visiting with these young ladies, I gave them a

Scripture portion from the Japan Bible Society.

"We wish to convey appreciation for the cards and condolences received preceding the passing of our dear wife and mother, Fusako. We thank each one for your thoughtfulness and prayers . . . Glen Erb and children, JoAnn and Jerry."

If Christ be God and died for me,  
then there is no sacrifice too great  
for me to make for Him.

### VALPARAISO IN

Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

Think of a friend who's in trouble—  
Is there some little thing you can  
do?

If there's nothing else, then offer  
a prayer

From a heart that's sincere and  
true.

Truly we have been richly blessed by the fellowship of many dear brethren far and near. Bro. Kenneth Schneider of Remington was with us on June 8. In the absence of Bro. Harry Bucher, Bro. Karl Westfall of Francesville gave us the message, that our hearts and lives must be totally given to the Lord Jesus, and we MUST go to the Cross.

"Come . . . all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Our dear friend, Connie Ringger has found it in her heart to go to the cross to repent of her sins, and seek the Lord Jesus while it is yet the day of grace.

Our annual church-Sunday School picnic was held June 22, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Our many thanks to Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Freiden, who year after year offer us the use of their picnic grounds in Wheatfield for this annual event.

Our hearts were saddened by the sudden passing of our dear friend, Jim DeHaven, on June 30. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with his widow, Viola (Nuest), and their son, Jim and wife Sue.

### WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Best wishes were extended at a wedding reception, July 3, for Bro. Rodney and Sis. Sally Gress of Ft. Lauderdale.

The West Bend Bible Class host-

ed the annual youth fellowship gathering, June 7 and 8, with five churches . . . Lester, Morris, Winthrop, and Minneapolis attending. Our guest speakers were Elder Bro. David Kieser of Princeville and Bro. Charles Hemmer of Peoria . . . praying brothers, sisters, friends and youth take heed to the teachings that were brought to us, so we may receive our star-spangled Banner waving somewhere when our earthly life is ended. The same week-end, we were privileged to hear the words expounded by Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, as he related our spiritual life to a mountain climb. On our way up, we come upon curves and sometimes must go down hill before going back up to reach the top—so it is with our lives. We want to stay upon the narrow path that leads heavenward . . . but on our way up, we may have to go lower in spots before reaching the top.

Our congregation was blessed when Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Edward Lanz of Oakville served Holy Communion. This service brings us to the foot of the cross, remembering Christ's suffering for us, as we ourselves carry our daily crosses. We appreciate all our visiting ministers, including Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester and Bro. Dale Moore of Elgin, Ia. lending their services to us.

The hospital patients were Bro. Harley Bruellman, Bro. Levi Banwart and Wanda Metzger (daughter of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice). We are thankful all are assembling with us again.

### WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Many good teachings and thoughts were given to us by these beloved brethren: Bros. Dale Moore, Elgin, Iowa; Noah Miller, Minneapolis; and Joe Stoller, Princeville. The idea was left with us, if we could spend a day in heaven and a day in hell, we would certainly choose the better part.

We want to express our thanks to the West Bend congregation for hosting this year's Youth Fellowship gathering. A very enjoyable time was had by all from Minneapolis, Lester, Morris, and Winthrop.

Sis. Rosie (Roy) Howk was hos-

pitalized for surgery. Mona (Duane) Messner underwent surgery on her back. Her recovery is good.

The children of Sis. Carrie Messner hosted a 75th birthday reception for friends, neighbors, and relatives. About 150 attended, and she received many beautiful cards and gifts. It was a happy occasion, and she expresses her thanks to all who came and to those who helped serve. Carrie has been a faithful sister and a pillar in our church over these many miles of her life. She lost her husband, Bro. Ben, in 1945. She lives with her daughter, Florence. Her children are Sis. Mabel Schmidgall of Morris, Clarence and Earl of Minneapolis, and Florence Gutknecht of Winthrop . . . Also born to this union were Donnie and Ruth, who passed on early in life. There are 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**ALTADENA CA**  
**Linda Witzig**

It was our pleasure to be host to the children of Tucson and Phoenix Sunday Schools and other visitors one week-end in June . . . Bro. Noah Herman among the visitors. Our congregation appreciated Bro. Noahs' sharing God's inspired word with us.

Sis. Doris Hecker wishes to extend her thank you to all who remembered her with prayer and cards during her illness.

Many families are planning to travel on vacations this summer; some have already left, and may God bless everyone on their way. May it be that we are all safely reunited again in Christian fellowship when the journeys are ended.

**ALTO MI**  
**Donna Steffen**

Our hearts were truly blessed when our dear elder, Bro. Joe Waibel (Bay City) came. How we appreciated those messages he spoke in the true Spirit of God. While here he announced that in the near future we will again partake of Holy Communion. How vitally important that we prepare ourselves for this sacred act, that we don't partake unworthily.

Sis. Melva (Joe) Oesch was hospitalized for a few days. We are thankful she is home now and feeling much better.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret

Jackson were richly blessed when God sent into their hearts and lives a precious and beautiful daughter. Little Carmen Filise was born on June 3. This is their first child. This is also the first grandchild for Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian Feldman (Alto). Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier (Sarasota) and Sis. Mariam Feldman (Fairbury) became great-grandparents for the first time . . . So, needless to say, little Carmen is very special . . . Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret have moved back to Alto with their baby daughter. For the past year they have been living in Capac and have been attending church in Detroit. We are so happy to have them in our midst.

Due to employment, our friend Kathy Steffen (Sis. Helen) has moved to Peoria.

I cannot tell why there should  
come to me  
A thought of someone miles and  
miles away,  
In swift insistence on the memory,  
Unless a need there be that I should  
pray.  
Friend, do the same for me. If I  
intrude  
Unasked upon you on some crowded  
day,  
Give me a moment's prayer as inter-  
lude.  
Be very sure I need it; therefore  
pray.

**BERN KS**

**Esther and Stella Moser**

Harlan and Alice Wittmer have two new granddaughters . . . Judi Marie, born to Susan and Steven Traw, Destin, Florida (A three-year old brother, Michael welcomes her into the home). Larry and Beverly Wittmer welcome Shelle Carmen as their first child. Sis. Emma Wittmer is the maternal grandmother.

Hospital patients, and able to assemble with us again—Sis. Janet Meyer (Robert) pneumonia, Sis. Nancy Baumgartner (Leonard) medical, Kyle Strahm (Bro. Alpha-Sis. Mamie) with a broken jaw due to a motorcycle mishap.

As of June 15, Bro. John Lehman is the Administrator at the A. C. Home. Sis. Eva Hohulin has been the efficient administrator since Feb. 1, 1961 (with the exception of 16 months), since it first opened for occupancy. Eva felt it was time

to take life a little slower and is semi-retiring.

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL**  
**Jeanie Haerr - Ann Kellenberger**

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 9-20. The children seemed to really enjoy the two weeks, as they eagerly participated in lesson discussions, and showed quite an interest in learning the Bible teachings. On the last evening, a program was given by the children for relatives and friends. It was interesting to hear them sing and tell of what they had learned.

Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch was with us this month. We certainly appreciate his labors of love and always enjoy having him in our midst.

**BREMEN IN**  
**Marian Germann**

God has blest our nation greatly! As we come to our 200th birthday, we honor our country . . . Shouldn't we also honor our God who brought us into a land of great freedoms. The greatest freedom of all is the honor, glory, obedience, and worship of God.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann Zimmer have received another blessing into their home. David Thomas was welcomed into the family circle by his 7 brothers and sisters on June 12.

As God gives life, he takes life also. Sis. Mary Sinn was taken from this life on June 23, after a sudden illness. We will all miss Sis. Mary's smiling face and goodness.

On June 21, Monica Saenz, foreign-exchange student from Columbia, left the family of Sis. Martha Kaehr where she has been staying for the past year.

For 2 weeks in June we had Vacation Bible School. May God bless Sis. Sue Beebe, director for her many efforts of making VBS a success.

Many of our older brothers and sisters have had birthdays . . . Sis. Mary Heuberger on June 26 . . . Bro. Henry Souder, his 87th birthday on June 29 . . . Bro. Lou Gerber celebrated his 80th birthday on June 30.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Leah Souder wish to express thanks and appreciation to all who remembered them with cards, gifts, and personal congratulations on Mother's Day.



Sis. Leah's birthday, their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Father's Day, and Bro. Henry's birthday.

### FT SCOTT KS Ida Sinn

One of the things we rejoice to hear is when a dear soul repents. Janet Kraft has done just that. She is the daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Wanda. The evening of June 7, we were privileged to hear her testimony. Bro. Sam Anliker was with us to help our Bro. Raymond Banwart. On Sunday, she was baptized into the fold of believers. We welcome her as a child of God. Janet graduated from high school the week before. How wonderful, that as she steps to higher learning, she didn't forget the most important step in life, soul's salvation.

Bro. David Sinn is our other high school graduate. He is the son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn.

Tamara Sue is the name chosen for the baby daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen Sinn. This is their first child. Bro. Dannie and Sis. Dorothy Sinn are the paternal grandparents and Sis. Mabel Roeschley (Morton) is the maternal grandmother.

We enjoy having Bro. Dennis Miller assemble with us for awhile. He is home on semester break.

Our Bible school has been delayed for several reasons, but we plan to have it this coming week.

Bro. John Lehman was with us Sunday and lent himself to bring us God's word.

### ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

Sis. Lena Schupbach has missed coming to church for a number of Sundays due to illness. She is feeling somewhat improved, for which we are certainly thankful. Our mother, Sis. Lizzie Schneider, is doing real well, but is not yet well enough to attend church services.

A brother in faith was asked to write one lesson life had taught him. "While visiting with an elderly brother one day we were reminiscing about people and their many encounters with life. I could not help but take notice how many times he remarked, "Yes, the Lord knew exactly how to bring about the conversion of that brother or sister." Is it not true that God knows precisely what it takes

to mellow our pride, open our eyes, and convert our worldly hearts and minds so that we will be useful for the Master's kingdom. Friends and brethren alike, let us always pray that the Lord may guide us through a fruitful life and then to a blessed eternity with Him."

The countryside is beautiful, with lovely-appearing fields of corn, oats, hay and meadows. We have had sufficient moisture and sunshine to bring about ideal garden crops. Our hollyhocks, in shades of red and pink, are gracing our flower area. The petunias in white and lavender are pretty, as are also the dianthus. The colors are gorgeous, ranging from white to pink, and then to medium and dark red. The Baltimore orioles wove their hammock-like nest in our tall cottonwood tree, and are now able to enjoy ripe mulberries because there is a tree of them near by. God has been so very good to all mankind.

### PORTLAND OR Mrs. Don Cremer

Prayers have again been faithfully answered by our loving Lord. Sis. Ann Rumbold (wife of Bro. Paul) was hospitalized for surgery, and I'm happy to report she is at home, recuperating well.

Congratulations to Sis. Linda Miller, who has completed her nurses training at Portland Community College.

A potluck supper was enjoyed by many on June 29, as we had several visitors in Portland that day. Many from Silverton also attended.

It is a blessing to greet visitors; some new faces, some familiar. We appreciate all who visit our church and extend a welcome to include Portland in your vacation plans, for fellowship and worship with us. You may contact our ministers: Bro. Robert Miller at (503) 771-7834 . . . Bro. Garth Steffen at (503) 761-4531.

### SARDIS OH Karen Indermuhle

"O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches." . . . Praise the Lord! Sunday services were held at the West Virginia church June 29, and truly the beauty and riches of God's hills were all around us. (Bros.) Ernest Graf (Akron) and Ken Indermuhle

ministered to us. We are thankful for their efforts put forth in God's service.

We are made aware of the benefits and blessings of fellowship when God's people assemble from far and near to feast on the food in the word of life.

### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Now that we have introduced everyone who lives here, you may wonder how residents occupy their time . . . Each is a special person with individual needs, potentials, likes and dislikes. While we must have an organized plan for activity and care, yet there is the flexibility necessary for fitting the plan and the discipline to the welfare of the individual. If you were to spend a day visiting our Home, you might observe the exercise, the music, embroidery, or the Bible Study classes. On Mondays, Wednesdays and at other times, the rug loom is busy.

The exercise is a part of the day, even for some in wheel-chairs. Some have daily or periodic professional therapy. This is important from the standpoint of physical well-being . . . Music is good therapy for everyone. It is heart-warming to witness how well all respond to music in some manner and what talent has been discovered.

A peek at the group gathered around the embroidery class table would give a glimpse of busy fingers and minds who are following instructions of a dear dedicated sister-in-faith, who devotes much of her time as a volunteer . . . It is in art class, too, where many have an outlet of expression. Some paint and work with a brush or tool between teeth and lips; some work with one hand or the other. Results of some of their work is usually on display somewhere in the building. Some spend a certain amount of their free time doing their favorite form of art or craft work.

During the time when Vacation Bible School was held in Morton, the various classes took turns coming out to the Home in the evening to entertain the residents . . . On June 12, the Princeville 5th and 6th grade Sunday School classes spent the evening entertaining the residents . . . The ministers and others from Fairbury, Eureka, and For-

rest were present for the weekly Friday evening services during June.

Until we meet again, Let us remember, that to work for the good of others, to learn sympathy and understanding through suffering, to learn faith through perplexity is to grow in godly character.

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Barb Landes

There's sunshine in my soul today  
More glorious and bright  
Than glows in any earthly sky,  
For Jesus is my light.

The summer months brings to us brilliant, golden rays of sun. These rays not only bring warmth and brightness to the earth, but they also give the soul a feeling of warmth and well-being. All life on earth—man, animals, and plants—depend on the sun for life itself . . . There is another Son which gives life. This Son will fill our souls with warmth and brightness on a cold winter night or in the middle of a thunder shower. This Son bathes the soul with warmth and love, when we are experiencing tragedy or when we are experiencing happiness and victory. We can take this Son with us where we go. He never changes; never withholds his glorious light to guide and comfort us. This Son is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Will you let Him be the light of your life? "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

The Lord has blessed us by sending Bros. Bill Kupferschmid, Simon Wagonbach, Joe Schrock and Frances Rother to teach us during the month of June.

**INDIANAPOLIS IN**  
Patrick and Judy Dubach

We have been blessed with another birth. Bro. and Sis. Dave and Becky Pearson received their second daughter on June 17, and they chose to name her Stephanie Lynn. A sister, Kristine awaits at home, along with her grandparents, Bro. and Sis. John and Edie Mayer.

We wish to welcome Bro. and Sis. Tom and Tammy Speicher of Milford to our congregation. We hope they will be happy here.

Again we have been blessed with visiting ministers. With us were Bros.: Alf Bahler and Vernon Schwab—Wolcott, Walter Rager—Toledo, Verdon Feldman, Bremen, and Henry Beer, Milford.

**KIOWA KS**  
Janice Frieden

Harvest—what a beautiful time of year! As I rode on the combine with my Dad and looked out over the ocean of golden grain swaying in the breeze, I had to again thank our precious Father in heaven for the bountiful blessings He gives us each day, not only materially, but more so spiritually. Every day God teaches us through the simple things around us: For instance, while looking down upon those heads of wheat from atop the combine, those heads stand straight and tall when they are empty of grain, but when full the heads are bowed low. They are ready to be taken into the elevators, where the wheat is separated from the chaff, which is cast away. Like those heads of wheat, the person empty of the knowledge and love of God walks haughty and tall in his own conceit, but when through true conversion he comes to be filled with God's Spirit, his heart is bowed low in humility. He is ready to be taken into God's arms of love, and be separated from the "Chaff", which will be cast away into outer darkness—forever.

Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks, and the verse **God loves a cheerful giver** should certainly be applied to the children. A worthy cause was chosen, and the children were to give to it according as they wished to give. At the end of the two-week period, the proceeds were to be given. A chart was made up to a certain amount and was colored according to the amount given each day. By the end of the period, the chart had been changed several times to keep up with the donations of the children. The joy they received from giving was beautiful to see, and showed us the childlike faith the Father wishes us all to have in serving Him.

We extend our deepest prayers of sympathy to Bro. George and Sis. Beatrice Diel at the passing of their only son, Ivan, of Burlington.

We were so sorry to learn that Sis. Jenny Schrock of Harper fell,

broke her hip and is now at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. Jenny has been a wonderful inspiration to us through her faithfulness in driving 40 miles from Harper to church here for so many years. Sis. Jenny recently celebrated her 80th birthday . . . Bro. George Diel has been hospitalized several times for tests.

We enjoyed two blessed evenings of fellowship: the 1st, we gathered for our Sunday School picnic at the Hardtner Park, and again when special services were called to welcome Ministering Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington for evening worship. When we hear the beautiful, yet powerful words from God's messengers, and see the timely warning therein, it is sometimes so hard to understand why so many put off such an important decision. We well know that the day of grace is growing short. Praise be to God for granting the knowledge of the truth unto us.

**LA CROSSE IN**

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

Those who do good as opportunity offers are sowing seed all the time, and they need not doubt the harvest.

Bro. Tom Bucher's name was omitted from our list of High School graduates. He is the son of Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 16-20. We were happy to have the following ministering brethren with us: Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Everett Hari (Bloomington), Lenard Meyer (Chicago), and Bob Pohl (Burlington). They brought many good teachings to the congregation and Jr. and Sr. Bible classes, while the younger children had classes and lessons in their Sunday School rooms. On Friday evening, the children presented a brief program on what they had learned.

John Ailes, husband of Carol (Hitz), has returned home, after spending some time in the hospital for tests . . . Fern (Heinold) Antrim, who had surgery on her shoulder, is dismissed and at home . . . Bro. Art Bucher had major surgery at Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. . . He is at home and improving. Art wishes to extend a sincere thank you for the prayers, cards and gifts while in the hospital and since returning home.

The power of His cross and blood unites us in true brotherhood . . . We thank Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) for spending Sun. June 15 with us. Bro. Arnold brought us many teachings in speaking His holy word.

O God of wisdom, life and love, Thine is the blessed plan— The engagement of Bro. Steve Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera) to Sis. Connie Zeltwanger (Morris), daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Mabel, was announced.

### LAMONT KS

#### Jane Isch

We appreciated the labors of (Bros.) Alpha Strahm of Bern and Edwin Bahler of Remington.

Our hospital patients were Ben Ott for surgery and Brandon Emch, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Susan Emch, with pneumonia . . . Jay Luthi, son of Lloyd and Joann, spent a couple days in the hospital after falling from a load of hay.

On June 22, our Sunday School enjoyed spending the day with the Gridley Sunday School. Everyone enjoyed a picnic, following the afternoon services.

We are happy to report, Bro. Roy Wernli is home again and is making rapid progress. He is still suffering with his hands and arms, but we're thankful he can again assemble with us . . . "I want to express my thanks to everyone who remembered me with cards, visits, gifts of charity and the prayers while I was in the Medical Center and since my return home. A special thanks to those who made it possible that my family could visit me each day during my hospital stay." Bro. Roy Wernli.

### MAYWOOD CA

#### Ruth Dapper

Our sister, Julia Dapper, has been a hospital patient in the month of June; she is home again doing quite well.

Bro. Pete and Sis. Mary Schicks' new address is: 14141 Clarkedale, Norwalk CA 90650.

We rejoice with each new soul that is taken into the fold, who is yet willing to turn their hearts to the Lord in repentance and can be proved and baptized. as our new dear sister in faith now, Ruth Vaughn; she was proved and bap-

tized, at the Phoenix church, with her sister on June 8.

### MINNEAPOLIS MN

#### Kathryn Olson

A gathering was held at the home of Bro. Sid and Sis. Cheryl Messner, for our dear Sis. Sophie Sikeparija's 71st birthday; she is the oldest member of our congregation. She resides at the Fridley Convalescent Home and always enjoys visitors.

Eileen Miller had a tonsillectomy and spent several days in the hospital, but is feeling much better.

Thank God for a Saviour who bought us

With treasure more precious than gold;

Thank God for the mercy that sought us

To give us a home in His fold.

Thank God for his love which defends us

From all that could harm or molest;

Thank God for whatever He sends us,

Because it will be for the best.

### MORTON IL

#### Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

Death is not extinguishing the light, but putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. Our beloved Sis. Rose (Altorfer) Getz, who had been residing at the Peoria Apostolic Christian Home, passed from this life on June 4. Her husband, Benjamin E. Getz, preceded her in death. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elmo (Edna) Batterton, Mrs. William (Virginia) Sanders, a brother and two sisters.

We witnessed three dear souls giving their testimonies on June 7, baptized on June 8. They were Bradley Geyer, Ralph and Lynn Garber. We now have three new candlelights; may they shine brightly and be an asset to those around them. Elder Bro. Roy Sauder assisted in this holy task.

On June 21, Barbara Joos was united in marriage to Thomas Mauhar. Barbara is the daughter of Benjamin and Berniece (Kyburz) Joos, and Thomas the son of Anthony and Lillian Mauhar (St. Louis).

Our Elder Bro. Joe Braker used the instructing and endearing words of Colossians 3, as Sis. Jean

Getz and Bro. Bob Barth were united in holy matrimony on June 22. Parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lois Getz, and Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth of Roanoke.

A bride-to-be is Sis. Becky Neukomm, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry. Her engagement to Bro. Bruce Sauder of Tremont was announced June 22. His parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna. A September wedding is being planned.

Who's New? Matthew Duane was the name chosen for a son born to Duane and Barb Aberle on May 23. The happy grandparents are Bro. Victor and Sis. Ruth Kaisner and Bro. Albert and Sis. Emma Aberle of Tremont. Great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Emma Zimmerman and Sis. Lena Aberle of Tremont.

The precious word was brought to us by Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria), Bros. Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen) and James Leman (Roanoke). We received many good teachings to enrich our spiritual lives.

Some of our loved ones have spent time in the hospital, but we hope they are on the mend by this time. They were Dale Donnick Jr., Bros. Jeff Witzig, Elmer Stoller, Jack Krantz and Fred Hermann . . . Ila Kaiser, Salome Carius and Sisters Mona Stoller, Katherine Kaiser, Edna Feucht and Hilda Weidman. Sis. Emma Paluska is now residing at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

#### Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

Very hot and dry weather was broken by good showers on July 4th. The cooler weather is very much appreciated by all workers, and all crops look good at this time.

The service at the country church on June 29 was well attended, with friends and relatives coming from many distant points; Ernest Graf was the speaker for the afternoon service, assisted by Kenneth Indermuhle and Delbert Indermuhle. This reporter along with all the friends of the church here wish to say thanks to all who brought food and gave money donations; we say thank you for coming.

Miss Jessie Hassig of Akron visited with her family during the

last of June . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggerbach and daughter Bonnie visited with their other daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Giles in Alfred N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr. expect to leave in early August for Menorga, Spain to visit with their son, Tim and wife. He is stationed there with the Air Force, and will not be returning home until March 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade were visited during June by their son James and family of Cleveland, grandson James Jr. of Westerville, O., and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Harris and two grandsons, Jack and Jon Wade of Daytona Beach, Florida.

**PULASKI IA**

**Ernestine Wuthrich  
Janice Rinkenberger**

We had a Sunday School picnic to end the Sunday School season and begin the summer vacation.

Janice, daughter of Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther (Perdelwitz) Rinkenberger, was married on June 21 to Jeff Warning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Warning of Bloomfield.

Sis. Mary Wiegand had surgery. She is recovering well and is able to assemble with us again.

**PHOENIX AZ**

**Julie Hoerr**

Nathan Williams is the name given to Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk's first baby. Happy grandparents here are Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk . . . On June 28, little Michael Dean was born to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Cathy Emch. Kelly and Jim welcome Michael home. Bro. Paul and Sis. Irene Emch are his grandparents.

A surprise birthday phone call came to Sis. Clara Banwart from son Steve. Steve attends school and also teaches some English classes in Japan.

The Phoenix Sunday School and youth group enjoyed a joyous weekend in California with our Altadena Sunday School and youth. We all enjoyed the warm Christian fellowship.

We are thankful to our Lord for the successful surgery Bro. Alphi Fisher underwent. He is able to worship with us again. Bro. Harry Roth is able to return home from the hospital. Our prayers continue for Bro. Paul and Sis. Ida Froe-

lich. Friends Herb Mohrman was hospitalized for surgery.

Dale Mohrman's name (Sis. Shirley and Herb) was inadvertently omitted from grade school graduates.

We welcomed Dora Kauffman (Bro. John and Betty) for the summer.

"Many thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits and loving kindnesses shown to me while in the hospital for my surgery. Bro. Alphi (Dick) Fisher

**RITTMAN OHIO**

**Grace Gasser**

I cannot always understand  
The way God leadeth me;  
The why and when and wherefore  
Is oft a mystery;  
But I can trust His wisdom . . .  
I know His way is best.  
His heart knows no unkindness  
And on His love I rest.

Those requiring hospitalization have been: Dale Uhler, Darrell Rufener, Edna Chase, and Sis. Josephine Sauder, who had the misfortune of breaking her hip in a fall. Wayne Beery also remains hospitalized, following a misfortune with his car, but shows a gradual improvement.

Connie Ramsier is seeking the Lord in repentance.

Many homes have been blessed with new arrivals from the Father in Heaven. In each tiny bundle dwells a bit of eternity, for in each helpless infant is a soul which will live forever. What a responsibility! Born to Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Ruth Steiner, a boy named Rick Matthew. Rick has 2 sisters and 1 brother . . . Larry and Carol Spangler welcome their second child, Mark Larry. Mark has 1 sister . . . Becoming parents for the first time are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy Dotterer, a girl named Lori Jean . . . Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach, a girl named Faith Crystal . . . Bro. Steve and Sis. Karen Ramsier, a girl named Deborah Lynn.

On June 29 Sis. Brenda Winkler became the wife of Bro. Vic Bauman, in a ceremony performed by Bro. Joseph Ramsier. Bro. Eugene Pamer of Akron was our visiting minister.

"We wish to thank all who remembered us in any way for our

50th anniversary." Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Zollinger.

**ROANOKE IL**

**Mae Kae Hodel - Edith Sauder**

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Gary Maibach (Rittman), Tom Leman (Elgin), Walter Anliker, Marvin Schmidgal, Leroy Huber (Eureka). Bro. Leroy assisted in the provings of our dear friends, Larry and Sharon Neukomm.

Bro. Harold Roth was hospitalized, but is home again. Sis. Anna (Joe) Zimmerman fell and broke her hip. She is in the hospital.

We welcome Sis. Rita (Eiseman) Hodel to our congregation. She and Bro. Charles were married in Cissna Park.

Jeanne Scherer and Ron Hinricksen were married in the Goodfield Fellowship Hall June 14. Parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Ruth Scherer and Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinricksen of Goodfield . . . Bro. Robert Barth and Sis. Jean Getz exchanged wedding vows in Morton June 22. They will reside in Morton . . . Sunday, June 29, Bro. Dan Fehr and Sis. Diane Whit-ed were united in Holy Matrimony.

Our little newcomers are: Joni Kay Zimmerman was born to Bro. Rick and Sis. Raylene Zimmerman; Robin and Jeremy welcomed her home . . . Scott Michael was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Shirley Leman, June 14; Matthew is happy to have a little playmate . . . Jason Michael is the first child for Bro. Bob and Sis. Ann Knepp . . . Andrew Arthur is the second son for Steve and Wendy Blunier; little Steve is happy to have someone to love and play with . . . Kurt Ryan Knecht was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wally Knecht; Lynn and Doug will love and help take care of him.

An evening of song service was enjoyed by many families on Sunday, June 29, at the church. The Jr. Bible class sang three special numbers.

Our sympathy goes to the Ray Designe family on the loss of their dear wife and mother, Margaret (Hangartner) Designe.

**SARASOTA FL  
Linda Miller**

Children of the Heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in Heaven  
such a refuge ere was given . . .

Bro. Phil Wingeier and his wife, Sis. Fern will be absent from our midst for the greater part of July, to visit their children in Alto. While they are there, they will celebrate their golden anniversary and celebrate their daughter's silver anniversary. While they are absent, the Ft. Lauderdale brethren and our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach plan to be with us . . . Sis. Fern wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to all who remembered her birthday with cards and gifts.

While Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz visited here, their son, Rodney was announced for baptism. Rodney's baptism date is set for July 27.

Our little flock is always happy to welcome new families. Moses and Sis. Lydia Voina, formerly of Detroit have made their home near here, and plan to worship with us.

Bro. John Jose was infirmed with a heart attack, but is home from the hospital now.

#### TREMONT IL

**Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold**

Our children participated in two weeks of Bible school. It certainly was a good way to spend their evenings, learning more of our Lord and Saviour.

Many willing hands and hearts made the annual church cleaning a much easier task to accomplish.

Steven Alan Beutel joined the family of Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeanette on June 11. Sisters Teresa and Jennifer welcomed their new brother home . . . Bro. Steve and Sis. Mary Ann Sauder and Derek received Doug Steven into their home. He was born June 19.

Bro. Harold Zeltwanger spoke God's word in our midst. He brought out, to be happy in this world a person needs three things: Someone to love, something to do and something to hope for. As a child of God we should have all of these: God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit and other believers to love, and to do works by faith, and a hope for an eternal home in heaven. What better way to go through this world?

Sis. Rose Schurter spent some time in the hospital, but is again at Restmor . . . Bro. Willis Sauder spent time in the hospital, but is

again, by God's will, able to be among us . . . Sis. Elizabeth Woerner had the misfortune of breaking her hip . . . Pete Getz is hospitalized and has had surgery.

Bro. Bruce Sauder, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna and Sis. Becky Newcomb of the Morton congregation were announced to be married. She is the daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry.

May the Lord's strength and mercy be with Bros. Richard Sauder and Jay Bolliger, who were placed in Sunday School, and Bro. Alvin Beutel as a trustee.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me so kindly with their prayers, cards, gifts and love shown during my accident and sickness." Bro. Willis Sauder

Sis. Carol Steiner and Bro. Cloyce Gress of West Bend were united in marriage July 6. (Bros.) Steve Rinkenberger, Noah Gerber and Henry Grimm were with us for this occasion.

#### WICHITA KS

Glonis Allenbach

Oh the perfect peace and quiet  
Of the fair, midsummer day,  
As upon the rippling waters  
Heaven's lights and shadows  
play . . .

But the peace that maketh perfect,

Never-dying gladsome rest,  
Only comes when there is cherished  
Love's sweet summer in each  
breast.

Love which goeth on forever,  
Hand in hand with charity,  
Love which wearies not, nor fail-  
eth

In its gentle sympathy;  
Love which has its sweet begin-  
ning

In the God whose name is Love;  
Then, indeed will peace and glad-  
ness

Make the bluest skies above.

We brothers and sisters know there is no love like Christian love and no peace like that of the believer. This truly makes the summer skies more blue!

Speaking of love which is certainly part of Christian fellowship, our congregation was blessed to have worship with us Bro. Ed Bahler of Remington. Bro. Ed's sermons were spiritual food for us.

He certainly has a gift of communication, and isn't this what preachings all about!

Poetry is such a beautiful way of communicating. Much of the Bible is considered poetry. Did you know the following are considered so? Moses song: Exodus 15: 1-19 . . . Hannah's song: I Samuel 2: 1-10 . . . Song of Mary: Luke 1: 46-55 . . . the entire books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Lamentations. There are more I have not listed.

We are continuing our Bible study. It is very interesting.

I am to remind my brothers, sisters and friends of the Wichita congregation that August will be our collection month for the Silver Lining. It may be given to me.

In closing I would add a few lines I found:

Give while you may, a friendly  
word

To cheer the burden bearer.  
It helps to win a crown of life  
And you may be the wearer!

#### BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Elaine Eisenmann

We had two visiting ministers— (Bros.) Vernon Leman, Eureka, and Fred Knapp, Congerville.

Our Bible Class students spent an enjoyable Sunday in Taylor on June 29, along with the Oakville Pulaski, and Garden Grove churches.

#### EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher

"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Take to God your plans and fail-  
ures,

Anytime and anywhere;  
No one e'er has gone unanswered,  
For He answers all our prayers.

The last Sunday in June was the only Sunday we had visiting ministers—They were (Bros.) Theo. Beer and Jesse Beer from Milford.

**Hospital folks—** Levi Anliker was a surgical patient, but is now at home. Sis. Ruth Martin, Bro. George's wife, was a medical patient, but is home again. Sis. Doris Fehr was a patient several days in St. Francis Hospital. Bro. Alf Grusy's wife, Sis. Martha is a med-

ical patient in Eureka Hospital . . . Leonard Hartter is a hospital patient in Peoria; his wife is Sis. Ann . . . Judy Leman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gerald and Velma, is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

All were invited to the annual Sunday School picnic at 4H Park on Sunday, June 29.

Birth: A son, Eric Lee, born June 18 to Bro. Richard and Sis. Marybeth Kupferschmid. He has a sister and two brothers.

Jana Knapp is repenting. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Jean Knapp. We rejoice with her, as it says in the Bible even the angels rejoice over one sinner that repents.

June 7 was the wedding of Randy Grusy and Connie Hewitt. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Alf and Martha, her folks the James Hewitts. They will live in Eureka.

Engagement: Bro. Joe Schumacher and Sis. Frances Geiger from Congerville, were announced June 29.

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### GRIDLEY IL

#### Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Our church has been enjoying many rich blessings from above, including the adoption of four new converted souls into the family of God. Sunday, June 29, we witnessed the baptism of Ken Yordy, Barry Ehresman, Julia Schieler and Jenny Gramm. The evening before, we were privileged to listen to their moving testimonies of faith and their new-found joy and peace in Christ.

Elder Bro. Joe Braker from Morton assisted Bro. Edwin Ringger in this joyful work, and also was used of God to deliver a wonderful message from the word. One impressive thought Bro. Joe shared with us concerned his encounters with elderly people, those who would seem to be nearing their life's end. Out of all those with whom he had visited, he didn't remember any who talked about the material gain

they had accumulated. As they approached the end, the treasures of earth seemed to lose their appeal and began to mean much less. One older man who had accumulated a sizeable estate had given it all away to his children. It didn't interest him any longer. Our Saviour has encouraged us to lay up treasure in the heavens that faileth not and to be rich toward God . . . For we have no continuing city, but we seek one that is to come. In the Psalms we read, ". . . if riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

We were also privileged to have the following visiting ministers with us: Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski, Alan Freed from Phoenix, and Jim Funk from Tucson.

Bro. Henry Ringger has moved out of his home in Gridley and is now living at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Nursing Home.

Sis. Julia Schieler wishes to express her sincere thanks to those who remembered her with cards, gifts, food and prayers while she was in the hospital and after returning home.

### LATTY OH

#### Le Ann Laukhuf Karen Klopfenstein

On June 14, our friends Bonnie Stoller and Tom Evans were united in marriage. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh Evans and Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller . . . On June 15, our Sis. Rebecca Stoller and Bro. Timothy Schlatter (Junction) were joined in holy matrimony. Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther Stoller and Sis. Juliet Schlatter are the parents. Elder Bro. Loren performed both wedding services. Other ministering Bros. to attend were Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Henry Dotterer (Rittman), and Sam Schlatter (Junction).

Hospital patients were Sis. Linda Grant (Bro. Gary), Sis. Lillian Schlatter (John). Both are home and attending church . . . Bro. Bill Stoller (Sis. Barb) had the misfortune of injuring his leg on a mower. It required surgery, but he is now home and recuperating.

Six of our converts gave their testimony of faith and were received into the brotherhood. Our new brothers & sisters in the Lord are Dan Stoller (Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith); Craig Stoller (Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane); Jerry

Rager (Bill and Sis. Elsie); Paul Grant (Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores); Dixie Stoller (Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred); and Cheryl Weninger (Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine).

Plough ahead as a steamer does, rough or smooth, rain or shine. To carry your cargo and make your port is the point.

Elder Bro. Orville Ringger assisted our Elder Bro. Loren with the provings. Other ministers here were Bros. Walter Rehkla (Toledo), Art Gudeman (LaCrosse), and Andrew Virkler (Bay City).

A surprise was in store for us Wednesday night (June 25), when Bro. Harry Suttor visited us from Ft. Lauderdale. We were reminded that we should not be ashamed of our precious faith, but should stand up for what we believe in. Ministering Bro. Ben Manz was also in attendance with us the same evening.

The engagements of our friends, Doug Laukhuf (Eli and Lola) to Joyce Bollenbacher, and Patricia Stoller (Elder Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther) to Terry Offerle has been made know.

Larisa Joy brought happiness to her parents, Bro. Larry and Sis. Joyce Weninger, as she is their first child . . . Dawn Michelle, also a first child, was born to Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Stoller.

We are again experiencing the power of Almighty God in our congregation. Grace has been granted to three of our friends to seek the Lord in repentance. They are Jim and Tam Stoller (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred Stoller), and Steve Plummer (son of Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann).

When thou goest, thy way shall be opened up before thee step by step.

### LESTER IA

#### Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

We enjoyed a blessed week-end when Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris, was here to assist Elder Bro. Leo Moser with the provings and baptisms of three young souls. We were so happy to welcome into the fellowship June Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler; Charlene Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch; and Lori Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary El-

len Knobloch. We have a new convert. Carolyn Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva, has turned her back on worldly pleasures to live for the Lord.

June 15 was the wedding day for Sis. Beth Metzger, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty, and Bro. Dennis Hartter, Sabetha. We will miss Beth in our congregation, but know she will be welcomed into the Sabetha church. Bro. Noah Shrock was our guest minister on this day.

The Sunday School hosted the church to an end-of-the-year picnic on June 5. The following week-end, the Bible classes attended the Youth Fellowship gathering in West Bend. The week-end of June 22, the Bible Classes from Bern and Sabetha were our guests.

On June 14, Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki Leuthold became parents of their third son, Jeffrey Jon . . . On June 26, Eddie and Judy Marten had a boy, Durwin Eddy. He has a brother and sister . . . On July 2, Jim and Linda Moser had a girl, Amy Lynn. She has one brother.

Hospital patients were Bro. Emil Metzger and Sis. Lydia Knobloch, for observation; Jack Metzger underwent emergency appendectomy. Bradley Kellenberger, who was injured in a motorcycle accident, has been dismissed from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Grandpa Fred Metzger was transferred to the Care Centre and now shares a room with Sis. Carrie.

Scott Moser, son of Bro. Ade and Lydia, has joined the Navy and is stationed in San Diego.

On June 21, Susan Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma, was married to Pet Van Wyhe in her parent's home.

Thank you to relatives and friends for cards, gifts and visits during my hospitalization. Barb Metzger . . . Barb had back surgery and is feeling much better.

## PEORIA IL

### Betty Miller

As the crops need sun and rain in the right amounts at the right times to yield the most bountiful harvest, so also do we need the word and prayer. As the crops share the sunshine and the rain, so also should we share the word and prayers.

Sharing the word with us during June were visiting ministers, Joe

Kaisner of Forrest, Merle Bucher and Art Gudeman of LaCrosse.

The wonderful results of sharing prayers are shown in this thank-you note from Lester Bittner: "Words fail me to express my grateful heartfelt thanks to the loved ones who so kindly remembered me in prayers, cards, and flowers during my illness."

Hospitalized during June were Susan Wagenbach, Sandra Lane, Lisa Hoerr, Bros. Phil Hoerr, Joe Heinsman, Oscar Hoerr, Oscar's daughter—Joanne, Sis. Emma Bolliger, and Dorothy Reed (Bro. Bill Reed's mother).

Recipients of God's grace and sharing in His plan of salvation are Sheri Koehl, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. JoAnn . . . Kathy Stoller, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rosalie, and George Rauhaus. They have been announced as having repented and found peace.

Sis. Lori and John Kinney were privileged to adopt a precious little boy June 4. They named him Jason Patrick; he was born May 11. Their other child, Christopher, is three years old. Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr are maternal grandparents . . . Sis. Hazel & Bro. Walt Geyer gained two grandsons in less than a month! Their son, Bro. Dale, his wife, Sis. Barb, and daughter Rachel were joined by Daniel Lee on June 4 . . . Their youngest son, Wally, and his wife—Bonnie had Joseph Michael on June 26. Great-grandmother is my aunt, Sis. Edna Wiegand, of Oakville. Maternal grandparents to Danny are Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Haepli.

"Michael Frederick Rieker II," says three-year-old Amy Rieker, when asked what her baby brother's name is. Born June 16, his parents are Bro. Michael and Sis. Carol. Maternal grandparents are Sis. Chris and Herb Erkert; paternal grandparents are Sis. Norma and Fred Rieker. Great-grandparents are Sis. Mayme Erkert, Bro. Conrad and Sis. Emma Woerner (my parents), and Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Rieker . . . Twin boys, Jeremy Jo and Jason Lee, were born to Sharon and Steve Hopwood on June 17. Maternal grandparents are Sis. Lola and Bro. Walter Feucht.

The annual Sunday School picnic was June 8. Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were held.

Many thanks to visiting ministers Bob Grimm, Bob Pohl, and Ron Heiniger for speaking to the teenagers.

Peoria was host to the Camp Pickett reunion the week-end of Roy Grimm ministered to us.

## PRINCEVILLE IL

### Ruth Ricketts

We were privileged to have ministers proclaim God's precious word . . . Bro. Ed Knecht from Silverton, on a Wednesday evening. We were reminded we should take care lest we would be a stumbling-block and perhaps keep someone from repenting, when they observe our actions. . . Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman kindly welcomed the friends to come and taste of our precious faith in the Lord . . . We are always glad when Bro. Harvey Grimm comes. How thankful to be refreshed with God's spiritual blessings! Bro. Kenneth Dietz gave food for thought one Wednesday evening. In this busy world, there is much sadness and restlessness. We must have love and tolerance for each other and not willfully offend our brother. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

A son, Brandon Lee, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette Graham June 12. Bruce, Brent, Blake, Doreen, Darlene, and Deann welcomed their new brother home. Bro. Ezra and Sis. Lucille Rumbold are maternal grandparents; Bro. Wm. (Nick) and Sis. Gladys Knobloch foster paternal grandparents.

William Howard, who resides in the Dessie Scott Home, is spending the summer in the home of Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy Wieland.

We are thankful that Bro. Ben Streitmatter is able to enjoy limited worship services . . . Sis. Elizabeth Wiegand, wife of Bro. John, is slowly recovering from surgery and hopes to be able to return home very soon; Brian, Heather and Brent have been cared for by loving relatives and friends, but will be glad to have Mommie home again . . . Bro. Bob Wieland underwent surgery for a badly mashed finger, when a spring off a sprayer released, pinching his finger. He has a pin in it, but is healing very nicely.

Bro. David Ehnle had nerve surgery on his arm and is recovering

nicely. Sis. Margaret Herrman has gone to the Church Home in Peoria. She has had diabetes since a young girl, the past few months having comas, so felt it wasn't good for her to live alone. She cheerfully acknowledged she will find happiness in her new home, where she is getting loving care.

Early in the month many graduation services were held. Each one looks forward as they advance in life. The most important is yet before us, when we hope to graduate to God's great throng. Our high school graduates were honored at a breakfast given by the Bible Class teachers, and a Bible presented to each one, a gift from the church . . . Brad Baurer, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Joy; Roger Herrmann, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty; Debbie Martin, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet; and Cindy Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia. Sis. Janice Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty, and Gary Martin, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lorraine received college diplomas.

The last Sunday in June, 310 children, parents, teachers, grandparents and friends enjoyed a picnic at Jubilee Park, under the shade of mighty oak trees. God was good to us, and provided a beautiful day to enjoy amid His glorious creation. This was the last Sunday for regular Sunday School for a few weeks; summer Sunday School will be held for the younger folks. Recently new teachers were chosen: Bros. Edwin Baurer, Harry Herrmann and Sis. Doris Christ.

Eugen and Liesel Werner Rapp quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 27 with their sons, Rolland and Werner and families.

Early on the morning of June 30, another faithful pilgrim, Bro. D. Emil Stahl, laid his armor down and has gone to rest in the Lord. Although he had been confined to his home, suffering a broken hip, he had been feeling better and was able to go with his son to view the crops. He became very ill and was taken to the hospital, suffering from congestive heart failure. He died 30 hours later. As he was leaving his home he was able to bid his loving wife farewell.

Bro. Will Huber, who has also gone to his reward recently, was

on the same ship as they came across the ocean to a new land. Emil was born at "Hardhof", Mosbach, Baden, Germany on May 17, 1889, a son of Leonhard and Catharina Kieser Stahl. He married Anna Geiger Jan. 25, 1913; a son, George was born to them. At the birth of twin daughters, the mother, Anna, and both babies died, Feb. 25, 1919. He married Elise Stichling Feb. 15, 1921, and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Sis. Anna C. Stahl; one son, Richard both at home, faithfully caring for their parents; one brother, George and a sister, Lizette Stahl both of Gundelsheim, Germany.

Services were conducted by our local ministers and Bro. Jim Ringger of Bradford . . . "We express a thank you for the kindness, memorials, services, and prayers during this time of bereavement. We also are grateful for the kindnesses, prayers, and fellowship with dear ones in recent years in our home." The D. Emil Stahl family.

#### SILVERTON OR Joan Dietrich

The man who wants a garden fair,  
Or small or very big,  
With flowers growing here and there  
Must bend his back and dig.

The things are mighty few on earth  
That wishes can attain.  
Whate'er we want of any worth  
We've got to work to gain.

. . . And so it is with our spiritual garden. We must keep it weeded from day to day, that the spiritual fruit will grow and not be overtaken by the things of this life.

#### TUCSON AZ Gloria Bauer

##### What Is Love

It is silence when your words would hurt;  
It is patience when scandal flows.  
It is thoughtfulness for another's woes.  
It is promptness when a stern duty calls;  
It is courage when misfortune falls.

Our congregation said Good-bye to Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk & Sis. Rita Bertschi. Loren and Betsy will be at home in Detroit; Rita will be living in Morton. We will miss them in our fellowship.

We thank Bro. Clarence Yackley for his visit..

Our Bible class and young members spent the week-end of June 22 in California. The Saturday evening meal was served on the beach, with the ocean providing a beautiful setting for a campfire and singing. A Pancake Breakfast was held in the park before attending church. The week-end was enjoyed so much by all ages.

#### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Flourishing youth, thou our hope and fond expectation . . . Hark to the voice that is calling in kind invitation! . . .

Some of our youth have heeded the call—we rejoice to have ten souls repenting, with the announcement that Friends Neil and Sharon Ramseyer have found peace . . . and on the last week-end in June, we received a new brother into the flock, Craig Wieland, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Luann. What joy fills our hearts to see more turn to the Lord! . . . Our dear Elder Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit was here to assist Bro. Joe Waibel with the baptism, and on Sunday evening we gathered again . . . the Lord's Supper. We surely need the dear Saviour's body & blood flowing within us to strengthen and help us to be good Christians.

Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit) also visited and taught us of the wonderful love of God.

A sweet little girl has come to the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily (Heinold) Schlatter. Charlene Kay has a big brother, Warren.

Hospitalized for surgery were Sis. Barb Knochel and Bro. Henry Wieland.

#### BLUFFTON IN

##### Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

Mick and Sis. Diane Green became new parents on June 29, when Kara Michelle was born. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch are little Kara's grandparents . . . Christopher Lee is the name that Bro. Russell and Sis. Bonnie Mul-



key have given to their infant son, born on July 2.

Two couples have begun to walk life's pathway as one. On June 21, Mark Schladenhauffen took Sue Kahn as his wife. Mark's parents are Bro. Everett and Sis. Luella Schladenhauffen . . . On the following day, Sis. Peggy Troxel and Bro. Vic Reinhard were united in marriage. Their parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel of Ft. Lauderdale and Bro. Alphonse and Sis. Lucille Reinhard.

Sis. Lydia Steffen has found it necessary to be admitted to the hospital.

This past month, Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Dave Roberts, Harry Sutter and Aaron Steffen were in our midst.

Two families are experiencing the loss of their earthly fathers. Bro. John Bertsch, 76 passed away. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Leah; a son, Bro. Godfrey; a daughter, Sis. Elizabeth (Kenneth Schwartz); a brother, Andrew; and four sisters, Mrs. Edward Jensen, Misses Rosa, Mina, and Freida Bertsch . . . Funeral services were held July 7 for Bro. Harry Reinhard, 54, who passed away after undergoing brain surgery. He was married to Sis. Catherine Steffen, who preceded him in death in 1974. Bro. Harry was united in marriage only in April of this year to Sis. Sarah Gerber Beer. Along with the wife, he leaves behind mother, Sis. Delva, and five children, all at home, Larry, Roger, Sis. Joan, Sis. Linda and Mary Jo; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Judy (David) Fleming and Mrs. Nancy (Jerry) Foreman; a stepson, Phillip Beer, at home . . . five brothers, Bros. Daniel, Ezra, Dale, James, and Kenneth, and four sisters, Sis. Aldula Reinhard, Mrs. Mildred (Elmer) Badiac, Mrs. Betty (Carl) Macklin and Sis. Edna (Gene) Moser.

### BRADFORD IL

Rebecca Endress

This has been a month of storms in our area. On June 14, high winds and golf-ball-sized hail destroyed acres of corn and many gardens, besides breaking windows and other damage to buildings. On the land farmed by Bro. Marvin Leman, Keith and Bro. Gary Endress, and Randy Stisser, the crops were almost entirely lost. With the

help of friends and neighbors, the corn was quickly replanted, still with hope for a harvest. In the Galva area, where they live, hailstones were piled three feet high on the roads, causing traffic to halt. These banks of ice could still be seen the next day.

Sunday afternoon, July 6, a tornado whirled across the Dietz farm, at Bro. Kenny's place, and flattened around thirty acres of corn in a sweep through the fields. They are very thankful it passed by all the buildings, damaging only the garden and fruit trees.

In spite of the many storms, we are glad we could all come to church and enjoy our visitors, including Ministering Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Walt Herrmann (Princeville), and John Steiner (Oakville).

Our Sunday School election was held June 11, and three new teachers will begin their terms in September: Bros. David Kieser and Gary Endress, and Sis. Teresa Stoller. We all enjoyed a picnic to end this term. The beginners through second grade will continue attending through the summer months, taught by volunteer mothers: Sis. Verla Ehnle, Sharon Elsasser, Loretta Rumbold, and Charlotte Stahl.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL

Howie and Dianne Leman

Independence and freedom are common expressions around the beginning of July. We enjoy the annual celebration of our nation's birthday . . . However, why don't we as Christians carry Independence Day one step further. Let's use the opportunity to celebrate the greatest freedom mankind has ever known—*independence from the bondage of Satan*. It is a perfect time of year to sincerely thank God for his wonderful gift of salvation. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Praise the Lord for such glorious freedom!

Our annual Vacation Bible School suffered a minor mishap, when the church basement flooded during some heavy rains. We were unable to complete the week of activities. We had one "make-up" night and were thankful for all who participated.

June 29 was the date for our Sunday School picnic . . . Sis. Vir-

ginia Bodine is the new teacher in the primary Sunday School Class.

### CHICAGO IL

Kathy Schlatter

The best place in the world to be: In the center of God's will.

Sunday, June 8, Bro. Russ Rapp, Morton, ministered unto us. We also heard various church business. Bro. Duane Reutter is our new trustee and Bro. Sam Slagel a new usher. We have every confidence in them and appreciate their willingness to serve. All churches need every member to be a functioning one: each has a purpose, but in a small church, the need is especially apparent. Our Sunday School picnic was that afternoon, in the Bemis Woods Forest Preserve. Good food (and such variety!) and fellowship combined to make an especially restful Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Paul Butash, 86, has been relieved from his suffering. Funeral services were held for him Wed., June 11.

Bro. Miklos Bozzay has been in the hospital undergoing surgery.

Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen, spent Sunday, June 22 with our congregation, and June 29, Bro. Rick Aberle from Indianapolis preached the word to us through the Spirit.

Tom New, originally from the Chicago area, will be making his home up here now. We're glad to have him.

I've heard it repeated that my Grandma Rassi (Mary, wife of Elder Bro. Carl, both deceased for many years) used to say: when it comes to souls repenting, we're a very greedy people . . . And isn't it true that although we're ever so happy for each one who repents, we can't have so many more who remain unconverted? In her later years, Grandma also wondered, almost despairing, "And who shall pray for my children when I'm gone?" We all must pray continually for one another and for every unconverted soul, for is not each one precious in our Saviour's sight?

### CISSNA PARK IL

Margaret Rudin - Grace Bauer

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat;" What is better on a hot day than a glass of cold water? So we

should hunger after the living bread and water.

Our sick: (Sisters) Anna Hari and Margaret Rudin were hospital medical patients. Bro. Will Feller and Sis. Emma Geyer are hospital surgical patients . . . We are happy for Sis. Mary Schupbach, that she is again able to be in her home, and her daughters are caring for her.

Our friends, Harry Young and his wife, Bonnie, have repented and found peace with God and man, and have a desire to become part of the body of Christ. They hope to bring their testimony before the congregation soon.

On June 15, Sis. Rita Eisenmann and Bro. Charles Hodel of Roanoke were united in marriage by Eugene Bertschi . . . One Thursday evening, July 3, Sis. Louise Drayer and Bro. Emmanuel Manz from Junction were united in marriage by Bro. Ed Alt.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Eugene Bertschi, Jim Leman, and Everett Hari . . . Bros. Lennie Meyer, Bob Grimm, Joe Braker, and Chuck Hemmer, to speak at our evening Vacation Bible School classes, which were attended by young adults high school age and older. We had a daily Vacation Bible School attendance of 95 and an evening attendance of 42. The children presented a program on June 20, which was enjoyed by all.

On June 22, we held our annual Sunday School Picnic. It was held at Kaufmann's Timber.

"I would like to express my sincerest Thanks for the many prayers, phone calls, gifts, cards and letters I received while I was again in Houston. During my stay in the hospital, various people would come into my room and ask me how many years I'd been there, as my wall was covered with cards from my friends". Jon Anderson

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

**Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz**

We wish to extend hearty congratulations to our three newly-married couples, John and Patty Klopfenstein, Bro. Vic and Sis. Peg (Troxel) Reinhard, and Krent and Beata Weiland . . . We further rejoice with Krent and Beata, as they have turned to the Lord and expressed a determination to live for Him. They have made Ft. Lauder-

dale their home, and will be a welcome addition to our church.

Rich blessings have been ours as we assemble each week for spiritual renewal. We are thankful always to our ministers who labor to bring us the good word. Summertime often finds our assembly small in numbers, but we have always felt a full measure of the goodness of the Lord.

#### MORRIS MN

**Esther Schaefer  
Corrine Schmidgall**

Many blessings and inspiring messages were enjoyed, when the following visited our congregation: (Bros.) Ken Lawson (Minneapolis), Carl Hartman (Sabetha), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), and Bob Grimm of Goodfield.

Sis. Sophia Nohl is getting along quite well, after undergoing knee surgery at the Alexandria Hospital . . . Bro. Charley Koehl, in Minneapolis hospital for tests; Bro. Ben Greiner in Minneapolis hospital for tests; Bro. Neil Schmidgall for surgery . . . all but Sis. Sophia are able to assemble with us again.

On June 28, the wedding of Rollyn Zeltwanger (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Edna) and Jodi Wiese (Frank Jr. and Gertie) was solemnized.

Our congregation rejoices, as a dear young soul, Jan Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma), has turned to the Lord in repentance.

The children of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger hosted a reception in observance of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary (which was on March 11). All of their ten living children and 48 of their 52 grandchildren were present.

The engagement of Sis. Connie Zeltwanger (Bro. John and Sis. Mabel) and Bro. Steve Neust, son of Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera of La Crosse, a August wedding is being planned.

Our Jr. and Sr. Bible classes and teachers attended the Bible Class picnic at West Bend on June 8 and 9. It was a blessed week-end.

A thank you . . . To our beloved children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends who so deeply touched us with their many expressions of love and good wishes in the observance of our Golden Anniversary. Ernie and Tillie Kellenberger.

#### TAYLOR MO

**Marie Butikofer - Eleanor Yackley**

Only a short time ago spring was here, with trees budding and farmers planting their fields. Now summer is here, with high temperatures and harvest-time. Corn hit by hail has improved; bean fields have been replanted and are again a lovely green. The Lord always provides and cares for His own. We can truly say with David: We have never seen the righteous forsaken.

Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children were all home for the occasion: Bro. Randy (Morris) and Sis. Vicki Steffen (Remington) and their families, Sis. Penny, Jim, and Kim at home. The Sutter and Wuthrich families were also here to help make it a memorable day.

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Albert Wuthrich (Pulaski), Bob Pohl (Burlington) and Kenny Dietz (Bradford).

Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruthie Hoerr hosted a picnic supper for all the church people as a farewell to Olav Skinnes, who returned to his home in Norway. Olav had lived with the Gene Riney family as an AFS exchange student. He will be missed by them, the Sunday School students, and all who knew him. We received a thank-you note from Olav for the gift that was given and for the Bible which Olav received in Sunday School. It was his first Bible—a real treasure to him!

On June 29, the Taylor Bible Class and teachers were hosts to Burlington, Oakville, Pulaski, and Garden Grove Bible Classes, their teachers, and some parents. After Sunday services, they gathered at the home of Bro. Norman Haerr, then for supper at the home of Bro. Kenneth Knapp. It was a pleasure to see so many of our youth here.

The Fellowship Hall is progressing nicely. We are looking forward to the time that it is completed. May we always use it to the honor and glory of our Lord, who blessed us so that we were able to plan for it.

No matter in what direction we travel, we marvel at God's wonderful creation, knowing He created land, the ocean with its rolling waves, hills and valleys, beautiful green trees, and the wild flowers

along the way in a short time. No one but our loving Lord would be able to do it; He is our heavenly Father, and is willing to take care of us each step of the way.

**UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA  
Carolyn Roberts**

Our congregation bid farewell to Bro. Lenard and Sis. Audrey Hitz and sons on Sunday, June 15. They now will be assembling with the Detroit congregation. Even though we were saddened by them leaving our small congregation, we hope to be able to visit one another from time to time . . . And far better than our visits and fellowship on this earth is the blessed hope we have of spending eternity together.

We are sorry to learn Sis. Ida Knecht has suffered a broken hip . . . Little two-year-old Aurelia, daughter of Friends David and Emilia Pancarician, has suffered a broken foot. It is in a cast, yet she is able to walk about . . . Bro. Phil Webber required major knee surgery, which occurred from injury. He has been able to attend services with the aid of crutches.

Baby Gabriel John arrived June 13 to be with his new parents, Bro. John and Sis. Kathy Clough and little sister Rachel welcomes him. The grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber of Bluffton.

We are happy to have Sis. Emma Webber of Rittman assemble with us, while she is making her home with Bro. Phil and Sis. Jan at this time.

Bro. Ken Indermuhle of the Sardis congregation ministered to us in a mid-week service . . .

**LEO IN  
Mrs. Elias Souder**

Moved to weep with sadness where no Saviour here . . . Joy has come in fullness since Christ did appear . . . Elder Bro. Orville Ringger selected beautiful 149, a song he dearly loves. His hands, later with Bro. David's broke the bread and shared the cup, in that sweet, solemn moment of holy communion.

Vacation Bible School has come and gone. The children gave a program of songs and things they learned the two weeks. We cannot learn too much about God's word. The more we read and study, the more we learn about our Lord and Heaven.

A well attended welcome for Terry and Mary Farney and little Amy was given at the Fellowship Center Sun. evening, June 29.

Mina Bertsch is at the Indian Village Health Center. She is doing real well and was able to be taken by her loved ones for visitation to the funeral home at Bluffton (her brother John) . . . We were all happy Sis. Elizabeth Pulfer was able to attend church services, after being unable for some time . . . A group of us attended the three rest homes at Butler the first Sunday of this month. The residents seem so happy to have people come and visit them, and we also receive blessings.

**ELGIN IL  
Mary Moser**

On June 15, the India soldiers reunion was held in Elgin. Among those attending were Ministering Brothers Perry Zimmerman from Forrest and Carl Kipfer from Bluffton . . . Sisters Judy and Sharon Sauder have returned to their home in Mansfield, after having lived in Elgin for about 2 years.

Other visiting ministers were (Bros.) Gary Maibach from Rittman, Marvin Schmidgall from Eureka, and Earl Banwart from West Bend.

Hospital patients were Bro. Herman Braun Sr., Bro. Howie Schifferer and Less Batt . . . "I wish to thank each one who remembered me with cards, gifts, and prayers. Les Batt

On July 5 and 6, we were privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Jeanie Banwart Hintz. We thank God for each precious soul that can be added to the fold.

Funeral services were held for Edwin Kachelmuss on July 3. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Karen Kellenberger of Sabetha have made their home in McHenry, Ill. We welcome them into our Elgin congregation.

**GRIDLEY IL**

**Julie Strahm — Wilma Young**

Born to Sis. Janice and Dale Isch on June 14 was a son, Brian Dale. He has an older sister, Tammy—age 4, and a brother, Darren—age 1, to welcome him home. Sis. Wilma and Junior Young are the Ma-

ternal grandparents, and Sis. Mary and Bro. Floyd Isch are the paternal grandparents.

We were sorry that knee surgery was necessary for Mary Jane, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft, during May. Thus far Mary is successfully improving. Following surgery, she was to have two lengthy periods of a full length leg cast to support the surgical site. The second cast has now been applied and is to be checked and hopefully removed some time in August, at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester.

Sis. Vola Young, daughter of Sis. Wilma and Junior, graduated from Registered Nurses' Training. Vola has accepted a position in the Burlington Coffee County Hospital.

We received a blessing thru the inspirational messages brought to us by Bro. Earl Gerber of the Forrest congregation.

Congratulations to Jeff Bahr, son of Sis. Eileen and Bro. Rudy, and to Roselle Beyer, daughter of Rosemarie and Vernon, who graduated from high school . . . Congratulations to Lynette Young, daughter of Bro. Ephraim & Sis. Dorthy, who graduated from 8th grade.

The Lamont Sunday School classes spent a blessed Sunday with our Sunday School classes here in Gridley. A potluck was held in the afternoon.

We wish to remind the Gridley KS congregation that July is the month for collection to the Silver Lining.

**ROCKVILLE CT  
Carlton J. Lanz**

Births: A son, Justin Scott, May 27, to Sis. Carol and Bro. Douglas Moser. Grandparents, Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger, Sabetha, and Bro. John and Sis. Esther Moser . . . a daughter, Janelle Ranee, June 16, to Bro. Chester and Sis. Pam Luginbuhl. Grandparents, Mrs. Elois Wheeler and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl . . . a daughter, Naomi Ann, June 25, to Sis. Kay and Bro. Kenneth Luginbuhl. Grandparents, Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter, and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Florine Luginbuhl.

A dear friend, John Rumpf, 77, died suddenly June 21. He nearly always attended morning services, and often delighted children with

candy, which he usually carried with him. Born in N.Y., he lived in N.J. until 16 years ago when he moved here. Locally, he is survived by his wife, Albertina Hoffman Rumpf; 2 sons Bro. Walter Rumpf, N.J. and Donald Hoffman, and several married daughters in the N.Y. area . . . Bro. John R. Gottier, 72, has died after a 3-month illness. Seemingly in excellent health when stricken, he was hospitalized where he succumbed to a malignancy. His integrity earned for him the respect and confidence of the community and the church. Early in life he sought his salvation in repentance, which he embraced to his death. He leaves besides his wife, Sis. Edna; two sons, Warren and Nelson Gottier; 1 daughter, Mrs. John Murphy; 3 sisters, Sisters Emma Moser, Anna Gottier and Ida Welti; 2 brothers, Christian and Jacob . . . Funeral services, by Bro. John Bahler, elder, and Bro. Albert Schneider. Interment was in Ellington Center Cemetery.

Sis. Louise Aberle passed away in her sleep at Roanoke, where she had attended the wedding of her grandson. She was widowed for many years, and devoted much of her time to her family of nine and her grandchildren. She leaves 4 sons, Bro. Edwin Aberle, Emil, William, and Henry Jr.; 5 daughters, Sis. Hilda Hany, Sis. Louise Fehr, Roanoke, Mrs. Bernard Gottier, Sis. Elsa Hoffman, and Sis. Martha Aberle, with whom she lived.

Sis. Lynette Virkler and Bro. Robert Goric had their wedding vows solemnized by Bro. John Bahler, elder. A reception followed at the home of Robert's mother, Sis. Janet Goric. Lynette's parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Christine Virkler.

We want to welcome Sis. Dorothy Wenger Virkler to our Rockville Congregation. She is married to Bro. Daniel Virkler.

The Sunday School children enjoyed their annual outing and picnic with their teachers, parents and friends.

Several visiting ministers were among us, enriching our Sunday and week-end . . . Bro. David Roberts of Quakertown, Pa., and Bro. Ed Asechleman, Bro. Dale Eise-mann, elder at the Chicago church, and Bro. Richard Aberle of Indi-

anapolis.

Charlene Luginbuhl, daughter of Bro. Martin and Dorothy, was married to Gayland Abrahamson at the home of Bro. Albert Schneider, who performed the ceremony.

Sis. Bertha and Bro. Paul Lanz celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 6.

#### GARDEN GROVE IA

Eileen Funk

Our high school age group enjoyed meeting and fellowshiping with Pulaski, Burlington and Oakville young folks at Taylor. It was truly a blessed day.

This is truly a beautiful time of year, with the green trees & grass, flowers, and birds singing. We all have so many blessings with which to thank God for.

#### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDRENS HOME

Terry Farney

During the month of June here at the Children's Home, the Lord has brought many willing hearts and working hands. The Spirit of love and brotherhood which unites us together as one body in Christ unites us also as a productive working force. The more we see accomplished, the more grateful we are to the Father, that through the Spirit ignites the flames of love and creates the desire to share in this work of faith and labor of love. We thank and praise God for all those who have helped to make June the productive month it was. Our special thanks to the brick masons for completing the first house and utility building, and finish carpenters for the excellent job of trimming out the east house.

Painting, staining, wallpapering, carpentry, and finish work, along with installation of water and sewage disposal are on the agenda for July. It is important that we coordinate the talents of our working force with the needs of the project. If there are those who would wish to share their time and talents, we ask you to call 219-627-5138 or 219-627-2114. By this means we can schedule our work program.

#### DETROIT MI

Charlotte Barton - Deb Knochel

On June 21, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Rudy Graf from Akron join Bro. Ben in serving the

Lord's Supper.

Bro. John and Sis. Rose Huetten and their daughter Lisa have moved to Milwaukee, where John will be doing his residency . . . Moses and Sis. Lydia Voina have sold their home and are residing in the Sarasota area. God has blessed our congregation with the return of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Audrey Hitz and their four boys, Jim, Tom, Rich, and Bob. Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk have moved from Phoenix. Bro. Loren will be doing his residency here. We welcome Sis. Judy Metzger from Lester. She will be with us a short time while doing her internship.

On June 21, Marc Allen was born to Friends David and Barb Baines (Bro. Willard Belsleys' daughter). Todd also welcomes his brother. On June 24 Nathan William surprised his parents, Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk by coming a month early.

Our Sis. Ruth Gudeman had a kidney operation and has been in the hospital for quite some time.

The engagement of our Bro. Roger Sauer to Sis. Sue Rehklau from Toledo was made known July 6.

#### IOWA CITY IA

April Wiegand - Twila Whipple

Bros. Charles Sauder (Tremont) and Uriel Gehring (Burlington) were our visiting ministers.

We are glad to have Kent and Linda Oberman to the Iowa City area. Kent will be going to college here . . . Sis. April Wiegand, who has been in school in the area, has found employment here. We feel a real blessing when we see our small group grow in number.

#### OAKVILLE IA Martha Wiegand

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We have been richly blessed by the visits of ministers from our various churches. The word has been brought by Bros. Ed Knecht (Silverton), Sam Huber (Sabetha), Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), Ken Dietz and Roy Ehnle (Bradford), Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Duane Metzger (West Bend), and Arnold Gerst (Chicago).

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

Heaven is filling with beautiful hearts. They lived successfully, died beautifully. How? Listen to this poem sent with Roanoke news . . . Bro. David's joyful presence is with the Lord.

The Bible

What book is that whose page divine  
Bears God's impress on every line  
And in man's soul makes light to shine?

The Bible

When sin and sorrow, want and woe  
Assail poor mortals here below,  
What book can then true comfort show?

The Bible

What paints the beautiful and true  
And mirrors at a single view  
The paths which here we should pursue?

The Bible

What is the brightest gift the Lord  
In His great mercy did award  
To man to be his shield and guard?

The Bible

What teaches love and truth and peace  
And bids good-will among men increase  
And bids strife, war and murder cease?

The Bible

What elevates and purifies  
The souls of men until they rise  
Like brilliant stars set in the skies?

The Bible

Oh what can make this world of woe  
With peace and truth and virtue glow  
Til men no sin or sorrow know?

The Bible

What gives to men the power and will,  
God's high behest to do fulfill  
And points the way to Zion's hill?

The Bible

When death comes knocking at the door,  
And man's short life on earth is o'er

What tells of bliss forevermore?  
The Bible  
Dave Mangold

FORREST IL  
Kathryn Steidinger  
Beverly Eisenmann  
Know Each Other Better  
(Henry Kilgus)

Two of our sisters that write up The Silver Lining, with their husbands gave us a pleasant surprise one evening to visit us. After they were seated, they were ready with pencil and paper to take down my life's history. I asked, "What is it for and what is it about?" "Just tell us when you were born and how far back you can remember". I said if I should give dates of happenings, I need more time than this, which they granted. Then we went on with a pleasant evening of visiting and enjoying one another.

With the help of the Lord, if my mind and memory will furnish its part as we wish for, I will give an account of some of my life's happenings. Things that happened 50, 60, or 70 years ago, I remember better than things that happened last year or yesterday.

My father, John Kilgus, as a young man, rented a farm 6½ miles northeast of Fairbury in 1890. His sister started housekeeping for him until Thanksgiving Day in 1890. He married Hanna Streib, daughter of Philip Streib at Fairbury.

I was born Aug. 30, 1892 6½ miles north of Fairbury, surrounded by timber . . . This I can well remember—that Henry Sutter worked for us, and I liked to sit on his lap and also that my mother took me to visit the school. That's as far back as I can remember—at age 3.

In 1895, my father bought what we call the homeplace, 3 miles north of Forrest—160 acres at \$77 an acre. I remember the day we moved real well, in the spring of 1896.

In the spring of 1900, I started to school one mile south from home . . . A small country school with as low as 14 to 26 scholars. What made it a little hard for me was that I couldn't speak English, neither understand it. There were some scholars that understood both (German and English) which helped. They were all nice to me, and

with a kind teacher I learned fast and made the seventh grade. When I grew up to be helpful to my father in the field, I missed many school days. The last two terms, I went only in the winter months. This made it hard on examination day. But by learning the hard way, I still enjoyed the friendships at school and had my good times. I feel the Lord blessed me in small matters and later with the greatest that the world was unable to give.

In 1908, I had two brothers old enough to help father, so I worked for my grandparents in 1909-1911 for \$16 a month at Fairbury. They went to church in Fairbury. I liked it because they had a good Sunday School. In 1912, I worked in Gridley. There I went to Sunday School with boys that were 20 years old. They had good teachers and good order. Everyone seemed to be happy. Then my father bought another farm joining our homeplace, in 1913, for \$237 an acre. I worked for my father again, for 6 years.

In January 1918, a big change took place in my heart and life. By nature I was a wayward child and grew up in sin. I became weary and worn of serving the world and its broad way, with a host of friends in the same class. I felt accountable of many things, yet saw no way out to turn to fully surrender. I loved the church and its members. I could also sense they were enjoying themselves with contentment in which there is great gain, and that that was something I didn't have and what I wanted. Yes, a decision had to be made.

I had heard it was easy to repent if one is stricken with sickness. I asked for this in prayer. Six more months passed on. In January 1918, an epidemic of flu and pneumonia broke out. I took sick one evening. In the morning, a doctor was called. The first thing he said was "pneumonia". I knew my prayer was heard and my wish was granted, and then there was much to do at hand. Within a few days there were 5 people died in our neighborhood. By this time, I was very sick. My mother, who took care of me, told me with a troubled heart that 2 of my buddies had passed away, and at these funerals they were forbidden to take their bodies into the church . . . So they

parked the funeral procession along the road, had the services in church . . . then to the grave. It became easy for me to make the decision of what I wanted and fully surrender all things that belonged to evil. Thanks to God for grace and inward strength to truly repent. The love of God and grace was free.

I felt I was in the Valley of Death, often unconscious, dreaming . . . in silent prayer God met me there, forgave me all, filled my heart with love and peace, and raised me up. Within a few days, I regained consciousness and could tell my mother what all took place in my heart. I felt she prayed as much for me as I did with a troubled heart. In such a time, there is nothing like a mother and God. I again gained enough strength to enjoy what God had given me. Although I was unable to work for 9 months, oh, how I enjoyed the newborn people. As time went on, I was baptized in Jan. 1919 (one year later) . . . Oh, what an experience of newness of life directed by the Holy Spirit, with a hope of eternal life. May we never forget our cleansing from sin, after being raised up and healed from the Valley of Death.

By 1919, I had regained my strength and worked for my father one more year. Then another problem arose. I felt I was old enough to have a home of my own. At the age of 27, I took this matter to the Lord in prayer and faith, and looking around, it was plainly shown to me it shall be Lydia Bahler of Remington. We became engaged Sept. 1, 1919. On Jan. 11, we were married at Remington by Elder Eugene Schladdenhauffen of Cissna Park with Elder Martin Steidinger also being present.

We started farming near our father's farm in 1920, the same farm for 36 years. We are the parents of 4 children: Elmer Henry, born Dec. 18, 1921 (deceased), Alice Marie born Apr. 7, 1923 (Alice married Gene Myer, living in Bloomington). Earl was born Nov. 10, 1924 (Earl married Arlene Leonhardt of Fairbury, is living in Remington, a minister). John was born June 7, 1929. He married Barbara Roth of Fairbury and is living on our homeplace near Forrest.

I started to minister May 19,

1931. Bro. Josh Broquard and I were both ordained elders Dec. 24, 1946 (Christmas eve) by Bros. Schrock and Mangold in Fairbury. At a brother meeting at Cissna Park, Nov. 17, 1949, Bro. Bauman and I were chosen to have the oversight of the Alabama churches. I served with Bro. Bauman till Nov. 3, 1962, when I was stricken with my first heart spell. I was hospitalized 4 days. It left me in a weakened condition all the way along. In 14 years, I made 65 trips to Alabama. Bro. Bauman and I worked together most of the time. When we started in Alabama, there were only 8 members. Services were held in homes, and a little later in buildings that could be rented. They have increased now to 5 churches and possibly around 100 members. They have very good Sunday School attendance. The efforts of the older Ohio brothers who started Alabama were not in vain.

In 1968 and 1969, it was my wish, with the support of the Forrest congregation, to pray that a brother could be in my place to serve the congregation and let me retire. On Dec. 17, 1970, on a Wednesday evening, Bro. Schrock and Bro. Broquard were with us and shared the Lord's supper. At this same time, Bro. Perry Zimmerman was chosen and ordained. Bro. Schrock performed the ordination, with Bro. Broquard present. Bro. Schrock suggested that I and Bro. Perry should work together for 1 year, then I could retire and still be helpful in time of need, which I was willing to do.

Thanks be to God that we enjoyed each other in the land of peace. Lydia and I have been married almost 55 years, having celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 11, 1970. God has blessed us with a peaceable and joyful life, but not without sorrow mingling at times. We are looking forward for God to call us to a new home that is bright and fair, without pain. May our names come forth plainly when the book of life is opened. Farewell; let us go onward to rest.

Our present elder, Bro. Perry Zimmerman, was born in 1919, the son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Louise. He married in Elgin to Sis. Dorothy Gudeman, and they lived on a farm at the edge of Forrest. Their children are Sis. Sharon Ad-

ams, Mike, Paul, Bro. Wayne and Donna. They also have 2 granddaughters. We are thankful for Bro. Perry's untiring efforts in serving our congregation.

Three couples have been blessed with their first babies, each being a boy, Edward James to Jim and Linda Traub; grandma is Sis. Mildred Traub . . . Dan and Mary Bradley have named theirs Daniel Lee; Bro. Rich and Sis. Marian Rieger are his grandparents . . . Bro. Willis and Sis. Elna Nussbaum are grandparents to Shawn Thomas, born to Alan and Laura Nussbaum.

Walt Honegger (Bro. Perry & Sis. Louise) and Cynthia Haughey have announced their engagement . . . Planning a July 20 wedding are Pat Roth (Bro. Les & Sis. Ruth) and Tackis Paplomatas. Jo-Ellen Honegger (Ed & Edith) was married to Brian Short.

June 29 was the wedding day for Bro. Marvin Bachtold (Sis. Dorothy and the late Bro. Alf) and Sis. Mary Wenger (Bro. Albert & Sis. Nathalia).

Elder Bros. Edwin Ringger and Josh Broquard were present on a Wednesday evening to help Bro. Perry Zimmerman serve communion. These are precious moments which draw us close to our Savior's side. May they remain as precious memories which we think of often in the days before us.

Those who have been in the hospital are Edward Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia), Sis. Leona Ricketts, Sis. Pauline Wiegand, Minnie Bachtold, and Bro. Alf Kupferschmid. Danesa Hamilton (Tom and Sis. Earlene) fractured a bone in her arm and now has it in a cast.

Bro. John Eisenmann and Bro. Herb Bachtold have been chosen to teach in Sunday School.

We appreciate the visiting ministers who have shared God's word, Bros. Art Gudeman, Ed Knecht, Duane Kilgus, Edwin Bahler, Earl Kilgus, and Bill Kupferschmid.

## FAIRBURY II

### Joyce Huber

The Lord Jesus took bread and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me", and He took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new testament in my blood". Communion services were held for

us, with Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Perry Zimmerman assisting Bro. Broquard.

Richard and Karen Stoller have become a new mother and dad as they adopted a baby girl, Jill Marie. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Lehman and Sis. Ernestine Stoller.

(Bros.) Carlos Meiss and Ralph Bahler have an added responsibility of becoming Sunday School teachers.

We appreciate having Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Corban Bahler visit and give us inspiring messages.

We are sorry for those having been hospitalized: Sis. Lydia Wiedman, Bro. Mannie Steffen, Sis. Elsie Bachtold.

Our sympathy is turned to Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser and their daughter, Karen, and their families, as Karen's husband, Bill Wagner, 48, passed away. The Wagners had moved to Nevada in 1972, as Bill became coordinator of music in the Carson City school system. They have 5 children: Ann, Mary, Susan, Jane, and Bill Jr. The Mosers and Wagners wish to express their heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the deeds of love and kindness during his illness and passing away.

## MANSFIELD OH

### Lucille Groh

Vacation Bible School was held from June 9-13, truly a wonderful week of blessings. The book of James was explained by (Bros.) Ben Hartzler (Rittman); Faith and Grace was the topic assigned Gary Maibach (Rittman); The book of Hebrews was taught by Robert Indermuhle (Sardis), the Book of Psalms illustrated by Marvin Klopfenstein (Latty), and The man Moses introduced by Harold Emch (Girard).

On June 15, our church recognized the graduating seniors, Eva Bricker, Carol Sue Ramsier Brown, Elaine Dolce, Cindy Roberts, Judy Oesch, David Sauder, Ricky Sauder, Tim Sauder and Jeannie Them . . . Sunday, June 29 was the annual Sunday School picnic, and an enjoyable afternoon of Christian fellowship was enjoyed with our youth.

Another precious bundle from heaven has been delivered, this time to the home of Jerry and Claudia (Dolce) Gadd. Little Jill

Elizabeth is the newest granddaughter of Mildred Sauder Dolce and Mr. and Mrs. James Gadd.

July 19 is the date Elaine Dolce has chosen for her wedding. She will become the bride of Robert Kevin Baker. Elaine's mother is Mildred Sauder Dolce, and Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker.

A warm welcome home is extended to Sisters Judy and Sharon Sauder, who have returned after having spent some time in Elgin, Illinois.

Hospitalized have been (Sisters) Freda Dinger, Dorothy (Fuhler) Durkin (severe heart attack), Barbara (Zimmer) Tucker (surgery), Josephine (Ezra) Sauder (broken hip). Josephine is in the Barberton General Hospital, Barberton, Ohio. Our dear little friend, Jerry Roberts (Bro. and Sis. Dave Roberts), is in Children's Hospital in Columbus with a heart problem.

Bro. David Beer, R. R. 3 Cairns Rd., Mansfield, has been ill for so long, and we miss him as well as Sis. Lena. Other dear ones are Sis. Esther Gilliom, 3615 Millsboro W. Rd., Mansfield . . . Sisters Martha Isley & Tillie Bucher are shut-ins, Griffeth Rest Home, Vanderbilt Rd. Mansfield, and Sisters Catherine Tooker and Katie Blumenshine are residents of Winchester Rest Home, 70 Winchester Rd., Mansfield.

A dear precious aged sister wrote the following, and it seems so fitting to share it at the same time we report the announcement of our dear friend, Fred Domka, who has found precious peace and has been announced to the church for proving and baptism.

I can hear my Saviour calling  
Weary wanderer, please come home.

Why are you content to wander;  
Why are you content to roam.

Oh how oft I have denied Thee  
With my very acts and deeds,  
With the sins I've been carrying  
In my heart like growing weeds.

Dearest Saviour how I wonder  
That your love can be so great,  
That you are calling, calling, calling,

When we wait and wait and wait.

Therefore, Saviour I come gladly;

Take my heart and let it be,  
From this day on and forever,  
Consecrated Lord to the.

## REMINGTON IN

### Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever." We know Beth Bahler (Edwin and Lois) is thanking the Lord, as He has reached out and helped her to turn to Him.

Each summer we and the Wolcott Sunday School hold Bible School together. This year it was held at Wolcott the 2nd week of June. A good attendance was had and many blessings enjoyed throughout.

We have enjoyed visits from Bros. Gene Lehman, Dale Eisenman (Elder) and John Steiner and Corbin Bahler. Sermon excerpts: "Tremendous is the power that flowed through His veins for us." "It takes a lot of watching to precede prayer."

Roberta Clauss (Robert and Mildred) and Duane Pilotte (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pilotte) of Wolcott will take their marriage vows Sat. July 12.

Our Sunday School and Church picnic was held at the school on Sun., June 22. It was a good time of fellowship.

### Know Each Other Better

I will give a brief summary or history of my life and also a few thoughts (Sam Kilgus) . . . I was born at Fairbury Jan. 19, 1895.

In 1917, I came to Wolcott, at the age of 22, unconverted. A few weeks later, I found out I was lost and must do something about it . . . Bro. Andrew Lehman was the only minister there. I can remember many teachings and lessons that remained unforgotten . . . I was baptized in Jan. 1918 by Bro. Eugene Schadenhauffen.

A few months later, I was called into service in World War I. I spent many lonely days, wishing and longing for the time when I can assemble with the members again and be with all my loved ones . . . But I could still feel how near the Lord was. On Sundays, my mind was in church, and in the evening I could feel blessed, which I believe was made possible by the prayers that were sent up for me and all others . . . And many times when I felt trials and tests to

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meet, that the Lord made a way when I saw none, and caused me to stay close to the Lord. When it was all over, I considered it a wonderful school.

In 1921, I was married to Elsie Beckley by Bro. Eugene Schladenhauffen. In 1922 we moved to Remington (I spent about 5 years in Wolcott). In 1923, I was called into the ministry, and in 1972 I asked to be relieved and it was granted.

When I began to minister, our ministers of today were very young, and some not born yet . . . But I eagerly look to these brothers to teach me, for I have much to learn yet. Since I am old now I feel as David prayed, not to forsake me in the time of old age . . .

God is the same yesterday today and forever . . . I am the Lord and I change not.

It requires the same remedy and method to get right with God. The first step is see ourself a lost sinner that can be saved by grace. Jesus paid a tremendous price to cleanse our sinful heart. He gave His life and blood. We go through a process of repentance and conversion, a thorough change of mind. That changes the carnal into a spiritual mind. When this change has taken place, we are baptized and promise to stay true and faithful till death. Then, we belong to a body of believers called the church . . .

And He wishes to present a church without spot or wrinkle,

holy and without blemish. There is much work to be done in a church that is to grow and prosper. Each one of us owe our love and respect to the church. We all have an important duty to carry out.

The hope and promise is ours only if we endure to the end . . . Written by one who cares, Sam Kilgus.

Princeville

A mother can make a home out of a house  
By just being thoughtful and sweet,  
By her warm understanding and gentleness, too,  
That makes life more rich and complete.

## WINDOW TO WONDERFUL HOME

Henry Souder Jr.

There are nice views here. Some put their house on a ledge, with a commanding look of ever-changing desert moods. Others want the distant, far look. Sometimes the blue, blue water is the view . . . or city skyline.

Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, are heart-warming. Beautiful home to come to. Today, now, it is heaven for departing saints. Then Christ returns. There is the 1000-year home. Finally, there is this new heaven and new earth. To read the verses, our desires are in a dream of restful, life-filled, satisfying contentment. Your house of today is built to look out into that skyline soaring above all skylines . . . that dreams that gladdens our heart.

Hope sees a city. God Himself will live there, be at home with His people. Sunshine after dark days, endless delight, rest and pleasure.

Heaven and earth cannot contain God. He sustains everything, to the far off edge of space. Isaiah has a deep, thought-pondering joy: God will be a place of broad rivers and streams. What must be the flow, the life-gladdening presence?

It says, of the Spirit we will reap everlasting life. A continuous fellowship . . . a constant life. What tremendous joys to ponder!

The words in Revelation show . . . Death is gone. No shadows, never any departing, no farewells . . . not one thing that reminds of an end . . . all lovely and forever . . . Not a tiny pain of heart once, or mental or physical hurting. No terror-ridden ways of sin. Free, clear, bright, beautiful. Perfectly lovely.

The city has a glorious skyline. It towers into the brilliantly, colorful sky. It seems in size approximately . . . from the Atlantic, around New Jersey into western Kansas . . . from the Gulf at Alabama, north past the Great Lakes into Canada . . . And the height is the same . . . tremendous engineering marvel, miracle of landscaping, dream of dear hearts, Home! Home! Home!

There are foundations—God, the perfect Builder knows it needs undergirding strength. Tier upon tier. This city of pure gold is described as descending . . . The walls

are beautiful jasper, perhaps a fire gold or the beautiful touch of golden sunshine at near end of day. The array of jewels adorning include the sky-blue sapphire, the fiery sardius, golden green, pleasant ocean green, lovely violet or purple . . . and more.

Things to do. All the time. No night there . . . no tiredness. Places to go. People to love . . . God to praise, and the Lamb who is the light thereof. Crystal clear waters flowing, falling . . . in architecture, a symphony of beauty. The tree of life—beauty, fragrance, and delicious feasting for familiar hearts! Together forever.

Our look will be spacious, clear, far-off, indescribable loveliness. Light from the perfect One will shimmer those jewels, pearls and gold into a multitude of iridescence. Light much brighter than the sun. The nations will walk in it. His Book shows the friendliness, gentleness and warmth of His family . . . And God is really with us.

Read often these comforting, satisfying words, picture window of happy hope.