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## HE LEADETH ME

Jesus lives! His light, His splendor gladdens the heart. He is guiding His child His way to the beautiful home. He is our brother . . . His good Spirit within is everlasting life, now.

Bro. Ellsworth Graf sent these spiritual "goodies". They are from Sis. Emery's treasuring. Well should we weigh the value of the fiery trial, trouble, temptation . . . not strange, but His wise giving, the very best . . . Listen . . .

### All Things Work Together For Good To Them That Love God

Just how this statement can be true  
Perhaps has often puzzled you;  
You've wondered how that "all things" could  
Work out for your eternal good . . .  
How trouble, sorrow and unrest  
Could work together for the best.  
How this could be you did not know,  
And yet you felt it must be so.

Now "all things" mean both good and bad;  
Yes things that really make you sad.  
It means your sickness and your health,  
Your poverty as well as wealth.  
Of trouble you will have your share  
While in this world of toil and care  
But rest assured you have a Friend  
Who knows your life from start to end.

Should God permit dark clouds  
some day  
To cast a gloom across your way,  
Just take it as your Father's will.

You're in his care; He loves you still . . .

Be not alarmed, nor be cast down;  
Tis through these trials you win a crown.

All earthy sorrow soon shall cease,  
While joys eternal shall increase.

Whether in marriage or valuable aloneness with Him, He cares. Always reach! These are radiant treasures from His heavenly love.

### Your 25th

Living together for 25 years,  
Sharing your joys and your sorrows,  
Thinking of all of your yesterdays,  
Planning for happy tomorrows,  
Praying for strength at the dawn of the day,  
For all that your hands find to do,  
Coming to God with a thankful heart

When your daily tasks are through  
Each year brings its added work,  
Its sorrows and blessings, too,  
Each year finding a greater faith  
In the hearts of both of you . . .

The empty seat. The vacant chair . . . Footsteps that do not fall. Yet the here and the now is brief. Like a soldier away on foreign, strange land. We are gathering at the festive table. Home. His chairs are all filled. Every place is occupied. The smiles are glorious and happy. God has His own way of making His Circle complete, and it is well indeed.

One by one our loved ones leave us;  
One by one they slip away  
Down that dark and lonely valley  
Where we too must walk some day.

If it's mother's face we're missing,  
Twill be but a little while  
When we shall see her face up yonder,  
Lighted with a heavenly smile.

If father is no longer with us,  
We shall know he has only gone  
On ahead to light the pathway  
Which we soon must follow on.

If a child by fate has wandered  
To that land of peace and love,  
As little flowers when they have faded . . .  
Will bloom again in heaven above.

Some day we'll all be together  
In that bright home over there.  
There will be no tears, no heartaches,  
No goodbyes, No vacant chairs.

Yes someday we'll be together  
On a fairer brighter shore,  
And the circle reunited  
Shall be broken nevermore.

Glowing radiance . . . wonderful opportunities. Pieces sometimes are missing. Things not perfect. Then we gather. From God's growing, forgiveness, patience, gentleness, kindness. They are sweet, and rich, so rich, eternally.

### Beatitudes For Friends Of The Aged

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
When coffee spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery  
smile  
Who stop to chat for a little  
while . . .  
Blessed are they who know the  
ways  
To bring back memories of yester-  
days.  
Blessed are they who make it  
known  
That I'm loved, respected, not  
alone.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey Home in loving  
ways.

God's school has many class-  
rooms. His campus is fabulous.  
The Teacher is really good, the  
very Best. Perfect. Sit at His feet.  
Listen to His word. How He does  
teach!

I have been through the valley of  
weeping,  
The valley of sorrow and pain,  
But the God of all comfort was  
with me,  
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As earth needs the clouds and the  
sunshine,  
Our souls need both sorrow and  
joy,  
So He places us oft in the furnace,  
The dross from the gold to de-  
stroy.

When He leads through some val-  
ley of trouble,  
His omnipotent hand we may  
trace,  
For the trials and sorrows He  
sends us  
Are part of His lessons in grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging  
and pruning,  
Forgetting the husbandman knows  
That the deeper the cutting and  
paring,  
The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is  
needed.  
He has a wise purpose in view,  
But in the dark valley He whis-  
pers,  
Later on thou wilt know what I do.

So we follow wherever He leadeth;  
Let the pathway be dreary or  
bright,  
For we prove that our God can  
give comfort. . .

Our God can give songs in the  
night.

The clock continues relentlessly.  
The Day comes, when we momen-  
tarily look for the return of the  
Master. Picture actually, really  
hearing His sweet voice saying, . . .  
"enter thou into the joy of thy  
lord."

#### ALTO MI

Donna Steffen

Good Friday . . . and Easter  
tells us that the life awaiting us  
beyond the grave is as certain as  
the life we are now living! Cer-  
tainly, for the price that was paid  
on the cross of Calvary by our pre-  
cious Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the  
remission of our sins is the only  
true example of love in its perfect  
form. These brief years of our  
lives can be made so much more  
meaningful . . . if our hope . . .  
and trust is in HIM who is our  
Redeemer. At this special time of  
year when our thoughts go back  
to Calvary, let us all re-examine  
our hearts and lives, to see if we  
can't give just a little more of our  
efforts and time to serving our  
Saviour in a more dedicated man-  
ner. After all, HE did give HIS  
life for each one of us!

Sis. Lena Roth recently cele-  
brated her 79th birthday. She  
wishes to thank the loved ones  
who remembered her with cards  
and other acts of kindness.

Four-year-old Charlie, foster  
child of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loret-  
ta, has returned to his own father.  
We really miss little Charlie and  
must remember him in prayer, for  
he is constantly under changes  
and readjustments which are so  
hard for a child to make.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis.  
Cathie (Bro. Duane) Schrenk and  
Peny Oesch, (Bro. Joe and Sis.  
Melva) in the loss of their father,  
Damer Gayheart, who was killed  
by accidental injuries in Kentucky.  
Life is so short and uncertain. How  
vitaly important it is for each of  
us to be ready to meet our Maker.  
Our Sis. Donna (Bro. Wally)  
Gerst remains hospitalized.

Dave and Bonnie Stouffer has  
been blessed with another baby  
boy. Richard Thomas was born  
March 4. They have one other  
child, David. Bro. Joe and Sis. Mel-  
va Oesch are the happy grandpar-  
ents.

The space in my heart is much too  
small  
For the transients that pass my  
way;  
There's doubt, fear, hate and  
grudge.  
I cannot bid them to stay.

If I should invite them to stop for  
awhile,  
The tenants I have would move  
out,  
For faith and love refuse to live  
With the troublesome friends of  
doubt.

For faith looks up and doubt looks  
down,  
And love refuses to see  
The gruesome pictures hate dis-  
plays,  
So a truce there could never be.

As I travel life's uncertain maze,  
Love's gleam lights my way;  
Faith bridges the streams so I  
can cross . . .  
These comrades I've bidden stay.

Through all the changing scenes of  
time,  
Faith and love will still abide,  
For troublesome transients I've  
hung out a sign,  
THERE IS NO ROOM INSIDE.

TOLEDO OH  
Lydia Meister

Praise God from whom all bless-  
ings flow.

God has indeed given us a mir-  
aculous blessing; that thru His  
bounteous mercy, He has brought  
our dear Elsie Fetter from death's  
door and by His grace to repent-  
ance and baptism. How uplifting

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it is to know our Heavenly Father has answered our many prayers, and now she is our dear sister in faith. Elder Bro. Ben Maibach came to perform this holy act, according to God's will.

The announcement from Sarasota that our friend, Irene Zeigler has peace and awaits baptism is another precious blessing from our Father.

Sis. Geri and David Beard have a little daughter! Rebecca Jo has four brothers to welcome her to the family circle.

Karen Newman, daughter of Sis. Lois and Warren, was married March 5 to Dennis Labadie of Chicago.

Hospitalized are Sisters Lydia Schlatter, Elsie Fetter and Lena Rager.

### BRADFORD IL

Jane Leman

Easter hath real meaning . . .  
God is close at hand,  
Offering forgiveness . . .  
He can understand.

We should all cherish the meaning of Easter and Christ's sacrifice for us, but this year Easter has a special meaning to our dear friend, Cheryl Elsasser, daughter of Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen, as she has turned to the Lord in repentance.

Our Elder Bro. Dave Kieser (Princeville) and Elder Bro. Eugene Bertschi (Roanoke) were with us one Sunday, when the duty of unordained deacon was laid upon our Ministering Bro. Nate Stoller.

We also were grateful for the visits of Harold Schmidgall (Gridley), Vernon Leman (Eureka), and Walt Herrmann (Princeville).

Our Ministering Bro. Kenny Dietz is again able to worship with us, after missing several Sundays in succession due to a back ailment, which has been giving him trouble off and on for many months.

### MORTON IL

Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

Calvary . . . Golgotha . . . Crucifixion . . . Resurrection . . . Easter . . . As Christians we need to pause and meditate upon what all Christ bore for us on that cross of sin, guilt and shame. It was not pretty or even bearable for anyone except the perfect lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. May

we all look to the cross every day, thanking Him for redeeming us eternally.

Two dear soldiers for Christ have laid their armor down and are now asleep in Jesus. Sis. Edna Strunk was laid to rest March 2. Surviving are her husband, Frank Strunk; five brothers: John, Philip, Albert, Raymond and Ralph; also four sisters, Mamie Grimm, Mrs. Esther Anderson, Mrs. Caroline Horton and Mrs. Salome McCool. . . The death angel took Sis. Martha Rapp into his bosom March 10. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Sam; two sons, Bro. Russell, Bro. Elton; one daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Carius; also two sisters, Sisters Ruth Frintz and Esther Neukomm.

March 7, Bro. Mark Grimm took Sis. Rebecca Jo Hodel of Roanoke for his bride. Parents of the couple are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna (Sauder) Hodel and Bro. Henry D. Grimm and Sis. Marylou (Blunier) Grimm. We welcome the new bride into our fellowship.

Who's new? Bro. Ron and Sis. Kayleen (Rumbold) Heiniger of Normal are the happy parents of their second baby boy. Brett David arrived on Feb. 20. Brett's grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Verna Heiniger and Bro. Leo and Sis. Beulah Funk. . . On Feb. 22, Bro. Eric and Sis. Virginia Zeller of Indianapolis welcomed little Andrea Nicolle into their home. Grandparents are Henry and Sis. Norma Zeller, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig of Gridley.

March 14, Morton was host to the Bremen Choir and Quartet. We thank them for bringing to us the beautiful hymns of praise and blessed fellowship.

Welcome! Bro. Bill, Carol, Scott, Karen and Jason Schmidt, who've recently moved here from Peoria.

Bro. Kenneth Hoerr of Peoria was our visiting minister.

Our hospital patients were Friend Ben Hauter, Bros. Clarence Herman, Walter Schupbach, Sisters Hilda Roth and Lavina Getz.

Jesus lives, and we live with Him. His own shall never die. Hallelujah!

### WOLCOTT IN

Arles Kropf - Marjean Lehman

Bro. Dan and Sis. Margaret Reel observed their 50th anniversary on

Feb. 28. Their children hosted an open house for them on Sunday. We, as a church, cannot express our appreciation enough for their efforts in taking care of our church building, as they have for a number of years, and we wish them many rich blessings.

We rejoice with our friend, Brian Furrer, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan, as he has found peace and was announced. We are so thankful that God is still calling, and souls are turning to Him.

We are glad to have all of our winter travelers back with us safely.

God's protecting Hand was upon the home of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances Bahler a few weeks ago, when they were away overnight and a fire started in their basement. Fortunately it burned itself out before getting into the framework of the house, but did cause much smoke damage.

### SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

### Resurrection

Round the dark and troubled world  
the bells of Easter ring,  
Bringing to our weary hearts the  
message of the spring.  
Season of awakening, renewal and  
rebirth—  
Mystic resurrection of the glory of  
the earth.

Pledge of immortality in every  
living thing—  
Promise of eternal life in seed and  
leaf and wing.  
Love has triumphed over death;  
the stone is rolled away.  
God has granted unto us another  
Easter Day.

Among those hospitalized have been Sisters Tillie Aberle, Helen Strahm and Vila Meyer and Bros. Joe Steiner and Ben Aberle. There also has been much flu and other illnesses in the community.

### BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

We are glad that we now have thirteen new brothers and sisters in the Lord.

They are Stan Fiechter (Herman and Sis. Phyllis), Donna (Heyerly) Steffen (Bro. Homer and Sis. Lavera), Bill Steffen (Bro. Russell

and Sis. Alice), Keith Gerber (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille), Floyd Kipfer (Bro. Aaron and Sis. Sandra), Kris Frauhiger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty), Roger Reinhard (Sis. Sara and the late Bro. Harry), Mike Bertsch (Bro. Oscar and Sis. Sylvia), Dan Kerschner (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerschner), Jackie Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Pat), Rosie and Richard Aeschliman and Arlene (Aeschliman) Stump (Bro. Roy and Sis. Ida). We pray that they may find much happiness as they walk the narrow path of life.

Larry Reinhard and Debbie Gerber took their wedding vows. Bro. Dan and Sis. Mary are the bride's parents, and Larry's folks are Sis. Sara and the late Harry Reinhard.

Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann and Elder Bro. Loren Stoller were in our midst recently. We were privileged to have them share God's word with us.

Our shut-ins are: Sisters Frances Dubach, Clara Isch, Sophia Gerber, Mary Kipfer, Mary Ann Reinhard, Martha Kipfer, Rosaleena Steffen, Lydia Liechty and Helen (Roy) Gerber . . . Bro. Ralph Baumgartner, Bro. Phil Kaehr, and Linda (Bill) Schaefer, Susan (Larry) Meyer, and Dale Schwartz.

We sympathize with Sis. Silvia Baumgartner in the passing away of her brother Joe.

Junior and Charlene Lantz are the happy parents of a new son, Jason Keith. A baby daughter was born to Kedric and Shelly Ringger. They named her Lacey Ann . . . Bro. Dave and Sis. Loretta Smith are the parents of their first child, a son, Austin David. The paternal grandparents are Louie and Esther Smith and the maternal grandparents are Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aeschliman.

Bro. Donn Steffen has left us for awhile and is in Indonesia now. Letters are his only means of communication with those of our faith. His address is: Donn E. Steffen, QAE, C/O Beng Pus. Mat. III, JL P.S.M. VTARA, Kiaia Condong, Bandung, Indonesia.

#### BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Elaine Eisenmann

Our thanks to Bro. Floyd Schmidgall from Winthrop for bringing us God's word. He gave us many good teachings, telling us to FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS

COMMANDMENTS . . . also saying, when we need a doctor, even tho he is good, he can't help us unless we go to him.

Now that the Easter season is upon us and the trees, flowers and all the earth coming to life, we can surely see that God is not dead, but has risen.

We are glad our retired elder Bro. Noah Schrock, was able to be in our new church, even tho only for morning services. We miss him, as he is now hospitalized . . . Sis. Rekie Anliker is visiting her daughter and family, the Richard Hohulins at Gibson City. She had been with another daughter, Beverly Ross, who has been hospitalized for several months at the Mayo Hospital. Beverly is very courageous and usually has a smile. We hope she will soon be going home to stay . . .

We ask Gods blessing on our new dwelling, and may we strive more each day to be pillars as our older generation has been . . . remembering my father's advice, that we should always be obedient, even tho we don't always see things that way.

What an inspiration it was last Wednesday evening at church to find young folks from Roanoke, Peoria and Oakville there . . . Hearing them singing songs of praise to our Lord instead of being out doing worldly things. They heeded the call of God to come in the days of their youth. We thank God for his goodness.

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Bertha Eisenman have been spending some of their time in their evening hours of life visiting the shut-ins.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Edie Anliker of Iowa City drive about 85 miles to Burlington church with four little children and are usually one of the first ones there. How wonderful those little ones can be brought up in a Christian home. They were especially happy Sunday when they arrived at church to see his folks, Bro. Emil and Sis. Louise Anliker of Forrest, and Uncle and Aunt Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emilie Anliker from Francesville.

. . . Sorry to hear that Dale and Barbara Knapp are being transferred to Morris, Illinois.

Bro. Sam Heiniger of Deer Creek, Illinois with his granddaughter, Rita Baughman visited his sister and husband, Bro. John

and Sis. Lena Wegman. A number of relatives were there in the evening, and Bro. Sam had good advice telling us, "We have to be made NOTHING, so God can make us something."

Bro. John and Sis. Lena celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Lena had a stroke 20 years ago and was partly paralyzed, one arm completely, and yet her faith and courage has helped her . . . does some cooking and housework, getting around in her wheel-chair. She hasn't been able to come to church for awhile and has much pain, expressing her desire to "go home". Her dear husband has stood by so faithfully.

THE CROSS AND THE TOMB ARE EMPTY. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE THAT THE SON OF GOD SHOULD BE HELD BY DEATH. ACTS 1 tells OF HIS MAJESTIC ASCENSION TO THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND.

#### GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What a Precious Gift to all mankind, when Jesus gave his life on the cross for the remission of our sins, so that we might have eternal life if we believe on Him and serve Him faithfully.

We wish to thank Bro. Joe Ramasier (Rittman) for bringing us many good teachings from the word of God, and also for reading the Memorandum. We should be very thankful to all the elder brethren, for their concern over us, for the effort put forth in time and travel, the many hours spent in prayer and guidance for our soul's welfare.

We were glad to have Wilmer and Frieda Lord with us again, after they had spent the winter in Florida.

Sis. Marian Klotzle is able to worship with us again, after being confined in Northside Hospital for surgery. We were sorry to hear that Emma Lou Deislinger has been entered in Trumbull Memorial Hospital again.

We are thankful for the nice spring weather we are having now, new life springing up all around us, the grass so green, crocuses in full bloom, and many other plants

creeping up . . . soon be the time for plowing and planting again.

. . . And as the Easter season draws near, let us rejoice, and may our hearts be filled with love for our Risen Lord and each other.

### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

After months of prayerful research and planning, the time seems to be upon us when, as it says in Ecclesiastes, it is a time to build up. The stakes are in the ground, and we are awaiting the arrival of construction equipment. Being mindful of Scripture which says "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it", we beseech your prayers that all be done to the honor of God.

The annual Representatives' Meeting was held here on March 20, with 22 churches represented. We hope all felt it was well worth their while to have a first-hand view of the situation and to hear about the proposed building project, for the purpose of expansion.

On March 30, we are planning to hold the annual Volunteer Dinner at the Morton Fellowship Hall, for all those who have so generously given of their time during the year of 1975. A program by the residents is being planned.

The minsters and congregations of Goodfield, Morton, Tremont, and Princeville were in charge of the Friday evening services during March. It is indeed heartwarming to see the large number which comes to spend the evening with our residents at these times. They look forward to and enjoy this service, which is held especially for them.

Our thanks, too, go to the various community and area groups who make the effort to come to spend an hour entertaining our "family" with their various talents. It is appreciated more than anyone realizes.

This month we would like to have you meet Steven Scott Steffen, formerly of Elgin, Illinois. He came to the Home in November, 1972, as the 25th resident. His father was the late Elmer Steffen, and his mother is Eleanor Grimm Steffen, who grew up in West Bend. There are seven brothers and sisters, who often come to visit him. One sister, Cheryl, is married

to John Knobloch. They with their little girl live in Brookston, Indiana, and attend the Remington church. Stevie goes to PARC every day, and does well in learning some of the skills they teach. His favorite pastimes are listening to music, and rocking in his own rocking chair. Stevie responds to the loving care he receives by showing his love in return.

Though it is only the very beginning of the spring season, we have already enjoyed several lovely warm days. Each season has its own loveliness . . . the birds and the early flowers know that it is spring. Without any instructions, they are about their seasonal activities.

### LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

Our dear Sis. Lydia Marti passed away March 16. She had reached the age of 93 years and was our oldest member. We will miss her presence in our congregation, as she was surely a light to all. She is survived by 4 daughters and one son: (Sisters) Esther Hitz (the late Bro. Emil), Lena Hitz (Bro. Ben), Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon), Josephine Meiss (Bro. Rolie), from our LaCrosse congregation; and Earl Marti from Monon, Indiana . . . Also surviving are 4 sisters; Sis. Anna Banwart, Miss Ella Swing, Mrs. Emma Feigley, all of Ft. Wayne, and Miss Ruth Swing of Lafayette, Indiana.

And He took the cup and gave thanks and said, Take this and divide it among yourselves. On Saturday evening, March 20, we were privileged to share Holy Communion with our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. Serving us so willingly were Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Theo. Beer (Milford), and our Elder Bro. Ed Frank. May we always remember our dear Lord's suffering upon the cross. One could feel the love and unity on this solemn occasion. Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) also visited us Sun. March 21. "We should not be overly concerned with material blessings, but should be far more concerned about our spiritual welfare." After services, all enjoyed a pot-luck supper at the church.

We were also very grateful to have Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria) visit us Sun., March 7, and Bro. Mer-

ril Laukhuf (Latty) with us Sun., March 14.

We extend our sympathy to relatives and friends of Lillian (Meiss) Martin of El Paso, Texas, formerly of LaCrosse. She passed away March 6. Burial was at the Ft. Bliss Cemetery in El Paso.

Sis. Ida Nuest (Bro. Gilbert) is home from the hospital, after having cataract surgery. We are thankful to have Sis. Mary Gudeman (Bro. Art) in our assembly again, after her surgery and illness.

Shut-ins are Bro. Art Bucher, Sis. Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon), and Bro. Elmer Heiniger. Bro. Gilbert Nuest is a hospital patient.

Tell me why, oh tell me why did Jesus die on Calvary?

Tell me why did He suffer such agony?

For God so loved the world—that He gave His only Son,  
And that is why Jesus died for you and me.

As we are in this Easter season, let us remember Christ's death and His resurrection—that He did it for the salvation of all souls who will turn to Him in repentance and ask forgiveness for their sins.

### LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

Long, long ago in a land faraway,  
There came the dawn of the first  
Easter Day,

And each year we see that promise  
reborn

That God gave the world on that  
first Easter morn;

For in each waking flower and each  
singing bird

The Promise of Easter is witnessed  
and heard,

And spring is God's way of speak-  
ing to men

And renewing the promise of Eas-  
ter again;

For death is a season that man  
must pass through,

And just like the flowers, God wak-  
ens him too;

So why should we grieve when our  
loved ones die,

For we'll meet them again in a  
cloudless sky,

For Easter is more than a beauti-  
ful story;

It's the promise of life and eternal  
glory!

We enjoyed the messages brought forth by Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley; Bro. Lester Braker, Lamar; Elder Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris; and Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha. Truly they allowed His Spirit to speak through them.

On March 9, many from our congregation went to help with the World Relief at Newton, Kansas. Precious are the blessings we receive when we can help those in need.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE WV Minnie Wultz-Della Witschey

Miss Della Witschey observed her 80th birthday on March 16, and was the recipient of many cards, gifts and flowers and many dishes of good eats . . . also telephone calls and many visitors, for which she wishes to say many thanks to all who remembered her.

Frank Emch, a brother of Mrs. J. C. Froelich passed away at his home in Louisville, Ky., on March 15. He is survived by his widow and four daughters.

Miss Jan Wade, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, a student at Marshall College in Huntington, W. Va., was struck by a car on March 9 as she was crossing a street; she was knocked several feet into the air, hitting a tree, breaking her nose, and blacking both eyes, also several bruises and abrasions. After spending a week at her home here, she is back in college.

Roy Riegenbach remains quite ill in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 22; their family are planning a get-together for them to be held in their home on April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lord (Freda Barth Durig) of Girard have returned from a several week stay in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Parkersburg visited with relatives here during the month.

Frank Berger, an aged resident of this city, is confined to the local hospital with an injured hip he received in a fall a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with the Barth families on March 1 and 2. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited with relatives here on

the March 14 week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with the Barth families here on March 21.

### OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegle

Sis. April Wiegand was announced to Bro. Dennis Miller from Ft. Scott, who is presently a student at Palmer Chiropractic College, Davenport, Iowa. Parents of the couple are Bro. Albert and Sis. Martha Wiegand and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller, Ft. Scott . . . Bro. Dale Frank's engagement to Sis. Christene Schambach was also a happy announcement. Christene is employed in Detroit, and is from Elgin, Illinois. Dale's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Jennie Schambach.

Welcomed into the home of Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Metzger, March 3, was a baby girl. She was named Tricia Kay and has two sisters. Janelle LuAnne and Gayla Jo. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Wiegand and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger, West Bend. Great-grandparents are retired Elder Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock, Sis. Edna Wiegand, Sis. Ida Banwart, and Sis. Lena Kellenberger.

Bro. Adolphus and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner are the happy parents of a baby boy. He was named Doran Dean and has two brothers, David and Derek, and two sisters, Mara Gay and Dana. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach. Little Mara Gay and Gayla Jo just beamed when they told us of their new baby sister and brother and how anxious they were to have them come home. How wonderful to know these little ones are ready to love and share with another. This may be a lesson for us.

Family ties are cherished things  
Forged in childhood days  
By love of parents, deep and true,  
And sweet familiar ways.

Family ties are treasured things,  
And far though we may roam,  
The tender bonds with those we  
love  
Still pull our hearts toward  
home.

Guest ministers were Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix, Orville Ringger,

and Wendell Gerber from Bluffton. Inspiring messages were truly heard.

We are grateful to have assemble with us again Bro. Jerry and Sis. Doris Kuntz and family. Bro. Jerry's employment transferred him to the Burlington J. I. Case Plant. They formerly had attended church at Bradford.

We certainly miss from our congregation Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Martin and their daughters, Sis's. Elizabeth and Della. They have been spending some time in Phoenix.

### PHOENIX AZ

#### Julie Hoerr

We thank Elder Bro. John Bahler (Rockville) for sharing the experiences of his trip to Rumania and for his efforts in the ministry.

On March 21 and 22, many were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of Leon Baumgartner (Bro. and Sis. Glen) and Susan Knochel Hill. We pray Bro. Leo and Sis. Susan may continue to grow in their love for the Lord. We thank Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena) for assisting Elder Bro. Roy Farney with these labors of salvation.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ron and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr in the passing of her Aunt Amelia Schielein.

He who is too busy to pray is  
busier than God ever intended  
him to be.

A thank you for the prayers and deeds of kindness shown our Aunt Amelia and family during her terminal illness, especially Bros. Chuck Hemmer and Ken Hoerr . . . Bro. and Sis. Ron Hoerr.

### ROANOKE IL

#### Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder

A special group from the Bible Class sang several numbers at our family-sing.

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

Bro. Mark Grimm (Morton) and Sis. Rebecca Hodel exchanged their vows and were united in Holy Matrimony March 7.

Visiting ministers that day were

Bros. Robert Meyer (Bluffton), Elmer Bucher (Francesville), Henry Grimm (Morton), Phil Sauder (Cissna Park) and Robert Grimm (Goodfield).

Our friends, LeAnn Moser (Sis. Christa and Bro. Glenn) and Clark Leman (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Marge) were given the opportunity to give their testimonies March 13 and baptized March 14. Bro. Roy Farney (Phoenix) helped with this important work. Bros. Raymond Roth (Kiowa), Tom Leman (Elgin), Walt Anliker (Eureka) were also here.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Luginbuhl have a new son, Benjamin Ryan; Scott, Jill, Kathy, and Cindy welcome him home.

Hospitalized were Bro. Glenn Hodel and Sis. Esther Weyeneth.

Our friend, Andy Kempf, 89 years old, has sought and found peace with God! Most of his life was spent away from the Roanoke community, but he remembered the church of his youth. He had lived next door to the church. After the A. C. Home was opened in Roanoke, he decided to return to Roanoke to live. When he listened to the sermons that came over the wire into his room, he realized it was necessary for him to repent. God granted him grace to do so. He has a keen mind despite his age, and is so grateful for his salvation. He gave his testimony and was baptized this evening (March 24). As a youth of 14 and 15, he went to church even on Wednesday nights to please his parents.

Parents, keep praying for your children—God answers prayer . . . Even if it is many, many years later! "Praise ye the LORD . . . for his mercy endureth for ever."

Follow me, the Saviour calleth;  
Come to me, I am the way!  
What is lacking I will give you;  
Trust in me and watch and pray!  
Follow me in true submission;  
I have borne all your transgression.  
Learn of me both great and small;  
Meekly humbly hear my call.

#### WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

On Feb. 28, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of our friends, Sandy Banwart and Lydia Wilson. They admitted they were lost and had no place to go but to

the cross, and God heard their cry and gave them peace. They were baptized on Sunday and are now sisters-in-faith. We rejoice with them. May the Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide, ever lead and guide them. Elders, Bro. Leo Moser of Lester and Bro. Paul Butikofer of Elgin shared these important duties. The memorandum was read and expounded upon . . . we are thankful that we have concerned elders to warn us of the many dangers that surround us in our spiritual walk of life.

We were privileged and thankful to have visiting ministers this month. They were (Bros.) Elmer Schmidt and Harold Messner, both of Winthrop, and Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. We were reminded that we can live our life on earth anyway we want to—But is it good enough to die by?

Our medical patients were Sis. Mary Traub, Sis. Florence Banwart, Sis. Ida (Silas) Banwart, Sis. Barb (Robert) Fehr, Bro. Fred Wirtz and Arlie Banwart. Surgical patients were Bro. Fahey Gress, Dan Banwart (son of Albert), Lori Bruellman (daughter of Donald) and Leona McCue. May our loved ones put their trust and faith in God, to help them endure pain and afflictions.

To Bro. James and Sis. Sharon Fehr, a baby boy, Karl Dean, was born March 7. He was joined at home by brothers and sisters: Mark, Angela, John, and Heidi. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mathilda Fehr and Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger.

Submitted by Bro. Charles Mogler of West Bend: On March 9, Bro. Gene Bruellman and I left for Guatemala, praying for the Lord's protection for our journey. In Guatemala City, we met Rick and Delmi Clark, friends from Bluffton. From there we went as a group, and their knowledge of the Spanish language was a valuable aid.

Guatemala is a beautiful country. It is basically mountains, with some valleys. The people are mostly farmers who work their land by hand. They own small patches of 20 acres or less on the mountainsides, from which they make their living. They are basically a friendly, thrifty and hardworking people.

The original earthquake registered 7.5, which is quite strong. The country was not completely af-

ected, but 93 different towns and villages were almost completely leveled, with lesser but significant damage in other areas. The adobe (sun-dried mud brick) houses, which most of the people lived in, were in total ruins where the quake shook the hardest. This type of housing offers almost no protection from earthquakes. Something had to give, so the walls cracked and crumbled and the tile roofs came tumbling down. The quake happened at 3 a.m., so most of the population were in their houses. The falling roofs and crumbling walls accounted for a very large portion of the death loss. Many who were not killed were badly injured, and many others were in shock.

After the earthquake, the Guatemalans are beginning a remarkable recovery, even though many are left without homes and families. The people salvaged what they could, to construct makeshift homes out of plastic, tin and wood scraps. Many will live in these until the rubble can be cleared and a new house constructed. It will be some time before these people can again lead a normal life.

Soon after the earthquake, the President of Guatemala made a statement to the effect that he didn't want this tragedy to be "another Nicaragua". When the aid for Nicaragua came in after their earthquake, much graft and mishandling of funds and material occurred. Little of the aid intended for the people reached them. The President of Guatemala declared a National Emergency Committee to be formed. Any organization who wanted to help had to be a member of this committee. By working together, the actions for relief could be coordinated and controlled, so the help could reach those who really need it.

The earthquake was a terrible tragedy, but the Guatemalans are picking up the broken pieces and starting over. The lives and hopes of these people are being renewed by the generous aid of others.

#### WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

We greet you in the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. I am one of the fortunate, to have been brought up in the presence of Christ. I remember this distinctly,

because I resented it many times, I'm sorry to say.

Bro. Ed suggested that we might touch on this at this season.

I would like to use as an example a conversation that happened at work. In my florist work I am around lots of young people. One of them happened to mention that he believed in evolution and reincarnation, and had previously said he believed in the Bible. My answer as I recall was that, if he believed the Bible, he would believe that God created man, and that man was to die once and after that the judgement . . . Another young man standing by made the very firm statement — I don't believe in the Bible, and a young woman, as she walked away, either said or "half-way" sang — "I believe in music."

Now my point is, having been brought up by seeds of faith, planted at an early age, I could never have made those statements and meant it at any stage of my life. So—dear, young friends of the church, there will come a time, if you're lucky, that you'll appreciate the presence of Christ in your upbringing.

We shared in Christian love at our communion, with our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield.

Our choir is progressing nicely. We have had some problems of people being gone and winter illness, but we're working them out.

I might end with the thought of how the Old and New Testaments bear one another. In Psalms 22:13-18, the verses are a very graphic picture of the precise circumstances of the crucifixion of Christ. Then in verse 22, it changes from crucifixion to resurrection. Some familiar words come to mind — I'm glad that my redeemer lives!

#### ZAPATA TEXAS

Tillie Kellenberger

Louise Engle

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Elder Bro. Paul Fehr and Sis. Anna left for home this week, after spending two months in Zapata and area.

We received many spiritual blessings Sunday, March 21 from

Elder John Bahler, Rockville, (Bros.) Al Langhofer of Wichita, LeRoy Hartman, Peoria, and Corbin Bahler of Rockville.

It has been very dry here, but we had a wonderful refreshing rain, which was badly needed in this area.

Our sympathy goes out to Bud, Beulah and Maryln Sauder at the loss of his mother and grandmother.

This will be our last report for this winter—most everyone will be leaving in April.

#### ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

On Sunday, March 20, Bro. Henry Perry shoveled the first shovel of dirt at the ground-breaking for the new Athens church. Bro. John Wagler and Elder David Bertsch gave us precious words to keep in our hearts. Construction should start soon. May we ever have grateful and humble hearts to all who have helped in our plans for a new church.

We have started having a Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.

Our best wishes go to Melisa Perry and Timmy Middlebrooks, who were married on March 19.

Sis. Judy Haggermaker hurt her leg at school and has to wear a cast for a few weeks.

#### BERN KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Cometh the Easter morning,

Glorious sacred day,

Recalling to us His promise

Of salvation to the Saviour's way.

Dead on a hilltop cross-tree,

Buried at Friday's close,

Up from the dead on Sunday morn,

Jesus our Lord arose.

For us was His body broken,

For us was His life blood shed,

That we through His loving promise

Might too arise from the dead.

Beautiful cross of glory,

Stay of our hopes divine,

Emblem of life eternal,

Through Jesus, your Lord and mine.

We have two new grandsons to report. Matthew Ryan was born

Feb. 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strahm, Wauwatose, Wisconsin. Lisa, Rebekah, and Andrew welcome him into the home circle. Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred are the paternal grandparents. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Marie Grimm are rejoicing over their first grandchild, Michael Benjamin, born March 6 to Gorden and Sharon Grimm.

#### CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

#### In His Steps

The road is too rough, I said,  
Dear Lord, there are stones that  
hurt me so,  
And He said, Dear child, I understand;  
I walked it long ago.

But there's a cool green path, I  
said.  
Let me walk there for a time.  
No, child, He gently answered me,  
The green road does not climb.

My burden, I said, is far too great;  
How can I bear it so?  
My child, said He, I remember its  
weight;  
I carried My cross, you know.

But, I said, I wish there were  
friends with me  
Who would make my way their  
own.  
Ah yes, He said, Gethsemane  
Was hard to face alone.

And so I climbed the stony path,  
Content at last to know  
That where my Master had not  
gone,  
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new  
friends,  
The burden grew less sore,  
As I remembered . . . long ago,  
He went that way before.

Sis. Betty Miller (Bro. Chris) has not been able to assemble with us for quite sometime due to illness. Sis. Tillie Sauder (Bro. Dan) has had surgery and is now back at the Eureka Home. Sis. Penina Miller (Clarence) was hospitalized for a few days. Sis. Lorene Schieber (Bro. Carl) is back in the hospital.

God's holy word was brought to us by Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto), Ron



Heiniger (Bloomington), Noah Gerber (West Bend) and our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard. We were reminded not to get so busy in our everyday life that we forget to take time for our most important duties.

#### EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher

Now three months have passed us by,  
And we still are wondering why  
Or where does the time really go;  
Yet we realize and know  
That God knows what is best for us.

Then let us live for Him and trust  
His will for each and everyone  
That truly loves His own dear Son.

Visitors: Bros. Earl Gerber—Forrest, Carl Hartman—Sabetha, Walter Hermann—Princeville.

Sis. Bertha Reineke is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. The following were in the hospital, by now are home again. Sis. Tillie Sauder was a patient in Methodist Hospital. Sis. Minnie Leman was a medical patient in Methodist Hospital. Bro. John Blunier was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Birth—The first child, a girl, born to Bro. Ken and Sis. Sandy Fehr on March 24, and has been named Mindy Sue.

#### FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

With the angels in heaven we are rejoicing over one, Paul Kelson, coming to know Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Paul is the son of Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson, and grandson of Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser.

Bro. Walter Koehl, 82, passed away. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 7. Bro. Walter had ministered to us faithfully for a long number of years. He retired and has been residing at Fairview Haven. Surviving are a brother, Bro. John, Fairbury; a sister, Sis. Emma Schmidtgal of Minnesota. He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

We are sorry for those who are ill in the hospital: Sis. Esther Kaeb, Sis. Sarah Steffen, Sis. Salome Schlipf, Sam Rapp. Sis. Edith Huette and Sis. Kay Thames are home again and have been able to

assemble with us.

We thank visitors who have ministered to us: (Bros.) Dave Wiegand of Champaign, John Leman of Bern, and Bruce Leman of Roanoke.

Sis. Esther Kaeb wishes to express her thanks for the cards, flowers, gifts, and nice deeds of love shown during her hospitalizations.

#### FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

On Feb. 25, Bro. Ron and Sis. Diane Vogt were blest with their fifth girl, named Melinda Sue. This precious bundle has four sisters to love and care for her, Lily, Amy, Camille, and Joy.

On the sick list is Sis. Sarah Anliker, Sis. Julie Boehning, and Bro. Walter Culp.

Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo) spent Sunday, March 21 with us, and shared willingly with us the life-giving word.

On March 6, a pillar in our church went to rest, Bro. Fred Gutwein. He had gone to Florida to spend the winter months and suddenly was stricken ill. Death was unexpected. May God comfort the family he leaves to mourn, his wife, Sis. Katie; six daughters, Sisters Louise Heinold, Dorothy Beer, Esther Gray, Fern Leman, Marcela Gudeman, and Suzanne Cook; and four sons, Harvey, Edwin and Bros. James and Glenn, also a sister and brother. Bro. Eugene Berschi (Roanoke) had many words of comfort for us. We are not sorry for him, but for us, as we have lost a dear one.

The member choir spent an enjoyable week-end in Mansfield. They want to thank them for their many deeds of kindness.

#### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

Charity suffereth long, and is kind . . . is not easily provoked . . . Beareth all things . . . hopeth all things, endureth all things — but sometimes our hearts grow restless when we look about us and see much sorrow and suffering.

Our community has been stricken with much illness. Many have been hospitalized and others have been quite ill in their homes. Those hospitalized have been: Little month-old Erika Hart, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill and Terry; a

very dear friend and neighbor, Bob Hohulin, son of Bro. Eli; Sis. Margaret Newlin, Bro. Ira Roke, and Sis. Norma Bauman. Sis. Susie Nohl is still in the hospital and failing. Sis. Jane Plattner was very sick in her home for a couple of weeks, and Sis. Bertha Heiniger has been confined to her home in poor health.

Dear restless heart, be still; don't fret and worry so.  
God has a thousand ways, His love and help to show.  
Just trust, and trust, and trust, until His will you know.

Dear restless heart, be still, for peace is God's own smile;  
His love can every wrong and sorrow reconcile.  
Just love, and love, and love, and calmly wait awhile.

Dear restless heart, be brave; don't moan and sorrow so.  
He hath a meaning kind in chilly winds that blow.  
Just hope, and hope, and hope, until you braver grow.

Dear restless heart, repose upon His breast this hour.  
His grace is strength and life; His love is bloom and flower.  
Just rest, and rest, and rest, within His tender power.

Dear restless heart, be still! Don't struggle to be free.  
God's life is in your life; from Him you may not flee.  
Just pray, and pray, and pray, till you have faith to see.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinrichsen, Goodfield, on March 10. She has been named Stacy Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene Hinrichsen, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Winkler, Varna. Grandparents are Sis. (Mrs. Leonard Fehr), Eureka, and Mrs. David Winkler, Alexis, Illinois.

Bros. Harold Schmidgol, Gridley, and Jim Hoerr, Peoria were with this past month.

#### MILFORD IN

Coleen Beer - Linda Beer

all the blood of beasts  
at Jewish altars slain  
could give the guilty peace,

Or wash away the stain . . .

The old rugged Cross made the difference,

In a life bound for heartache and defeat.

I will praise Him forever and ever;  
O the cross made the difference for me.

**IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY**—A peace swells within us and gratitude to God for the blotting out of our sins and redemption through His Son's shed blood. We need not fear any longer to lay our head down at night, knowing we are safe in God's everlasting love. "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love".

God's goodness and love was told by our visiting ministers: (Bros.) Bob Beer, Mansfield; Bill Gerst, Alto; and Harvey Heiniger, Oakville.

We enjoyed and were inspired with the pictures Sis. Mayme Gerst showed us of the Holy Land where Jesus prayed, walked and was crucified for us. She is the mother of Bro. Dale Strassheim of our congregation.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Kaiser have their first child, Ryan Allen. Bob and Carol Kaiser are first-time grandparents . . . also grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Phil Schlatter of Leo . . . Bro. Tom and Becky Price are parents of their second son, James Thomas. Steve, Lori, and Jennifer welcome their little brother. Everett and Sis. Leona Price are grandparents.

Marcy Haab was a surgical patient and is recovering well. Bro. Sam Reimschisel is suffering much pain in the nursing home, but finds rest in His Lord.

We want to remember this month another of our oldest members. She is Sis. Frieda (Lantz) Ruch, who was 89 years old in November of 75. She will always be remembered for her 40 years or more of cleaning our church house, arriving early every Sunday morn to help in the kitchen. She was born in Berne County, Switzerland, coming to the US when she was 8 years old. She is the mother of eight children, including Sis. Lena (Dave) Beer of Mansfield. Frieda enjoys good health, and has been a widow nearly 30 years. We always

enjoy visiting Frieda, with her warm smile, who has given many of her hours over the years for our church.

#### REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

The perfect victory is to let Christ triumph over one's self, through the Spirit.

We regret to report that our Bro. Sam Kilgus underwent surgery. He is recovering nicely.

Sis. Alberta Schini, who received her B.S. at Purdue University in December, entered Ball State University March 8, to work for her Master's Degree in Speech and Hearing.

Make thy petition deep, O heart of mine;

Thy God can do much more

Than thou canst ask.

Launch out on the Divine;

Draw from His love-filled store.

Trust Him with everything.

Begin to-day,

And find the joy that comes

When Jesus has His way!

#### RITTMAN OH

Grace Gasser

Sunday School resumed on the 7th of March, after a 2-month recess. One little girl told me that she awoke early that morning, and couldn't go back to sleep, because she was so excited about coming to Sunday School again. The thought came to me, "Will this child be this excited about coming to Sunday School in 10 years from now?"

Our congregation will surely miss the smiling face of our dear Sis. Leona Dotterer, age 81, who passed away on March 17. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Hospital patients have been: Sis. Melba Miller; Mike McCreary, son of John and Elaine; and the infant son of Ralph and Beverly Riggenbach. Bro. Pete Barna has been confined to his home for many weeks.

We enjoyed visits of Ministering Bros. Kenneth Indermuhle of Sardis and Dale Moore of Elgin, Iowa.

Heather Joy is the name chosen for the first child of Dale and Beth Pelfrey. Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic also have a son, named Aaron Michael. Aaron has four broth-

ers and two sisters.

One person can cause the angels of heaven to rejoice, and one person can also cause an entire congregation to rejoice. Such rejoicing was ours when we heard of the desire of Dale Bauman to repent. Dale is the son of Richard and Gladys.

Sis. Emma Riggenbach wishes to thank everyone who remembered her on her 91st birthday. She received more cards than she had birthdays, and really appreciated each one of them.

May is Silver Lining collection for Rittman.

#### SARDIS OH

Linda Indermuhle

Many blessings were received from those who visited us. A special visit was from our Bro. Rudolph Graf. Holy Communion was served, and the memorandum read and explained by our dear elder brother.

As we think of Easter and our Saviour's death on the cross, we are reminded that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

#### WINTHROP MN

Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

Easter is a most precious time for the believer, as there on the cross, Christ shed his blood and rose victorious over death and grave.

As we think about the last hours of Christ's suffering, we are reminded anew of the loneliness our Lord experienced when the guards led Him . . . Even Peter had denied Him. A little later, false witnesses testified against Him, and nobody spoke in His behalf. He said that He would give His life as a ransom for sinners and that He would rise again, but His words seemed to fall on deaf ears. Rejection and misunderstanding caused Him to experience the depths of loneliness. It was spiritual desolation that Jesus dreaded—not physical death . . . For He knew He would be bearing the sins of the whole world. God made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye

eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." This do in remembrance of me.

During this time of Christ's suffering, it is refreshing for the inner soul, as we were privileged to be served holy communion by our Elder Bros. Paul Butikofer (Elgin Ia.), Leo Moser (Lester). Bro. Dennis Warner accompanied Bro. Leo. Surely our cup doth run over, as we sat under the sound of the word of God. Much was spoken on faith, but unless our faith changes our lives, it isn't true faith.

The exhortation of the last memorandum was read Saturday evening. Thankful are we that our elder brethren are willing to be spent in our behalf, as we could again feel the love and concern they feel for the body of Christ.

Hospitalized for surgery were Bro. Elmer Schmidt and Sis. Florence (Walter) Messner. Melva (Roland) Messner and Leo Messner were hospitalized for tests. The results were favorable. Sis. Carrie Messner has had a long siege of the flu, and she has been hospitalized for observation.

On March 14, Bro. Bruce Messner (Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry) and Sis. Audrey Metzger were united in marriage by Bro. Harold at Lester. Doug Messner was home from the Service to take part in his brother's wedding.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Florence wish to thank all who sent cards, who visited them, and those who remembered them in prayers.

#### AKRON OHIO

Lynda Pamer

This Easter season is surely a good time for us to remember what our Lord has done for us, and also that He is a LIVING Saviour.

We were glad and thankful to have Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman) with us a few weeks ago. He assisted our Elder Bro. Rudy Graf in serving us the Lord's Supper, and also brought us the word of God.

It is always a blessing to have visitors. Bro. Merrill Jaukhuf (Latty) came and brought to us teachings from God's word, for which we are thankful.

Hospital patients are: Howard Dockus, who underwent surgery, and Sis. Elizabeth Heib. Sis. Freda VonGunten hasn't been able to

attend church for some time.

"We wish to thank everyone for prayers, gifts, cards, and visits while at the hospital and at home. In love, Bro. Charles and Sis. Katharine Novotny." . . . We were glad to see Bro. Charles and Sis. Katharine in church again.

#### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Peace like a river  
Flows thru my soul;  
I've been forgiven,  
Cleansed and made whole.

As this beautiful hymn says, we have three more souls who have confessed peace and forgiveness and await baptism. Jess Hodder (Sis. Millie), Bob Bragiel (Frank and Sis. Irma) and Tina Wackerle (Bro. Wallace and Sis. Alvina) have sought the Better Way, and now know how good the Lord is to those who are humble and repentant.

We have many in the hospital: Bro. Emery Molnar, who had just recovered from surgery; Sisters Kathryn Wieland, Ella Rechsteiner, Ellen Wackerle and Nettie Knochel, and Laurel Munsel (Bro. Fred and Sis. Delores). Emery is still undergoing tests, and Nettie is still serious with a stroke. We just never know when we're going to be the one who is ill; let's count our blessings while we're well!

Several more little bundles of joy have joined the world. Laura Lee joins Nate, Margo and Marlise in the home of Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandy Wieland. Laura's grandparents are Bro. Emery and Bro. Margaret Molnar and Bro. Henry and Sis. Marie Wieland . . . Dave and Connie Sansraint have brought home a new brother, Kevin Merrill, for Kelly, Chad and Ryan; their maternal grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Francis Laidig of Toledo . . . Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Wieland have a new granddaughter, Tiffany Joy, first child of Mark and Joy Wieland of Detroit.

#### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Ann Kellenberger

We were thankful to have Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna) and our dear Elder Bro. Dan Koch visit us.

Two homes were blessed with little bundles . . . Bro. Ken and Sis. Devon Rinkenberger had their

first child March 14. Brandon James was the name chosen. Grandparents are Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola Nussbaum (Forrest) and Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge Rinkenberger (Cissna) . . . Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk had a little boy March 20, James Edwin. The happy faces to welcome him home were: Susan, Ruth, Roger, Connie, Mark, Miriam, and Sarah. Grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach (Tremont) and Sis. Elda Funk (Gridley).

Two dear friends have found the grace to repent. We are certainly happy for George and Shirley Stimeling. May the Lord guide them through the many struggles in this life.

Roger Funk (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley) suffered a broken arm. Bro. Kirk Nussbaum (Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie) was in the hospital several days, but is out again.

#### BREMEN IN Marian Germann

God's greatest gift is Jesus . . . and we can praise Christ for the love He showed and gave to us as He hung upon the cross. May each of us be able to hold on to His hand.

We can truly rejoice when we see God's hand of healing. Sis. Aldean Feldman is coming along well, after surgery, and is now able to assemble with us. We are very glad that Bro. Silas Laidig has been touched by God and is home after his stroke, recovering well and being able to come to church.

March 13 and 14, our choir was privileged to sing praises to God at Morton. We each received many blessings . . .

I personally feel the blessings of our congregation. When several are gone from the congregation because of visiting other congregations or illness, they're missed . . . And it's truly great to see the love and concern each person has for you, whether old, young, or middle-aged.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains He had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

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

## CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

Whether any particular day shall bring to you more of happiness or of suffering is largely beyond your power to determine . . . Whether each day of your life shall give happiness or suffering rests with yourself.

The Lord is . . . greatly to be praised. Dick and Jan Gudeman are repenting. We truly rejoice in His goodness and mercy. Later in the month Dick had surgery, but is doing well.

Friends Maria and Philip Bartoni are moving to Florida. They hope to make Sarasota their church.

It has been noted that the preacher's job is to point away from himself and toward the Lamb of God. We appreciated Bro. Virg Metzger's visit March 14 (from Champaign), and the ministering of Bros. Harold Gramm (Morris) and Elmer Witzig (Gridley), Sun. the 21st.

A few notes about Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann: Baptized when he was not quite 14, Bro. Dale grew up in Cissna Park. He attended the University of Illinois, Champaign, in pre-dentistry. June 25, 1961, he married Judy Feller, also from Cissna Park. Dale attended dental school at the U. of I. Medical Center in Chicago and graduated from there in '65. In 1967, he was made a minister in the Chicago church; in 1971, he became an ordained deacon. Jan. 26, 1975, nine months after the death of our Elder Bro. Al Fisher, Bro. Dale was ordained an elder.

Dale is a professor at the University of Illinois Dental School, connected with the department of dental histology. He and Judy have three children: Brad—10, Todd—7, and LuAnn—5.

We do not wish to make our elders seem more than human, but truly they are given special wisdom from above. As shepherd of our flock, Bro. Dale has a large responsibility . . .

Dale is usually soft-spoken; he has the gift of being exceedingly tactful. . . But his convictions are steadfast and sure, and, with the Lord, he is a creative problem-solver. When a friend of ours was excommunicated, Bro. Dale conducted it with sympathy, not condoning the reasons for leaving . . .

And I remember happier times — when friends not so comfortable with the English language gave their testimonies to our congregation, guided by Bro. Dale's gentle words.

Bro. Dale is a strong believer in our using our talents and resources to their best advantage. His use of composting and care in recycling paper, glass, cans are example of material resources being carefully used. Spiritually, Bro. Dale has extended his talents for the Lord as a Sunday School teacher, then as a minister, an ordained deacon, and continually now as our ordained elder. We thank and praise the Lord for him. May a double portion of the Lord's guidance be upon his shoulders.

Have you done your most important 'Spring Housecleaning'? Has God swept all sin from your heart?

## CISSNA PARK IL Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

They found the great stone rolled away . . .

And Him, whom men had crucified With cruel spears had pierced His side

And mocked with jests and gibes that day,

Gone from the darkness and the gloom

Of death's grim tomb.

Bro. Gerry Farney had knee surgery, and is now at his home recuperating. Friend Esther Vogel is a hospital surgical patient. Sis. Sophie (Jake) Funk had the misfortune of falling and breaking her shoulder blade, but she is at home and getting around some.

We are happy to report that our friend, Harvey Young, has returned to his home, after spending sometime in the hospital after an accident.

We were thankful to have Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka bring us the word March 21.

**Peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin, the blood of Jesus whispers peace within . . .** We are glad and thankful that our friend, Terri Steffen, has found peace with her God and is awaiting the joyous day when she can give her testimony and be a child of God. She is the daughter of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Blanche Steffen.

"Thank you for the cards, gifts and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I am home." John Lackey.

## ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

Spring is a miracle wherever it happens. Buds break, robins return, and softly stealing over the land comes the hazing green. Already now we can see the lacy arms of the willow trees. God is so good to us. We are to give Him thanks in everything.

Soon the joyous Easter day will be upon us. Because He lives . . . We too shall live.

Sis. Lena Schupbach, who is the eldest citizen of Elgin, reached her 97th birthday on the 10th of March. Her health permits her to attend church services most of the time. She recalls how the ladies churned their own butter and baked the bread used in serving the noon-day lunch at church. Her father was a minister for many years. She shows her love for her relatives, and was touched to see many of them along with friends gather at her and her neice Sis. Ruth's home on her birthday.

We truly appreciated the efforts of our two visiting ministers. They were Elder Alfred Bahler from Indiana and Bro. Duane Metzger from West Bend. Bro. Bahler assisted our Elder Paul Butikofer in reading the memorandum. This is always inspiring and helpful to all who are striving to live the life of a true Christian.

Communion was served while the two ministers were here. Inasmuch as Christ told before He died that this should be done in remembrance of Him, of His broken body and blood that was shed for us, we certainly can feel the solemnness as we think of this great sacrifice.

Sis. Bertha Gehring, wife of Bro. Jacob, is still having trouble with her wrist and hand. She has an appointment with the Iowa City hospital for next Monday . . . Sis. Alta Thoman is in the West Union Hospital. We are hoping that she will be relieved of her pain and discomforts to a great degree . . . We miss her gentle presence in our congregation.

Mary Pulfer has been a patient in West Union for a number of weeks, but is improving. She seemingly had pneumonia . . . Sis. Lena

Pulfer telephoned a few minutes ago, letting us know she may be able to assemble with us this coming Sunday. She has missed quite a number of services due to a bad cold. Sis. Anna Schupbach has been dismissed from the hospital and is now at her daughter and son in law's home, the Bob Sielenians in Oelwein, Iowa. As soon as her strength returns, she can come to her own home . . . Sis. Edna Gehring, wife of Bro. Lawrence is in the hospital at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Am closing with a happy bit of news . . . Bro. Jim Butikofer and Sis. Kathy are the parents of a baby girl, born on the 1st day of March. Her name is Amy Christine. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Alvin Banwarts of West Bend and Elder Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

##### Bert and Karen Aeschliman

What better way is there to be reminded of the true meaning of the Lord's crucifixion than to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of three friends? We have been abundantly blessed and reminded that the door of grace remains open for all those who care to enter therein. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach, Joe Braker, and Roy Sauder, along with the congregation, were privileged to welcome into the fold Krent Wieland and Beata Wieland (his wife) and Heather Wieland (Bro. Jim and Sis. Arlene Wieland). All three converts expressed how Jesus touched their lives, inviting them to come, taste and see the marvelous plan of salvation. Their burdens were lifted, and the peace that passeth all understanding filled their hearts. We were reminded through one testimony that we must renew our Christian lives daily, through reading the Bible and through prayer, just as a car needs to be refilled with gasoline to continue its journey. The journey's end is the beginning of everlasting peace and love at the Saviour's side.

The baptisms were followed with the reading of the memorandum . . . Holy Communion was announced and, Lord willing, will be administered in April. The children of God are given opportunity to re-evaluate the lives they are leading.

We wish to bid farewell and wel-

come back those visiting ministers and elders who lend themselves to bringing us the word. Co-laborers have been Bros. Roy Wieland, who spends several weeks as a winter resident (Bay City), John Wagler (Huntsville), Henry Beer (Milford), Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville), and Elder Bros. Roy Sauder (Peoria), Orville Ringger (Bluffton), Joe Braker (Morton), and Ben Maibach (Detroit).

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN Patrick and Judy Dubach

Lord, how trivial seems my Calvary

When I consider Thine,  
For only Simon helped Thee lift  
Thy Cross

But many carry mine!  
There are no cruel nail's wounds in  
my hands,

Nor thorns upon my brow,  
And ministering angels walk with  
me

To smooth the way . . . But Thou—  
How dare I think it, call it Calvary,  
This sheltered life of mine—  
O broken, beaten, bleeding Lord,  
my God,

When I consider Thine.

Visiting ministers were Jess Beer—Milford, Marvin Stieglitz—Leo, Elmer Witzig—Gridley, Karl Westfall—Francesville.

We were all sorrowed to hear of the death of Bro. Art Bucher of La Crosse. His son, Bro. Arden and daughter, Sis. Suzy Ringger both reside here. We extend them and their family our deepest sympathy.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Landes

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Our loving God died for us so that we may receive the wonderful gift of eternal life. Have you received God's gift?

We want to thank Bros. Steve Rinkenberger, Jim Ringger, and Henry Grimm for worshipping with us in March. The ISU Easter program will be April 15 at 8 p.m. at the church in Bloomington.

#### An Act of Love

Now you will find  
He healed many a mind,  
And taught the way to be free  
again.

The miracles down, by this Holy  
One  
Like making the blind to see again.

Could they believe?  
Did they receive  
What this man was telling them?  
They turned Him away and started  
that day  
Of secretly thinking of killing him.

They shouted to kill!  
But how did he feel  
While silently walking the road to  
the cross?  
He still loved them, forgave of  
their sins,  
In the face of beauty, evil was lost.

On that dark day  
They buried him away  
But to no grave, concealed He  
could be,  
Surprising His foes, that day He  
arose,  
Conquering sin for eternity.

Forever He lives,  
And life he gives  
To you and I sinners are we.  
Between God and man, he linked  
up our hands  
Establishing a complete harmony.  
by a brother from I.S.U.

#### IOWA CITY IA

##### Lynn Banwart - April Wiegand

With the newness of spring all around us, it makes us even more joyful to speak to those whose hearts our Lord has touched. Just the other day I spoke to a friend who told me, "You know, I prayed with my family for the first time." . . . And I had to think of his little daughter, who for the first time heard her father pray.

A large number of visitors gathered with us Sunday, as Bro. Joe Zimmermann (Morton) brought the word of life. Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington) was with us for Thursday evening services.

On March 29, the engagement of Sis. April Wiegand (Bro. Al and Sis. Martha) to Bro. Dennis Miller (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl) from Ft. Scott was announced.

#### JUNCTION OHIO Gwen Manz-Betty Manz

Home is not home without thee;  
Dark is his room and empty is his  
chair.  
We miss thee from thy place;  
A shadow o'er our life is cast.

We miss the sunshine of thy face;  
 We miss thy kind and willing hand,  
 Thy fond and earnest care.  
 Our home is sad, without thee—  
 We miss thee everywhere.  
 Sleep — thy toil is over.

The days of toil are over for three dear souls who have served their Lord faithfully many years. Bro. Isaac Dotterer passed away March 1 in his home, at the age of 86 years. He was born in Paulding County May 17, 1889 to Henry and Lydia (Steiner) Dotterer. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Frances (Levy); a daughter, Sis. Ruth; and a sister, Sis. Caroline. He was buried March 4 in the Dotterer Cemetery, following funeral services by Elder Bros. Theo. Beer and Loren Stoller . . .

"We wish to express our thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors who sent cards, food, flowers and helped in so many ways during the illness and loss of our loved one. These acts of kindness will never be forgotten." The Isaac Dotterer family.

March 7, Sis. Mary Sauder passed from this life at the home of her daughter, Sis. Evelyn Manz, at the age of 84. She was born in Indiana Aug. 30, 1891 to John and Elizabeth (Beer) Fuhrer, and was a member for 58 years. Surviving are five sons, Bro. Robert, Elmer, Bro. Kenneth, Bro. Richard and Donald; five daughters, Marie Fulk, Sis. Alice Graszl, Mildred Dolce, Sis. Ruth Weiss and Sis. Evelyn Manz; five sisters, Sis. Matilda Oesch, Sis. Naomi Cordery, Sis. Nellie Groh, Sis. Aldine Fuhrer and Sis. Martha Fuhrer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. William. Funeral services were held in Mansfield March 10, where she made her home until the last few years.

Sis. Leona Dotterer passed away March 17 in Orrville, Ohio, at the age of 81. She was born in Illinois on July 7, 1894 to John and Louise (Mangold) Stoller. She was a member for 65 years. Surviving are three daughters, Sisters Juliet Schlatter, Esther Schlatter and Marilyn Fetter; two sons, Bros. John and Henry; two sisters, Sisters Juliet Graf and Louise Graf; and four brothers, Mike, Robert, Bros. John and Ezra. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Andrew. Burial was at the Dotterer Cemetery, following serv-

ices on March 20 conducted by Elder Bros. Joe Ramsier, Ezra Feller and Loren Stoller.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Dale Moore (Elgin, Ia.), Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield) and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo).

Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Louise Manz have moved to a home near Paulding. Their address is R. R. 1 Box 524, Paulding. John and Elaine Manz are moving to a country home, R. R. 1 Box 742, Paulding.

#### LATTY OH

**Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller**

We were thankful to have visiting ministers, Bros. Robert Beer and Ken Sauder (Mansfield) and Aaron Steffen (Alto) assemble with us.

Bro. Jake Stoller suffered a stroke while living in Florida this past winter. Bro. Daniel Sinn had knee surgery, and Bro. John Stoller broke his collarbone.

Little Kurt John is welcomed home by five brothers and three sisters. The happy parents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann Sinn. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Clara Sinn.

Christ is the world's dear Paschal Lamb.

He is the great I was, I am.

Through Calv'ry's pain and dismal gloom

He conquered over death and tomb.

He rose His own to justify,

And draws all men up to the sky.

If you have found the Christ, His way,

Then you can keep this Easter

Day.

#### LAMAR MO

**Gail Banwart - Becky Hohulin**

Passive faith but praises in the light,

When sun doth shine.

Active faith will praise in darkest night—

Which faith is thine?

Truly a good question to ask ourselves—What kind of faith do we really have? Are we strong only when things are going our way, or do we have the faith of our mothers and fathers? . . . that stands steadfast and true, no matter how dark the night becomes. Yes, true faith must be exactly as the Bible states it. ". . . the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of

things not seen."

We have had quite a few hospital patients. In the hospital for surgery is Sis. Janice Braker (Bro. Danny) and Sis. Sandra Marti, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charles Marti. Medical patients have been Louisa Rentsch, mother of our dear Sis. Lydia Rentsch; Oscar Banwart; and little Jo Ann Marti, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Carol Marti. How hard it must be for little ones to understand sickness, as they are not able to tell you where and how they are feeling.

March 13 was the wedding of our friends, Toni Thiebaud and Ronald Cattelino. Toni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thiebaud, and Ronald is the son of Mrs. Mary Cattelino, Overland Park.

Our visiting minister was our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. He brought us many timely teachings and much food for thought.

God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

#### LESTER IA

**Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger**

Our congregation has been saddened by the deaths of two dear sisters-in-faith in the last few weeks. Though separated by many years in age, they had one thing in common, their love and very personal relationship with God. Sis. Pam Knobloch was born Sept. 14, 1955, the oldest child of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Lucy Knobloch. She passed away Feb. 29, after a long bout with cancer. Besides her parents, she is survived by five sisters, Rhonda, Lola, Kim, Carla and Penny, and one brother, Cameron, as well as grandparents. Always patient and pleasant, she let her light shine. Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, conducted the service.

Sis. Lena Maurer was born June 9, 1886 to John and Emma Isch Werner at Silverton. She married August Maurer Sept. 23, 1914, who preceded her in death. She passed away March 22, leaving to mourn her daughter, Emma Lou, Mrs. Robert Tolvstad; a step-daughter, Rose Maurer, and step-son, Martin Maurer; two sisters, Clara Werner and Esther Werner of Salem, Oregon, as well as many of us who had grown to know and love her dearly. She had attended church only two weeks before death came, was

cheerful and enjoyed the service and fellowship. Elder Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Dennis Warner conducted the service.

As there is a time to die, there is also a time to be born. Reed Marvin was born March 15 to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jolene Metzger. He has a brother, Dana, and grandparents, Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz, West Bend.

Visiting ministers on March 14 were (Bros.) Nathan Stoller, Bradford, Noah Miller, Minneapolis and Harold Messner, Winthrop. This was also the wedding day of Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry's son, Bro. Bruce Messner and Sis. Audrey Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn. We are happy to have Bro. Bruce move to our community and be a part of our brotherhood.

As the Easter season approaches and the suffering Jesus did for you and me is brought into focus, we wonder how anyone can turn their back on such a loving Saviour. There is nothing to give up and everything to gain—a peaceful and abundant life while here, plus a home in heaven in eternity. It was in this season that we repented. It is precious.

Two young sisters-in-faith who are also first cousins happened to be home here for a few weeks at the same time, and have returned to their places of employment at opposite ends of this country. Sis. Margene Metzger is a nurse in Oregon and attends the Silverton church. Sis. Judy Metzger is a dietitian in a Sarasota hospital and attends church there. How wonderful to know that God is present in both places, as well as here in the midwest with the home folks.

#### MANSFIELD OH

Lucille Groh

BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO.

How wonderful to know Jesus lives, that He gave His life and shed His precious blood for all who will come, kneel before him and humbly ask for forgiveness. Friend Elise Bocka can truly rejoice this Easter season, as she has given her heart to the wonderful Saviour, has experienced His wonderful pardoning grace, and has peace. We know she will never be sorry for following Jesus. She is the daughter of

Sis. Leora Bocka and the late Bro. Emil Bocka.

Our congregation has experienced both joy and sorrow.

Little Jenny Banks is excited because she has a new baby sister, born March 22. The parents of little Emily Irene are Bro. Larry and Sis. Nancy Banks . . . Our friends Jerry and Carol Jean Pfister are the happy parents of a baby boy named Matthew Isaac, who is their first child.

Joy filled our hearts and truly heaven came down and glory filled our souls as the Francesville choir praised our Saviour, and Bro. Elmer Bucher brought us many good teachings from the Bible on March 21.

Hospitalized are: Friend Helen Matuck, who has now been released after an appendectomy operation. Sis. Mary Sabo has been released from the hospital and is now recuperating in the Woodlawn Nursing Home, 535 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44907.

Our hearts were filled with sorrow in the loss of two dear sisters. However, the precious consolation, that **Jesus lives, death no more my soul shall frighten** leaves one to rejoice . . .

Sis. Freda Dinger died on March 5, following a long illness. She was born March 16, 1916 in Zanesville and lived most of her life in this area. Her husband, Bro. Fred preceded her in death on March 17, 1972. She was converted and baptized on March 7, 1948. Surviving are three children, Fred Dinger, Shirley Lunsford and Wanda Jean Philips. On March 7, Sunday evening, the Saviour said come home . . . and Sis. Mary Sauder, the wife of Bro. William, age 84, could say good-night here and good morning up there. What a beautiful thought to start a new week in heaven, free from all care, all pain, and best of all, to meet the beloved Saviour, whom she loved and longed to see. Mary loved the Lord and lived for Him over 58 years. Although she was a quiet person, she loved to talk about the Lord and served her family, those she came in contact, and her church.

She left a beautiful testimony. After having suffered many hours in bed, one day she told her granddaughter that she had seen heaven, and said it is so beautiful she could not begin to describe it. Her granddaughter said, "Is it really that

beautiful?" She said, "Oh yes!" Soon after, while laying in bed, she became very excited, and told them that an angel in shining white had spoken to her and said, "Mary, you don't have to be here any longer, you are all right, you can come home now". She folded her hands and told her family she was ready and that she'd wait until it was time. Soon she told them, "I'm down by the river; it's deep and it's wide". It wasn't long until Sis. Mary could bid them good-night and go home.

Surviving are five sons, Robert, Richard, Elmer, Donald and Kenneth Sauder, five daughters, Mrs. Marie Fulk, Mrs. Mildred Dolce, Mrs. Alice Graszl, Mrs. Ruth Weiss, and Mrs. Evelyn Manz, with whom she made her home the past few years; five sisters, Mrs. Tillie Oesch, Mrs. Naomi Cordrey, Mrs. Nellie Groh, Misses Aldine and Martha Fuhrer.

Sometime a fair, sweet morn shall dawn

With a smile of infinite grace  
Somewhere, oh somewhere, fruition shall be

When the angel shall find her a place

Close to the Father, and she hears Him say,

As He tenderly bids her come  
Out of the Valley of Darkness and Toil,

My child, thou art welcome Home.

MORRIS MN

Esther Schaefer

Corrine Schmidgall

Jesus from His throne on high  
Came into this world to die  
That I might from sin be free,  
Bled and died upon a tree!

We are thankful this Easter season that a dear young soul, Sandy Nohl, has chosen to take advantage of this great sacrifice and has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is the daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nohl.

We were privileged to have Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington spend a Sunday with us.

The flu, with complications, has stricken many in this area. Hospital medical patients were Trevor Schmidgall (Bro. Mike and Sis. Diane), Leon Luthi (Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn), Sis. Stella Schmid-

gall and Elmer Greiner. Bro. Reuben Luthi was hospitalized at Willmar, where it was found necessary to amputate two of his toes, the result of a farm accident. Other surgical patients were Bro. Harvey Koehl, Sis. Lyn Schmidgall and Mildred Sauder. Recovering nicely after surgery are Bro. Ephriam Koehl—hip surgery, and Bro. Jake Koehl—back surgery. Bro. Glen Domnick was hospitalized for tests, first at Laredo, Texas, then in Minneapolis.

Bro. William Zeltwanger observed his 80th birthday on Feb. 13. Although he lives in town, he is still active in farming and cattle feeding.

Bro. Ferdinand and Sis. Pauline Tohm are the happy grandparents of Sharnell Ann, who was born on Feb. 20 to the Richard Tohms of Sisseton, South Dakota.

"My wife and I wish to thank everyone for prayers, cards, flowers, letters, gifts and visits while I was a patient in a hospital in Minneapolis for hip surgery and since I am recuperating at home." Bro. Ephriam Koehl.

#### NAUMBURG NY

##### Eleanor Herzig

Sis. Natalie Herzig was hospitalized for surgery, and has now returned home. Little Jacob Hirsche, son of Bruce and Gayle, was hospitalized a few days as a medical patient, and has also returned home. Sis. Rozella Schulz is hospitalized now for surgery. Sis. Barbara Bachman was unable to assemble with us for a few Sundays, but was back with us last Sunday.

#### PRINCEVILLE IL

##### Ruth Ricketts

We welcome the pleasant warm weather and are enjoying the first spring flowers. It is so good to have the robins and other birds singing again. It is always so inspiring to witness the awakening of spring after a cold winter. Soon we will be observing Christ's death on the cross and His glorious resurrection, for which we are most thankful. May we all so walk in His presence, that we can look forward to be with Him in Heaven.

We welcome Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane (Stoller) Ehnle and year-old Beth to our congregation. Kurt and Jane were reared in our community, but have been attending church in Congerville since their

marriage. We are glad to have them back home with us.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Kathleen Stoller welcomed their first child, a daughter, Kristine Charis, March 4. First-time grandparents are Bro. Floren and Sis. Dorothy Stoller and Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty Herrmann. Great-grandparents are Sis. Elizabeth Stoller of Princeville, Will Perdelwitz of Peoria, and Sis. Leah Ringger of Gridley.

Sis. Nellie Woertz was quite ill and spent some time in the hospital. After several days with her daughter, she is now in her own home. Bro. George Seidel has shown improvement since he is in the home of his son, Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Seidel. Frieda Berchtold is with her sister, Sis. Mayme Streitmatter in Peoria and is also showing improvement. Sis. Lydia Feucht was quite ill with a touch of pneumonia, but is again able to worship with us.

Sis. Josephine Endress observed her 93rd birthday March 17 with a few callers and members of her family. She has not been able to worship with us for several years, due to failing eyesight, and her hearing is very bad. She has a son who is very faithful and helps her, yet she is independent and cares for herself.

Our faithful janitor, Bro. Edward Woertz, reached his 81st birthday March 19. He spends many hours in the house of worship, doing countless jobs many are not aware of.

Many hearts were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our friend, Dave Musselman, the night of March 11. He and his wife Cordelia were having a nice evening together, and he seemed very happy. He went into another room; when he didn't return, his wife went to look after him, and found him dead. It was a terrible shock to his relatives and friends. He was born Oct. 19, 1905, a son of Christian and Margaret Hoerr Musselman. He lived in Wyoming, Illinois, but attended church here, attending the Sunday before his death. He married Cordelia Spahr who survives . . . also surviving are five sons, David of Knoxville; William of Sebring, Fla., Donald and Eugene of Toulon, and Keith of Peoria; two sisters, Sisters Marie of Princeville and Lena Joos of Peoria; four brothers, Herman of East Peoria, Bro. Phillip of our congre-

gation, Henry of LaFayette and John of Peoria . . . "We wish to thank everyone for their deeds, prayers, flowers and all acts of love extended to us during our time of bereavement." The family of Dave Musselman.

We were blessed with a visit from Bro. Andy Virkler of Bay City on March 21.

#### If There Were No Easter

How would it be if I had to go into the dark alone?

What would I do if the Lord had not made my last pathway known?

How would it be if I could not greet Him and my loved ones there?

What would I do, if it could not be, He is my answered prayer?

How would it be had He not assured so I could always know?

If it were not as I promised you, I would have told you so!

"We want to thank everyone who remembered our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother with prayers, visits, cards, and gifts while she was ill, the many expressions of sympathy we received at the time of her passing, the flowers, food and memorials given to the church homes." The family of Pauline Knobloch.

#### FORREST IL

##### Kathryn Steidinger Beverly Eisenmann

We have enjoyed the visits of several ministering brothers . . . Ed Kloter and Bob Grimm of Goodfield, Earl Kilgus of Remington, and Bob Walder and Vernon Wettstein of Congerville were our visitors during March.

Two couples have been blessed with new babies. Bro. Lloyd and Joyce Honegger have a girl, Devon, to join Bethany and Loren. Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger are grandparents . . . Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy Leman have another son, Arlen Todd. Erik is his brother, and Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber and Bro. Sid and Sis. Helen Leman are his grandparents. Great-grandparents are Bro. Ernie Gerber of Fairbury and Sis. Octavia Erb of Francesville.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann Maurer's daughter, Janet, was united in marriage to Tom Keeley on March



6. They are making their home in Bloomington.

Mrs. Albert (Mildred) Ifft passed away at her home in Florida. We extend our sympathy to Albert's family—Bro. Harvey, Bro. Elmer, and Sis. Alice Lehman of the Forrest congregation.

Funeral services were held here at the funeral home on March 26. Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Bro. Art Bahler of Fairbury had the services.

We are thankful that several from our congregation who were hospitalized are now home. Sis. Mildred Zimmerman (Glen) and Joy Zimmerman (Maurice) yielded to the surgeons. Brad Metz (Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol) had a tonsillectomy. Ryan Koehl (Barry and Rosemary), Rollin N u s s b a u m (Bro. Willis and Sis. Elna), Robbie Mueller, and Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman were in for a short time. Patients at the present time are Sis. Leona Wallace and Minnie Bachtold. Bro. George Lehman, who has been quite ill, had to be taken to the hospital again.

Our Sunday School children are learning special songs and poems, to remind us on Good Friday eve of the pain and agony our Savior endured to bring to us a wonderful plan of salvation and a hope for eternal life.

### The Way of the Cross Leads to God

He carried the cross to Calvary,  
Carried its burden for you and me;  
There on the cross He was crucified,  
And because He suffered and bled  
and died,  
We know that whatever our cross  
may be,  
It leads to God and eternity . . .  
For who can hope for a crown of  
stars  
Unless it is earned with suffering  
and scars,  
For how could we face the living  
Lord  
And rightfully claim His promised  
reward,  
If we have not carried our cross of  
care  
And tasted the cup of bitter des-  
pair . . .  
Let those who yearn for the plea-  
sures of life  
And long to escape all suffering  
and strife,  
Rush recklessly on to an empty  
goal,

With never a thought of the spirit  
and soul . . .

But if you are searching to find  
the way

To life everlasting and eternal  
day—

With faith in your heart take the  
path He trod,

For the way of the cross is the way  
to God.

The following thoughts and poem were written by a sister from our Forrest congregation . . . Before reading the following, just stop and marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creation! Try to imagine the shape and color of each blade of grass, each flower, each tree . . . The strength to hold each one straight up in the air. What keeps them alive?

### Our Five Spring Senses

**SEE**—how the buds and leaves are  
growing.

**HEAR**—the children playing and  
birds singing.

**FEEL**—the gentlest breezes blow-  
ing.

**TASTE**—of the early fruits spring  
is bringing.

**SMELL**—the freshest air after a  
rainfall, and the sun is glow-  
ing.

### SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

We were privileged to gather with the Portland brothers and sisters to hear the Brotherhood Conference tapes. It is always uplifting and encouraging to hear our elder brethren speak. May we all do our part in preserving our precious faith . . . one brother mentioned, that as long as there are sincere sheep, there will be sincere shepherds to lead them.

It is nice to have Sis. Judie Knecht back in church, after being gone for quite some time due to pneumonia. She seems to be improving a little each day, for which we are thankful.

"We wish to thank each one from the depths of our heart for all your love and kindness, especially your prayers." Bro. Ed and Sis. Judie Knecht

Oh who among the sons of men,  
By word or song or deed or pen,  
Can ever fittingly convey  
The meaning of this blessed day. . .  
It gilds the holy sacred page;

It brings to every clime and age,  
To every people, tribe and race  
The story of redeeming grace.

Let us all remember the true meaning of Easter and the price that was paid at Calvary.

### TAYLOR MO

Lena M. Haerr

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen. . ."

One can see the resurrection in the spring. When plants come to life after a dormant winter. The first day of spring brought four to six inches of snow, white fluffy and light. It didn't last long, but we are reminded to be whiter than snow. The magnolia trees, forsythias and many spring shrubs are in full bloom, the handiwork of God.

The Easter season is our salvation. They crucified Him, and then He arose. How blessed to be His children.

Sis. Emma D. Haerr (Robert) is thankful to be on the way to recovery. She knows prayer and faith is helping her and appreciates the prayers of loved ones.

March 21, the Mike Knapp family had her sister and family visit them. Bro. Art Baurer, Princeville, ministered the precious word of God.

March 24, Wed. evening was our first meeting at our new fellowship hall, when Bro. Jim Hoerr, Peoria, and Bro. Nick Knobloch, Bradford showed and explained pictures of the World Relief projects. We appreciated this and hearing of so many needy people. We are thankful we can be of some help, and truly we can count our blessings!

### TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

"Rejoice in the Lord . . . and again I say, Rejoice." This has been the season of rejoicing and meditating on the resurrection of our dear Redeemer.

New life is springing up all about us, the trees and shrubs budding, the bulbs showing their tender green leaves. Even the air seems vibrant with new life . . . So is the soul of man given new life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John 1:4 tells us, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Our thoughts and prayers are

with the sick. Hospitalized were David Huette, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn; Bro. Leslie Schweigert; Sis. Anne Beutel; and Sis. Phyllis (George) Lang . . . they are all home again and improving.

Our sympathy to Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen Rapp and family on the passing of Elton's dear mother, Sis. Martha (Samuel) Rapp. The Lord gave her a sweet and loving heart, which gives us all cherished memories.

We are very grateful to brethren who have travelled miles to bring us the spiritual manna. Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, and Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern, served us.

Little Greg Alan Huette was born March 10 and has brought much joy to his parents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn, also to brothers David and Doug and to his sisters, Sis. Susan, Anne and Barbara. Grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette and Sis. Emma Rocke.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Susan Rapp, daughter of Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen, to Victor Zurcher, son of Victor Zurcher and Mrs. Eugene Davidson, Chicago. They are planning a June 26 wedding.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me with cards and gifts on my 80th birthday." Bro. Ed Koch

The death angel has called a dear brother to come home. Bro. John B. Schurter, age 92, resident of Restmor Nursing Home, died March 21. Services were held March 24. He leaves his wife, Sis. Rose (also at Restmor); four sons, Daniel, Jesse and Henry of Tremont and John Jr. of Salem, Oregon; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Miller — Congerville, Mrs. Louise Youle and Mrs. Bernice Alt of Silverton, and Mrs. Christine Austin of Tremont; three sisters, Sisters Leah Schurter and Rose Kahler, both at Restmor and Hannah Pflederer of Tremont.

#### TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

Our congregation was saddened by the death of our dear friend, Mike Sakair. He lived in the neighborhood of the church and has attended services regularly since the church was built. We will miss his hardy handshake and warm smile in our assembly.

We were pleasantly surprised to

have Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Corbin Bahler visit our church. They are from the Rockville congregation. We enjoyed the teachings.

We miss seeing Sis. Francis Schrenk among us. She has been ill for some time and is staying with Bro. Henry Schrenk of Phoenix during her convalescence.

With Easter, the church has the greatest message in the world. Easter is living proof that there is a God in Heaven. Think of it! Jesus arose from the dead and is alive today . . . And he will come again for you IF he lives in your heart.

#### GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Now it is accomplished! I now become free;

From sin and transgression redeemed I shall be.

The prince of this world, he enslaveth his own;

A Christian through Christ has his liberty won.

We were glad to receive Mark Campbell as a new brother in Christ, after his baptism March 7. That afternoon, we were reminded of the many who are still lingering outside the door to salvation. Again the Spirit's call went forth to urge, especially those who have heard the message of truth so many times—even from their early youth—and are still resisting God's love and mercy. Sometimes it seems those who have not had the privilege of being reared in a God-fearing home seem to appreciate the opportunity more than those who have known what God requires of them since they were old enough to understand. We greatly rejoice with all those who are able to enter in through the door of grace and find the green pastures and still waters for their soul.

Mrs. Emma Kiefer Stortz passed away at the age of 76 years in Pontiac, Illinois on March 9. She was married to Henry Stortz, who is deceased. She left her son, Henry; her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Rojek; her sisters, Sis. Gertrude Kiefer of Peoria and Sis. Matilda Alt of Gridley; and her brothers, Bro. Albert Kiefer of Peoria; Bro. Eli and Bro. Silas Kiefer, both of Gridley.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Betty Schmidtgal's daughter, Barbara, is engaged to be married to Ronald

Harris, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris of El Paso, Illinois.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Liz Gramm are the parents of a new baby girl, born March 23. She was named Libby Leigh, and has one brother, Christian. Libby's grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Ruth Gramm of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Punke of Gridley.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Edmund Kloter from Goodfield, who ministered God's word to us.

#### LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Glenda Huber

#### Mighty Power

Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray, nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a matter of plan and purpose, as well as of impulse . . . The power to pray and the power to teach others to pray is entirely dependent on the depth of the spiritual life . . . Prayer is the bow. The promise is the arrow. Faith is the hand which draws the bow, and sends the heart's message to Heaven.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman and his wife and son were with us for Wednesday evening services on March 24. We each one appreciated his message on John 3 — of regeneration and faith, of how Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, that he might seek help from the Lord.

On Thursday, March 25, a blessed and rewarding evening was shared in the home of one of our new converts for a Bible Study. We hope to have this every week, as it helps us, each one, to grow and to know the riches and truths of the love of our Lord Jesus in our own lives.

On March 20, Saturday evening, we had a Vacation Bible School meeting, to discuss the necessary plans for it and to set our date for this summer. It is our prayer that it will be a fruitful and blessed week for everyone.

#### SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier — Sandra Price

Jesus died and paid it all  
On the Cross of Calvary,  
And my stony heart was melted  
At His dying call.

O His heart in shame was broken  
On the tree for you and me,  
And the debt is cancelled.  
Jesus paid it all . . .

Ministers who kindly lent themselves to us in March were (Bros.) Floyd Wieland (Detroit), Nathan Steffen (Elgin), Joe Schrock (Congerville), Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria), (Bros.) Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Earl Banwart (West Bend), Edwin Bahler (Remington), Bro. Leland Hirschey (Naumburg) and Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale).

**Holy Communion was observed** . . . Elder Bro. Ben Maibach was assisted by Elder Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria). After communion services we enjoyed fellowship, and a dinner for 125 was served at church.

If we could take a peek inside 3206 Vinson, it would seem sweeter than it ever did before. Little Kelly Kaye arrived March 10 to bless the home of her happy parents, Bro. Glenn and Sis. Sandy Price and sisters, Kristine and Krista. Grandparents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate Price (Milford) and Eugene and Millie Huber (Francesville). Great-grandmother is Sis. Barbara (Chris) Wuethrich (Francesville).

Bro. Jake Stoller (Latty), who has been staying with the Floren Stollers (Princeville), is in the hospital here, suffering from a light stroke . . . Bro. George Bruellman (West Bend) is worshipping with us again.

To all our winter residents who are now heading north to their summer homes, we wish them God's speed, and will look forward to their love and fellowship again next winter . . . anyone vacationing or traveling this way, please call Bro. Phil Wingeier at 371-4155. Our address is 333 Honore Ave., Sarasota.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MN

Josephine Esterling

"Be still, and know that I am God. . ." It was a blessed quiet Saturday evening, as we congregated together to hear (Bros.) Paul Fehr and Paul Butikofer read the memorandum on March 27. The Lord knows our church; He knows our each as individuals. He knows our needs and cares for us. The timely exhortations of the memorandum can keep us a closely-knit body of

believers, if each individual will think on what was read and apply it.

Quarter-break has brought the college students home. How we enjoy having them back, even for a short time.

Another springtime is upon us, and even as I sit writing, the rain is gently falling, to clean away the dirt for the resurrected spring. The tree buds are starting to swell, and the pussy willow is budded, ready to be taken inside to enjoy. Spiritually, we are awakened to think on the resurrected Christ. In our age of so much unbelief — non-biblical sources would make light of the resurrection. Even Christ's disciples were not easily convinced, and Christ had to appear before them before they believed. Scripture presents the facts to be valid, and for the believer, no further evidence should be needed. We accept the resurrected Christ by faith.

#### UNION CITY NJ

Carolyn Roberts

Our prayers of well wishes have been for our Ministering Bro. John Diggelman, who submitted to minor surgery; for our friend, Jan Aeschleman, who was in a car accident, and now has been able to return to her studies in college; and for Sis. Marie Walch, after being home for many weeks is able to attend services again.

We were happy to have Ministering Bro. Arnie Gerst of the Chicago congregation for a mid-week service.

It is good to hear that Sis. Bertha Weisert is improving well, after having suffered a broken hip.

To tell of a family reared in the presence of Christ can surely be observed by all. It shows the Love for the Lord the family has, by the respect and love the children have for each other.

It creates the desire for the knowledge of the Truth, and where all become converted believers in the Lord. The reality of a living Saviour to our parents are the lovely memories of their walk with the Lord . . . their longsuffering and patience (especially where there are ten children) . . . their never-failing prayers in our behalf . . . words of caution in the need for a Saviour in our unconverted state . . . then the seriousness of serving the Lord and staying true and faithful in our converted state.

With Mother's Day soon here, the believing children of a family, in one accord can say, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." **Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he praised her.**

#### VALPARAISO IN

Marie Heinold - Cam Feller

Lo, the winter is past — The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

At this time of year, our hearts are gladdened and our minds refreshed, thinking of our risen Lord — the blessedness of Eastertide.

We appreciate so much Bro. Lennie Meyer of Chicago on March 14 . . . also, a warm welcome and thank you is extended to all the other visitors who worshipped with us this past month.

We are sorry to report, our friend Mrs. Mary Stump is very ill, having undergone surgery on March 19.

We extend our deepest sympathy to our dear friend, Mrs. Karl (Esther) Neuffer, in the loss of her sister, Lillian (Meiss) Martin, who passed away on March 5 in El Paso, Texas.

The best thing to give—  
an enemy — forgiveness  
an opponent — tolerance  
a friend — your heart  
a child — a good example  
a father — deference  
a mother — conduct  
yourself — respect  
to all men — charity.

#### LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

We have Friend Chris Strong from Puerto Rico visiting friends here. We welcome the Albert Frautschis home. They had spent five months with their son and family in California.

Congratulations to Joyce and Steve Kaiser of Milford on the arrival of their new little son, Ryan Allen. Philip and Thelma Schlatter are the grandparents living here.

Elder Loren Stoller of Latty assisted Bro. David Bertsch in reading the memorandum.

We were happy to have Sis. Bertha Steiner back to worship with us in church . . . Friend Artmus Levy has been spending some time at the Parkview Hospital and is improved

... Friend John Steiner is also gaining strength. He is at the Colonial Crest Convalescence Center in Ft. Wayne. Sisters Jennie Klopfenstein and Anna Banwart (from Francesville) are at the Lawton Rest Home.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch is at the Indian Village Health Center, 2237 Engle Rd., Ft. Wayne Ind. Sis. Frances and Bro. Henry Schwartz are at the Towne House Retirement Home, 2209 St. Joe Center Rd., Apt. 225B, Ft. Wayne 46825. Henry is improved.

#### ALTADENA CA

Linda Cooper

We were privileged to have Bros. John and Corbin Bahler visit our congregation and share God's word with us. How wonderful it is to assemble together and listen to His loving message, and how thankful we should be that our brethren can travel about this land of freedom under His protection, to meet us wherever we are.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Elizabeth Feldman, whose brother-in-law, John Schurter, passed away in Morton. She was granted a safe journey to Illinois to be at the side of her widowed sister, Rose at this time of loss.

#### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

Three crosses on a lonely hill,  
A thief on either side,  
And, in between, the Son of God,  
How wide the gulf — how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with the words,  
Oh Lord, remember me;  
The other scoffed and turned aside  
To lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now—  
And all the crosses gone,  
But in believing hearts of men,  
The center cross lives on.

And still, as when these sentinels  
First met earth's wondering view,  
The presence of the Lord divides—  
Upon which side are you?

The question in this poem is one that each of us must face in this lifetime. May each of us strive to achieve the goal of the first thief, that we can say, Oh Lord, remember me!, and so we can be assured that we will be remembered in the

life to come.

Sis. Barbara Virkler remains a hospital patient. We have several other loved ones who have been unable to assemble with us throughout the long winter months because of illness. They are Bro. and Sis. Arthur and Pernal Virkler, Bro. and Sis. Amos and Lillian Virkler, and Arthur and Lucy Wooschlag-er.

Funeral services were held by Bros. John Widrick and Norbert Steiner on Sunday afternoon for our friend, Anna Farney, wife of Ernest. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ernest and also to Anna's family.

Memorial services were held on March 25 at the Virkler Funeral Home for Douglas Farney, son of Sis. Minnie Farney. Douglas was taken from this life at the age of 47, while working on his lawn in San Diego, California. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Minnie of our congregation; to Douglas' wife, Dorothy; his daughter, Mrs. Michael (Cynthia) Winfree; his son, Keith, all of San Diego; and his brother, Richard, of Watertown.

Several of our farmers have tapped their maple sugar bushes for the annual maple syrup making. Our weather has been good for the syrup producers, with cold nights and warm, sunny days. These conditions cause the sap to flow from the trees, where it is collected in buckets and boiled down in the sugar shanty, until it reaches the right consistency for maple syrup. When this takes place, we can be assured that spring is soon here, and we will begin to see the earth spring forth again, with the buds on the trees and the green grass appearing. May each of our lives spring forth in this new season, that we can walk each day for God.

#### ELGIN IL

Mary Moser

On March 6, Tom Moser, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Jeanette, was united in marriage to Mitzie Dr-fall. Sis. Christine Schambach from Detroit was announced for engagement to Bro. Dale Frank from the Oakville congregation. Parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Jenny Schambach from Elgin and Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara Frank from Oakville.

The 13th and 14th of March, we

were blessed when young folks from Remington, Wolcott and Francesville visited us. What a joy it is to fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

Hospital patients were Ed Moser, Frieda Schock, Carol Braun, Sis. Bertha Weichert and Sis. Marie Foell.

On March 13 the oldest member of our Elgin congregation, Sis. Kerri Kuehner, was laid to rest. She served the Lord faithfully for 79 years.

Jesus is coming! The dead shall arise,  
Loved ones shall meet in joyful surprise,  
Caught up together to Him in the skies.

Jesus is coming! The promise is true;  
Who are the chosen, the faithful, the few,  
Waiting and watching, prepared for review?  
Jesus is coming again!

Sis. Lydia Stettner, wife of Bro. Otto, passed from time into eternity on March 21. Ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington, Iowa was here for the funeral service. As Bro. Uriel said, may we think of Sis. Lydia as a flower in the Master's bouquet.

We are going down the valley one by one,  
When the labors of the weary day are done;  
One by one the cares of earth forever past,  
We shall stand upon the river bank at last.

#### FORT SCOTT KS

Aleta Banwart

#### What Is a Mother

It takes a mother's love to make a house a home,  
A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam . . .  
It takes a mother's patience to bring a child upright,  
And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright . . .  
It takes a mother's thoughtfulness to mend the heart's deep hurts,  
And her skill and her endurance to mend little socks and shirts. . .  
It takes a mother's kindness to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow  
her head in prayer . . .  
It takes a mother's wisdom to re-  
cognize our needs,  
And to give us reassurance by her  
loving words and deeds . . .  
It takes a mother's endless faith,  
her confidence and trust  
To guide us through the pitfalls of  
selfishness and lust . . .  
And that is why in all the world  
there could not be another  
Who could fulfill God's purpose as  
completely as a mother!

**Love of all gifts is the greatest**  
. . . A new love was announced Feb.  
29, when the betrothal of Bro. Den-  
nis Miller (son of Bro. Wayne and  
Sis. Pearl) to Sis. April Wiegand  
(daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Mar-  
tha from Oakville) was made  
known.

We wish to thank our two vis-  
iting ministers: Bros. Earl Ban-  
wart and Charles Marti, for bring-  
ing us the inspired word of God.

Bro. Gus Sinn was hospitalized  
for surgery, but is now recovering  
nicely at home. We will look for-  
ward to be assembled with him  
again.

We would like to extend our  
deepest sympathies to Sis's. Mary  
Reber, Carrie Massner, and Em-  
ma Bahr, over the loss of their be-  
loved sister, Sis. Lydia (Otto)  
Stettner.

We have shared the joy of sing-  
ing in the homes of Bro. Lon and  
Sis. Debbie Banwart and Bro. Ray-  
mond and Sis. Kathryn Banwart.  
The Lord truly blesses us as we  
sing and as we have fellowship  
one with another.

#### GRIDLEY KS

##### Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

**Easter Season!** — the lovely  
time of the year when we com-  
memorate the glorious conquest of  
our Risen Lord! How wondrously  
beautiful it is in each opening  
spring, after the bleak winter  
months, when the time of the sing-  
ing of birds is come and God's mir-  
acle touch is seen on every tree,  
leaf, and flower, and all things are  
waking into new life — that we  
take into our hearts, fresh and new,  
the blessed facts of our Lord's  
Resurrection.

A precious son, Jamie Michael,  
was born to Cathy and James  
Kraft on March 4. Paternal grand-  
parents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Na-  
dine Kraft. Maternal grandparents

are Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Paxson.  
The great-grandparents are Bro.  
Sam and Sis. Esther Kraft.

Bro. Brian Bahr (son of Bro.  
Roy and Sis. Doris) was added to  
the fold March 21. It is always so  
wonderful and such a blessing  
when one is able to be freed from  
this world, to live a life pleasing  
to God. We wish Brian God's rich-  
est blessings and guidance, as he  
begins the journey towards eternal  
life in heaven.

**Mother's Day!** Every year, a  
single day comes and goes that is  
to be honored for mothers.

She stretched out her hand to  
the poor; yea, she reacheth forth  
her hands to the needy . . .  
Strength and honour are her cloth-  
ing; and she shall rejoice in time to  
come. She openeth her mouth with  
wisdom; and in her tongue is the  
law of kindness. She looketh well  
to the ways of her household, and  
eateth not the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise up, and call her  
blessed; her husband also, and he  
praiseth her. Many daughters have  
done virtuously, but thou — moth-  
er — excellest them all.

#### PEORIA IL

##### Betty Miller

**Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe  
on His gentle breast, There by His  
love o'ershaded, Sweetly my soul  
shall rest . . .** sang the funeral  
choir, consisting of Bro. Wayne  
and Sis. Erma Wieland, Bro. Don  
and Sis. Velma Hoerr, Sis. Nancy  
Herman, and Bros. Bud Fehr and  
Ed. Eddie, and Mark Meister. The  
subject of the hymn was my dear  
dad, Bro. Conrad Woerner, who  
passed from this life March 13.

My mother, Sis. Emma; my sis-  
ters, Sisters Norma Rieker, Mar-  
ian Hemmer, and Connie Triplett;  
my brother, Bro. Dr. John Woern-  
er, and I and our families, and  
Dad's sister, Sis. Kathryn Haring  
of Mansfield find great comfort in  
the hope that his soul is resting  
safely in the arms of Jesus.

The separation is hard, but we  
have much to be thankful for. Dad  
lived at a time in history (1904-  
1976) when progress was most rap-  
id and developments most excit-  
ing. He and mother were married  
49 years; together they braved the  
Depression, World War II, my  
brother's year in VietNam, and the  
storms of life, and together they  
enjoyed church, foster babies, fam-  
ily, and friends, years of prosperi-

ty, and the daily blessings of the  
Lord.

We are overwhelmed by the  
kindness, sympathy, understand-  
ing, and help given us in our time  
of bereavement. I wish I knew  
words that could adequately ex-  
press our appreciation.

"Walt and I want to thank every-  
one who remembered us with pray-  
ers, cards, visits, food and gifts  
while I was in the hospital and  
since at home." Sis. Iola Feucht.

Sis. Emma Messer wishes to ex-  
press her sincere thanks to the  
loved ones who remembered her  
while in the Proctor Hospital for  
three weeks, with prayers, visits,  
gifts, cards, and deeds of kindness.

Other sisters who have suffered  
in hospitals during March are  
Marie Weishaupt, Sophie Hoerr,  
Martha Langjahr, Addie Honeg-  
ger, Aldine Waibel, and Ella Von-  
Bergen . . . Bro. Jake Simon and  
Louie Wagenbach were in the hos-  
pital.

Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mildred  
Hoerr became grandparents to a  
baby girl, March 27 . . . their  
daughter Charlene and her hus-  
band, John Dolen. The Dolens also  
have a 13-year-old, Diane. The ba-  
by is named Christine Marie. Bro.  
Wilbur and Sis. Connie Triplett  
adopted a baby girl. She was born  
Nov. 17. They named her Patricia  
Sue. Their other children are Nan-  
cy and Margaret.

A group of singers from Gridley  
participated in our monthly hymn-  
sing March 7, which was very en-  
joyable.

We were privileged to hear  
heart-stirring sermons from three  
Indiana ministers — (Bros.) Carl  
Kinfer of Bluffton Feb. 29, Ken-  
neth Schneider of Remington and  
Elmer Hartter of Milford, March  
21.

#### PORTLAND OR

##### Connie Steffen

It really is not difficult  
A blessed man to be;  
We trust the Lord with good re-  
sult,  
And live in Him so free.

So blessed is a trusting child,  
So rich in love and rest,  
And if we're thus not satisfied,  
We'll nevermore be blest.

Silverton joined Portland to hear  
the tapes of the Conference. It's

good to be stirred up in our faith, and hear the words of exhortation given to us by our loving shepherds.

Spring Vacation is a busy week for many families in Oregon. The weather is quite mild, so we take advantage of the time for a little recreation. Sis. Pearl Miller and I took some of the older Sunday school girls on a camp-out on an Indian Reservation in Central Oregon. The scenery is so vastly different from our local area that we had the feeling of being far from home. Someone mentioned it was like being in a different world, then one of the girls brought in the thought of how Heaven will be so different too, with only beauty there. Later in the week, Bros. Steve Miller and Garth Steffen took the older Sunday School boys to the coast, where they enjoyed a couple days of beachcombing, finding agates, driftwood and even two Japanese fishing floats. They were able to see the ocean at one of its most spectacular times, during a storm. Saturday, Bro. Bob Miller and some of his family joined the boys; some of the brothers have purchased a beautiful piece of ground, and had groundbreaking for the cabin we hope to build. Bro. Bob read Psalms 127: I, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . ." We earnestly pray this building will be used to the glory of the Lord.

ROCKVILLE CT  
Carlton J. Lanz

### The Meaning of Living Happily and Well

To be truly happy, one must be contented, satisfied with one's lot. The pursuit of happiness is the great object of life. Not the search for exciting experiences, or the indulgence of the senses; rather, it is a WAY OF LIFE, deeply seated and rooted in the spirit, and dependent less on exterior things than most suppose.

There was a great plan at the creation, and God formed each object, including man, to fulfill a definite purpose. Behind this plan are God's LAWS, directing every object to its proper end and purpose. Those who study the sciences know that even lifeless things, the stones, the soil, water, air, minerals

—all follow well-defined physical laws. Similarly, plants and vegetation grow and develop along orderly patterns. Even the animals are directed through their instincts.

God endowed man with a mind, and seeks to direct him to his proper destiny through its enlightenment and instruction. In this way, He aids man to suitably order his life through the exercise of his will. He makes it possible for man to come to a knowledge and love of Him, his Creator, to approach to the perfection which He has planned, and thus to have the basis on which to live happily as well. We must learn God's laws, and with this knowledge train and develop a true conscience. The longer we live, the more we realize that man's greatest happiness comes from a good conscience.

Between now and our next reporting, the Christian world will have celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Nations of the world call it Easter Sunday. It brings joy to millions, undoubtedly. However, it is a time to take count of its ultimate meaning, of the infinite love of God, and the willingness of Christ, that we can pray directly to God the Father, through the Saviour's interceding. The songwriter's words are so very fitting where he writes: Why come ye at break of morning To the Lord's grave in such deep mourning; Who'll roll the heavy stone away? 'Tis away; oh, do not murmur! Ye faithful ones come now, draw nearer; The stone is gone, Oh look therein! See angels in the cleft! Bring to you bereft, Hosanna, hosanna . . . Why seek with tears the Master here? HE IS NOT DEAD . . . REJOICE, He lives.

Bro. Edward Ludwig of the Crystal Lake section of Ellington has been smitten with a bad case of shingles — some medicalmen call it inflammation of the skin. It has kept him from being able to attend services for several weeks, something we can believe is certainly not pleasant. He lives in semi-retirement with his wife, Hazel in their relatively new home. Ed is 84 and still very active, the last of his family besides one sister, Sis. Emily Schneider, 87, also very active.

We welcomed our Elder, Bro. John Bahler and his wife, Sis. Julia home from their motor journey

to the West Coast, where they visited some relatives and other churches enroute. They conveyed greetings from members along the way, as did the Foote brothers from their trip out there. **There's a blessing in the greeting, Given in the Saviour's name, we sing in one hymn.**

We watch the seasons change from one to another; we see the wonders of the mind of God, again and again at work as the beautiful spring is arriving. Birds are returning from the warm South, trees are budding, grass is covering the earth, and greener; we can go on and on and on — an endless story. We marvel at His Creation, how with such Divine precision, all things fall in line and take shape. The Psalmist calls His name REVEREND AND HOLY.

SHIODA JAPAN  
Willis R. Ehrlé

I don't mind helping my neighbors work to make an asphalt road, but I was at a loss as to what was coming next. It was past 5:30 p.m., and we had finished our day's work. Instead of everyone going home, others of our community who hadn't even helped with the work of digging out rocks and dirt to make a place for concrete forms were arriving. We gathered around an improvised table which held a lunch, the usual thing for mid-morning and mid-afternoon, but unusual for this time of day. One of the men from our kumi or group of 11 houses, began to speak.

"Thank you all for coming to help us build a new road, although you have so very much work of your own to do. Now we would like to sprinkle salt on the work we have been doing." With that several of the men took handfuls of salt from a dish and threw it into the ditch, which had been dug for concrete forms. Then everyone around me put their hands together and bowed low in prayer, several times, toward the ditch where the salt had been thrown. I stood straight and tall, not wishing to be a part of idolatry.

Later upon inquiring, I was told that this ceremony is to seek help from the gods of the road, that the road-building can be blessed and that there will be no injury to anyone on the road. It is usually emphasized, that "no one believes in

these gods", but not to perform this ceremony would leave them with a very uneasy feeling of something missing, a superstition that some accident might happen. Evidently, salt is thought of as a purifier. It is interesting to note that the Lord Jesus Christ thought of salt representing . . . influence when He said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: But if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?"

Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Gramm are in Japan, visiting their daughter, Sis. Sally, so they attended our fellowship meeting on March 19 and 20. Art commented similarly to the Apostle Paul at Mars Hill in Athens, observing that the people seem to be religious, inasmuch as 4 or 5 small shrines could be seen in the mountain area where we stayed. A pleasantly-flowing mountain stream was more to our liking than the shrines.

Our meeting in the morning emphasized making restitution and apologizing, as it relates to forgiveness, and the afternoon meeting emphasized confession of sins as it relates to forgiveness. Forgiveness is a wonderful blessing indeed, but in order to make it available to us, it was necessary that the Lord Jesus Christ make a tremendous sacrifice. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

#### GARDEN GROVE IA

Eileen Funk

Count your blessings day by day,  
And soon your cares will fly away!

Our congregation is very thankful that our elders have established to have a minister visit us the first Sunday of each month. This will be a help to our minister, Bro. Bill Funk.

Our first was Elder Bro. Lester Hartter from Bern. Our hearts were filled to overflowing with the message we received that day. We wish to thank him for his labor of love.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and assemble with us.

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

#### DETROIT MI Charlotte Barton

" . . . The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken."

We wish many blessings upon Bro. Dale Frank of Oakville and our Sis. Christine Schambach, as their engagement was announced March 7.

A joy bundle was born March 23 to our friends, March and Joy Wieland. Little Tiffany Joy is their first child. Tiffany's paternal grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Wieland of Bay City.

We were blessed with the ministry of Bro. Paul Gasser of Akron on March 28. We enjoyed having Elder Bro. Ben Maibach back for awhile.

#### PEORIA NEWS

Bill Lubitz has been in the hospital.

#### TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki — Marie Inoue

Our spring fellowship meeting was held on March 20 at Fujino, an hour's drive from our Tokyo church by expressway. The theme **Forgiveness of God** was meditated upon by our brethren through the Holy Scriptures, at informal meetings. Several spoke of experiences they had had. The thought was expressed, that often we are left with a happier feeling when we have asked for forgiveness, than that of forgiving someone else. Both are

so important in our Christian life. We were especially pleased to have Sis. Sally Gramm's parents, Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth of Gridley Ill. in our midst, and Bro. Gramm's comments at our meeting.

Spring has come in full bloom, and each blossom so perfect is a reminder of our perfect Creator. I recently heard that nearby Jindaiji Park has 500 blossoming plum trees, and among them 100 varieties! As God has given life to our community, He has terminated the life of a 2-year-old boy, who was run over by a truck in front of our church. I notice flowers, incense sticks, and fruit have now been placed at that spot, by those who believe by doing this might in some way make up for some neglect while the person was living and guide the dead spirit to a certain place so it no longer lingers around them. The Holy Scriptures, which are the true source of knowledge give us a different view: ". . . into thy hands I commend my spirit . . .", the words of Christ our Saviour and Redeemer to God the Father. Our spirit is placed in God's hands to do with as He chooses, according to our life lived here. This also tells us that in this life only do we have an opportunity to show kindness to our neighbor.

A pain of heart possesses me.  
I sigh with deep affection,  
Because the Lord has thus decreed  
Your sojourn's termination.  
My deep distress I must confess  
At this your parting sudden.  
Though you depart,  
Yet in my heart  
You ne'er shall be forgotten.



The home on the right is to be occupied by Bro. Terry, Sis. Mary and little Amy Farney . . . The one on the left, Bro. Doug, Sis. Sue, and little Rachel Kellenberger . . . And in both, we have faith, love will care for neglected children, heeding the scripture's care for the downtrodden.

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Life is hard, a sister said  
And I agree that this is true,  
But this I know, I can be led  
Through stormy clouds to skies of  
blue.

Sometimes I pray, Lord, smooth  
my road,  
And ask for grace, when well I  
know,  
I don't deserve to lose life's load,  
But this He does, He loves me so.

Lord, help me be more aware  
Of the blessings of each day—  
The joy of loved ones near me,  
The sound of children's play,  
The beauty of a rosebud,

The smiles on people's faces,  
The glow of amber sunsets,  
The peace of quiet places . . .

Announcements of births, especially with the names, can be put to valuable use. For the Sunday School, it can be put on file, and thus keep a recording of little ones growing up. In getting to know them, even at an early age, each one in the church can jot it down, memorize, and can let Christian love shine bright, from tiniest years . . . Knowing the name is important. Take them with unseen arms of love.

"I wish to express my thanks to my family, friends and relatives for the prayers while I was a patient in Eureka Hospital . . . the visits from all the ministers who came . . . the Brothers and friends who took me to the hospital." Anna M. Bittner

"We wish to thank all who remembered us with cards, visits and prayers on our 50th wedding anniversary, while being confined to our home because of illness." Bro. and Sis. Gottlieb and Dorothy Hari, 522 Valley Court, Eureka IL.

## FOREVER YOURS

Henry Souder Jr.

Gay daffodils of spring, blue skies, fleecy white clouds, cheering light. . .but. . .

The night has NO color. The deepest depression will be with all light gone. Black is the funeral gown of the second death. That morgue hurts even to think about. Our Lord phrased it as the darkness, the outer. It is the weeping and the gnashing. No other like it. Stark unchangeableness and impossibility.

To know our Lord and His Father is eternal life. All other pursuits are empty. They beat from the hot winds of flaming passions . . .chord only with corrosive sin. Living is the opening of the eyes to eternity. . .Sweet rays happily live. This is the Father's house . . . real, solid, enduring.

Nothing in the slaved world even approaches remotely eternal life. Our soul became lost, shattered. . .scattered. We were captive. Sin has heavy chains. The noble innocence of pure childhood was crushed. The soul was deafened in a thousand ways, none right. He that walks in darkness doesn't know where he is going.

The Spirit of God is the Breath

of heaven. He is the life of eternity. Dying to the old life, being born again is actual, and tremendously real. The soul reaches an extremity, nowhere to go, not knowing how to do. It prays. That is a must! The call is upon the Lord. There is no other way. His Way is summed up in beautiful simplicity. Whoever believes on Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life. Why? With touching the heart of God comes power. Soul-saving, earth-shaking. The way is prepared. The soul gets real release. They showed their deed. Willingly. In Grace. The past sins are told in faith to the Christ of Calvary. One solemn moment is better than all the dark days all put together. Healing feels so good . . . and is. The old life dies His death. Calvary is real. There is the water, baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Coming out is resurrection power. Not in signs and portents that mere man would want. Not in money, gold, pride, posture, place and all the et ceteras of vanity that lead nowhere. Here is rising . . . from the dead . . . an opening of the spirit to new vistas, wide and

wonderful.

It is a spiritually seeing with the eyes of the heart. Enduring acts . . . never-ending love . . . a way of unconquerableness. Willingly the cross is taken daily. That means suffering. It is in His sweetness, knowing the fellowship of His death. The things that wouldn't fit always do in God's Book. All things. Are there not twelve hours in the day? Forgiving, forbearing, waiting, working!

The life of eternity is beginning now. There it will be the same love. Our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son. Those details of the Spirit, how they glow in the light of eternity. How they fit in with the completeness of His heart. How sweet they are.

It is the touch and design of God that makes you so thoroughly at home. Dawn breaks. Beautiful eternal, without end. Enduring memories are life in ageless expression. The Son of Man comes with all His own, in glorious splendor. We shall be forever together. His very own family, fully resembling Him in sweet life.

Of His Spirit we shall reap eternal life. What must that be!