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Honor thy father and thy mother: that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long in the land.

As we approach the sunset years of our life, and reflect upon the passing years, the dearest thoughts we can embrace are of home and childhood. The sweet memories of father and mother and their position in the household fill our hearts with mixed emotions. No social influence or degree of learning could have had the effect upon our lives, as the daily care and concern of our parents for our temporal and spiritual welfare.

From early childhood, we recall how our parents looked to higher ground for their help and purest joys. We recall sitting at the family table, where we heard father's prayer of thanks to God, and we recall his petition for us, including our protection, health, our souls, and for the needed temporal blessings for our daily needs.

Father's advice to us was very simple, for the younger ones of the family, as well as the older children, often repeating this short but effective sermon: **Children, be honest and go to church.**

Our parents practiced not only table devotions, but sometimes we would steal into their bedroom and find our parents on bended knees, which left a lasting and deep impression upon our hearts.

I remember mother praying,
Father too on bended knee;
Sun is sinking, shadows falling,
But their prayers still follow me.

As we grew older, we realized that socially our parents did not

rate for front-line news or for popularity, for their joys were above the vain and fleeting pleasures of this earthly life. Father worked with his hands and rarely missed a day. Money was hard to come by, and it was a delight to look forward, when he returned from town, to receive a bag of peanuts, which we children could share with each other.

As has often been quoted, a father is the head, and the mother the heart of a family. Women's present day liberation movement was undreamed of, for mother felt and believed it her sacred duty to guide the household, rear the children, be a keeper at home (not a gad-about), be modest in dress and actions, and to love her husband and children.

Mother had the God-given talent to remember scriptural teachings, and would readily point to a fitting verse in event of a problem or difficulty in the home. Possibly one of the most effective sermons mother preached to the writer of this article was: She said she did not mind my going off to school, provided it would not lead me away from God.

The memory of brothers and sisters of the church coming to our home for an evening singing was uplifting and refreshing. The songwriter has aptly expressed the blessing of such humble devotions:

We recall the songs of heaven
Which we sang with childish voice;
Do you love the songs they taught
you,

Or are songs of earth your choice?

Lest there would be delay or con-

fusion on Sunday morning, mother would lay apart each child's clothing on Saturday night. Our silence and obedience was expected while in the services. Then, too, how precious to recall the sweet aroma of the freshly-ground coffee, as we came to the dining room area, where the tables were covered with red-checkered tablecloths.

Only a few of the dear saints are still with us, but how we cherish the memory of them; some of the dear old sisters said they carried us about in their arms.

As we think of the blest relations with our deceased parents, we recall the words of the poet:

One by one their seats were emptied;

One by one they went away.

Now the family is parted,

Will it be complete some day?

Would that every child who has had Christian parents would look forward to the time beyond this life, when each child may stand in an unbroken circle, and to hear our parents say, as they would wish to present them to the Lord: **Oh Lord, here are we and the children Thou hast given us.**

Shawnee Mission Kansas, Eugene Marti: Worship services for members and friends in the Kansas City area are held the first and third Sunday of each month, on the lower level of the Capitol Federal Savings Assn. Building, State Line Road at 75th St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Sunday School and church services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M., with another church service at

1:00 P.M. Anyone living or visiting in the Kansas City vicinity is welcome to worship with us.

Ministers from the neighboring Kansas and Missouri churches have been faithfully serving us for the past year.

Employment opportunities & living conditions are excellent in the Kansas City area. Anyone interested in more information about the church or the city, please contact Joe and Wilma Farney, 3604 West 85th St., Leawood KS 66206, or Gene Marti, 1342 S. Raintree Pl., Springfield MO 65804.

Alto Mich., Donna Steffen:

I awakened this morning before the dawn
To hear a lone bird lift his voice in song;
I wondered if he always started his days
Singing to God his offering of praise.

Do you suppose God was trying to say,
Arise a little early, just to pray,
For a day started in praise to Me
Will be a day of greater blessing for thee?

Kathy Steffen, daughter of Sis. Helen, has left Peoria and is now employed and living in Detroit.

Hospitalized is Sis. Donna Gerst (Bro. Wally). Also hospitalized was Penny Desatell, daughter of Harold and Louise. She is home and doing fine.

Our congregation wishes to express our sympathy to the Noah Schrock family of Oakville. We will long remember his steadfast faith.

Akron Ohio, Lynda Pamer: We were glad for a visit by Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), who brought us the word of life.

During his visit to our congregation, Bro. Tom Leman (Elgin) reminded us of the suffering that our Lord had to endure when He bore our sins on the cross.

My mother, Sis. Eleanor Pamer (Bro. Eugene), was hospitalized for surgery. She is now at home and gaining strength each day. Friend Howard Dockus was released from the hospital and had been able to attend church service. Sis. Mary Baumgartner (Bro. Ned) was hospitalized for surgery, and

has been able to attend church service again. Our Ministering Bro. Paul Gasser was also hospitalized for surgery.

When comes to the weary a blessed release,
When upward we pass to His kingdom of peace,
When free from the woes that on earth we must bear,
We'll say **good-night** here, but **good-morning** up there.
Good morning up there, where Christ is the Light,
Good morning up there, where cometh no night;
When we step from this earth to God's heaven so fair,
We'll say "good-night" here, but "good-morning" up there.

Our Sis. Anna Hanla, who had been ill for some time, passed away. She left her husband, Friend Joe; children, Walter, Mrs. Clara Herchek, Mrs. Marguerite Valentine, and Mrs. Jo Anne Rininger; and a sister, Sis. Katherine Ries.

Friend Clara Knopp passed away. She left her son, Joseph Jr.; daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Huff and Mrs. Shirley Ashworth; and brothers, William and Ernest VonGunten.

Bern Kansas, Esther and Stella Moser: Good Friday, the Sabetha congregation assembled with us. Bro. Joe Aberle gave the message on the old, yet ever new story on our Lord's crucifixion and glorious resurrection. He died that we might live!

Other guest ministers: Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin).

Bro. Louis and Sis. Lena Baumgartner received a letter from Bern, Switzerland, announcing the engagement of Bro. Erwin Bauman to Sis. Elsbeth Gerber. Erwin is a brother to Paul Bauman and spent several months in our community last summer.

Sis. Lydia Hanhart is a hospital patient. Bro. Leland Esslinger was hospitalized for tests.

Bro. Alpha and Sis. Lena (Harter) Strahm quietly observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary . . . They wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the many letters, cards and gifts.

Our midweek services are now discontinued, and we held our first

song-service Easter. We alternate with Sabetha. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Bloomington-Normal Illinois, Ann Kellenberger - Paula Knapp: What brings greater joy to our hearts than when a soul turns to the Lord in repentance? Brian Zimmerman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) and Ron and Donna Hodel have found peace with man and God and are waiting to give their testimonies and be baptized. Ron and Donna's parents are Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green, all of Quincy. These plans have been set for May 1 and 2.

What God has joined together let no man put asunder. The engagement of Sis. Eloise Stoller to Bro. Jim Howell was made known on Palm Sunday. Eloise is the daughter of Sis. Lucille and the late Clarence Stoller of Gridley. Jim's parents are Robert and Catherine Howell of Harvey.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School classes presented our Easter program. Again we were taken to the cross of Calvary, where Jesus died. May we never forget the torturous death of Christ, for the remission for the sins of many—including yours and mine.

The ISU students presented their Easter program at our church.

Good Friday evening services were held and also a sunrise service. May this Easter season not be a time which comes and goes, but may we think of the **Old Rugged Cross** daily.

Bluffton Indiana, Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen: We were fortunate to have three sets of new par-

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ents. Sis. Cynthia and Bro. Stan Bertsch were the joyful parents of a baby boy, Matthew G., born April 11. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Oscar and Sis. Sylvia . . . Carol and Tim Mock are parents of Gwendolyn Rachel. Carol's parents are Bro. William and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander . . . Randy and Marilyn Reinhard are the happy parents of Joseph Richard. Randy's parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Virgene. We rejoice with these parents and their new bundles of love.

Several dear ones have been ill: Bros. Alvin Gerber, Jim Geisel, Homer Gehring, Calvin Rauch, and Sisters Sophia Gerber, Frances (Harve) Bertsch, Fern Leman, Bernice (Alvin) Fiechter, also Trisha Landrum (Sis. Colleen Landrum), Tyler Tonner (Sis. Donna and Bro. Bill), Rocky Giltner (Sis. Marie and Bro. Herman Drayer), and David Russell.

We are happy to announce two engagements. They are Sis. Jan Maller (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Bernice) to Bro. Doyle Reinhard (Bro. Don and Sis. Sara) . . . also Bro. Dan Kershner to Sis. Jackie Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Pat).

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Mahilda Dubach on the passing away of her dear husband, Bro. Leonard. Surviving are two sons, Bros. Michael and Pat; one daughter, Connie Shady, and one sister . . . Sis. George (Christine) Schuster.

Sis. Emma Heyerly has been laid to her rest. Surviving are a daughter, Frieda (Bill) Stavenik and a son, Elmer Heyerly. We are glad she could go home, after a full life in the Lord.

We will surely miss the presence of our dear Sis. Clara "Ted" Isch. Surviving are three brothers, Bros. Joe, Harold, and Elmer; also five sisters, Sisters Sophia (Joseph) Gerber, Ella (John) Yergler, Amelia (James) Baine, Bertha (Elmer) Moser, and Dorothy (John) Frank. We know these three dear souls are now waiting on the shore of bliss and happiness.

We appreciated the presence of Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Dave Bertsch, as we took Communion. Bro. Homer Reinck spent a Sunday with us. It surely is wonderful that we can go from church to church and still find the true word of God.

A thought for the child of God: Are we putting new roots down and

budding forth in God's plan, as the trees and flowers do every spring?

Bradford, Illinois, Jane Leman: We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion one Sunday afternoon, when Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard (Fairbury) came to assist our Elder Bro. Dave Kieser.

Other visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Al Aberle (Tremont), Don Sauder (Roanoke), and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury).

Little Bruce Endress, infant son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Evelyn, spent a few days in the hospital with pneumonia.

Bremen Indiana, Marian Germann: God's power is so great. During this season of rebirth, we don't have to look far to see His power . . . The trees and flowers budding forth, the birth of many baby animals, the freshly-turned earth, ready to yield up new plants, all of this can show us His greatness and love, as He creates even the most delicate things.

We were shown the great love Christ suffered for us, in the remembrance of Communion. Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman and Loren Stoller lovingly shared with us at this time.

Good Friday and Sunrise Services added to the blessings received during the Easter season. It's a real blessing to realize the pain and agony Christ went through for each of us. We can praise God that Christ is no longer in the tomb, but arose, and is living today with God at His right hand, interceding for each of us.

Burlington Iowa, Edna Pohl: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Again life in the earth has awakened to full bloom . . . So recently we all were reminded anew of His wonderful plan of sacrificing His only begotten Son on the cruel cross, that we, the Gentiles were offered a chance of eternal life by obeying His word. Truly, we are a fortunate people, yet so many pass it by. Our hearts are saddened for the many loved ones yet outside His fold of believers . . . not only believers, but also doers of His will.

We are going down the valley one by one . . . and so the time came for Bro. Noah Schrock, our faith-

ful shepherd of many years, to lay his armor down. We hope the Lord will continue to provide faithful shepherds, and many souls be gathered in before His coming. We all, along with his family, will miss him, being a pillar in the church so long. May the Lord care for his widow, Sis. Hattie, especially.

We were grateful for the privilege to serve a meal to the family, relatives and visitors. We apologize for any inefficiency. We are learning, in the larger space we now have, and ever grateful to the Lord for it. We are never worthy of His goodness, but thankful for His great compassion and mercy.

Champaign-Urbana Illinois, Howard and Dianne Leman: The school year has really flown! Only a few more weeks, and the students will be gone. We will certainly miss their fellowship.

A final event of the school year was the College Week-end, a time when young people from our mid-west churches gathered to study the word and share Christian love. The theme was **Consistent Christian Living**—and this was examined through small, minister-led study groups on Saturday afternoon, at Lake of the Woods Park. On Sat. evening, the students enjoyed a meal, song-service, and a question-answer session with the ministers. Approximately 120 students attended Sat. events, and many stayed overnight, to spend Sunday at the Champaign church. We especially want to thank Bro. LeRoy Hartman, Peoria, & our Elder, Bro. Ed Hohulin for joining us on Sunday. Following the afternoon service, the students divided into 3 groups, and then visited local nursing homes to sing. A supper at the Urbana Civic Center concluded the events. Everyone agreed it was a spiritually edifying week-end, and many new friendships formed and old ones renewed. Thanks to all who contributed. We could truly feel the Spirit of the Lord throughout.

Other events this spring have been our Easter program, a visit from the Morton-Aires, and our annual business meeting.

Leaving soon are Bro. Steve and Sis. Ann Hauter and daughter, Sara. They will return to Morton, as Steve has completed his under-

graduate work. We'll miss their enthusiasm for the Lord.

Chicago, Cathy Schlatter: Our visiting ministers were: Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville IN, on April 4; Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, April 10 and 11; and Bro. Nate Steffen, Elgin, IL, Good Friday, April 16. Truly we were blessed by the Spirit of God speaking through these, our brethren.

Elder Bro. Loren assisted our Elder Bro. Dale in reading the memorandum. We appreciate his loving explanations and concern for us and for our future church, the children. I think sometimes we aren't enough aware of the kind of world in which we live, in which our children are growing up. A teacher in the high school I graduated from told a close friend of mine how upset she was at the large number of students who were "crude, rude, and lewd". That's our world—may the Lord protect us and our children and their children, so long as the world stands!

Bro. Nate, on Good Friday, reminded us of the weight of sin on Christ's shoulders. It was good for me to be reminded of the burden Christ, through his total sacrifice, lifted from me. I don't often enough pause to remember the weight of sin, the pressure of conviction and guilt, contrasted with the blessed freedom and peace of salvation I have now in Christ Jesus.

Our dear Sisters Christina Fuhrman and Marge Young have been hospitalized, but are at home again.

My husband, Jim was involved in moving a large freezer (donated by a Chicago brother) down to the World Relief headquarters near Forrest. It was true brotherly love in action.

June is Silver Lining collection for Chicago.

Children's Home: Again the magnificent handiwork of the almighty God is evidenced in the budding of new life. How refreshing spring is. It's like that refreshing feeling that is brought about when the soul experiences rebirth through Christ. An Almighty God rules the universe; everything He does is completely and without a doubt perfect.

A work of faith and a labor of love, found in I Thessalonians 1:3,

is the Children's Homes' motto, and for seven years our committee of 15 brothers and four counseling elders have been working together in brotherly love, with the faith that God will open the doors of this ministry. This work of faith is now a reality, in that July 17 and 18 has been set as the date for Open House. Letters will be sent to each congregation.

We are now taking applications for part-time relief help. Send resume and letter of application to Terry L. Farney, Box 151, Leo IN 46765.

Cissna Park IL, Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp:

Deep in each heart God puts the need
Of a love that is tender and strong,
The need of one who will understand
Each sorrow and share each song;
And to us all He grants one gift . . .
To answer this need for tenderness,
He gives us each a **mother**.

We again held our monthly singing at church on April 4, and everyone enjoyed singing the beautiful praises to God.

Our Easter Program was on Palm Sunday evening. The children told us the Easter story in song and scripture passages.

The Bible Class students enjoyed Easter morning breakfast and service, at the home of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nancy Hauptli. They then assembled with the congregation for Easter morning services. Bro. Everett Hari visited with us that day.

Bro. Ron Farney, son of Bro. and Sis. Gerry, was in an automobile accident and hospitalized for a few days.

Bro. John Otto was transferred from the Lake View Hospital to Americana Nursing Home in Danville.

Sis. Esther Siegle, Sis. Mary Schupach, Sis. Emma (Mrs. John) Wahl, and Sis. Emma Geyer are all hospital medical patients.

Reach up as far as you can,
And God will reach down all the way.

Congerville IL, Mary Leman - Sharon McClure: On March 28, Sis. Lorene Schieber entered her eter-

nal home of rest. She is survived by her husband, Carl; four sons, John & Tom, both of Danvers; Jerry, New York; and Ron, Carlock; a daughter, Phyllis, New York; five brothers, Harold Romersberger—Eureka, Guy Romersberger—Dunlap, Orville Romersberger—Meeker, Colo., Dick Romersberger—Carlock, Bill Romersberger—Gridley; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Gledhill—Jerseyville, Mrs. Elmer Schlipf, Gridley. Funeral services were conducted by Walter Anliker (Eureka) and Bro. Joe Zimmerman Jr. (Morton). Our sincere sympathy is extended to her husband, Carl, and her children.

"And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many." Bro. Perry Zimmerman from Forrest was with us and assisted Bro. Josh Brouquard as we all gathered for Holy Communion.

One of God's most precious blessings came to the home of Bro. Bob and Sis. LeAnn Siegle. Her name is Laura Ann, and her grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Majora Siegle of Oakville.

On April 5, our first annual meeting was held.

On April 25, Bro. Mike Schieber (Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma) and Sis. Mary Overmyer (Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda) were united in Holy Matrimony at Francesville.

Detroit Michigan, Charlotte Barton:

The same God who gives us our flowers every spring,
Who gives rain and gives sun to the land,
Has power far beyond anything we have seen,
Has this power is the palm of His hand.

So Jesus, once dead, came to life and He said
That He rose to save sinners like me.
In Heaven He dwells, and He has there a place
Where the good will spend eternity.

What a beautiful season. On April 11, our Sunday school children presented an Easter program.

They brought us many blessed messages in their innocent and loving way.

Elgin, Illinois, Mary Moser: We are glad to have our Elder Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger home, after spending several months in Zapata.

One of Thy children is coming home,
One of Thy children too tired to roam.
Oh what a joy to be traveling home;
Open thy merciful arms.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Rose Kaptain on April 2. How thankful we are that she was relieved of her suffering and could be found faithful to her heavenly calling until life's end. May we strive with more earnestness to serve the Lord, so that when our race is complete, it may be said of us that we were faithful until life's end.

A baby girl, Stephanie Jean, was born to Bro. Randy and Sis. Ruth Kellenberger. She has three brothers and one sister to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger and Sis. Edna Klein.

Freida Eisemann is back in the hospital. Sis. Emily Preiss fell and is laid up at home.

Charles Huber is now residing at the Apostolic Christian Resthaven, 971 Park, Elgin IL 60120. Other residents at our rest home include: Bro. Charles Graff, Sis. Nina Huber, Sis. Rose Goll (Fred) and Sis. Emma Moser. Sis. Bertha Weichert is at the rest home, temporarily recovering from a fall.

June is Silver Lining collection for Elgin IL.

Elgin Iowa, Eleanor Butikofer:

We live a short while on earth below,
Reluctant to die, for we do not know . . .
And yet there lies just beyond our seeing
A beautiful life so full and complete
That we should leave with hurrying feet,
To walk with God by sacred streams,
Amid beauty and peace beyond our dreams,

For all who believe in the Risen Lord,
Repent and let the Holy Spirit guide them.
Have been assured of this reward,
And death for them is just graduation
To a higher realm of wide elevation.

God has sent us gentle rains, and now we view fields of new seedings, new leaves on trees and shrubs, lawns growing verdant, and early wild flowers. In our lawn, we have the yellow bloom of the forsythia, and in the border of the garden the blood root is showing its exquisite white blooms. The bleeding heart is beginning to show pretty red clusters. A pair of robins have chosen to build a nest under the eaves of our garage. It's always a delight to have them somewhere nearby.

We have resumed our Wednesday evening meetings. They will be interspersed with regular church services, Bible Study and singing hours. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings start at 8:00.

Some of the men and ladies in our congregation gathered at church to do the seasonal cleaning.

Sis. Edna Gehring submitted to an operation at the hospital at La-Crosse, Wisconsin, and seems to be getting along very well. Sis. Bertha Gehring had an operation on her wrist at Iowa City and seems to be feeling much better, for which we are thankful. Sis. Alta Thomas is back home, but is confined to her bed most of the time.

Mother's Day will come and go before we write our next column.

It takes a mother's patience to bring a child upright
And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright,
To sympathize in trouble and to bow her head in prayer.
It takes a mother's wisdom to recognize our needs,
And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds . . .

Correction: Tim Butikofer's name was put in as Jim Butikofer . . . guess I must have written my T something like a J.

Bro. Noah Gerber from West Bend and Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington were our visiting ministers.

Eureka, Illinois, Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Schumacher:

The month of April is nearly past.
Why does our time move by so fast?

The beauty of the spring is here;
Then summer-time will soon appear.

Let us then put our hope in God
The short time we live on this sod.
We then should be more kind and true,
So we shall live with Him anew—
Forever in Eternity.

We have had quite a few dear ones in the hospitals: Bro. Sam Leman—surgical; Jane Rocke was a patient a few days in Eureka Hospital; Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline are her parents. Sis. Emma Beckley fell and broke her leg. She was in Methodist Hospital. Sis. Janet Leman had her tonsils removed in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Sharon Stoller, Bro. Robert's wife, was in the hospital.

Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid underwent surgery in Eureka Hospital. Diane Rocke (Bro. and Sis. Eldon and Ida Mae Rocke are the parents) underwent an appendectomy in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Curtis Rocke is a patient in Methodist Hospital, where he underwent surgery on his back. Sis. Clara Bruellman from the "Home" is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital. Levi Anliker was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Engagement, April 11: Bro. Joe Klaus to Sis. Ida (Legel) Sauder from Morton.

On Saturday evening April 3, our two friends were given their chance to tell of their experience. They were Daryl Blunier, son of Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Clara Blunier, and Scott Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Wanda Leman. The next day they were baptized and added to the flock of God's children. Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield helped Bro. Leroy Huber with this important work. Bro. Ed was our only visitor this month on the pulpit.

We have another new resident in our "Home"—Sis. Esther Kaeb from Fairbury.

Good Friday services were held on Good Friday evening, and we were all reminded of our dear Saviour's cruel death on the cross, then on Easter, how He arose triumphant.

phant from the grave. May we all think on these things more often.

Fairbury, Illinois, Joyce Huber: Bro. and Sis. Ronald Schaffer were blessed with a new baby, whom they named Nathan Paul. They have another boy, Galen. Grandparents are Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Wiegand. The new little boy was named for his grandpa, Paul Richard Wiegand.

Sis. Esther Kaeb has moved from her home in Fairbury to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. We miss her and wish her well there and know she will enjoy the fellowship too.

We are sorry for those that were hospitalized: Sis. Betty Steffen, Sis. Anna Hertlein, Bro. Amos Meyer, Bro. Dan Meiss.

Sis. Laura Zimmerman, 76, passed away at the Fairbury Hospital. She and her sister, Sis. Lillie resided together. Others surviving are brothers, Bro. Sam, John; and sisters: Sisters Kate Zehr, Martha Koehl, Sara Koehl.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School classes presented an inspiring program, telling the story of the crucifixion and wonderful resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forrest IL, Kathryn Steidinger - Beverly Eisenmann:

God made a wonderful mother,
The dearest and best of them all—
He gave her the patience of spring-
time,

The rich vivid hue of the fall,
The heart and the love of an angel,
A strength and a trust real and
true . . .

As we think of Mother's Day and recollect the many virtues of our mothers, it causes us to stop and ponder—hoping that we too can pass some good and wholesome teachings to our own children. Of all the gifts given to mothers at this time, none can compare with the joy that has been given in the homes of three families, as their daughters turned to the Lord in repentance. Donna Zimmerman (Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy), Cinda Zimmerman (Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn), and Kathy Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn) have in their youthful years heeded the Saviour's call.

We enjoyed a blessed evening

when Bro. Josh Broquard and Bro. Leroy Huber assisted our Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman in serving communion.

Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Jim Ringger (Bradford) and Vernon Schwab (Wolcott).

Sickness has befallen some of our loved ones. Bro. Eli Walter and Paul Koehl have been in the hospital. Bro. Sam Maier had surgery, and also Baby Cory Zimmerman (Rodney and Micky). Bro. Manny Rieger had cataract surgery, but is able to assemble with us again. We are very thankful that Bro. George Lehmann is well enough to be at home and also able to gather around God's word with us.

During the course of conversation with a dear sister who must endure the pain and discomfort of crippling arthritis, I asked her how she was feeling. She said it was going better right now. Then she added—This is something I won't have to take to Heaven with me . . . But she also expressed a concern that she would make it to Heaven and be able to leave all this earthly suffering behind. What a beautiful thought of Heaven—no pain, suffering, or any earthly problems. May we all strive harder to make it someday.

Tim and Bernice Zeigler are the happy parents of their first child, Matthew David. They are living at East Grand Forks, Minn., while Tim is stationed with the Air Force. Sis. Dorothy Bachtold (the late Bro. Alf) is a grandmother for the first time.

Ft. Lauderdale FL., Bert and Karen Aeschliman: Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, instructs in this manner: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." The months of May and June each have a designated day in which we pay special tribute to our mothers and fathers. Children of God are especially appreciative of Paul's exhortation, as love can freely flow between grandparents, parents, and children, and the way to live and duties of the family are preserved from generation to generation through the word which never changes. Thanks be to God

for parents who believed in God and preserved the word for us and our children.

We wish to extend our appreciation to visiting ministers who shared the word with us. They were Bro. Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville and Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann of Chicago.

As the Easter season passes, we bid farewell to our many winter residents as well as winter visitors. We in Ft. Lauderdale look forward to welcoming all back, if it is the Lord's will.

Ft. Scott KS., Oleta Banwart: ". . . Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body." On Good Friday, the brothers and sisters of faith were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Raymond Banwart and Samuel Anliker shared the duties of serving communion.

Bro. Dennis Miller and Sis. April Wiegand were honored with a bridal shower in the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Debbie Banwart, April 17. As I watched them open their lovely gifts, I realized how God has showered us with many gifts, if we will but open our hearts and minds. The Lord showers us with brilliant sunlight that creates the warmth we need for survival. He gives us the much needed rain for our crops, and most of all, He gives his love, which we are to share with one another every day.

We enjoyed the many blessings of Easter. Bro. John Lehman was our guest minister. In the evening, the Sunday School presented a program of word and song. It is so inspiring and soul-warming to hear the choir sing praises to the Lord with all their hearts.

A large number of members from various Kansas churches attended services at Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, April 4. Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart conducted the services.

Francesville, Indiana, Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser: We are happy to report that another soul has heard the voice of Jesus calling her to follow Him, and she has answered His call. We wish her much grace and strength to walk in His footsteps.

We welcome Bro. Ron and Sis. Brenda Clark and little Rochelle from Remington into our congre-

gation. Ron has found employment in this area, and we are happy that Francesville will be their home church.

Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) visited on April 4 and shared with us the word of life. He reminded us to watch and pray and to be ready for the Lord's return.

A number of brothers on April 4 spent Sunday morning at the Indiana State Prison, to sing and hold a service for the unfortunate souls there.

A World Relief Meeting was held here on Saturday, April 10, and many interesting talks were given. We were then privileged on Sunday to have Bros. John Klotzle (Alta-dena) and Jim Hoerr (Peoria) with us, to give many good teachings as we travel life's pathway.

Early Easter morning, many gathered for a Resurrection Service. Then that same afternoon, our Sunday School told us in word and song of the death, burial, and rising of our blessed Lord. **When Jesus rose, triumphant over the last of foes, When angels rolled away the stone, the living Lord came to His own.** "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."

Hospitalized this month are Sisters Julia Boehning, Lena Ward, and Teresa Stefan, and Minerva Wuethrich.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Elaine Anliker (Bro. Eli and Sis. Pricilla) to Bro. Steve Bahler (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances) of Wolcott.

Garden Grove, Iowa, Eileen Funk: Again spring is here. It's wonderful to see God's unfolding of the leaves on the trees, grass of the fields and the beautiful flowers. A calf is born—Oh the wonder of it all!

We were so blessed to have Ministering Bro. Robert Pohl (Burlington) worship with us. In his message, he brought out how salvation is getting right with God — that's what it's all about. Jesus had a total committment — we must have a total committment. It we are tuned into God's station, we will hear Him when He calls for His own. In less than a snap of the finger, there will be no more time for preparation or changes. Let us prepare ourselves, so we will be able to stand before God, ready for the glory of our Lord.

Goodfield, IL., Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm:

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

And we journey on, renewed in spirit — On Good Friday evening, in a very impressive service, we were permitted to partake of the Lord's Supper. We especially thank Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, and our Elder Ed Hohulin, who so humbly served this Communion.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Joe and Irene Rinkenberger and daughter, Lori, who have moved to Goodfield from Cissna Park.

Our new brother, Kent Kloter (Bro. and Sis. Edmond and Loren) and new sister, Lucy Hartter (Bro. and Sis. Richard and Verna) gave their testimonies on March 27, and were baptized on the following Sunday. Bro. LeRoy Huber, Eureka, and Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, so willingly assisted in this important act. . . We also appreciated the message of Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, on March 28.

June is Silver Lining collection for Goodfield.

Hospitalized were Mike Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla) and little Dana Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Roy and Jan). We are glad to report they are both feeling better.

Two dear sisters from this congregation have gone on to their reward: Sis. Susie Nohl passed away on April 10. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Josh; two sons, Cecil, and Bro. Ivan, Goodfield; five daughters: Frances Klopfenstein, Wolcott; Alice of Peoria; Sis. Lavina Fehr, Sis. Clara, both of Goodfield; and Sis. Barbara Moser of the Roanoke congregation. . . Sis. Katie Goetzinger died on April 14 at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home, Eureka. She was the wife of our Bro. Sam, who died in 1949. Surviving are a son, Robert, of DeBary, Fla., and a daughter, Aldena Dunlap of Goodfield.

In listening to the services for each of these dear sisters, we could be firmly convinced of the tremendous value of truly living each day of our lives for the Lord, so that we might be prepared for our time of

departure from this earth.

And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Gridley, Illinois, Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein:

We shall sleep, but not forever
In the lone and silent grave.
Blessed be the Lord that taketh;
Blessed be the Lord that gave.
In the bright eternal city,
Death can never, never come!
In His own good time He'll call us
From our rest to Home, sweet
Home.
We shall sleep, but not forever;
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part no never
On the resurrection morn!

Tuesday, April 20, our hearts were deeply touched and saddened as we gathered in church for the funeral of Jeffrey James Stoller, 3-year-old son of Larry and Carol Stoller. He was buried in the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Born Jan. 20, 1973, Jeffrey was found suffocated in a grain bin on the family farm. Surviving are his parents; his brother Brian; and his sister, Brenda; his grandparents, Bro. Leroy and Sis. Ruth Stoller of Eureka and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bell of Carlock; and his great-grandmother, Sis. Marie (Mrs. Isaac) Stoller of Eureka. We were reminded that God never makes mistakes, and He knew what He was doing when He chose to take little Jeffery. We read that Jesus loves the little children, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Jeffrey will not have to endure the many trials and heartaches of growing up in this world of imperfection, but can enjoy himself in the land of pure delight. Safe and secure, this beautiful little boy is now resting in the loving care of his heavenly Father.

The marriage engagement was announced of Sis. Edith Witzig of Gridley to Bro. Ron Bollier of Leo.

Our friend, Ivan Adams, has repented for his sins and found peace with God. The Lord willing, he will give his testimony before the church and be baptized the weekend of May 2.

Bro. Harold Gramm from Morris and Bro. Marvin Schmidtgall from Eureka were visiting in Gridley, and we were blessed by their wonderful words of exhortation

and encouragement in our most precious faith.

Gridley, Kansas, Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr: There is a story of a shabby old gentleman who every day at 12:00 would enter the church, stay a few minutes, then leave. The caretaker became concerned and decided to question the old man on the following day.

"Look here, my friend, what are you up to, going into the church every day?" "I go to pray," replied the old man politely. "Now come," the caretaker said. "You don't stay long enough to pray." "True enough, I cannot find words for a long prayer, but I just comes and says—"Jesus, it's Jim." "I guess he hears me; though it is but a little prayer."

One day Jim was knocked down crossing the street, and was laid up in the hospital with a broken leg. Now the ward where Jim was admitted was thought of as a sore sight to most nurses. It seemed everyone was always unhappy and grumpy. One day, as a nurse walked through the ward, she noticed everyone seemed so different. They were all happy! Upon inquiring about the changed atmosphere, one man remarked, "It's old Jim—he's always cheerful—pain or no pain."

The nurse walked over to Jim's bed, where the silver-haired man lay with an angelic look on his smiling face. "How about it Jim—what makes you so happy?" . . . "You see—it's my visitor I get every day that makes me feel so happy—Yes, my Visitor that comes here every day at 12:00. He comes and stands at the foot of my bed. I see him there, and He smiles at me and says—"Jim, it's Jesus"" (A true story).

A dear friend, Lydia Kraft, passed away, leaving one son, Bill. Lydia was very faithful in coming to church here Sunday after Sunday, and was nearly always the earliest one to be present, until the time came that she was no longer able to care for herself, and was then taken to a care home. Lydia's health began failing, making it very difficult for her to assemble with us anymore. Her early presence was greatly missed by many. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd

Kraft on Friday morning, March 12.

At the time of this writing we are receiving a nice shower. How the Lord blesses and rewards so graciously! . . . as He does continually promise to provide our every need.

Hillsboro, Alabama, Dessie Letson: "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High." We thank the dear Lord for all His blessings. The Lord has been so good to give us his word, in the Holy Bible; that we could have the privilege to read and study it, so we could grow stronger in Him.

We were thankful to have Bro. John Wagler from Huntsville and his singing group to come to our church and sing the beautiful songs on the 3rd Sunday night of April. The songs told about our Saviour in them, and it was a blessing.

Bro. Curtis Kelly was ill and was not able to be in church.

We thank the Lord for all of his blessing for us all.

We thank God for our minister we have, Bro. Junior Hale, that gives us God's word so plain and pure. We thank the Peoria choir for coming and singing. We enjoyed the Christian fellowship we had with them.

Hartie Hale, Junior Hale's dad, passed away last night at 10:55, April 8. He left behind Margrette, his wife, ten children, their wives and husbands. They are heart-broken today, but God knows best for His children.

Home for the Handicapped: Work on our expansion project is progressing well. The road around the south side of the building site has been built. The trenches for the foundation have been dug, and the footings poured. It is a nice beginning. As we build, we foresee not only a building, but a haven for some who need it. The warm weeks have brought out the blossoms on the flowering trees, making the grounds a delight to behold.

As we introduce Laverna Zobrist to you, we immediately think of her ready smile. Her talent of bringing cheer is an asset to both residents and staff. Her mother and father were John and Edith Mahltig Zobrist, formerly of the

Deer Creek, Illinois area. They are both deceased. Her brother, Harold, and wife Maurine of Metamora, Illinois, and her sister, Mary Ethel Underwood and her husband, Earl, complete her immediate family. Laverna happily spends her time in handwork, as well as with the Home's structured activities.

A sister-in-faith from the Princeville area brought a group of young girls to the Home just before Easter, to help the residents dye the eggs which they brought with them. How we do appreciate those who give so generously of themselves to bring joy to others!

Thanks to Princeville, Bradford, Peoria. Gridley for conducting the April Friday evening services.

The Home scene here is always full of activity. No two days are the same. Each is a new challenge. We are not only building a facility here, but more importantly, we are building residents. The process has an interesting correlation. The first step is to survey their abilities. Then footings of love are poured. After that, blocks of instruction for solidarity and bricks of therapy applied. As each small achievement is attained, it is nailed down with emphasis and practice. The whole program is covered with a roof, to protect our family members from the circumstances which are too great for them to handle.

How true that a house is built by human hands, but a home is built by human hearts!

Illinois State University, Barb Landes: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

This past week-end (April 24 and 25), many from our ISU Bible Study group went to College Week-end in Champaign. The Lord blessed us so richly as we studied the word, sang praises to His name, and fellowshiped with brothers, sisters and friends. To be one in Christ Jesus—this is a concept so difficult to explain to a non-believer, but such a precious experience to a child of God.

The Easter program was held April 15. Bro. Lenny Meyer spoke to us on the great sacrifice of our loving Lord, and encouraged us to "be steadfast, unmovable, abounding in the Lord, for your work is not in vain." We want to thank

Bro. Jim Heiniger for directing the ISU choir.

We wish to thank Bros. Vernon Leman, Elmer Witzig, Lenny Meyer and Joe Schrock for worshipping with us during April. We also wish to thank the U of I Bible Class for their warm hospitality.

Indianapolis, Ind., Patrick and Judy Dubach: I'm sure that those persons who are faithful in small tasks must wear very radiant crowns. They are the ones who tower above us when they are called upon to do the little task, never murmuring. They are meticulous in the furrowed roads of drudgery. They are the people who, when trudging up the **Hill of Difficulty** make it well . . . folks who win the victories amid trivial irritations. They are as constant when they are wearing house dresses or overalls in their daily chores, as when they are wearing royal purple and fine satin in the presence of the King. Great are they who are faithful in little things.

Visiting ministers who joined us were Bros. Jim Hoerr—Peoria, Bob Meyer—Bluffton, Alf Bahler—Wolcott, Maurice Frank—Leo, Joe Aberle—Kansas.

We have had several new couples move in to Indianapolis. Bro. and Sis. Bill and Connie Witzig, son David and Bro. and Sis. Mark and Kai Alt and daughter Janelle, all from Champaign have joined us here. Bro. and Sis. Tom and Kathy Freed have moved back from Kiowa, and Bro. and Sis. Mark and Crystal Novotny from Bloomington. We certainly want to welcome these new families and hope they will enjoy it here.

We want to thank all who remembered our family with cards and prayers in the loss of our father, Bro. Leonard Dubach of Bluffton. Your kind thoughts were a great help in our time of sorrow. Patrick and Judy Dubach.

Iowa City, Iowa, Lynn Banwart - April Wiegand: April is an encouraging month. The Easter season renews our hope in Jesus. The message of the Resurrection is supported by nature's rebirth, which seems to be God's way of saying that **He lives**. Spring always gives me the boost I need!

The semester is drawing to a close, and I'm reminded of a

thought shared by one of the ministering brothers. We are often reminded that the seed can be planted, but only when God blesses it, can it bring forth fruit. This can be applied most importantly to our spiritual lives, but also to a student's life. We can study diligently, but unless God blesses our efforts, we certainly can't expect an increase.

We wish to extend thanks to our ministering brethren . . . Bro. Earl Banwart served us on Sunday, and Bro. Uriel Gehring was our Thursday night minister.

Junction, Ohio, Gwen Manz: We were thankful to have Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty) minister unto us one Thursday evening.

The engagement of Bro. Ralph Schlatter to Sis. Sheila Steiner (Rittman) was made known March 28. Sheila's parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora, and Ralph is the son of Sis. Esther.

"We wish to express our thanks to our relatives and friends for their acts of kindness during the illness and loss of our loved one." The Leona Dotterer family . . . "We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the kind deeds during the illness and loss of our beloved mother and grandmother." Family of Mary Sauder.

Kansas State University, Brenda Tucker:

Lord, for tomorrow and its
needs I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain
of sin, just for today.

Now set a seal upon my lips,
for this I pray;
Keep me from wrong or idle
words, just for today.

Let me be slow to do my will,
prompt to obey;
And keep me, guide me,
use me, Lord, just for today.

We would like to thank Bro. Al Langhofer—Wichita, Bro. Sam Huber—Sabetha, and Bros. Loren Strahm and Lloyd Kraft, Gridley Ks. for worshipping with us during March and the first part of April.

Kiowa, Kansas, Janice Frieden:
Thank you, God, for being There!!
How many times this phrase comes

to mind . . . especially as we remembered the mockery of our Lord's trial, His cruel and painful suffering on Calvary, and finally, His glorious resurrection the third day . . . all because a loving God was there and wanted us, undeserving though we are, to have this precious hope through His Son.

Several of our loved ones underwent surgery. They were: Sis. Bea Diel, Bro. Huber Farney, and Bro. Raymond Roth. We are truly thankful that Bro. Huber and Bro. Raymond are again in our midst, although they are still weak and suffer quite a little pain.

We were saddened to learn that Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue Groom and little Joseph were leaving us and moving to Oregon. We will very much miss having them among us, but are thankful that as believers in Christ, we may be separated in body, but not in spirit. It is our fervent prayer that God will richly bless and keep them in their new home.

La Crosse, Indiana, Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy: Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) visited us Sunday, April 18, and brought the beautiful Easter message to us. How thankful we are that God sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins, and that He arose the third day, that we who seek may find our soul's salvation.

Tho we may travel the valley of
death,
Jesus will save us from harm;
Tho we be weary, we soon will rest.
Open thy merciful arms.
Do not be fearful, lest ye be late;
Jesus has called, and His sheep
must not wait.
Oh what a joy to be traveling
home;
Open thy merciful arms.

It was a sad Sunday morning, March 28, when Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) held funeral services for our dear Bro. Art Bucher. We miss him and offer our deepest sympathy to his family. Art was born in Gridley, Ill. Aug. 29, 1917, and died March 25 at Valparaiso, where he farmed and was a realtor. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sis. Esther (Heiniger); two daughters, Sis. Suzanne (Bro. Art) Ringger, Indianapolis; Laurie (Mrs. Gene) Dodd, Boulder, Colo.; three sons,

Bro. Dennis and his wife, Sis. Diane of Wadsworth, Ohio; Bro. Arden and his wife, Sis. Leann of Indianapolis; and Bro. Tim of West Lafayette; his parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Marie, LaCrosse; three sisters, Edith (Mrs. Louis) Gutwein, Waukesha, Wisc.; Sis. Imogene (Bro. Walt) Aeschliman, Bluffton; Sis. Ella (Bro. Marion) Plattner, Peoria; six brothers: Leslie, Bros. Dwight and Elmer of Francesville; Bros. Vernon, Merle and Ken of LaCrosse. "We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses, messages of love, understanding and gifts during the illness and death of our loved one." The Art Bucher Family.

Lamar, Missouri, Becky Hohulin - Gail Banwart: On Tuesday, April 6, many brothers, sisters and friends gathered together for the annual cleaning of the Lord's house. It was a joy to see everyone working so diligently and giving their time for such a wonderful and worthwhile occasion.

The Lord has surely blessed us, as he has sent us three visiting ministers: Bros. Nathan Stoller (Bradford), Joe Stoller (Princeville), and Max Reimschisel (Wichita).

Bro. Fred and Sis. Carol Marti are parents of a son, Andy Jay. Andy has one sister, Jo Ann. Grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti and Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie Braker. Great-grandmothers are Sis.'s Anna Marti and Marie Stewart and Mrs. Thelma Davis, Lamar. . . Matthew Wayne was the name chosen for the new little son of Luella and Gary Fanning. Grandparents are Bro. Dean and Sis. Arlene Marti and Mr. and Mrs. James Fanning of Lamar. Great-grandparents are Sis.'s Olive Marti, Eureka, and Marie Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fanning, Lamar.

He made the summer breeze so mild,

The moon and stars above,
But when He made a little child,
Then God created love.

Lamont Ks., Jane Isch: Many blessings were received from those who visited us. Among them were (Bros.) Marvin Schmidgall from Eureka, Andy Virkler from Bay

City and Art Bahler from Fairbury. How thankful we are that God still provides faithful brethren to proclaim His precious word.

Latty Ohio, Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller: Little Tamera Kay was born to Bro. Dick and Sis. Eileen Whitman on March 28. Welcoming her home are three brothers. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Rager.

We are thankful that three more souls have answered the kind invitation and have turned from darkness toward the marvelous light. They are Justus and Ruby Stoller and Robin Stoller (son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane). We wish them God's grace and nearness in the time of their repentance.

Sis. Delores Grant (Bro. Tom) was a surgical patient. Steven Sinn (Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann) had ear surgery. Ruby Stoller was in for tests. All are home recuperating.

We want to extend our sincere sympathy to the Bro. Walter Steffen family, in the death of their daughter, Sis. Bonnie.

We were happy to witness the testimonies and baptism of our elderly converts, Bro. Archie Delong (Sis. Bena) and Sis. Emma Pfister. May the Lord's guiding hand direct them in their sunset years.

Lester Ia., Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger: Spring has come early this year. Fieldwork is well ahead of usual, and trees and grass are green. Man may analyze and predict, but it is all in God's hands.

We enjoyed a most blessed weekend when Elder Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka, was in our midst to help serve holy communion along with Elder Bro. Leo Moser. As we partook of the Lord's Supper, we could feel His nearness on Saturday evening, and then again on Sunday we were fed spiritually with humble and inspiring sermons.

On April 4, the wedding of Sis. Julie Wulf, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona, and Bro. Jon Schmidgall, son of Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marion, took place, with Elder Bro. Leo Moser conducting the service. He was so ably assisted by Bro. Ken Lawson, Minneapolis, who was with us for the day. Sis. Julie is my niece, and we feel a sense of loss that she has left our congregation, but we know she will

be heartily embraced into the Oakville church.

We were shocked to hear of the passing of Bro. Jake Meisner on April 10. God called him home in the twinkling of an eye, as he was helping fix fence in a farmyard. Elder Bro. Leo Moser conducted services here, and Bro. Carl Hartman conducted graveside services at Sabetha. Jake had no survivors living here, but has relatives in the Kansas area. . . But he was one of us and we'll miss him.

Surgical patients were Bro. Gus Feucht and Twyla Metzger, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty. Both are recuperating at home. Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling assemble with us again, after many weeks spent at a Rochester hospital, where Bro. Herman had surgery for a tumor on the pituitary gland. Bro. John Gerber is able to assemble with us again, also after major surgery in Rochester. "I would like to express my thanks to each one who remembered me with prayers, visits, cards, gifts and food while I was a surgical patient at Rochester, and for the kindnesses when I came home." John Gerber and family.

Delbert and June Knobloch have moved from Brookings, South Dakota to Rock Valley, Iowa, where he is opening a pharmacy and June is employed at the hospital.

Don Metzger has been discharged from the South Dakota Air National Guard, after serving for six years.

Mansfield Ohio, Lucille Groh: "He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills."

What a beautiful time of the year, Springtime. Flowers and trees are blooming, wild creatures scamper through the woods, the pastures are green, the springs and brooks sparkle, birds are singing, sheep and lambs grazing in the meadows, the sun shines and the gentle showers fall.

So it is in our Christian life . . . it is a beautiful life; some days are as wonderful springtime, and then the showers fall and maybe some of us wander a little too far to the right or the left, just as the sheep and lambs scamper away in the meadow. Then the good shepherd has to go out and look for the sheep or the lamb. Have we taken time

to stop and look for that strayed lamb or sheep? Are we as the hireling, or are we the good shepherd's trusted servant? Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman quoted a poem in a sermon one time, and it goes something like this: The shepherd tells the hireling to go and find my sheep again, but the hireling says:

Oh shepherd, that sheep is black
and bad,
But the shepherd smiled, like that
little black sheep
Was the onlyest lamb that he had.
And he says, Oh hireling hasten,
for the wind and the rain
Is cold, and that little black sheep
is lonesome out there
So far from the fold.

But the hireling says, Oh shepherd,
that sheep is old and grey.
The shepherd smiled, like that little
black sheep was fair
As the break of day.
And he says, Oh hireling, lo, here
are the ninety and nine,
But way out there from the sheep-
fold is that little black sheep
of mine.
The hireling says, Oh shepherd, the
rest of the sheep are here,
But the shepherd smiled like that
little black sheep
He holdest the mostest dear.

So the shepherd goes out in the
darkness, where the night
Is cold and bleak, And he goes till
he finds his
Little black sheep, and he lays it
against his cheek.
But the hireling says, Oh shepherd,
don't bring that sheep to me.
The shepherd smiled, and he holds
it close . . .
And that little black sheep is me.

Some new lambs have been added to the fold on April 5: Sis. Eileen Jones (daughter of Bro. Steve and Sis. Ruth Domka and granddaughter of Sis. Louise Sabo) and Sis. Elise Bocka (Sis. Leora). Here for the happy occasion were Bros. Bruce Lehman (Roanoke), Aaron Steffen (Alto), Rudolph Graf (Akron), Joseph Ramsier (Rittman). The same week-end, our elder brothers shared with us the memorandum of the brother meeting, and we were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper.

April 11, the annual Easter pro-

gram was presented by our Sunday School.

Sis. Alice Graszl was laid up for about 10 days with a blood clot in her leg. She is now able to assemble with us again.

Maywood Calif., John Dapper: Greetings to all the brethren, friends and readers of the Silver Lining. And our Best Wishes from Sunny California. We miss the former visitors who used to visit us here in Maywood . . . Even though our church is nearly empty. Some have moved away, some have gone to their eternal reward, and some have chosen to go to the Altadena congregation . . . So we often have to think of the word of our Lord, who said. **If only two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them.** Even though just a few of us are gathered, we have and receive many blessings. How precious is the word of God, that it can be so precious to a few, as well as a large assembly. We would welcome some families who would like to enjoy the warm weather we have and the climate we have year around. There are many possibilities for making a livelihood. Seems as often we look in the papers, the help wanted ads are always quite a number. Now to turn to the more spiritual side. I often have in mind the hymn the author wrote in 188, especially stanzas No. 9-8.

Milford IN, Coleen Beer - Linda Beer:

God works in His garden, I'm told
every day,
With the roses He needs for His
heavenly bouquet.
There are times when He prunes
where some other must grow,
That He on the weak ones more
strength may bestow.
But some days He chooses the fair-
est in sight;
He needs certain buds to make
heaven look bright.
How sweet, oh how beautiful is
His bouquet!
God works in his garden, and best
is His way.

Our dear Sis. Bonnie Steffen was suddenly taken from us, when she was involved in an auto accident April 9. Bro. Elmer Bucher had her funeral service on Palm Sunday. Bonnie was the 19-year-old daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorthy

Steffen. Bonnie will be greatly missed by all.

Bro. Bert Krauter is recovering well after surgery. Bro. Louis Rassi is undergoing tests. Sis. Aline Hoerr is seriously ill, after suffering a stroke. We look forward to the time when they can again assemble with us.

The address of Albert Krauter is: Fountainview Pl., College Ave., Goshen IN 46526.

Minneapolis MN., Josephine Esterling:

There is a joy we all may know.
The joy of helping others . . .

Bro. Sidney and Sis. Cheryl Messner opened their home for a pot-luck dinner and singing in honor of our dear Sis. Sophie Sikaperija, who came for a few hours from the Fridley Convalescent Home to enjoy the fellowship.

We are happy to make known that Perry Virkler has joined his wife Carol and both are now repenting.

Jennifer and Michael Marohn are parents of a baby daughter. Tasha Rae was born April 19. She is also welcomed by brother Aric Anthony and the grandparents, Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry Messner of Winthrop, Rubin and Mona Marohn of Hutchinson.

If all my days were summer, I would never know what my Lord meant when He said, **You shall be made as white as snow.** Praise God even for the troubled day, for in trouble we can find opportunities.

Morris MN, Corrine Schmidgall - Joyce Nohl: On Wed. evening of April 14, the Sunday School children and teachers presented the Easter Story, in word and song. It truly was a blessed evening, as they reminded us of the crucifixion and resurrection of our dear Lord and Saviour . . . How He had to suffer and die on the cruel cross. It shows us the love God had for man, that He gave His only Son to die on the cross so all could be saved, by true confession, baptism, rising to a new life, and by staying true and faithful to Him, and can enjoy the peace of heart and mind.

We were happy to have Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington with us on Sunday, April 11.

A wedding reception was held at the C.R. Koehl home in honor of their son, Bro. Dale and Sis. Lili (Bahler), who were married in

Remington. We want to welcome Sis. Lili into our congregation.

Hospital patients were Minnie Schlupp (W.N. "Dutch"), Paul Fehr Jr., Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger (Bro. Joe), Ed Heil, Jeremy Schmidgall (Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois). Robert Heil had the misfortune of falling off a scaffold and injuring his knees.

Brad Heil (Robert and Lucy) and Pam Krogh (Jim and Corrine) were married on April 3.

We at Morris wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Noah Schrock, as we have many precious memories of his wonderful wisdom, love and understanding of God's word which he expounded to us.

Morton IL, Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos: It was again a day to have reasons for rejoicing. Two dear friends presented testimonies on March 27 of their conversions and of the wonderful gift they each had received, peace from God. Mrs. Leroy (Karen) Greiner (Walter and Elizabeth Ross) and Linda Wiegand (Ben and Beverly Wiegand) were baptized the following day. We welcome them into the precious fold.

God chose little Jacob David Harper for his heavenly bouquet. Graveside services were held on March 29. Surviving are his parents, John and Sis. Lynn Harper; a brother Joel; also grandparents, Bro. Herman and Sis. Maxine Schmidt, Morton, and John and Dorthy Harper of Indonesia.

Engagement: Bro. Joe Claus of Eureka has chosen Sis. Ida Mae Sauder for his helpmate. A June wedding is being planned.

God has brought sunshine into the home of Bro. Jack and Sis. Jean Miller, by blessing them with a baby girl March 23. Allison Jean is the grandchild of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Dorthy Roeschley and Bro. Walter and Sis. Erma Miller of Congerville.

On April 5, many gathered together to help house-clean the church.

I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. Our dear sister in faith, Elizabeth Schick, passed away April 17. Her husband, Bro. John preceded her in death. Surviving are her daughters, Wilma Bermel of Maryland, Sisters Madelyn Fehr of

Roanoke, Maxine Schmidt, Phyllis Getz, Barbara Roecker; and son, Bro. John of Morton.

Bro. Samuel Rapp passed from this life to begin his eternal rest with the Lord April 16. His wife, Sis. Martha preceded him. Surviving are two sons, Bros. Russell and Elton, and one daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Carius.

Having moved here from Hazelton, Kansas, we welcome Sis. Mary Kising into our assembly.

We have been blessed with spiritual sunshine through God's word. Visiting ministers were Bros. Dave Wiegand (Champaign), Walter Hermann (Princeville), Elmer Witzig (Gridley), and Henry Beer (Milford).

Our hospital patients were Paul Joos, Dennis Joos, Bros. Gary Rumbold, Sam Dietrich, Chris Knapp and Katherine Ackerman, Sisters Lavina Kilgus, Loraine Kaiser and Mary Welk.

To error is human, to forgive divine.

Naumburg NY, Eleanor Herzig: Our Sunday School children presented a program on Easter.

Hospitalized for surgery was John Schulz, son of Norman and Mary . . . also hospitalized was Bro. Arthur Hirschev.

Bro. Ron and I were blessed with a little baby girl, Amber Michelle, born on March 29. Also welcoming their sister are Matthew and Mark. Grandparents are Sis. Charlotte Virkler and Ted and Gertie Herzig. Great-grandparents are Sis. Barbara Virkler and Andrew and Emma Virkler.

New Martinsville, W. Va., Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey:

The remains of a New Martinsville young man arrived on April 20, Kent L. Miller, who with nine other service men went down in a bomber in the Dutch Sea on Dec. 23, 1943; one man escaped & was a prisoner of war for several years. His remains were laid to rest beside his father and mother. He leaves one sister, one brother and two half brothers. He had just been in service six months when his ship went down.

Roy Riggerbach, a son of the late John and Carrie Riggerbach, passed away on April 9 after an extended illness; he leaves his widow, Opal Riggerbach, one son and one daughter, one brother, and two sis-

ters. He was 72 years of age. Interment was in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery on Limestone Ridge.

Blanche Beatrice Barth, wife of Frank E. Barth of Parkersburg, had a massive heart attack on April 14 and passed away in a few hours; she was 76, and is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters, five brothers and six sisters.

The annual all-day meeting will be held at the country church on June 27.

Mrs. Mary Souder and Sue Stieglitz of Leo, Mrs. Mary Gerber, Betty Stoller, Ricky Kipfer, Mardel Stoller of Latty visited at the Sardis Church on March 28, and visited the reporters for the Silver Lining on March 29 for a brief visit. Miss Witschey was very pleased with the singing they did in her home, and we welcome them to come again soon.

Mrs. Forrest Schupbach had the misfortune to fall and break an arm, but is recovering nicely . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Timmis (Lizzie Hassig) of Canton, O., are both confined to their home, and Mrs. Timmis is very ill at this time. Mrs. F. M. Tuttle, a neighbor of Miss Witschey's who is past 91 years of age, fell several weeks ago and broke a hip and the doctors are not too sure that surgery will benefit her in any way; she has been a hospital patient. Albert Hassig, who has spent the winter with a daughter in Ashland, O., has been quite ill for several weeks, but hopes to be brought home within a few days.

Harry Mullet celebrated his 87th birthday in his home on April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade were honored on April 18 by their family, on their 50th wedding anniversary. With mixed emotions the Barth family all attended . . . brother Frank and members of his family also came, and his visiting with so many relatives helped him to at least pass one lonesome day.

Oakville Iowa, Phyllis Siegle: Spring is such a lovely time, with new life springing everywhere. There doesn't seem to be a more appropriate time for our dear Saviour to have made the Supreme Sacrifice, that all mankind might have new life if they will follow Him.

A son, Dathan Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenmann March 25. His brother, Damian David, along with his parents will welcome him in their home. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Kay Eisenmann of Sarasota. Great-grandparents are Bro. Jess and Sis. Bertha Eisenmann of Burlington.

Carol Rocke, daughter of Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna, is engaged to Terry Miller, of Mt. Union, Iowa.

Our dear beloved retired Elder Bro. Noah Schrock departed from this life on April 6, at the age of 83. He was born Aug. 29, 1892, the son of Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Naomi Gerber Schrock, and married Sis. Hattie Lanz from Rockville Dec. 24, 1916. Surviving are: Sis. Hattie; four sons, James of Denver Colo., Bro. John, Bro. Robert, and Edward; six daughters, Sis. Ada Banwart, Sis. Lois Wiegand, Sis. Eleanor Knobloch of Lester, Alma Langland of Ottumwa Iowa, Dorothy Schrock—San Francisco, and Janet Bowen, Burlington; three brothers, Bro. Jesse—Peoria, Bros. Joe and Alvin both of Congerville; three sisters, Sis. Mae Schrock of Congerville, and Sis.'s Naomi Schrock and Nettie Rocke of Eureka. His presence among us will be missed. We are truly in one accord when we say that this dear shepherd of our flock for some 35 years has watched over us faithfully and had not ceased to admonish and exhort. May God be praised that as long as it was His pleasure to let Bro. Noah live, he has truly fulfilled this duty, and with willingness. He was a good example before us. Never shall we forget how he could minister a sermon, after reading or quoting from memory a few verses from the holy word. May the many tears he shed, perhaps in secret in the night for our soul's welfare now be turned into tears of great joy in that Beautiful Land.

In Gratitude: "We wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown during Noah's hospitalization and at the time of his passing. We have appreciated so much the prayers, visits, cards, memorials, flowers, gifts, food, and expressions of sympathy and concern. We wish to thank the many who helped prepare and serve the meals at the Burlington and Oakville churches." Sis. Hattie Schrock and family.

Our dear sister in faith, Mabel Rechkemmer, passed away April

17, age 64. She was born April 25, 1911, the daughter of Charles and Anna Tibbles Kramer, and married Bro. Alvin Rechkemmer, June 21 1928, in Wapello, Iowa. Surviving are: Bro. Alvin; six sons, Russell and Carl of Burlington, Melvin and Elwood of Oakville, Kenneth of of Mediapolis, and James of Des Moines; a daughter, Cora Ann Ater of Burlington; three brothers, James—Milan, IL, George—Rock Island, IL, and Frank, Alton IL.; four sisters, Ida Dickey, and Elsie Clark, both of Wapello, Selma Kerr—Burlington, and Irene McLinn, Milan . . . She had a kindly word and friendly smile for all. May we often reflect upon the patience this beloved one had in bearing her cross and affliction. Although her eyesight was very bad, she could discern who we were by our voice, and then her handshake and the beam upon her face told us of the love she had for her Saviour and for all who knew her. Often a tear would flow when we would meet her, as she was so happy when ever she could assemble with us.

Their voices are stilled, but could we visit with them today, they would say, **It Has Been Worth it All.**

Peoria IL., Betty Miller:

Sis. Myrna Herman and Bro. Bob Hoerr were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Roy Sauder, Sunday April 18. Sis. Linda Herman, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor, and Bro. Steve Hoerr, brother of the groom, was best man. Parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lucille Herman and Bro. Max and Sis. Katy Hoerr.

Easter morning services were conducted by Bro. Leonard Meyer of Chicago. We thank him for a sermon that bestirred the excitement and joy that we Christians should feel anew every Easter, as we commemorate Christ's victory over death.

Sis. Marie Weishaupt, who loved singing in choir when she was ab'e but suffered from cancer for quite some time, succumbed to the disease. Her funeral was April 14.

"My husband, Bro. Philip, and I wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and relatives for the prayers, cards, flowers, and gifts during my illness in the hospital and at home." Sis. Sophie Hoerr.

In the hospital were Sis. Emma Rocke and Sis. Susie Zeller. Bro.

Alfred Hoerr is still on the sick list.

New grandparents are Norman and Sis. Emma Rocke, as their son, Ron and his wife, Barb had a son April 11. Dustin Matthew Rocke is the little fellow's name.

April has been a beautiful month, as we are enjoying an early spring, and it has been a busy month. The choir went to Alabama. Communion was Palm Sunday. The Sunday School Easter Program was that evening . . . and Easter-spring vacation, many families went on trips.

Phoenix AZ., Julie Hoerr:

A mother's love is like a beacon,
Burning bright with Faith and
Prayer,
And through the changing scenes
of life,
We can find a Haven There . . .

For a mother's love is fashioned
After God's enduring love;
It is endless and unfailing,
Like the love of Him above . . .

For God knew in His great wisdom
That He couldn't be everywhere,
So He put His little children
In a loving mother's care.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." On March 28, our congregation was privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Truly it is a blessing to be able to sit together in the quietness of heavenly places and be reminded of the sacrifice our Lord made for us! We thank Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson) for assisting Elder Bro. Roy Farney with the communion service. Some of our members who aren't always able to assemble with us enjoyed being served communion in their homes.

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." How wonderful that Bro. Leonard Dubach believed on Him and had this hope of everlasting life. Bro. Leonard was suddenly called from this life. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Huldah Dubach Heinold and Christine Dubach Schuster . . . Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Jeanne Dotterer in the loss of her grandmother.

We welcome Steve Lemons back (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Ban-

wart). Steve has been spending some time in Japan . . . And we do miss Bro. John Kaufman, as he is spending some time in central Illinois.

Princeville IL., Ruth Ricketts:

Christ has no hands but our hands
to do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet to lead
men in the way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
to tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help to
bring them to His side.

The last Sunday in March, our hearts were warmed with a number of visitors from various congregations. The tie of Christian love is indeed a treasure of great worth. Bros. Art Bahler and Edwin Kilgus fed us with the word of life. The dear friends were so kindly invited to seek the better part, as Mary chose when she sat at Jesus feet. Material things have no lasting worth and cannot be compared to the joys of a true child of God.

Bro. LeRoy Huber came Wednesday evening, April 7, to assist Bro. Dave Kieser in serving our congregation Holy Communion. Our thoughts went across the miles several times to the dear ones at Burlington and Oakville who were in deep sorrow from the loss of our beloved Elder Noah Schrock. Even in sorrow we can rejoice that he has been able to lay down his cross and is awaiting resurrection day.

The Lord did command that the breaking of bread, His broken body, and drinking wine, a symbol of His shed blood, should be observed until He comes for His church . . . a most solemn hour for all present . . . a time when the ties of Christian love were knit more closely. What a privileged people we are!

We were so pleased to have so many of our friends worship with us Good Friday evening. Salvation is free for everyone and the reward is great, even while here on this earth, but what is in store for the faithful at life's end is beyond any human comprehension.

Bro. Ezra Rumbold is able to be about after surgery. "I want to thank my relatives, neighbors and friends for the flowers, gifts, cards, visits and telephone calls I received while in the hospital and

since my return home." Ezra Rumbold . . . Sis. Nellie Woertz has returned to her own home, after a stay in the hospital and at the home of her daughter. Sis. Clara Berchtold is showing slight improvement at the Parkhill Medical Complex at Chillicothe, Illinois. Frieda Berchtold is now at home at the Apostolic Christian Church Home on Skyline Drive in Peoria. George Seidel is showing some improvement since in the home of his son, Bro. Richard at Princeville.

Happy first-time parents are Jordan and Kathy Feucht, who welcomed Kari Kristene April 13. Grandparents are Bro. Rueben and Sis. Nathalie Feucht and Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene Hinrichsen of Goodfield; Great-grandparents are Sis. Lydia Feucht of here and Sis. Sally Fehr of Eureka.

Pulaski IA., Ernestine Wuthrich - Janice Rinkenberger: We were blessed by two visiting ministers. They were Bro. Noah Miller (Minneapolis) and Bro. Leroy Massner (Winthrop). We thank both brothers for their inspiring words.

Remington IN., Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss:

I love you, mother, for your quiet
grace,
For that dear smile upon your
kindly face,
For marks of toil upon each loving
hand
That worked for me ere I could un-
derstand.

Several from our congregation have been hospitalized, including Sis. Cheryl Knobloch, Sis. Velma Wilson, Wilma Clauss and Sis. Emily Kilgus.

Graveside services were held for the stillborn infant son of Bro. John and Sis. Cheryl Knobloch.

Our high school graduates are: Karen Clauss (daughter of Paul and Wilma), Dan Kilgus (son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene), Scott Steffen (son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille), Sonia Waibel (daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleta), Mary Zickmund (daughter of Andy and Mary Lois). Receiving degrees from Purdue University this spring will be Cynthia Clauss (daughter of Paul and Wilma), Mary Lou Clauss (daughter of Bro.

Bob and Sis. Mil).

Bro. Ron and Sis. Brenda Clark and baby daughter, Rochelle, have moved from Lafayette to Wheatfield, Indiana.

Rittman OH., Grace Gasser: ". . . as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come . . ." On March 28, this commandment was carried out in our congregation, as we took part in Holy Communion. Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron assisted Bro. Joseph Ramsier in serving us the Lord's Supper.

On Easter week-end Bro. Tom Lehman of Elgin, Ill. visited, and left us with many good teachings from the word of God.

The engagement of Bro. Ralph Schlatter of Junction (Sis. Esther) and Sis. Sheila Steiner (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora) was made known on March 28.

Richard and Ellen Johnson welcome their first child, a daughter, Melissa Diane. Bro. Dwain and Sis. Joan Indermuhle welcome their third son, Troy Alan.

We have had many shut-ins in the past, but are always thankful to see them restored to health. In an accident on his farm, Bro. Roy Maibach received an arm injury which required surgery. Others requiring hospitalization have been: Art Stoller, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella; Larry Bachman, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn; Elizabeth Rutten-cutter, and Sis. Louise Riggenbach.

It is so nice to have Sis. Beth Beery with us again, after being hospitalized for three months, following an auto accident on Christmas Day. Sis. Beth and her family wish to thank everyone who remembered her in any way during this time.

Roanoke IL., Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder: We enjoyed the Gridley Men's group, who sang several numbers at our family sing March 28.

Two of our young friends are in the service of our country. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klaus are in the state of Washington. Their address is 20504 Mountain Highway—Lot 66, Spanaway Wash. 98387. Ed is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Mary Ann Klaus . . . Raymond L. Blunier is stationed at Great

Lakes. His address is Class Number 37B SSC-NTC OSA Great Lakes IL. 60088. He is the son of Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Sylvia Blunier.

The Easter program was in Ronoke this year. Eureka Bible class sang two songs, and a special group sang one. All the Sunday School classes, from the smallest tots to the seniors in Bible class, presented the Easter story in song. Bro. Walt Anliker gave the closing remarks.

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor), David Bertsch (Leo), Joe Braker (Morton). Bro. Joe helped serve Holy Communion, Sunday April 11. Bro. Art Baurer (Princeville) also was here Easter.

The engagement of Sis. Rachel Sauder (Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith) and Bro. Duane Schroeder (Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder) was made known.

Susan Blunier (Bro. Harlow and Sis. Sally) and Alan Haas (Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Haas) are engaged to be married. They plan an October wedding.

Sis. Helen Martin was hospitalized and is home again. Sis. Esther Weyeneth is in the Carle hospital in Urbana.

A little son was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Bonnie Sauder April 21. He is their first child, and has been named Zachary John. Grandparents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis Sauder and Bro. Willis and Sis. Flo Wuthrich.

Rockville CT., Carlton J. Lanz: Earth trembled with His wondrous might; From heaven came an angel bright. The stone was moved from its repose When Jesus Christ from death arose. Hallelujah! . . . one of the beautiful hymns our church sang at the opening of our Easter Morning services. The church was filled; it was a day for rejoicing. Two days earlier, at the Good Friday service, we were taken out to Calvary, in spirit, where we could be so vividly reminded of the cruel sufferings of Jesus at His trial before His accusers. Hearts were moved, and tears fell as the events were related one by one and, especially when that betrayal kiss was placed on Him, yet He endured it all because of His love for mankind.

The first four books of the New

Testament are called **Gospels**. The word **Gospel** means good news. The good news which these books make known to us is concerning Jesus Christ. They tell us that He, the divine Son of God was manifested in flesh like our own for our salvation. The Gospels give us an account of His birth, ministry, teachings, atoning death, resurrection, and ascension.

Each of the four evangelists, whose writings these are, realized that the story they were about to tell had supreme importance for mankind. Each included in his account those events, out of the many in the life of Christ, which he believed would best achieve the purpose which he had in writing.

All four Gospel writers recognize the supreme importance which Jesus' death upon the cross has for our salvation and redemption. They tell of it in detail. All four of the writers bear testimony to the fact that Jesus rose from the dead.

We who read these writings are infinitely richer through having four Gospels instead of only one. Along with this, we also see that the resurrection of Christ gives us unmistakable evidence that God had fully approved of His work and had received Him to His appointed place—the place of highest honor—at God's right Hand.

We report the peaceful passing of our dear brother, Ernest Bertche, 83, on March 31. He was born in Switzerland and had lived here for 60 years. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth; a son Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Neilson; three sisters, Elsie, Martha and Frieda Grollimund . . . The three sisters live at Switzerland. Burial was in Grove Hill, Rockville.

Two dear friends were interviewed and gave their testimonies—relating how God had called them to repentance, and were baptized and counted to the body of believers. They were Janet Trueb, daughter of Bro. Ronald and Sis. Adelle Trueb; Maureen Gerber, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Mildred Gerber.

We enjoyed several very pleasant hours with two visiting ministers who opened and revealed Scriptures to us. The truth we were able to hear, this is precious to a church today. The brothers visiting us were Simon Wagonbach of Tremont and Earl Gerber of

Forrest.

"I would like to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards and gifts during my stay in hospital and at home. "Olga Bahler.

Sarasota FL., Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price: The Lord called Bro. Jake Stoller of Latty home, and so often when an old pillar dies, their beautiful spirit lives on in memory. Jake spent the winter months here, and one day while visiting with him, he told me he has a grandson he dearly loves, now far past the age of accountability, and something holds him from repenting. Bro. Jake said, "I pray for him everyday." I thought, what a fortunate grandson, for we know the Lord hears the prayers of a righteous man.

You may not be unaware of it, but someone probably prayed for you today. If someone comes to your mind today, perhaps it's God's way of prompting you to pray for them . . . so often there is too little power in our lives because there is too little prayer.

Prayer has been answered in the lives of Debbie Siladie (Betty and George) and Don Sellers of Jacksonville . . . we welcome them to the fold.

The baptismal waters were stirred this month for Irene Ziggler on April 4 and on Easter for Karen Getz (Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret . . . A potluck supper was enjoyed by all. This accounts for six souls added to the fold since our church was built two years ago.

Visiting were Elder Bros. Theo. Beer of Milford, Dale Eisenman of Chicago and Loren Stoller of Latty . . . Bros. Walter Rehklau of Toledo and Ed Bahler of Remington.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and Sis. Lorene moved their family into their new home at 5525 Azure Way.

June is Silver Lining collection for Sarasota.

Most of the winter residents have returned to the Northland, and we miss them, for our little church is truly little, although we can feel a sizeable increase over last summer . . . we give the Lord the praise . . .

. . . Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death. . .

Sardis Oh, Linda Indermuhle: We praise the Lord for the visitors we've had. Easter, Ministering Bro. Bob Walder from Congerville brought us the story of Christ's suffering on the cross and His glorious resurrection. We enjoyed a blessed day.

The annual church service at West Virginia has been planned for June 27, beginning at 10:00. There will also be church services here at Sardis Saturday evening at 7:30. We invite you to plan to be with us for this week-end.

Shioda Japan, Willis R. Ehle: At 5:30 in the morning on April 15, I pushed back the curtain of our kitchen window and gasped in unbelief. The highest range of the Japan Southern Alps sparkled and glistened with newly-fallen snow. There was evidently a break in the cloud cover at that height, which permitted the sun to send an abundance of light pouring down upon the snow-covered peaks. The illumination must have been similar to that which enshrouded our Lord Jesus Christ on the mount of transfiguration. Just this side of the sparkling snow-covered mountains was a range of lesser mountains, which appeared to be jet black in the peculiar lighting of the early, rainy morning. Still lower and extending into the Kofu valley which lies beneath us, hovered the white, cotton-like clouds, which completed the breath-taking sight.

That same morning, out of our living room window, our neighbor's peach orchard, in full bloom with the lovely pink blossoms, greeted the eye, with a much taller cherry tree with white blossoms looming up on the other side of the orchard. In the background rose the brown, lazy-like, completely relaxed mountains, which are only a 20-minute walking distance from our home. If heaven is like this, I want to be there more than ever. Yet, heaven is even better, for it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

When Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth Gramm were in Japan, we had an unusual experience. We went to Kyoto and found Art's old army friend, Mr. Okumura, with whom Art had not had any communication for 31 years. They looked in-

tently at each other, then Okumura rushed to Art, and both of them felt their eyes fill with tears as they shook hands and nearly bumped noses.

Okumura was a prisoner of war who helped Art in his motor pool, part of the army responsible for vehicle maintenance. Art said, Okumura was the best tire changer in the Japanese army, and Okumura always insisted he would never get back to Japan, in spite of Art's best assurance that he would if he behaved himself. As we drank tea together in Okumura's home, Okumura said that the thing he best remembers is the fact that, when he was accused by a U.S. soldier of having stolen a watch, Art told the other servicemen, including the one making the accusation, that Okumura would not steal a watch. The watch was found under a bed where it had been lost or misplaced. (Let us be careful whom we accuse of what. Eliphaz accused Job falsely, saying, "Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?" yet Job's affliction was not due to any failure on his part.)

Art took the opportunity to tell Okumura that he has had a change of heart through the Lord Jesus Christ since they were together on Okinawa. We left a portion of God's word in the Okumura home. Friendship knows no boundaries, for God "hath made of one blood all nations of men".

On Easter, our Sunday School children sang resurrection hymns for our neighbors. Without the resurrection, our faith would be in vain. "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

Silverton Oregon, Joan Dietrich: We are happy to welcome Gary and Terry Zollinger and their two small children to our little congregation. Since they have arrived, we have been doubly blessed, as they have turned their backs on the world, and are seeking the Lord in repentance.

Palm Sunday, the Sunday School children presented us an Easter program. May the worldly ado not rob us of the true meaning of this blessed season.

We were privileged to have Bro. Eugene Fetter from Toledo minister to us on Good Friday and Easter.

We want to extend a warm welcome to all who plan to vacation out west. Feel free to contact: Bro. Clarence Dietrichs, 10117 Kaufman Rd., Silverton Or. 97381 . . . 503-873-2582; or Bro. Ed Knechts, Rt. 1 Box 241, Mulino Or. 97042 . . . 503-632-3570.

Taylor MO, Lena M. Haerr: "... be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Sunday School children presented a nice Easter program on Good Friday evening. Bro. Arnold Gerst of Chicago was with us, and brought a message after the program.

Easter is past, precious reminders of Calvary's hill — the love of God and Christ arose! May we all have renewed faith, love, hope and peace of God.

Not only on Mother's Day do I think of Mom. So often we think of her. I feel so far of being a mother like Mom was! I remember how we used to pick bouquets of violets, lilacs and narcissus for Mom on her day. She did have the love of God — to me she was perfect, she was of good comfort. She did have the peace and understanding we are all striving for. How we are and should be so thankful for God-fearing mothers.

Adair Knapp, son of Kenny and Phylis, and Pam Riney, daughter of Gene and Irene, had a car accident April 11. We are so thankful God watched over them, and it wasn't more serious injuries. The car is a total loss. Pam was in the hospital four days and is recovering. Adair had minor injuries.

A daughter, Heather, was born April 3 to Rick and Karen Rule of Romney, West Virginia. The grandparents are the Griffin Rules of Palmyra and the Perry Yackleys of Taylor.

Our community is needing rain, but the ground is in good condition and crops are being planted. We believe, as a dear old sister used to say, "God always helps before it is too late" . . . so let's trust in Him and thank Him for all things.

Tokyo, Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue: On Easter we gathered early at a nearby park for a Resurrection service, to meditate upon scriptures of the Lord's glorious

resurrection from the dead. According to Matthew 28, some ran to tell others and some doubted. Today, we are so thankful we have faith and hearts to believe it, without doubt, that Christ was truly the Messiah who suffered and died with the weight of sin on him and was raised again the third day for our justification . . . Several from Shioda church were present that day, which added to our fellowship and singing.

That day also, a card of sympathy was circulated at the lunch table, to be signed and later sent to the family of our dear departed Elder Bro. Schrock. I noticed the above mentioned chapter also mentions, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . .", and we are thankful for our departed brother's time and many efforts put forth to provide an open way for our precious faith to prevail in this land. We will miss his guidance and letters, but have precious memories of his godly-inspired teachings.

Tremont IL. Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold: Sis. Rose Schurter had her 89th birthday in March, but this year Bro. John was not by her side. She and her family wish to thank all who remembered them during the loss of their loved one. Bros. Henry Grimm, Morton; Earl Kilgus, Remington; and Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna shared God's word with us. We can always find something new and needful in the word, if we are eager to hear and do it.

Sis. Wilma (Bro. Les) Pulfer was hospitalized and had surgery. She is now able to assemble with us again. Sis. Martha Kaeb had surgery and is now in her son's home, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene. She wishes to thank everyone for the gifts, flowers, cards and prayers during her illness. Sis. Anna Beutel had eye surgery, and is able to assemble with us again. She wishes to express her thanks to her family and friends for their love shown unto her thru prayers, cards, gifts and flowers while at the hospital and at home.

Carol Jeanne came to join Bro. Howard and Sis. Janice Sauder in their home. She was born April 17. Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice Beutel and Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline Sauder are her grandparents. Jennifer Lynn arrived April 18, to share the home of our friends, Mar-

ty and Diane Yergler. Sis. Betty and Gene Yergler and John and Joann Gill of Pekin are her grandparents.

We were refreshed with the Easter story by our youth. How enlightening to hear the story in song, from the four-year-olds thru the high school age. How the Father and his angels must be overjoyed also to hear the youth expound from their own hearts and minds the importance of his Son's death and resurrection.

Mother

There are many whose beauty
will my mother outshine
But that plain simple face
full of love, faith and grace is entwined.

Her prayers rise daily
for her family's protection
that each one may see
and follow God's direction.

When her time is ended
on earth here below
I'm sure my sincere mother
will to Heaven above go.

For God's word speaks of
simple contentment, kindness
and love
These virtues will inherit
the heaven above.

Union City & Philadelphia, Carolyn Roberts: Funeral services were held on April 7 for Bro. Lewis Shoenleber, who reached the age of 87 years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emiley; a son, Lewis. A daughter, Winefred preceded him in death.

Sis. Bertha Weisert is able to attend services with us again.

Friend Steve Wegman has been transferred to Virginia, Minnesota (approximately 200 miles north of Minneapolis). He will be missed by our congregation. We are sad to report that Bro. Phil and Sis. Jan Webber, with their two small children, will be moving to Pella, Iowa, where Phil will be teaching at Central College.

A son, David Eric, was born to Bro. David and Sis. Carolyn Roberts. The grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma Gerber of the Bluffton congregation.

June is Silver Lining collection for Union City.

Valparaiso IN, Cam Feller - Marie Heindl:

Let every day be Mother's Day;
Make roses bloom along her way.

Our congregation was saddened by the death of a dear mother and friend, Mary Stump, who passed away April 15, after a long illness. She leaves two daughters and four sons. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family, and especially to Wayne and Rosie Moser and family, who faithfully assemble and fellowship with us.

We are very grateful to Minister Harold Schmidtgal from Gridley, who assembled with us on Palm Sunday, April 11 . . . Also to Elder Bro. Ed Frank from La-Crosse.

Our little church was filled on Good Friday evening, as our Sunday School proclaimed the greatest gift to mankind, our Saviour's death and resurrection. We had many visitors worshipping with us that night, and rejoiced in their presence. We especially want to thank a group of young brothers and sisters in faith from Francesville who sang in the program . . . If only all people would accept the gift of forgiveness and a life of peace with our Lord Jesus Christ. He suffered a terrible death that we might live.

I knelt one day at Calvary;
My eyes were filled with tears,
To think such love I had refused
Through all these wasted years,
And as I knelt I heard Him say,
I did it all for thee,
And oh the love that filled my soul
That day at Calvary!

West Bend IA, Mrs. Melvin Fehr - Mrs. Raymond Anliker: This season of the year brings new life to grass, trees, and flowers; so we are reminded of a new life in Christ. How blessed and meaningful was this blessed Easter Day, as Bro. Leroy Messner of Winthrop spoke a message on the resurrection, and inviting all to ask, and it shall be given, knock, and it shall be opened, seek, and ye shall find. Our Sunday school sang many Easter hymns during our noon recess.

On March 27, our friends Lyla Metzger (daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della), Mavis and DeAnn Bruellman (daughters of Bro. Har-

ley and Sis. Adele) gave their testimonies of faith and expressed their lost condition before turning to the Lord, and finding peace with God and man. On Sunday, they were baptized, after erecting a covenant with God. We welcome them as new sisters-in-the-Lord. Performing these sacred duties were Elder Bros. Leo Moser of Lester and Dan Koch of Tremont. Along with this blessed occasion, these brothers served Holy Communion to us in a special evening service. Inasmuch as Christ told before He died that this should be done in remembrance of Him, we feel the solemnity of this event, as we think of this great sacrifice.

Sis. Barbara Fehr (Robert) was our only hospital patient, and we are happy to report she is assembling with us again.

A bundle of joy was placed in the home of Bro. David and Sis. Yvonne Bruellman. A daughter, Gwen Marie, was born on April 10. She has a sister, Denise, to welcome her home. Gwen's grandparents are: Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn Banwart and Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele Bruellman.

Wichita Kansas, Glenis Allenbach:

If a man does not keep pace with his companions,
Perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.
Let him step to the music he hears,
however measured or far away.

The Lord is my drummer . . . how about you? Sometimes I fear we are distracted and lose the rhythm . . . But if we stop and listen, we'll hear His music and get back in step.

I heard a story . . . I don't recall if this was actually dreamed or a story in allegory, but it has a lesson to it.

I'm sure most of us who are converted, realize there are many more blessings we could share in if our faith was stronger. Jesus is willing to do much more for us if we would only claim the victories He's purchased for us.

It seems a sister dreamed she was in the room of rewards. She was astounded at the size and number of them. It was her turn to receive . . . As they were given her one by one (the ones she had

claimed by faith), she noticed the big ones were left, and she did not receive them. She asked why, and was told those were the ones she didn't claim . . .

The wonderful part is we don't have to have the strong faith of ourselves, we can have it in what the word says, we can keep our eyes on Jesus, as the disciple who walked on water and didn't sink as long as eyes were on Him.

Faith is strengthened by the word, and it is a blessing for me to write this, for we know the word is true. We also know that Christians have a battle to fight, a victory to win, but sometimes we fail because we don't claim the victory that Jesus has already won for us.

Our choir is still optimistic, still planning their trip to Peoria in May, and talking of a garage sale to help defray expenses.

God has given us some beautiful days this spring.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!

Winthrop MN, Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper:

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.

Into each mother, God has placed a bit of Himself. Thus it is through our mother's love that we first realize the love of God. From the first tender moment in our lives, when we are dependent upon her care, she gives freely and completely of those moving qualities of patience, understanding, and love, with which God Himself has endowed her.

How great is the debt that we owe her, and yet how little she asks of us — only our love in return. Similarly the Lord, too, asks so little of us, only our love in return for the sacrifice of His death on the cross.

Wolcott IN, Arles Kropf - Laurel Widmer:

Soon the sun that now is shining
Will be sinking in the west.
Can we then with glad assurance
Say, I know I've done my best?

Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva Waibel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children were hosts to an open house for them.

Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard (Fairbury) and Ed Lanz (Oakville) spent the day with us on April 4 and assisted Bro. Alfred in serving Communion.

Sis. Marjean Lehman has accepted employment in Peoria and will be assembling with the Princeville Congregation.

A baby daughter, Regina Sue, was born April 10 to our friends, Darrell and Marilyn Maxwell. She is their first child.

Our World Relief sewing projects have been discontinued for the summer months.

The Sunday School classes presented their Easter program on Wed. evening, April 14.

We extend best wishes to our Bro. Steve Bahler, son of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances, and Sis. Elaine Anliker, daughter of Bro. Eli and Sis. Priscilla of Francesville, whose engagement was made known on Easter.

Huntsville, Alabama, John Wagler: We recognize as you do, the present conditions and worsening trend of public schools in America. Most parents generally are concerned and fear for the moral welfare of their children. As Christians, we are even more concerned about their spiritual welfare. Most children in Huntsville receive no Christian instruction at home, church or Sunday School. The Christian Day School is the best solution for reaching many boys and girls.

High scholastic standards and discipline are the incentives for most parents to send us their children, even though it may involve a sacrifice to pay the tuition fee. This gives us opportunity to plant in the children's hearts the seed of the Gospel.

Our nation was founded on this type of education . . . but over the years, the state has come to believe that it is its duty to educate our children. Despite some legislation which fortunately failed to pass, the American children still belong to their parents. To be taught evolution, atheism, and no need of morality will destroy our youth, who will be tomorrow's leaders. If we can but reach a few who will grow up to be godly men and women, God may have mercy yet and preserve us. If we are too busy or don't care enough to do something about it, our children

and grandchildren will be the ones to suffer. No sacrifice or effort on our part is too great to make for them. Have we lost that will?

We started out about four years ago with five children in our kindergarten. Two moved away, and so we graduated three. One Sunday School room, which was used an hour or so each week and stood idle the next six days, was utilized. A dedicated sister was found who was willing to teach at a small salary. Since then we have been in a continual building process. Two buildings are nearly completed, and plans have been started for a third one. We now have five dedicated teachers and over 60 children. Registrations are coming in for next fall. One class is already filled and a second section started. We will need one more teacher for this summer and another one or two for fall. Any interested college graduate, preferably with a degree in education, should contact their elder or Bro. David Bertsch, who is in charge of this work.

You may ask who pays for this? Tuition covers all operation expenses and salaries. The original building costs have been financed by interested brethren and a few churches. Many other brothers have supplied materials, labors and prayers.

If you are interested in starting a school in your church, we would be glad to help you in any way we can. All churches have Sunday School facilities which could be used. Many have teachers right in their congregation who would qualify. What an opportunity this is for a young Christian to do a work which will have eternal value.

(From a newsletter)

Girard OH, Louisa Lance: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." What a blessing that we can receive strength from the Lord each day, if we will only put our complete trust in Him. We are thankful for the beautiful spring weather . . . the farmers are busy getting spring planting done, with the hope they can in due time reap a bountiful harvest of grain. Our ministering brothers proclaim God's word so faithfully, and hope the seed may fall in fertile soil.

A mother's love is something . . .

It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish, and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,

And it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,

And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

A many splended miracle man cannot understand,

And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Don Sauder and Ben Fehr from Roanoke.

"My wife and I wish to thank all who remembered me with prayers, gifts, cards and visits, while I was in the hospital for knee surgery, and while recuperating at home." Carl H. Gasser.

Leo IN., Lydia Souder: Our Sunday School and church were host to a group from the Latty church. They went with our group to visit the rest homes in Butler.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Bro. Ron Bollier, son of John and Velma, and Sis. Edith Witzig of Gridley.

We welcome back Sisters Lilian Levy and Ida Graff, Bro. and Sis. Robert Norr who had spent the winter in Florida.

Our dear young friend, Gary Garman is again very ill, was in the intensive care unit, but is moving, but still in the hospital.

Announcement has been made that Julia Maxfield has peace and wishes to give her testimony to the church and be baptized.

Friend John Steiner is back in the hospital and very ill. Bro. Henry Schwartz was able to attend church service Sun. May 9. He is improving nicely.

The Sunday School children gave an Easter program. Good Friday was observed with services Friday evening, and Easter Sunrise Services were at the fellowship center, followed with a breakfast.

Seniors to graduate: Elizabeth Souder, daughter of Dwight and Betty; Phil Bollier, son of John and Velma; Lester Stoller, son of

Ernie and Dean; Lynn Stoller, son of Eugene and Minerva; Brent Klopfenstein, son of William and Nancy.

"Could you put this in memory of my father, Pete Fankhouser, from Lamont church. Really it is in memory of my parents both. Father was taken in May 1975, so it is about a year May 15.

Going through life, I often recall the goodness of my parents toward us. In many prayers, their concern was great, that Heaven would be their children's fate. Father had lots of love for people, and I really miss his prayers. We've committed our loved ones to Jesus, to live in God's mansion of rest . . . God who knows all things best . . . From the Least Sis.-in-Faith . . . Edna Frieden, 202 Walnut, Lamar MO 65759.

The book, 110 years of North Side-Forrest Apostolic Christian Church History, written by our dear departed Bro. Ben Nussbaum, is now available. It consists of a brief outline of the beginning of the Apostolic Christian Church in Croghan and Naumberg; 85 years—1864-1949, North Side, . . . and 25 years, 1949-1974, present day Forrest church. If interested contact: William Honegger, R.R. Forrest IL. 61741; Chris Leman, 203 S. 7th, Fairbury IL. 61739; Reuben Bach, R.R. 1, Fairbury IL. 61739.

Joy in the Spirit is not postponed because of rain or storm. The actions in the word of God spring in joyful burst amidst the fiercest gale. Sunny skies do give sweet calls, but how sweet the song from the topmost branch . . .

The Storm Thrush

There's a sweet little bird in a far-off isle—

The isle where the shamrocks grow,

And of all the birds in that dear old land,

He's the dearest that I know;
He sits and sings when the sun shines fair

To his mate in her downy nest,
But the topmost twig of the tallest tree

Is the place where he sings best!
When the rain pours down and the floods are out,

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And the wild winds rage and
roar,
Then clear and high o'er the
shrieking gale
The storm thrush sings the more.
That frail little bird on the sway-
ing twig,
As his clear voice pierced the
gales,
Dropped a message sweet at my
faltering feet
Of a Love that never fails.
Though many a storm has crossed
my life,
And many a grief and fear,
Yet with heart and voice did my
soul rejoice,
For my Lord was always near.
So when dark clouds are about
your path,
Like the storm thrush learn to
sing,
For from topmost height of a
lofty faith
You can always see the King!
And with eyes that gaze on His
blessed face,

You never need fear or fail.
The gales may PROVE but they
CANNOT MOVE
The anchor within the veil.

"I believe God, that it shall be
even as it was told me."

I went to America some years ago with the captain of a steamer. When off the coast of Newfoundland he said to me, "The last time I crossed here, five weeks ago, something happened which revolutionized the whole of my Christian life. We had George Mueller on board. I had been on the bridge twenty-four hours and never left it. George Mueller came to me, and said, "Captain, I have come to tell you that I must be in Quebec Saturday afternoon." "It is impossible," I said. "Very well, if your ship cannot take me, God will find some other way. I have never broken an engagement for 57 years. Let us go down into the chart-room and pray." I looked at that man of God

... I never heard of such a thing as this.

"Mr. Mueller," I said, "do you know how dense this fog is?" "No," he replied, "my eye is not on the density of the fog, but on the living God, who controls every circumstance of my life."

He knelt down and prayed one of the most simple prayers, and when he had finished I was going to pray; but he put his hand on my shoulder, and told me not to pray. "First, you do not believe He will answer; and second I BELIEVE HE HAS, and there is no need whatever for you to pray about it."

I looked at him, and he said, "Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been a single day that I have failed to get audience with the King. Get up, Captain and open the door, and you will find the fog gone." I got up, and the fog was indeed gone. On Saturday afternoon, George Mueller was in Quebec for his engagement.

DOING WITH GOD

Henry Souder Jr.

There would be such wonderful happenings waiting. One of the essential, it can't be dispensed with, degrees of success is to know what we are. Of course we can't do it from ourself. Listen to the reality Jesus unfolds: With God all things are possible.

We in human error get second things first. A favorite of the flesh is to show how much,—you know the thoughts—see what I'M doing! Or I've done. Show. SHOW! the old way just naturally loves to strut. Something good is done, then how vainly, the natural way would forget. God is the author and finisher of our faith.

There are tremendous movings for the soul who grasps God's hand, and lets Him hold it there. Put to His scrutiny our own views, our private think-about's, our personal

outlay of what we think can be done. Even our own time-table.

Get down there self, on the knees. Let God know we desire to have and live in His thoughts. Keep on keeping there. That's success. Do the impossible. His ways are footsteps in great waters. He thunders marvellously. He with stretched out arm reveals His almighty power. He's in charge.

Regular, daily, human thought would view some things as interruptions, disruptions, can't be done, and so many other complicated, intricate terms. Not so when we let Him give us His way. Gems are all set in place . . . dynamite removes the blocks . . . life is in the peaceful knowing that all things work together for good.

Waiting. That's a gem of radiant success! See how peculiarly be-

autiful it sets. Directly from God's word. Forgiving and forbearing. True sparkle and key to real happiness. Suffering. Ah it is a key to the closeness of the cheering gladness, God's smile. Accepting what He allows. That is triumph.

Forward. Nothing can stop the moving Hand of God. All will be done as written in His word. The truly triumphant get unparalleled opportunities, and not on the other side of the fence. Right where He puts us . . . wilderness or city. If we let God have His way in magnetic, cheerful . . . constant, totally compassion . . . then the wonders and marvels He loves will shine in action.

Men and women will see. They will know. And at His feet, because His people believe, thirsting strangers will kneel to pray, by the fount of life in reverence.