



But if our gospel be hid,
it is hid to them that are
lost:

In whom the god of this
world hath blinded the
minds of them which be-
lieve not, lest the light of
the glorious gospel of
Christ, who is the image of
God, should shine unto
them.

For we preach not our-
selves, but Christ Jesus the
Lord; and ourselves your
servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who command-
ed the light to shine out of
darkness, hath shined in
our hearts, to give the
light of the knowledge of
the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

TODAY'S WORLD

George Lambert, Wichita

Widespread apostasy in the present world churches has left a great spiritual emptiness in the heart of untold millions today . . . Widespread interest is moneys for church support, rather than a dedicated interest in the preservation of the principles for which Christ died, namely, the saving of lost souls. Proverb 11:30 tells it so well—**THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHT-EIOUS IS A TREE OF LIFE, AND HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE.** This ought to be the aim of every true believer today.

Because of the apostasy in the modern pulpits, a vacuum has been created, bringing in powerful forces, vying to occupy the void left in men's hearts and lives. This is evident on every side.

I am not criticizing the hundreds of godly inspired ministers bringing the glad news around the world, but the few that put themselves, the church buildings, and pleasures ahead of **THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**, our Lord and Saviour. **EXAMPLE:** Bringing gambling (bingo), dancing, all sorts of pleasures into the church, which is **NOT TO BE A HOUSE OF MERCHANTISE . . .** who place women into the pulpit, when the Bible plainly teaches, **LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCH, FOR IT IS NOT PERMITTED UNTO THEM TO SPEAK.** Women's Lib does not and never will change the word of God, even though modern preachers seem to think so.

Because of this, the pathetic,

Billowing, dark clouds of sin frown. The intensity increases. The roar is loud. Like Esther of old, we have been schooled in the word of our Lord for such an hour as this. The Lord has kept and preserved his own, with His authentic teaching, through His power. This day, He wants us to shine forth . . . the opportunity is great . . . the hour is late . . . but how bright His light in the night!

Thou standest on the threshold
of days which are unknown,
Thou standest at the gateway of
paths unmapped, unshown,

empty soul of modern man in this 20th century is mostly devoid in knowledge of God and faith in the God of Heaven. Yet, he is trying to satisfy himself with materialism and varied pleasures, just to keep his darkened mind off the One that could give him peace. They seek satisfaction by accepting occultism, spiritualism, devil-devised pleasures, and just anything that will occupy their minds, so the sunlight of God's word does not trouble them.

The poor sinner often reaches the point where he does not know just who he can trust. He has been betrayed by his parents, minister, friends, and now, where can he go to fill this empty void in his soul?

I've often quoted David, Psalm 55:6—**AND I SAID, O THAT I HAD WINGS LIKE A DOVE; FOR THEN WOULD I FLY AWAY AND BE AT REST.** The question is, Where can these poor, deluded souls fly to find rest? To Jesus Christ, yes, but how do they know this?

We know that Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep is the only answer, but if this story is twisted and diluted, it remains a complete mystery to these wandering, lost sinners. That gnawing on their minds, that constant fear that is with them day after day after day, drives many of them to drugs, and even death by choice. We as Christians cannot really comprehend the dread, the loneliness that grips these souls. An example: a

14-year-old girl who had gotten into trouble was brought before a juvenile judge in our city. The judge wanted to give the girl to the parents for custody, and the mother said, **I DON'T WANT HER IN MY HOUSE. I DON'T WANT HER NEAR ME.** The poor child cried out, **MOTHER, & wept.** Multiply this by thousands, and we can see that parents are the direct cause of much of our delinquent children.

Children who have God-fearing parents, god-fearing ministers ought to get down on their knees and thank God every day for them.

O what a responsibility lays upon the shoulders of we ministers, as we see the deterioration of the modern homes, the corruption in our society, governments, schools, and everywhere we look. Who is really to blame? Children? Parents? Schools? Instead of blaming others, let us look at ourselves, and see if we are contributing to this sinful cancer that is gradually, but surely gnawing away at the very vitals . . .

Remember, the devil has no power over any human, unless that person opens the way for him to do so. The answer? Nothing more or less than turning from careless ways and allowing Jesus Christ to pilot and control our lives every hour and every day, until He comes or until He calls us **HOME.** Thank God He promised to come again to rapture His own into glory. Let us help some straying soul to find this way.

But God himself is with thee,
thy Saviour, Keeper, Friend,
And He will not forsake thee nor
leave thee to life's end.
Thou standest and thou asketh:
What have the days in store?
He answered thee: **Blessing!**
Yea blessing more and more.
What form that blessing taketh,
thou mayst not yet know,
But blessing upon blessing He
waiteth to bestow.

Words of wisdom through Froehlich: . . . and although the darkness is so powerful that it has covered everything, the Light is still more

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powerful yet and overcomes the darkness in all those who become converted unto the light . . .

SHIODA JAPAN

Sally Gramm - Libby Meyer

I sit quietly in the dusk, after a day of vigorous labor in the Japanese countryside. We've finished a simple supper of vegetables, fish and rice, and now as I gaze out the window toward the lovely mountains slipping silently into the deepening shadows, there is time to be still and talk with the One who has made this day so worthwhile. He has been beside me and inside me all the day long, providing courage instead of fear, hope instead of despair, and joy instead of dissatisfaction. As evening approaches, He reminds me of the blessed promise in His word: "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet." How richly God metes out those things that are good for His children! How abundant and sweet life is for those who dare to lay their lives without reserve at His feet. Let us never hesitate to tune in to His loving voice, for only by truly listening and truly obeying can we share in the unlimited spiritual treasures that He is yearning to give us.

The Willis Ehnle family has returned to the United States for the summer. We miss them, but we know that their visit to our churches will greatly encourage them, and we feel that they can be an inspiration to our American churches as well. We pray that God will bless their journey and protect them as they return to Japan in the last part of August. We will miss Bro. Tony Ehnle, who will be remaining in the States to attend college in Phoenix, and his younger sister Joy, who will be attending a university in Goshen, Indiana. We pray that they will always rise to the challenge of serving the Lord . . . and may we all, as children of God, strive daily to live up to the standards of the Lord, whose brethren we are.

ALTO MI

Donna Steffen

In this Bicentennial year, let's contemplate what God has to say about liberty: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty . . . Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us

FREE . . . For brethren, ye have been called unto Liberty; only use not Liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Have you prayed for America, today?? Remember . . . II Chronicles 7:14.

How thankful we are, and truly should be, that our Heavenly Father knows our needs and supplies, according to His blessed will. The precious, loving servants He sent to us recently were: (Bros.) Fred Knapp (Congerville), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Marvin Schmidtgal (Eureka) and Andy Virkler (Bay City).

Our friend, Bill Wingeier, remains very ill . . . Often when we become ill, God makes us to lie flat on our backs, so all we can see is Him more clearly. We can and should use this opportunity to draw ourselves more closer to Him—for we know . . . "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Bill is a brother to Sis. Mary and Sis. Lydia Wingeier.

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,

At late or early hour . . .
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

Thirty-nine people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready?

MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Coleen Beer

We thank God for His special grace during our Bible school, as it has brought fruit of repentance. Visiting ministers who brought us the lessons were Bros. Bob Meyer, John Bollier, Elmer Bucher, and Lenard Meyer, speaking on the theme, **Faith of Our Fathers.**

Another visiting minister was Bro. Roy Wieland, reminding us that Jesus may come today.

Our friend, Henry Stieglitz passed away unexpectedly June 11. May God comfort his wife, Sis. Anna and his children.

TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

In the midst of the many bi-centennial activities, we are reminded of the freedoms we enjoy. The freedom of worship should be very dear to every believer's heart. Each time we gather around God's word, we have a thankful heart.

We were pleased to have (Bros.) Dennis Warner, Lester, and Bill Dotterer, Phoenix, as our guest ministers. We enjoyed their inspiring messages and thank them for their visits.

Sis. Clara Lorenz has been hospitalized for a short time. We are thankful she is growing stronger and can soon be at home again.

A man may go to Heaven WITHOUT health, wealth, knowledge, culture, and a thousand other things . . . But he can NEVER go to Heaven WITHOUT Christ!

ROANOKE IL

Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Our Summer Vacation Bible School has ended.

We have four new babies. A little daughter was born to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Kathy Hodel. She has been named Jill Christine, and has a brother, Jeff . . . A little son, Lucas Craig, was born to Scott and Dianne (Moser) Sanchen . . . Bro. Roland and Sis. Carol Rumbold have their first son, Martin Roland. Little Lisa and Jamie welcome him . . . A daughter, Gina Marie, was born to Bro. David and Sis. Carol Knapp. Krista is happy to have a little sister.

Gina Hammond (Earl and the late Mrs. Jeanne Hammond) and Robert Luginbuhl (Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean) were united in Holy Matrimony at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall June 12 . . . Mary Jane Aeschleman (Bro. Orie and Sis. Marie) and Brian Meginnes (Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meginnes) were married June 19.

Sis. Beverly Leman (Bro. Sam and Sis. Anne) and Bro. Richard Bertschi (Bro. Eugene & Sis. Dorothy) have announced their engagement. They plan to be married in October . . .

Our friends, Mary Jean Fehr (Bro. Walt and Sis. Arlette) and Tex Steitmatter of Bradford have announced their engagement.

We welcome Sis. Debbie Diggle and Bro. Donald Ray Leman into our fold. They gave their testimonies and were baptized June 6.

The John Mangold family wish to thank everyone for all deeds of love and kindness during the illness and at the time of Sis. Anna's passing.

Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest and Bro. William Gudeman of Elgin on June 13. On June 27, our visitors were Bro. Gene Lehman of Wolcott and Bro. Art Bahler of Fairbury.

ATHENS AL Hazel Vibbert

The new church is coming along real good. If it is the Lord's will, the walls should be going up soon.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Danny Garrett. He passed away the 28th of May and was laid to rest the 30th. He had a car wreck about a year ago. His mother is Sis. Mildren Carroll. He had one brother and two sisters.

Olie Russell died the 4th of June. He was Bro. Billy Russell's father.

The small son of Bro. Carl Hagermaker had surgery on his knee. He is doing real good.

LATTY OH

Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller

Hospitalized were Maddie Laukhuf, Sisters Lois Grant for tests, Marie Stoller and Iva Stoller. Little Brian Grant (son of Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda) had pneumonia. Mike Stoller is recuperating from being hit by a car.

Engagements: Bro. Rodney Stoller (Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite) to Sis. Le Ann Laukhuf (Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera) on June 13. A Sept. 26 wedding is being planned . . . Aug. 14 is the wedding date set for Stan Sinn (Bro. Carl and Sis. Tootie) to Ja Nahn Schlatter (John and Sis. Lillian).

James Ashley Shawn Boyce is the new son of Jim and Penny (Schlatter) Boyce. Grandparents are John and Sis. Lillian Schlatter . . . Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lori Stoller are parents of a daughter, Carrie Ann, born June 22. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Laukhuf.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We rejoice with Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva Stoller. Their daughter, Marsha, has made a beginning in the Lord.

**The happiest man is he who learns
The lesson of worship.**

We were privileged to have Bro. Art Gudeman (La Crosse) worship and minister one Wednesday evening. We were reminded how we should cling to the true vine, our our Lord and Saviour, and to keep the faith that was handed down to us from our forefathers.

OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegle

We are happy to have Peter and Sis. Luanne (Gerst) Beyer and son, Andrew from Naumberg here at Oakville. Peter has found employment in Burlington.

Bro. Carl Gerst, 64, passed from this life June 7. He was born March 16, 1912, the son of Bro. Otto and Sis. Lina Grutter Gerst, and married Sis. Hilda Steiner Sept. 19, 1948, in Morton. Those surviving are: his wife, Sis. Hilda; a son, Frederick; three daughters, Sis. Luanne Beyer, Sis. Susan, and Sis. Barbara; two brothers, David and Bro. Paul, both of Oakville; a sister, Sis. Tille of Chicago. We will surely miss his gentle, quiet manner of life. We are reminded of the hymn, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", after seeing our dear brother walk into our assembly on Sunday. Little did he nor we realize, that on the morrow God's will was to call him Home.

The wedding of Sis. April Wiegand and Bro. Dennis Miller was solemnized June 13. On June 27, Sis. JoAnn Schmidgall and Bro. Tom Steiner were united in marriage. Our Elder Bro. Eddie Lanz carried out this important work.

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Merle Bucher (LaCrosse); Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott); John Leman (Bern); Simon Wagenbach (Tremont); and Henry Grimm Sr. (Morton). We enjoyed their inspiring services in the word of God, which is the nourishment for our inner life.

We wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown in our recent loss. Your prayers, cards, memorials, flowers, gifts, food and expressions of sympathy are so appreciated." Sis. Hilda Gerst and family.

The True Worshipper

It is so easy to get lost in this world—
To become absorbed by the crowd—
To drift along with the current of time—
Forgetting all else but material gains—
Laboring only for temporal things.

The true worshiper is he who holds
The love of God within his heart,
And daily comes before his Lord
With deep-found reverence and love.

With the help of the Lord. We have written a little note on **What A Christian Mother Means To Me.** By Sisters Jane and Janet Schaefer.

Happy living for the Lord . . . As the Lord guides her tender vessel's course through many dangers, in times of disappointments, trials and tests, sickness and pain, death, or whatever maybe . . . She soothes her children's fears and troubles.

And asks God to strengthen her beloved family.

Placing all her trust in the dear precious Saviour, who died on the cross at Calvary to save all the world from sin and destruction, who would not want anyone to perish, but to learn of God and live forever with the Lord.

Praying that the Lord's good will could be done on earth as it is in heaven . . .

Yearning for that heavenly mansion, where there will be bliss and joy forevermore . . . Where there will be no more sorrow, no pain, tears, grief, nor death, no trials, tests, sickness, no more troubles, no more worries, the end of temptations . . . no more sayings of good-byes in heaven . . . Where we will see our dear beloved Saviour face to face, and the righteous will be in robes of white.

My dear Christian mother, whom the dear Lord has entrusted unto us, whom we love dearly and wish her a peace and happiness for evermore . . . Mother always is full of encouragement, when everything seems to go wrong . . . She, with the help of God, lifts the burdens of the day, in this evil world and time in which we are living, and enjoys having her beloved family close to her heart . . . She has an infinite love which never grows old, cares for our griefs, our sorrows,

and helps us through this life, who is meek, humble, sincere and loved by everyone . . .

Offers herself in every way, that God might use her to do His holy will.

Thinks of others who are in distress, lonely, grieved of a lost loved one, in sickness, or whatever their lot may be . . . shares in everyone's joys and sorrows . . . Brings her children up to know the knowledge of the truth in the Lord . . . wishes that God would daily direct her life and her work, to bring some poor struggling soul unto repentance. Her heart is very close to God. She bears everything patiently with the help of God. We are thankful that God made mothers. She has a special gift that no one can take from her. She binds the family who strives for unity, watches and cares for her own.

Happily rejoicing in the Lord and praising His name, for all the rich blessings bestowed on us . . . Trusting in His promises that will last forevermore, that He will never forsake us.

Earnestly striving to be true and faithful unto God, our Lord and Maker, Who has created everything on this earth and also in heaven.

Ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who might pass by.

Smiles that show you are loved by our dear Christian mothers, who so tenderly care for us.

Daily talking and walking with the Lord . . . Helping those who are in need of a gentle loving hand, and full of kindness.

And feeling the Lord's tender-loving mercy and grace, full of deep compassion, that is given to all who love him.

Yoked to the Lord in sweet accord not lightly rent apart. Our dear mother, whose goal in life is to live for the Lord, and her last request would be to be ready when the Lord comes to call His own to heaven.

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

We give to God what He gives us—the present moment.

The first Sunday in June, we were privileged to have Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski visit us, and the last Sunday in June were blessed with a visit from Bros. Joe Kaisner of Forrest, Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, Harvey Grimm of Bern and LeRoy Hartman of Pe-

oria. How thankful we are when our older brothers who have weathered many a storm give us words of encouragement in these dark times. How it lifts ones soul to read together words found in Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly . . . But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

One sunny afternoon, Cleo Stahl, an experienced pilot, decided to try out a friend's airplane . . . Upon takeoff, the motor stalled and he crashed into a tree. Among witnesses were his wife, who was present when he was taken from the plane, badly hurt but still alive. Cleo died a few hours later in a hospital. Services were held at our church June 11, with Bro. Kennie Dietz and our local ministers officiating. Kennie and Cleo had lived neighbors when young boys and attended school together, being the same age. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside his father, who was laid to rest less than six months ago. Cleo and his family lived at Monmouth, Illinois.

Cleo was born Nov. 21, 1942, a son of Leonard and Martha Sammet Stahl. He married Carol Taylor June 28, 1964. Surviving are his wife; a son, Brett and a daughter, Tracie Lynn, both at home; his mother of Dunlap, Illinois; and three brothers, Eldon, Lloyd and Stanley . . . We wish to thank everyone who shared in so many ways during our bereavement. We appreciate the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, and expressions of sympathy." His wife, children, mother, brothers and families.

The Sun Will Shine Again

If some hour should be clouded,
With no sign of sunlight's glow,
Faith and hope forsee the moment
When the darkness has to go!

On June 13, the Fairbury Bible Class students, their teachers and some parents spent the day with us. It was a blessed day, one filled with many precious memories. We were reminded there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. How wonderful we have the blessed fellowship to share these words together. We enjoyed listening to the beautiful hymns sung by the combined chorus. How will it be when the new song is sung in Heaven?

We are happy to have Bro. Dapper worship with us. He is presently staying with his daughter, Julie at Peoria, awaiting an apartment in the Eureka Home, where his wife, Sis. Julia is now residing. We are so thankful to hear she is showing improvement since entering the home there.

We have several who were hospitalized. Bro. Richard Seidel spent several days for treatments. Cindy Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha Jean had a tonsillectomy. Sis. Lillian Stahl fell in the yard of her home and broke her wrist, so she spent several days in the hospital. She is at home wearing a cast on her arm. Sis. Marian Hinshaw is at Proctor Hospital in Peoria and is in traction, suffering from a broken leg and knee, the result of a fall.

Sisters Janice Herrmann and Margaret Feucht have been selected as Sunday School teachers, when new classes begin in September. Since none of the men teachers terms were expired, there was no need to select another.

William Howard, from the Desie Scott Home has come again, and is making his home with Alpha Hartzler and Wayne Klopfenstein. We welcome him, and hope he will enjoy being among us.

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier — Sandra Price

We are always so happy to share the good news that Jesus Saves . . . Our friend, Kathryn Schroeder said she and her husband had spent such happy years together, and she wondered "Why" he had to die . . . but she said, after spending many days on her knees in repentance, "I guess he had to die, so I'd be saved" . . . we welcome this newborn babe to the fold, where the Lord patiently waits for many more that should be saved.

We welcome as permanent residents, Bro. Roland and Sis. Viola Keller of Morton; they reside at 1701 E. Harbor View Lot No. 16, Charlotte, FL 33950. The Kellers have three married children living in Florida also.

This month our minister, Bro. Phil Wingeier will be spending some time with his children in Alto . . . we wish him traveling mercy.

Sis. Kathy Price, who has been enrolled in school here, has graduated and will be returning to her home in Milford with her parents,

Bro. Glenn Sr. and Sis. Kate.

Our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and family have returned to their Detroit home for the summer.

In this sunny summertime, may we often thank Him for the Sunshine of His perfect love . . .

BAY CITY MI

Carolyn Schamback

As I am writing this, we are having a storm, and at last the rain is falling. After weeks of dry weather, when lawns looked like straw and crops were suffering, the Lord has answered our prayers and sent the blessed rain to refresh the land.

We enjoyed the messages of Ministering Bros. Floyd Wieland (Detroit), Don Gudeman (La-Crosse) and Sam Schlatter (Junction). Bro. Don told a story of a father who had a little son whom he adored and spent a lot of time with. One day, while fishing, a heavy fog descended, while the boy was on the shore and the father in the boat. The father lost all sense of direction, and was totally lost, until he heard his little boy calling, "Come this way, Daddy." Shortly after that, the little boy died, and in his grief and bitterness, the father rejected God and began to drink and lead a very sinful life. In his fog of drunkenness and despair, he never would have found the way. One night he heard his son calling: "Come this way, Daddy" . . . So Jesus keeps calling to the lost and hopeless to come His way.

Bro. Tom and Sis. Connie Schlatter have a new baby girl, Rachel Marie, a "someday" playmate for Amy. Bro. Dave and Sis. Margaret Schlatter are grandparents to little Rachel . . . Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Wieland have a new grandson, Maxwell Grant Westphal. Chuck and Marilyn and "Big sister" Marni welcome him home.

BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

Our hospital patients were Kurt Reimschisel (Bro. Bob and Sis. Louise), Sis. Lydia (John) Kaehr, Sis. Lillian (Walter) Bertsch, Sis. Lorene Baumgartner, Sis. Mary (John) Moser, Kara Heyerly (Bro. Simon and Sis. Deloris), Bro. Alvin Gerber, Sis. Delva Aschliman, Sis. Jennie (Edward) Schwartz, Robert L. Steffen, and Jill (Steve) Baumgarner (Sis. Lucille Borrer).

Our congregation has truly been blessed with new converts. Our new

brothers and sisters are: Sue and Arlen Tonner (Bro. Harry and Sis. Clara), Fred Rupel, Gene Gilgen, Les Isch (Bro. Harold and Sis. Virgil), Marcia Neuenschwander (Bro. Bill and Sis. Mildred), Julie Moser (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Dina Fae), Kay Craighead (Bro. Max and Sis. Eunice Steffen), Denise and Joel Maller (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Ilean Steffen) and (Bro. Bob and Sis. Glayds Maller). We thank the Lord for giving them grace to repent.

We have three happy couples who were engaged this month. Bro. Denny Drayer (Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie) was announced to Sis. Jan Aeschliman (Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene) . . . Bro. Kevin Sipe chose Sis. Andrea Neuenschwander (Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris) . . . Bro. Keith Steffen (Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty) has found love for Sis. Kay Fiechter (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice).

Our friends, Kathy Geisel (Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy) and Randy Schriver were united in marriage on June 5.

Nichol Elaine was welcomed joyfully by her parents, Sis. Peg and Bro. Vic Reinhard. The happy grandparents are Sis. Lucille and Bro. Alphonie Reinhard and Bro. Kenny and Sis. Joyce Troxel . . . Sis. Bev and Bro. Bob Jolloff are the happy parents for their first child, Timothy Craig. Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner welcome Timothy as their first grandchild . . . Brian and Bruce Drayer are happy to have a new playmate, little Timothy Ray; Sis. Lois and Bro. Jerry are the parents of their three boys.

We were pleased to have Elder Bros. Edwin Rinnger and Ed Frank with us, also Ministering Bro. Homer Reineck and Bro. Art Guedeman.

We truly enjoyed a blessed evening program given by the Bible School children. We pray they will not forget all the wonderful teachings they have learned.

BRADFORD IL

Jane Leman

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Dave Kieser, Art Baurer, Walt Herrmann (Princeville) and Joe Braker (Morton).

One Wednesday we elected new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Verle Kieser, Bro. Marvin Knobloch, and Sis. Audrey Ehnle were chosen.

June 5 was the date Marcia Elsasser was united in marriage to

Mark Rapp, at the Morton Fellowship Hall. What an added blessing to hear this dear young couple has turned to the Lord in repentance. Parents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser (Bradford) and Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen Rapp (Tremont).

Little two-year-old Alex Stisser, son of Randy and Linda, was injured on some silo equipment, but is healed again. We were sorry to learn that Friend Tex Streitmatter was in the hospital, due to a highway accident. His parents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther. Bro. Louie Rumbold was also a hospital patient.

The engagement of Sis. Jackie Koehl and Bro. Dean Knobloch was announced. Parents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Laura Koehl (Peoria) and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch (Bradford).

Cheryl Elsasser, daughter of Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen, is now our sister-in-faith. She gave her testimony one Wednesday evening to a group of many witnesses, and was baptized the following Sunday.

Sis. Julia Ehnle wishes to express her thanks for the cards and gifts of love she received on her 86th birthday.

How thankful we were on May 29 to welcome little Kara Jane into our family circle. Her happy sisters and brother are Joan, Dawn, and Mitchell. Parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Jane Leman. Grandparents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser (Bradford) and Bro. Joe and Sis. Dena Leman (Roanoke).

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

We welcome into the Family of God Bruce Wuethrich (Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyl), Chris and Sharon Huber (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Mildred). They gave their testimonies on Sat. evening, June 5, and on Sunday were baptized. It is refreshing again to hear testimonies, and we find comfort in that God is still calling souls and they are heeding His call. Bro. Theo. Beer and Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford) and Bro. Rod Huber (Valpo) were with us.

On June 13, Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris) shared with us the living word.

Our Best Wishes go to two couples. Sis. Elaine Anliker (Bro. Eli and Sis. Priscella) and Bro. Steve Bahler (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances) were united in holy matri-

mony on June 20. Art Bahler (Fairbury) along with Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) ministered unto us. Bro. Alfred had the privilege to perform the ceremony of his son . . . Sis. Bobbi Wuethrich (Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyl) and Bro. Kent Erb (Bro. George and Sis. Elaine) repeated their vows to each other and to God on June 27. Bro. Walt Steffen and Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) shared with us.

Sis. Rosella Bucher is hospitalized, and Sis. Julia Boehning remains hospitalized.

The last week in June was our Vacation Bible School. Monday evening, Bro. Ed Bahler (Remington) spoke on **Repent and Be Converted**. Tuesday evening, Bro. John Bollier (Leo) spoke on **Peace the Believer Verses and Joys of This World**. Wednesday evening, Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville) spoke on **Have You Counted The Cost Whether or Not To Be A Christian**. Thursday evening, Bro. Harold Zeltwanger (Bremen) spoke on **God's Love**. Friday Evening, Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna) spoke on **The Church In The Closing Days of Grace**. On Sunday, July 4, a program was held, so each class could tell us a little of what they learned. This is a busy week, and much planning, preparing, and action goes into it by all, but it is also so profitable and worth it all.

Becky Huber (Melvin and Katharine) was married to Jeff Hrubik. She is the granddaughter of Sis. Angela Von Tobel . . . The engagement of Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Bro. Chris Lee and Sis. Ruth) to Sis. Lynn Zeltwanger of Morris was announced.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

As our nation's birthday is being observed, our thoughts turn in prayer to God, to whom the founding fathers also looked for guidance. Today indeed we need divine guidance, to show the moral superiority of the cherished Christian way of life. The mighty fortress which is our God is not meant to be an escape for an easy life, but is meant to be an arsenal of strength and courage.

Today our hearts are saddened with the thought of laying away one of our dear residents, Jane Harkrider. The pain is being keenly felt among both residents and staff. Her pretty singing voice is stilled

to our ears, but perhaps now can be employed in a heavenly chorus. Deep sympathy is extended to Janie's parents, Lester and Carol Harkrider of East Peoria, who have spent much time at our Home, being helpful in so many ways.

Ruth Klopfenstein, daughter of Aaron and Ella Burkholder Klopfenstein, of Grabill, has been with us since July 31, 1973. Her time is largely taken up with going to PARC five days per week. In addition, she loves the activities here and cooperates well. Mail time is very special; a letter bearing her name brings a great deal of happiness. Ruth is a sweet, helpful member of our family, and we enjoy having her with us.

The kind mission of conducting Friday evening services has recently been carried out by Forrest, Normal, Goodfield and Eureka. Various Bible School classes also spent an evening here.

A special thanks go to Art and Ruth Gramm of Gridley, who took the time to show slides which they had taken while on a trip to Japan. The Gramm's daughter, Sally, is spending a few years there.

Most of the subfloor conduits for utilities for our new addition have been completed. Many loads of sand have been hauled in, and the next big project will be the pouring of cement. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for the donation of volunteer help and equipment. We are thankful also to Him who moves hearts to do these kindnesses.

KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere apologies to the family of Sis. Lottie Bartel, Bro. and Sis. Tom and Gay Farney, and anyone else who should have been mentioned in the April edition of my news. Our dear Sis. Lottie Bartel (mentioned above) who was taken from this life the latter part of March, was a truly wonderful light to all of us, because of her never-faltering trust and faith in God. There's a verse that I always think of in connection with Lottie's passing. It is in Phillipians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." She did gain her heart's desire; after suffering a long period of cancer, she fell asleep in the arms of God, where her suffering has forever ceased.

Bro. and Sis. Tom and Gay Far-

ney (also mentioned above) have been a wonderful addition to our midst since they were taken into the fold in March. When they through a true repentance and conversion, brought their testimonies before us, and we witnessed their baptism, we were again reminded of our own calling and how much God has blessed us, by giving us this precious plan of salvation through grace. Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix, and Sam Anliker, Lamont, joined us for this blessed occasion.

This past month we were again blessed in like manner, when Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Phoenix, and Eugene Marti, Lamar joined us to hear the testimony and conduct the baptism of friend, Joe Farney of Kansas City. The complete trust and faith of a new convert is so very uplifting to behold and fills us with a peace and love unexplainable.

We are happy to relate that Bro. George Diel is now out of the hospital, and that he and Sis. Bea are residing in the Manor at Cherokee. It would be our fervent hope that they could again be amongst us very soon.

The different Kansas Sunday School classes were invited to Lamar for a youth get-together on Memorial week-end and the wonderful time we were shown plus the tremendous blessings of God left us so humbled, that it was difficult to find proper words to give thanks to our Lord.

Our Sunday School picnic was held at the Hardtner Park, and though it was rather hot and windy, we enjoyed a delicious meal and Christian fellowship. We appreciated the effort that was put forth by those who came.

We started our Vacation Bible School this month, and plan to have it the first week of July also.

We have a new addition in our midst for the summer. Sis. Paula Bahr, daughter of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen, is working in Kiowa for the summer. We truly welcome her . . . We also welcome Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney into our midst again for the summer months. It's always a pleasure to have them with us.

This month our dear Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott invited the church out to their farm for our monthly singing. We sat on chairs out-of-doors, to sing praises to our Lord, and the view of rolling

hills and a pond just seemed to bring us closer to the **One** who made it all. How very thankful we are for such precious Christian Fellowship.

It is our hope and prayer that Sis. Laverne Roth and Bro. John Hoffman will soon be able to be in our midst again, as they are hospital patients, Sis. Laverne in Kiowa and Bro. John in Alva.

JUNCTION OHIO

Gwen Manz-Betty Manz

Thus united and in concord let us walk the path of life; hand in hand, **O may love bind us, for each other's welfare strive.** Bro. Ralph Schlatter and Sis. Sheila Steiner (Rittman) were united in Holy Matrimony on June 6. Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora are Sheila's parents, and Ralph is the son of Sis. Esther. We welcomed Sis. Sheila to our congregation.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale are again assembling with us this summer. We do enjoy their fellowship.

Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) ministered to us July 1. We were reminded of the need to examine our hearts daily and particularly prior to partaking of Holy Communion. The Lord willing, we plan to have Communion July 10.

Be not so busy to make a living for you and your family, that you forget to make a life for you and your family.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV

Minnie Weltz-Della Witschey

Miss Della Witschey is now a patient in the Lewis Wetzel Nursing Home, Room 10, New Martinsville WV her address, and will appreciate hearing from her many friends. She is improving.

Visiting here and attending the services at the Country Church on June 27 were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Somerhalder of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi of Goodfield, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sohn of Fairbury.

An overwhelming crowd came from far and near on Sunday, June 27, to attend the services at the country church . . . a beautiful day . . . so many were kind and brought more than enough to care for and feed their group, for which we again say **THANK YOU**. A partial list of those attending are in this letter . . .

From Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Yackley, Eleanor Yackley; Bre-

men, Dan and Hazel Clauss; Milford, Ezra and Luella Beer; Fairbury, Sam and Anna Steffen, Emil and Anita Sohn; Goodfield, Bertie and Sol Rassi; Mansfield, Wallace and Helen Ramsier, Jolene Ramsier; Gridley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grusy; Rockville, Frieda and Elizabeth Hoffman, Frieda Reutter, Rosilla Erfisman, Bill Roscher, Ernie Kohlert; Akron, Bob Graf, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Miller and Johnny, Marie Ritzman; Forrest, Harvey and Velma Ifft; Ellington CT., Evelyn and Elsie I. Lanz, Marie Klotter; Orrville OH., Mary Stoller; Junction, Betty, Mark and Marge Schlatter; Tremont, Evelyn Sauder, Josephine Schaeffer; Princeville, Deloris Baer; Sterling, Elda Indermuhle, Mabel Maibach, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hartzler, Alvin and Estella Winkler, Darrel, Janet, Dennis, Neal and Scott Indermuhle, H. J. and Rhoda Riggenbach, David Zollinger and three girls, Nelson and Aldine Ramsier; Bluffton, Jerry Rauch, Ed Baumgartner, Keith Schladenhauffen, Rocky Giltner, Herman Drayer, Clara and Marilyn Gerber, Kathy Gerber, Janet Morris, Joan Gerber, Doug and Ruby Gerber, Kari Leman, Fern Leman, Elaine Kipfer, Freda Kipfer.

Rittman, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Emch, Carol, Bev, Dana, Mary Ann Emch, Mark Ramsier, John Meyers, Ray Maibach, Fred Widmer, Fred Winkler, John Rufener, Andy Winkler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bauman, Martha Dysinger, Bob, Inez, Tim and Sharon Ramsier, Ronda and Conne Ramsier, Caroline Emch, Helen Marty, Ruth Ingold, Margaret Beery, Alvin and Estella Winkler, Marvin, Nancy and Lori Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blough and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ramsier and Debbie, Bob, Eileen, Ron Ifft, Joan Stoller, Adele Ickes, Helen Kerstetter, Myrle Rufener, Harry and Esther Saurer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stoller and Marie, Henry and Martha Dotterer, Jessie Winkler, Florence Hartzler, Carolyn Stoller, Harold and Luella Stoller, Lester and Lorene Riggenbach, Herbert, Bonnie, Rosemary Hilty, Irma Hilty, Eugene, Kathryn, Greg and Pam Bachman, Ben and Clara Hartzler, Richard and Melba Miller, Herbert and Bernice Bauman, Bernie Hilty, Ellen Blough, Jennifer Hartzler, Ruth Blough, Dale Bauman, Ken Maibach, Nancy Hartzler, Carol Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald

Christian, Ralph and Mildred Christian, Carol Christian; Parkersburg, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Headley, daughter and guest; Sardis, Delbert, Martha, Joyce and Allen Indermuhle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Indermuhle and two children, Bob, Karen, Eric, Trent and Carol Indermuhle, Bill Brake and Clifford, Willetta Indermuhle, Isaac and Pearl Gehring, Almeda Brake, Mr. and Mrs. John Figel and three sons, Rosella and Diane Figel, Dennis, Doris Miller and three children, John and Hazel Riggenbach; New Martinsville, Mr. and Mrs. George Riggenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riggenbach, Dora Johnson, Flora Gilger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berger, Albert Hassig, Lillie Wade, Elda Ritz, Minnie Weltz.

PEORIA IL

JoAnn Rieker - Barb Geyer

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." How can we fulfill this commandment? One way is to write a card or letter to brighten someone's day. Bro. Henry Leman is no longer able to assemble, and he misses the Christian fellowship that we all enjoy. Perhaps you'd be able to brighten his day with a remembrance. His address is 5804 Prospect Rd. Peoria IL. 61614.

The Peoria congregation, as well as the angels rejoice that four dear souls have been added to the fold. On June 13, Ruth Hoerr (Bro. Carl and Sis. Ev), Jeanne Haefli (Bro. Bob and Sis. Ilene) and Rich Balcom were baptized. On June 22, Katherine Ackerman, resident of our A.C. Home was baptized at the home. At the age of 89, she has now completed her covenant with God.

On Sunday, June 6, our graduating seniors were honored at a breakfast at the Fellowship Hall. Each received a personalized Bible, and assembled with us in morning church.

We were pleased to hear of the engagement of our Sis. Jackie Koehl (Bro. Jack and Sis. Laura) to Bro. Dean Knobloch of Bradford.

Our Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by our younger ones, from June 7-11.

Welcome back to Bro. Rich and Marilyn Hermann and their children, Lori, Joe and Doug. They'll assemble with us, after living in

Chicago.

Hospitalized during June were Sisters Rosalie Stoller, Anne Zuercher, Martha Hemmer, and Lois Hamann; Bros. George Rauhaus, Greg Herman, Ray Martin and Peter Weber; Friends Jill Herman, Nettie Wieland, Dan Hoerr, Tom Haefli, Anna May Gerber, and Joey Hoerr III.

Don and Terry Bowen are parents of Jason Robert, who was born on June 15. Donny and Kim are his brother and sister. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Ilene Haefli.

On June 27, we were privileged to hear Bro. Al Scheitlin from Elgin. Although he has retired from the ministry, he consented to speak a few words to us.

Sis. Dorothy Schneider wishes to express her sincere thanks to all who remembered her with deeds of kindness during her illness . . . Sis. Lois Hamann, who was in a car accident and was hospitalized, wishes to express her sincere thanks to her relatives and friends for the prayers, flowers, gifts and cards.

"My wife, Sis. Perceda, and I wish to thank our relatives and friends for the prayers, cards, flowers and gifts sent during my stay in the hospital and at home." Bro. Sam Eberhardt . . . "We, along with our daughter Heidi, wish to sincerely thank all who remembered us with prayers, cards, gifts and flowers at the time of our accident."—Bro. Ernie and Sis. Dorothy Haefli.

The Peoria congregation extends their appreciation to Sis. Betty Miller for her faithful service as our reporter to the Silver Lining during the past three years.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

PHOENIX AZ
Julie Hoerr

We've been abundantly blessed with many timely and valuable teachings. Our thanks and the Lord's blessings to Bro. James Ramseyer (BayCity) for two most inspiring messages on May 30th. On June 13th, our Elder Bro. Roy Farney preached on the:

God's
Only
Son
Promises
Everlasting
Life

. . . And we appreciated Bro. Willis Enhle's message June 23.

Our sympathy to Sis. Ann Mangold on the passing of her grandmother.

Our young folks enjoyed the hospitality of the Altadena congregation Memorial week-end.

Bro. George and Sis. Christine Schuester have opened their hearts & home to their 25th foster infant in a little less than 4 years. Many of these babes are placed in homes outside of Arizona.

Hospital patients: Bro. Ernie De Mille—medical; Bro. Jacob Hoerr—surgical; Sis. Evelyn Hoerr—medical.

We welcome Sis. Ruth Baer from Morton.

PULASKI, IOWA
Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinckenberger

Grant me strength to serve Thee;
put purpose in my days . . .

Several spent an evening singing for Sis. Hattie Miller, for her 86th birthday.

On June 13, there was a picnic for the Sunday School children. Sunday School was dismissed for summer months.

(Bros.) Roy Ehnle, Clarence Yackley and Ben Fehr were our visiting ministers.

The Pulaski Bible Class was host to annual Fellowship Day for the Taylor, Burlington and Oakville Sunday Schools.

I wish to thank everybody for the surprise on my birthday. It will be long remembered." Sis. Hattie Miller.

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss
God Leads Us Along was the theme for our Bible School, which was held every evening June 7 through June 11. We were glad for a good attendance from both Wolcott and Remington congregations, and we trust that each one will treasure the good teachings he received from God's word.

On June 13, Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) was here to assist Bro. Alfred Bahler in the proving and baptism of Eric Knochel. Eric testified that for several years he really had no purpose in life; that in turning to the Lord he gave up nothing, but gained everything. He also expressed deep gratitude to his dear parents,

Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn, who never ceased to show love to him and who uttered many prayers in his behalf. Surely it should be an encouragement to every God-fearing father and mother to allow the love of God to govern our hearts and lives and to continue to pray fervently for God's blessings.

Sis. Lilly Frey was hospitalized, after a fall in her home, and has now been dismissed to "Extended Care" in Brook . . . Doug Getz, son of Bro. Maurice and Sis. Eileen, has been hospitalized with a bone infection, but we are glad he is now improved.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Melody Knochel, son and daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn, and Sis. Jolene Steffen of Elgin were involved in a car accident, while they were returning to the Knochel home from an evening singing June 19. Roger was hospitalized for one week, but we are thankful he is now getting along well and that none of them were seriously injured.

Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park) and Bro. Todd Feller (La Crosse) were our visiting ministers on June 27. We are grateful for the messages of love which they brought to us. They and their families who came with them attended our annual Sunday School picnic, which was held later in the afternoon.

Bicentennial Thought: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD . . ."

SHAWNEE MISSION KS
Eugene Marti

We are very sorry to have Melvin and Inga Stoller and their children, Christie and Mark, leave our congregation and move to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been transferred. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

It was inspiring to witness the testimony and baptism of our first convert, Joe Farney, on June 27. We thank the Kiowa congregation for permitting us to use their church facilities for this important occasion.

TAYLOR MO
Lena M. Haerr

"The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."

Sat. June 12, four souls gave their testimony of repentance and conversion. On Sunday they were baptized and became children of God. Our new brothers & sisters in

faith are Mike and Cheryl (Hodel) Stratton, Susie Feller (Dons) and Wendy Grimm (Roys). Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna, helped Bro. Roy Grimm in this blessed work.

Other ministers for the month were Bros. Fred Knapp—Congerville, Kenny Dietz—Bradford, Arnie Gerst—Chicago, Walter Steffen—Milford, David Wiegand—Urbana and Lenard Meyer—Chicago. Jimmie Sutter (James) and Shelley Hoerr (Louis) were in the hospital. Jimmie had knee surgery, is home and recovering. Shelly had the flu, and tests taken, but is also home again.

Sis. Marcia Sutter (Gerald) graduated with a college degree and R.N. training. The high school graduates are Sis. Susan Knapp (Mikes), Sis. Susie Feller (Dons), Pam Riney (Genes), Mary Beth Heimer (Naomi), and Adair Knapp (Kennys).

Wed. June 30, Bro. Ed Lanz, Oakville, and our Bro. Roy Grimm served Communion. A very humbling, but soul-lifting experience! The songs 89, 24 and 200 were so fitting; we can truly rejoice and thank the Lord.

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!

WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Melvin Fehr

Mrs. Raymond Anliker

The Winthrop Bible Class was host to the annual five-church fellowship gathering on June 12 and 13. Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington was the guest speaker. We wish to thank all the Winthrop Sunday School teachers, students, and all who helped to make it a joyous week-end.

Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn Banwart and family will be saying their fond farewells to their foreign exchange student, Beta Bagnoli, from Brazil, who will be leaving July 8 for her home. Beta has been attending Sunday School regularly, as well as our other Bible Class activities. We have enjoyed having her in our midst, and we will all miss her. We wish her God's blessings as she leaves us, and hope that perhaps someday she could visit us again.

Bro. Art and Sis. Eula Mogler are the parents of a boy, Todd, born June 14. The new arrival has one brother and three sisters to say

welcome! Grandparents are Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinhold of LaCrosse and Sam and Sis. Tillie Mogler of West Bend.

Sis. Jessie Fehr is our medical hospital patient. We hope her stay is short. Leo Banwart, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart, was injured in a mower accident. He was very lucky and thankful it wasn't more serious. Little Brandon Metzger, son of Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth is hospitalized, recovering from croup.

WINTHROP MN

Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper
BLESSED IS THE NATION
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD. As we think of this Bicentennial year 1976, let us within our own hearts thank God for America. On July 4, the Declaration of Independence was formally adopted by the Continental Congress—that was 200 years ago!

Since then, the Lord has bountifully blessed our nation. We should, therefore, make this day an occasion to thank God for every benefit we enjoy as citizens of the **land of the free**. The liberties we take for granted are unknown in many areas of the world. As a nation, however, we have departed from God and do not deserve His favor. Those of us who know God—who know that it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; let us remember to pray for "all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." We are continually reminded to not only be hearers of God's word, but doers.

REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH . . . Our Sunday School was host to Youth Fellowship the third week-end of June. Ministering Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington was guest speaker. Bro. Floyd Schmidgal of Morris was with us on Sunday.

Sunday morning, 180 young friends gathered to hear the inspiring words spoken of in Ecclesiastes by wise King Solomon . . . Let us hear the conclusion of the **WHOLE** matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the **WHOLE** duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

We hope and pray that those dear souls gathered will heed

these precious teachings. Thank you to the ministers, teachers and young people who made the week-end a special blessing.

Trent, son of Bro. Marlyn and Sis. Lois, had a tonsillectomy. Wayne and Ruby Miller's little girl, Leslie, fell from the corn dryer and broke her leg in two places. She gets around in a wheel-chair.

A new baby girl, Michelle Leigh, came to live with John and Jane Messner. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Florence.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Hawk announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen to Tom Smith. A July wedding is planned.

August is Silver Lining collection for Ft. Lauderdale.

WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

I would truly love to be
 Like my Saviour, but I see
 That He remains the perfect one,
 And I have much to overcome.

The theme of the messages from our wonderful day of fellowship last Sunday was to overcome. Now we know our Saviour overcame everything, even death, and we shall do the same (if we overcome!)

How lovely it was to meet our Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnlé from far away Japan. Bro. Willis has a strong witness in his ministry and has the gift of many words. I'm reminded of a statement I once heard, that impressed me and bears repeating . . . The Bible doesn't say we have to witness, but it says if we're truly a Christian we will witness.

We were also pleased to have other visiting ministers: Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest brought a very sincere message. We're always glad to see Bro. Loren Strahm from Gridley, who spent the day with us.

We were pleased to have our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli join us for our evening dinner and service.

Bro. George Lambert tells me he really enjoyed the Bible studies he conducted at Ft. Scott, and was encouraged by the young people in attendance.

August is Silver Lining collection for Wichita.

In closing, may I share with you some personal thoughts on overcoming. The word tells us we can overcome all through Christ. I

have found that sometimes I am not able to overcome different problems of life that seem hopeless, but I find that I can, in prayer, claim a victory through Christ by praying just that, and it gives me hope and faith that I will overcome and I do overcome. As the old hymn goes, I take my burden to the Lord and leave it there.

AKRON OHIO
Lynda Pamer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We enjoyed rich blessings during our Vacation Bible School. Many efforts were put forth to make it a truly edifying week, and the Lord surely blessed those efforts. We thank our ministering brothers, and Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier and Ministering Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman for their labors during our Vacation Bible School.

Our Bro. Larry Ries passed away. He will certainly be missed in our congregation. We extend our sympathy to his widow, Sis. Katherine.

Sis. Freda VonGuten and Bro. Bob Graf were released from the hospital. We are glad that Bro. Bob is able to come to church again; Sis. Freda is unable to attend, but she is able to walk a little again.

Hymn No. 21 in the Zion's Harp is so encouraging!

Steadfast be, steadfast be,
Brethren stand ye fast and fight.
Gird your loins with courage duly;
Gird your minds with truth and right.

Ye shall be victorious truly.
Righteousness shall be your breast-plate strong.

Fight the wrong! Fight the wrong!

ALTADENA CA
Linda Cooper

Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan) and his family visited southern California at the beginning of their summer vacation in the U.S.. We thank God for the very inspired messages Bro. Willis ministered unto us the Sunday he was with us.

Sis. Elizabeth Feldman had to submit to surgery again, but God be praised, she is recovering well and is at home.

Sis. Mary Sirovey (of Newbury Park) is now 96 years old. She is

steadily declining in health and strength of body, but God grants her a clear mind, and her spirit remains longing for the Lord. Always when we visit her she expresses her desire to have her greetings extended "to all Christians wherever you meet them". I include her address for anyone who might want to express their greetings to her in a letter or card: Mrs. Mary Sirovey, 242 Dorena Dr., Newbury Park CA. 91320.

August is Silver Lining collection for Altadena.

BERN KANSAS
Esther and Stella Moser

"But the tongue can no man tame;"—We were recently admonished on the busy little tongue, how it never gets tired. We can work all day, and by evening our bodies are weary, but the unruly tongue is still going good.

Sis. Peggy Baumgartner graduated from K-State and will teach second grade in Bern Grade School next term.

Sis. Janice Lehman has safely returned from a three-week tour of Europe. Her most enjoyable time was spent in Switzerland, the birthplace of her grandparents. Our late Elder Bro. Rudy Locher was her maternal grandfather, and we recall many fond memories of him and Sis. Eliza.

Our guest minister was Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville. Visitors are always welcome.

Our thoughts & prayers are with the sick and hospitalized. Friends Frieda (Reuben) Bauman is hospitalized with phlebitis, Bro. Jake Wenger with a fractured hip. Sis. Lizzie Strahm was a medical patient. Sis. Frieda Strahm is able to be at home, but needs care.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL
Ann Kellenberger - Paula Knapp

We welcome Bro. Marvin and Sis. Virginia Huette to our congregation. They have recently moved to the Bloomington-Normal area from Fairbury.

Summer Bible School was held June 7-11. The children had many teachings, and we trust in the Lord that they will carry them with them. We also want to thank all who were willing to lend themselves as teachers.

Graveside services were held on June 18 for Jennifer Jean O'Shea stillborn infant of Bro. Tom and

Sis. Jean (Leman) O'Shea. May their faith only be strengthened, and may our prayers be of comfort to them.

Visiting ministers: Our Elder Bro. Dan Koch brought forth the message on Wednesday evening, June 23. On Sunday June 27, Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke) proclaimed God's word.

BREMEN IN
Marian Germann

"The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand." The Lord God is so great and powerful. Yet, he is with each of us, always caring and loving us. The least we can do is give Him our praise and obedience.

Our graduates from high school are: Bro. Doug Suttor (Bro. Al and Sis. Verla), Bro. Bruce Zimmer (Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann), Mark Zeltwanger (Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary) and Phil Carothers (Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carothers). We pray that God bless them on their new walk of life.

Death has come unto another family. Lloyd Gordon, son-in-law of Ernest and Sis. Marie Germann, passed away June 28. Our sympathy goes to his widow, Esther Gordon, and pray the Lord help her bare the sorrow.

Another dear soul has found the call of the Lord unto repentance. Mark Balin has heard the Lord's call and will join our other dear souls waiting to give their testimonies and to be baptized.

Many of our young brothers and sisters were blessed to go to Roanoke the week-end of July 27.

"Behold, we count them happy which endure." Our sick are recovering and have endured much pain. Bro. Ed Germann is home, doing better. Sis. Mae Schumacher has her cast off and is starting to walk with crutches. Sis. Kay Gramm is convalescing at her parent's home (Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge Zeltwanger). Kay is able to sit up and will be able to use a walker in the near future.

"Dale and I wish to thank the loved ones who brightened my hospital stay with such beautiful cards, words of encouragement and prayers." Bro. Dale and Sis. Kay Gramm.

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

CHAMPAIGN - URBANA IL.**Howard and Diane Leman**

We now have a new sister-in-faith. Shelia McCoy, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Loretta Baumgartner, Cissna Park. She gave her testimony of faith in our Risen Lord on Sat., June 26, and was baptized the following day.

A new couple has arrived! Bill and Paula Rogers and their son have moved to the area. Both will be working on advanced degrees at the university. We welcome them to our fellowship.

Our Vacation Bible School was truly blessed, as we had many children come and bring friends and neighbors.

We're looking forward to the 3rd week in August, when all our students will return.

CHICAGO IL**Kathy Schlatter**

When we think a prayer has not been answered, we should remember: **In some way or other, the Lord will provide. It may not be my way, it may not be thy way, and yet in His own way, the Lord will provide. No. 7 Gospel Hymns.**

The month of June began with our third announcement in a row: Bro. Dean Knobloch (originally from Bradford) and Sis. Jackie Koehl (whose parents are from Peoria church), through faith and prayer, felt that the Lord has led them together. That afternoon (Sun. June 6), we gathered in Bemis Woods for the Sunday School picnic. Besides enjoying good food and fellowship (and watching the children), we appreciated singing songs of praise together.

Our first week ever of Vacation Bible School was June 14-18. The parents who arranged to get their children to church in the evenings that week with trips ranging from 15 minutes to one hour or more in travelling time, are to be heartily commended.

Sun. June 20, Bro. Walt Anliker from Eureka visited Chicago church, as did many of Bill Klaus' family and friends. That afternoon, Bill gave his testimony before God and a great many believers, and then was baptized. We greatly rejoice with Bro. Bill and Sis. Peg. A point Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann emphasized for Bill and all of us was, that since we have repented and found peace in this church, by our wanting to be baptized there, we have made a pledge

to work out our soul's salvation within the Apostolic Christian Church . . . And we are not to be tossed about by "every wind of doctrine"—though they look attractive or almost the same—for Satan clothes his deceits in shimmering garments.

We welcome Sis. Miriam Lockwood back from her siege of being homebound so long, as well as extending hearty greetings to Sis. Diane Gramm, Bro. Rick and Sis. Karen Kellenberger, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Karen Baker, who have moved into our area.

A bit from the Scharlach genealogy: "Georg Heinrich (Henry) Scharlach (Nov. 11, 1826-May 3, 1899) was born at Weiler near Sinsheim (Germany) and baptized the same day at the Hilsbach Lutheran Church. When he was a young man, God revealed to him to go to Samuel H. Froehlich . . . Henry obeyed the calling from God, went to Froehlich (who helped him find the way to salvation), and became a child of God and a member of this body of believers.

His mother, Elisabeth was much opposed to his decision to follow this new-found faith, and her love became bitter and cold toward her son. Despite this, he remained firm and true to his calling from God. As time went on, his mother's heart softened and, when they left Europe for America, his mother allowed him to join them on the voyage. Henry Scharlach, a tailor by trade, came to the U.S. in 1852 with members of his family. He landed with them in New Orleans, but there they separated. He stayed in New Orleans and worked for several years (leaving because of the "wickedness of the city"), then came up the Mississippi River to the Ohio River and worked at tailoring in Louisville and Cincinnati. Later he came to Peoria, where there were people also of the Apostolic Christian faith, and met and married Magdalena Lehman. Their children were five boys and one girl: Samuel, Daniel, Jake, John and Chris Scharlach, and Lena Scharlach Bach.

ELGIN IA**Eleanor Butikofer****A Friend is a Gift of God**

Among the great and glorious gifts
our heavenly Father sends
Is the gift of understanding that

we find in loving friends,
For in this world of trouble that is
filled with anxious care,
Everybody needs a friend in whom
they're free to share.
The little secret heartaches that
lay heavy on their mind,
Not just a mere acquaintance but
someone who's **Just our kind.**
For somehow in the generous heart
of loving faithful friends
The good God in His charity and
wisdom always sends
A sense of understanding and the
power of perception
And mixes these fine qualities with
kindness and affection;
So when we need some sympathy
or a friendly hand to touch
Or an ear that listens tenderly and
speaks words that mean so
much,
We seek our true and trusted
friend in the knowledge that
we'll find
A heart that's sympathetic and an
understanding mind,
And often just without a word,
there seems to be a union
Of thoughts and kindred feelings,
for God gives true friends
communion.

Two of our brothers in the Lord were hospitalized for a number of days, but have been released and are in their respective homes again. They are Bros. Lawrence Gehring and George Butikofer. Sis. Alta Thoman entered the hospital located at La Crosse Wisconsin yesterday.

Many friends and Christian brethren have stopped at our place of worship this season. This we appreciate to the fullest extent. May they all receive a blessing, and may we do our part in being hospitable.

While visiting at the hospital, one patient drew the visitor's attention to the artist, Sallman's painting of Christ, which was located on the wall, opposite the patients bed, commenting thus, "That is the one who died for all the sins of the world." It was felt that this patient had been entertaining some worthwhile thoughts, for which we were thankful.

God has been blessing the fields and meadows with rain and sunshine. As a result, the corn is growing fantastically, the hay fields are being harvested into silos and bales very bountifully. May we always thank Him for everything which He so lavishly bes-

tows to His people.

The pair of barn swallows that nested in our sheep shed are now very busy caring for their young. Last evening, the parent birds were wheeling about, catching insects, while the five young ones were balancing on one of the utility wires, waiting for their turns for their fare. T'was a beautiful sight.

ELGIN IL
Mary Moser

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

On the week-end of June 20, three souls were added to the fold. They are Roger and Karen Weiss and Brad Getz (son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann). We wish them God's blessing in their new-found faith. Ministering Bro. Art Gudeman from LaCrosse and Elder Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria were here for this blessed occasion.

Summer Bible Class was held here the third week in June. Visiting ministers were Bros. Gene Lehman, Walter Anliker, Everett Hari, and Edwin Bahler.

Hospital patients were Bro. Pat Kinsinger and Bro. Alvin Lohbauer. They both were able to come home now. Chad Heiniger, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Peg Heiniger had eye surgery.

An elderly sister, Bena Gudeman, was laid to rest on June 25. It encourages us to see older brethren finish their life in faith.

A brother from Elgin gave us the following:

The Believer is born twice
and dies twice
and lives forever.

FT LAUDERDALE FL
Bert and Karen Aeschliman

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Surely that writer experienced what all Christians experience throughout their lives. By walking through this life on earth hand in hand with Jesus, we know that there is no truer friend. He is always at the Christian's side, willing to bear our griefs and sins, willing

to share our sorrows as well as our joys, and always leading the Christian on the straight and narrow path. We put our trust in Him. He provides always.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel were happy to receive word that a baby girl (Nicole Eileen) was born to their daughter, Sis. Peggy, and her husband Bro. Vic Reinhard of Bluffton. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille Reinhard of Bluffton.

Elections were held in the Ft. Lauderdale congregation and results were as follows: Sunday School Teachers, Bros. Richard Sutter and Bert Aeschliman and Sis. Faye Gerber; Trustee, Bro. Bob Huber; Ushers, Bros. Fred Meyer and Rod Gress; Sisters in Charge of Church Suppers, Sis. Marie Meyer.

We were privileged to have Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville) share the word with us in June, along with our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Also, several young people from the Sarasota congregation visited June 6. We heartily welcome all visitors and look forward to meeting them again.

August is Silver Lining collection for Ft. Lauderdale.

FORT SCOTT KS
Aleta Banwart

God sent a tiny "angel" to live in the home of Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda Banwart. They announced the adoption of Gary Wayne, born May 25. The happy grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Waneta Sinn and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Banwart of Lamar.

A beautiful little daughter was added to the family of Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen Sinn. Rebecca Lean was born June 6. Tamara Sue welcomes little Rebecca home, along with her grandparents, Bro. Danny & Sis. Dorothy Sinn, & Sis. Mabel Roeschley of Morton.

Thank you, Lord for the beautiful and healthy children we've been blessed with.

Pure love leads to perfection, Joy of the soul and guide, Gives us true satisfaction, And leads to heaven's light. Bro. Dennis Miller and Sis. April Wiegand were united as one June 13 at Oakville. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller and Bro. Albert and Sis. Martha Wiegand are the parents. The following Friday evening, the newlyweds were surprised with a grocery shower at the home of Bro. Wayne

and Sis. Pearl Millers' home. It was a blessed evening of fellowship, and a special pleasure to enjoy the blessings that are received by the giver for sharing with one another.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your HEART be also.

The week of June 21 was set aside for Bible School. We were very fortunate to have Bro. George Lambert with us to teach the adult class. We will plan our Sunday School picnic for a later date.

GIRARD OH
Louisa B. Lance

Sometimes our skies are cloudy
and dreary,
Sometimes our hearts are burdened
with care,
But we may know, whate'er may
befall us,
Jesus is always there.
Never a burden that He does not
carry,
Never a sorrow that He does not
share,
Whether the days may be sunny
or dreary,
Jesus is always there.

How very true the words in this beautiful hymn, and what a blessing to know that we can always trust in him.

Visiting ministers were our Bro. Rudolph Graf (Akron) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman).

We are sorry that Emma Lou Deislinger had to enter the hospital again for treatment.

John Emch, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn, was a recent graduate of Ohio State University School of Optometry. He will be locating in Archbold, Ohio.

We have been having some very hot weather, along with plenty of rain, which we were in need of. How wonderful that our Heavenly Father provides all our needs. Are we doing all we can for Him?

I do not know how long I'll live,
But while I live, Lord, let me give
Some comfort to someone in need
By smile or nod, kind word or deed,

And let me do whate'er I can
To ease things for my fellowman.
I want not but to do my part
To lift a tired or weary heart,
To change folks frowns to smiles
again—

Then I will not have lived in vain,
And I'll not care how long I'll live,
If I can give-give-give-give.

GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

We do rejoice with our friends, Jake and Lavina Ott, who have repented and found peace with God. They will have opportunity to give their testimonies of this wonderful experience on July 17, and be baptized the following day, the Lord willing.

Our thanks to Bro. Steve Rinkenger, Cissna Park, who visited and brought us the true word of God on June 13.

The hand of God has healed our dear Kim Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Allene. Kim was thrown from a tractor while mowing at his home; he was hospitalized and treated for a serious head injury, but he is home now and doing well.

Our friend, Sue Alexander, was hospitalized for a week, and is resting at her home. Our Sis. Frieda Grusy has returned home from the hospital and is much better. Hospitalized is our Bro. John Streit, who has suffered a stroke.

Friends Dennis & Eddis Blunier are happy new parents of a son, Timothy Richard. Grandparents are Tilman and Lucille Blunier of the Congerville congregation and Bro. and Sis. Richard and Verna Hartter.

Our Summer Bible School was held during the first week of June. Our Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Wesley Knapp reports approximately 125 children attended.

The Annual Sunday School Picnic was held on June 27, at our Goodfield Fellowship Hall. There was a large group of all ages, and after partaking of the many fruits of the earth, we lifted our voices in song and praise to our wonderful God.

PRAISE YE THE LORD: FOR
IT IS GOOD TO SING PRAISES
UNTO OUR GOD: FOR IT IS
PLEASANT, AND PRAISE IS
COMELY.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Landes

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

God has everything under control. He is teaching His children and giving them opportunities to grow in the Lord. How blest we are to have the Lord as our Father, who tenderly chastens us, lovingly encourages and teaches us, and presents us with experiences and situations to help us grow into mature Christians. I talked with several brothers and sisters in Christ about what the Lord has been teaching them. The joy of fellowship is God's gift to one sister, who is living with Christian roommates for the first time. One sister voiced her thankfulness to the Lord for providing for her needs. She is learning to wait on the Lord. A brother, who works with maladjusted children, expressed the importance of giving love, without expecting that love to be returned. The happiness of seeing a friend turning to the Lord has been the experience of one sister. A sister who is spending her summer working in a camp has written to me about the wonderful joy she has received by sharing her love for Christ with others. One brother felt the Lord's guidance in taking a new job, and a sister felt His direction to enter the career of nursing. The Lord knows where His children can best serve Him. The important thing is that we trust in God, because He has wonderful things planned for "them who are the called according to his purpose."

We want to thank the ministering brothers who worshipped with us during the month of June.

INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

There are times of testing for everyone. When there are, WAIT! Use all the forces of faith and put patience into practice. God's timing is never late. Deliverance is at hand! For He "standeth" in the shadows, keeping watch above His own.

We were all very happy to hear that Sis. Andrea Neuenschwander (Bro. and Sis. Chuck and Doris) has accepted a proposal of marriage from Bro. Kevin Sipe from Bluffton.

Those ministers who generously lent themselves to us in June were Bros. Jack Bollier—Leo, Loren Stoller—Latty, Merle Bucher—LaCrosse, and Maurice Frank—Leo.

LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

Our Annual Vacation Bible School was held from June 14 to June 18. Young and old received countless blessings from the many teachings.

June 14, Bro. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, spoke about **Misapplication Of The Word**. Everyone was given much food for thought . . . made one realize how close we are to the latter days.

June 15, Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago, expounded on **Worldliness Versus Godliness As Described In The Scriptures**. The pleasures of sin are only for a season, and godliness leads to eternity.

June 16, Bro. David Bertsch, Leo, discussed **Speaking In Tongues, Witchcraft And Transient Meditation**. We were all warned that Satan's cunning devices do not lead to true peace and salvation.

June 17, Bro. Tom Leman, Elgin, Ill. spoke on **Urgency Of Salvation**. We only have a promise for today and no assurance for tomorrow.

June 18, our Sunday School presented a program, telling us what they had learned through the week. It's so precious to hear our youth tell of their love for the Saviour. Our adult choir also sang, and Bro. Don Gudeman summarized the many blessed teachings we received from the ministers, who were so willing to give of their time to visit us.

We have two precious souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance, Laurie Zeltwanger (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marilyn) and Mike Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry). We rejoice over them with the angels in heaven and wish them God's grace and blessings.

Sun. June 27, several members and friends presented a program on our American Heritage. How thankful we should be for our country, that we are allowed the freedom to worship as we wish. We are ever grateful to our forefathers for preserving our precious faith, and now it becomes our duty to preserve the faith for the future generation.

LAMONT KS**Jane Isch**

We are thankful that we have again been blessed with a visiting minister. Bro. Vernon Schwab of the Wolcott congregation was in our midst and proclaimed God's holy word unto us in truth and humility. We want to thank him and welcome him and anyone who would be going through to stop and visit us.

Sis. Dorothy Schrader was hospitalized for surgery and we are thankful all is well.

We have been blessed with moisture for our growing crops, and are so thankful to God for all rich gifts and blessings. We realize how weak we are; we can plant and water, but God must add the increase.

August is Silver Lining collection for Lamont.

LESTER IA**Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger**

Our Sunday School Bible classes enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Winthrop congregation, during the youth fellowship gathering on June 12 and 13. On June 3, our local Sunday School hosted a picnic for our congregation on the church grounds. Good food and good fellowship made for a blessed evening.

Surgical patients were Bro. John Gerber at Rochester, Minn. hospital, and Ben Feucht and Bill Moser at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Three baby boys were born. On June 17 Jeremy Allen was born to Jean and Gary Heyer. He has one brother, and Sis. Iola Knobloch is the maternal grandmother . . . On June 15, Clay Steven was born to Keith and Mary Metzger. He has two brothers and one sister. Sis. Flora Metzger is the grandmother . . . On June 27, Wesley George was born to Bro. George and Sis. Charlyn Meyer. He has two brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Sis. Emma Meyer and Bro. Lou and Sis. Norma Bauman, Goodfield.

Sis. Jeryl Mogler and Bro. Doug Grimm, Sabetha, were united in marriage on June 20, with Elder Bro. Leo Moser conducting the service. Other ministers with us for the day were Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha and Bro. Kenneth Dietz, Bradford. Sis. Jeryl will be missed by all of us, but will be welcomed in the Sabetha congregation.

Bro. Virgil Metzger, Champaign, was our visiting minister earlier in

the month, while here visiting his parents and family.

The engagement of Sis. Audrey Moser, daughter of Lou and Tina, and Bro. Mark Metzger, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty, was announced. A July wedding is planned.

Tom Metzger, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty, and Debbie Kramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kramer, were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Leo Moser, in the home of Tom's parents. Tom was recently discharged, after serving six years in the Air National Guard.

MANSFIELD OHIO**Lucille Groh**

I saw a cross on a person today,
What did it mean, what did it say?
Was it a token of Christ's salvation,
Or was it worn only as a decoration?

I saw a cross on a church today,
What did it mean, what did it say?
Was the church alive with Christ's true teaching,
Or was it dead to itching ears' preaching?

I saw a cross stand all alone
There on top of a hand-hewed stone.
This simple cross made only of a stave.
It told of death; it marked a grave.

There are two meanings to this cross, this tree.
One is of life, one death you see,
But to me it tells a beautiful story
That Christ is alive, renowned in glory.

Memorial Day we walked through the cemetery. Standing alone by a grave was an old woman, worn by the winds of time and experience. She seemed so alone and forsaken, so intending to offer a few words of cheer, we exchanged greetings. She said, "Oh, how I miss him. My husband was a God-fearing man, never had too many words to say, but oh, the life that he lived. Some years after his death a knock came at my door and a man said, Oh, please, may I talk with you a few minutes? . . . Wondering what he had on his mind, I left him in. He then broke down and started to cry. He said, If it would not have been for your

husband's godly light and three words, I wouldn't be here to tell you my story . . . He continued on . . . I was a habitual drunkard, going from bad to worse. One Monday morning at work, your husband put his arm on my shoulder and said, Tom, It's time. That is all he said. Wondering what he meant, I begin to think, and those words kept ringing in my ears. Then, it began to sink in, and I said to myself, why he meant it's time to change my life. God gave me no rest until I could give my whole life to Jesus, and I wanted you to know what just three words, a godly life and Jesus done for me.

Last month's Silver Lining reported joy in the home of Friends Ed and Cheryl Oesch Schumaker. Little Ryan was a bud on this earth only three weeks, and then God chose to pick him for his heavenly bouquet. We extend our sympathy to his parents and Sis. Katherine Oesch, the grandmother.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 14. Many wonderful blessings were received during this week. One little one said, "Oh, I wish we could have VBS all year long".

On June 13, a graduation program was given in honor of our graduates . . . Mike Matuck, Lori Oesch, John Rueffner, Linda Sauder, Melvin Sauder and Randy Sauder. The teachers sang, *Oh Wonderful Word and I Need Thee Every Hour* . . . Bro. Charles Sauder gave a short message on *Things We Cannot Change* . . . such as what the Bible says . . . Christ will come again. Bro. Dave Roberts presented each graduate a Bible, and advised them, when we start out on a trip we need a road map. They are starting out on the road of life, and the church wants to give them the best map they could possibly use.

Loved ones experiencing illness: Dorothy Stavenick fell and broke both wrists . . . Sis. Carolyn Dotterer had been in the hospital, but is now able to be with us . . . Friend Ed. Sauder (Bro. Richard) received second degree burns in a farm accident, and Winona Matuck is hospitalized, as well as Mary Oesch (Sis. Catherine) (an auto accident).

June 27 was the annual Sunday School picnic, held at the home of Sisters Catherine and Linda Morrison. A wonderful afternoon of fellowship was had by all.

We want to thank friend Wayne Ruffner and family for getting the loudspeaker system working again in our church. It's nice to be able to hear again.

MINNEAPOLIS MN Josephine Esterling

For the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

"My wife and I, Bro. George and Sis. Esther Messner left for Regina Saskatchewan by car, on Friday, June 18. We arrived in Regina on Saturday about 1:00.

There are four members: Bro. Keith and Sis. Merna Shipley and Bro. and Sis. George and Mary Nesbitt. Church services are held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00, on Monday at 8:00 p.m. There are some friends that attend. Services were held at the Westward Motor Inn.

We have been there a number of times and are thankful to see that the faith of the brothers and sisters has increased. Some of the friends seem to be very interested in the Bible. We in the States have the fellowship of many brothers and sisters, while they have only a few, but we know that God is everywhere. We felt His presence there, and may He give the increase.

We were happy to meet Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger from Lester and Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm from West Bend. They were with us for Sunday services. We were thankful for the Christian fellowship and support.

Tuesday afternoon we departed for home, arrived in Winthrop on Wednesday evening at 6:30, where our daughter, Ilene, was waiting to take us to Minneapolis.

We said farewell to Bro. George and Sis. Esther as they drove to their home and we to ours, thankful to God for His protection on the way.

Anyone traveling through Canada should plan to stop and visit the dear ones, as they long for fellowship.

Humbly, Noah Miller"

Graduates included: Larry Schmidgall, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Millie; Ilene Miller, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura; Nancy Esterling, daughter of Bro.

Don and Sis. Josephine.

Sharing the word, Bro. Dale Moore of Elgin, Iowa visited our church.

August is Silver Lining collection for Minneapolis.

MORRIS MN

Corrine Schmidgall - Joyce Nohl

On May 1, we discontinued Wednesday evening services, and have song service the first and third Sunday of each month.

The angels in heaven rejoice when one soul repents. Our congregation rejoices with the angels, as a dear friend, Leann Wulf, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet has cast her lot with the Lord in repentance. If only all could learn of God's wonderful love and the joy of living for Him.

On May 29, Kevin Schmidgall (Sis. Mabel) and Marilyn Moser (Bro. Alphai and Sis. Pearl) were united in marriage. They are now making their home in Fargo, North Dakota, where both are employed.

Little Doug Feuchtenberger, 6-year-old son of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Karen, was severely burned when he came in contact with a high voltage wire while climbing a tree. He is in the St. Paul Ramsey Burn Center, St. Paul, and will have to be there for some time yet. Rick Gramm, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila, had the misfortune of breaking four toes, when a concrete feeder fell on his foot. He gets around with a cast on his foot.

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Noah Gerber, West Bend, and Bob Grimm of Goodfield.

Bro. Beirne and Sis. Joyce Messner are the happy parents of a daughter, Julie Ann, born June 5. Grandparents are Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner and Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler of Lester. Great-grandmother is Sis. Emma Schmidgall . . . A son, Ryan Daniel, was born to Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Kellenberger on June 3. He has two sisters, Jennifer and Jerri, and one brother, Ricky to welcome him home. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger.

Bro. Jerel and Sis. Linda Schmidgall were blessed with a daughter, Shari Lynn, born June 22. Grandparents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall and Bro. Wilmer and Sis. Lavina Lehman of Ranoke. Great-grandmother is Sis. Emma Schmidgall. Our prayers go out to little Shari, who will have

to remain in a Minneapolis hospital a few weeks.

Our Junior and Senior Bible Classes were hosted by the Winthrop Bible Classes on the weekend of June 12 and 13. It was a blessed week-end. Bro. Bob Pohl of Burlington congregation was the speaker. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the many good teachings.

The engagement of Sis. Lyn Zeltwanger (Bro. Wm. Jr. and Sis. Betty) to Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth of Francesville) was announced. A Sept. 19 wedding is being planned.

MORTON IL

Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer

Our congregation was blessed with messages given by visiting ministers, (Bros.) Noah Herman from Tucson and Ron Heiniger from Bloomington-Normal.

Sis. Ida Mae Legel Sauder and Bro. Joe Klaus from Eureka were united in Holy Matrimony on Wednesday, June 2. We welcome Bro. Joe to our congregation. Their new address is 616 N. Nebraska, Morton.

Kathryn Davis and Scott Koehl were united in marriage on June 5. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Galen Davis and Bro. Al and Sis. Ellen Koehl. They will be living in Santa Anna, Calif., where Scott is stationed at El Toro Marine Base.

Also among the newlyweds are Sis. Kathy Fahlberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fahlberg, and Bro. Hans Schuon, son of Bro. Karl and Sis. Elsa Schuon. Their wedding took place on June 13. They will be residing at 412 W. Jefferson, Morton.

Shannon Lee, born May 30, is the second child of Greg and Patty Krantz. Steven welcomed the new baby girl home. Grandparents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Dorothy Krantz and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gamble. Among the great-grandparents is Sis. Elsie Landis . . . Roberta and Tim Beutel have a new baby girl, Tanya Ann, born on May 30. Elizabeth and Dawn are the baby's big sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman and Mr. and Mrs. George Beutel of Tremont.

A daughter, Keri Lynn, was born on June 29 to Sis. Jody and Kenny Baum. Happy brothers are Scott, Robbie, and Terry. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grimm and Sis. Mary Baum are the grandparents . . .

Jane and Randy Schick are parents of a new baby girl, Julianna Marie, born on June 30. Keith, Jeff and Kim are at home to welcome her. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kamp of Deer Creek and Sis. Marie and Bro. Carl Schick.

Bro. John Frank, 92, died on June 14, ending a long pilgrimage. He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Sis. Anna Wald-beser and the former Sis. Nettie Gerber. Surviving are three sons: Chris, John Frank Jr. and Richard; one daughter, Mrs. Louis (Irene) Kadesky; and one sister, Sis. Clara Welk.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nelda Rapp, 83, of LaPorte, Ind., were held in a local funeral home. Her husband, Daniel, died earlier this year. Burial was in our church cemetery.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks, from June 7-18. Classes were held for pre-schoolers through high school age; the young members had classes several evenings.

Hospital patients were: Sis. Lydiann (Mrs. Carl) Wyss, Sis. Lucille (Mrs. Jeff) Zimmerman, Sis. Mona (Mrs. Elmer) Stoller, Sis. Lucy (Mrs. Joe) Kaisner, Bro. Irvin Leman, Bro. John Oberlander, George Frey, Sis. Betty (Mrs. Walt) Gerber and 16-month-old Daniel Sauder (Ft. Lauderdale). Little Daniel was in Morton with his parents, Bro. Roger and Sis. Judy (Sutter) Sauder for the special occasion of his grandmother's wedding (Sis. Ida Mae Sauder Klaus), when he became ill and was hospitalized for 10 days. We're thankful he's much improved and has since returned to Ft. Lauderdale.

Sis. Lola Strunk wishes to thank those who remembered her with prayers, cards, gifts and visits, while hospitalized for surgery in May.

"We wish to thank everyone who helped while I was in the hospital and since I'm home. Your prayers, cards, gifts and food will long be remembered. If we didn't have our dear Lord to help us through hard sickness, I really don't know how we could take it. Least Sister-In-Faith, Lavina Kilgus."

As we celebrate our nation's Bi-Centennial, let's remember that God's word tells us, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" . . . Who, or what is your God?

RITTMAN OH

Grace Gasser

On June 6, we witnessed the marriage of Bro. Ralph Schlatter (Sis. Esther) of Junction and Sis. Sheila Steiner (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora). Visiting ministers for that day were Bros. Sam Schlatter, Eugene Fetter, and Ernest Graf.

Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle of Sardis ministered to us, and impressed upon the youth, as well as all of us, the importance of honesty in our daily lives.

Our dear aged Bro. Peter Barna passed away on his 90th birthday. Services were held at the church on Wed., June 16 by Bros. Rudolph and Ernest Graf. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Elizabeth; four sons, Benjamin, Ruben, Aquilla, Charles; six daughters, Mrs. Joan Hartzler, Mrs. Lydia Nowak, Mrs. Ruth Sobel, Mrs. Esther Fritz, Mrs. Irene Albrecht, and Priscille.

"Their strength is to sit still." What a unique ministry is carried out by those who must remain confined at home, sometimes for many years. Our dear Bro. Ray Musser has been confined to his bed for five years. Visiting him and observing the patience and cheerful disposition of him and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, is like a sermon in itself, and from their home comes spiritual strength for all who enter.

Bro. Elmer Zollinger is home from the hospital, and improving slowly after suffering a heart attack. Hospitalized for surgery have been: Sisters Freda Winkler and Elizabeth Landis. Other hospital patients have been Berdean Shiffer and Sis. Margaret Calame. Sis. Lizzie Ramsier has been quite ill at her home. Sis. Jennie Bauman was unable to be with us for a number of weeks, due to an injury received in a fall at her home. Sis. Carolyn Marty was seriously injured in an automobile accident on June 25.

The arrival of a new baby brings joy to a home, and many homes have experienced this joy in the past. Our births include: Paul and Kathy Moore, first son, Andrew David; Ken and Martha Steele, first son, Bradford Lee; Bro. Gaylord and Sis. Cheryl Beery, a girl, Diane Renee (one sister and one brother); Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach, a girl, Ann Marie (one sister); Art and Lynn Riggenbach, a boy, Stuart Alan (four sisters).

Correction: The infant son of

Bro. Craig and Sis. Gale Emch is named Bryon David instead of Bradley David.

Work has progressed rapidly on our new nursing home, and it is now nearing completion. The Home is across the road from our church, and will be a place where the elderly, and those who do not wish to live alone, or are unable to care for themselves may receive love, care, and companionship. We hope to have the date for the dedication in the next issue of the Silver Lining.

SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. Dan Steiner, 103, passed away June 10 at the A.C. Home, where he has resided since 1963. He is survived by two sons, Leon of Albert Lea MN. and Ray of Glasgow, Mont.; Funeral services were held in Sabetha on June 13, with (Bros.) Joe Aberle and Sam Huber officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott and John Lehman, Bern.

We welcomed Sis. Jeryl (Mogler) Grimm to Sabetha. She and Bro. Doug were married in Lester on June 20. They will reside on a farm near here.

Hospitalized were Sis. Fanny Bahr, Sis. Frieda Strahm, and Bro. Otto Rauhaus. Sis. Marie Hartter and I both had the misfortune of breaking a bone in our left foot, from which we are now recovering.

SILVERTON OR

Joan Dietrich

Now it is accomplished! With heart and with mind.

To Thee, my dear Saviour, I now am resigned!

I'll ever be faithful in life and in death,

Abiding in Jesus unto my last breath.

We could certainly feel the Lord's presence as we listened to the testimony of Carol Dietrich on June 12. The following day, we welcomed her as our new sister-in-faith. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger was here to carry out this important work. Sis. Carol has been the first member added to Silverton for about 40 years, so it was a real joy and encouragement to many of us to listen to a proving

again, and to be reminded of the vows we have made. May the Lord ever provide grace enough to endure to a blessed end.

TREMONT II

Mary Jane Leuthold - Lydia Rassi

Sis. Ann Lehman has again been hospitalized. We are reminded of the Lord's words to Paul, my grace is sufficient for thee. May our sister find this so in her illness. Bro. Elton Rapp is also hospitalized, having had surgery.

Friends Duane Miller, Ed and Doris, and Cynthia Bernier were united in marriage June 5 . . . Mark Rapp, Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen, and Marcia Elsasser, Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen, were married also June 5 . . . and Susan Rapp, Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen, was united in marriage June 26 to Victor Zurcher. May the Lord bless these new-found homes. We also welcome Marcia Rapp to our congregation.

June was Bible School time, and we are sure there were many blessed hours spent in learning a little more out of the word of life . . . We also cleaned our house of the Lord. Many willing hearts made the job easy to complete.

We wish much grace unto Bros. Glen Dill and Ken Huette, as they start a term in Sunday school. Bro. Earl Sauder is our new trustee.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me so kindly during my illness. It was greatly appreciated." Sis. Louise Wagenbach . . . Sis. Louise is gaining a little added strength each day. Bro. Ernie Schaefer is again among us, and wishes to thank everyone who came to visit him, also for the cards and prayers offered on his behalf.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosemary Frank and family, as Bro. Ray Frank was called to his eternal home. We also sympathize with Ed and Doris Miller and family in the loss of Doris' mother, Susan Musselman.

WOLCOTT IN

Laurel Widmer

On the week-end of May 30, our congregation was privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of our friends, Brian Furrer and Duane Schieler. Bro. Brian is the son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan; Bro. Duane is the son of Sis. Marilyn Schieler. Visiting ministers for the occasion

were Bros. Ed Ringger (Gridley) and Edward Bahler (Remington). Our friend, Susie Lehman was announced for peace also, adding to the blessing of the day.

During the week of June 7-11, Remington and Wolcott held Vacation Bible School together, at Remington. Visiting ministers during the week were Bro. Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park) and Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville). The remaining nights were conducted by home Bros. Gene Lehman and Edwin Bahler.

On June 5, Dwight Waibel and Lisa Stanley were married. Dwight is the son of Bro. Leon and Sis. Reva Waibel.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat Kyburz, at the death of Pat's father.

A warm welcome is extended to Sis. Elaine (Anliker) Bahler (Bro. Eli and Sis. Pricilla). Elaine and Bro. Steve Bahler were united in marriage at Francesville on June 20. Steve is the son of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Frances Bahler.

CISSNA PARK II

Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

Kind hearts are the gardens;
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Our hearts were saddened by the passing of our Sis. Freida Kuntz, age 81. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Lucien; three daughters, Sis. Mabel (Mrs. Dale) Farney, Mrs. Katherine Nease, and Mrs. Marguerite Shoufler; and one son, Charlo.

Bro. Randy and Sis. Patti Martin are the happy parents of their first child, a baby girl, Christine Louise, born June 14. Bro. Herman and Sis. Arcelia Bauer and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Rosie Martin are first-time grandparents.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Raymond Roth and Josh Broquard.

Our Annual Sunday School Picnic was held June 13. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all, and this was followed by singing, to God's praise and honor.

Our Vacation Bible School was a very successful two weeks. We heard what the children had learned, at our program on Friday evening, June 18. Our average daily attendance was 83 students.

Our hospital patients are Sis.

Emma Geyer, Sis. Emma (Mrs. John) Wahl, and Bro. Ron Farney. Bro. Ron cracked three vertebrae in his back, because of a fall while at work in Bloomington. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Gerry Farney of Cissna. Friends Rick Knapp is in the hospital for a short time, for further surgery. Sis. Esther (Mrs. Emil) Fisher was a hospital patient, but has now returned home and is getting along fairly well. Our ministering Bro. Phil Sauder is again able to resume his duties, after spraining his ankle in a fall. Illa June (Mrs. Jerry) Hari was a hospital patient and has returned home.

Haste and seek your soul's salvation; Heed the word of God today! We are so thankful the door of grace is still open, and we have two souls answering His call.

CONGERVILLE II

Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

(Bros.) Aaron Steffen from Alto and Vernon Leman from Eureka were visiting in Congerville this month. We were blessed by their wonderful words of exhortation and encouragement in our most precious faith.

Three dear souls have expressed a desire to give their testimony before the congregation. They are Annette Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu, and Heintz and Trudy Maurer.

The election of new Sunday School teachers was held. Serving the coming year will be Bros. Mike Rinkenberger, Byron Schrock and Dennis Klopfenstein. Also serving will be Sisters Gay Knapp, Marge Steffen and Linda Knapp.

Bro. Clarence Zobrist received a foot injury and has been hospitalized. Sis. Alice Schiebler (Bro. John) is in for tests. Andy Zimmerman, son of Bro. Orville & Sis. Lulu, was hospitalized. Jeff Leman, son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary, had surgery and is home again. Russel Miller has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

The Annual Sunday School Picnic was held June 27 and enjoyed by all.

EUREKA II

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

Half of this year is now behind us; What lies ahead we do not know, But what we need for daily living Our gracious God on us bestows.

So let us try more faithfully
To please our Heavenly Father.

Our visitors—(Bros.) Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, IL.; Nathan Steffen, Elgin, IL.; Earl Kilgus—Remington; Bill Kupferschmid—Bloomington.

Those in the Hospital: Hulda Koelling is a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Tillie Sauder, a medical patient—Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Rika Hoerr is a surgical patient—Peoria Hospital. These are all from the "Home" . . . Bro. Roy Blunier is a surgical patient, Peoria Methodist Hospital.

Death—Bro. Theodore Stoller, age 72, passed away at Eureka Hospital on June 19. His survivors are his wife, Sis. Amy Rocke Stoller; two sons, Bro. Richard of Roanoke, Russell of Santa Ana CA.; one daughter, Thelma Wind, Metroplis, IL.; two brothers and three sisters. His funeral was June 21, with Bro. Walter Anliker in charge of services. Burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Birth—June 17, a daughter, Leann Renee to Bro. and Sis. Stanley and Lola (Blunier) Stoller. This is their first child.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Judy Knecht have adopted a baby boy. He was born April 4. His name is Joshua Ernest. He has three sisters to help care for him.

Becky Knapp, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert and Jean is repenting. We hope and pray many more will seek the Lord while He can be found. There are so many dear ones yet roaming in this world of sin, who should be saved.

FAIRBURY IL

Joyce Huber

We enjoyed having visiting ministers, (Bros.) Earl Kilgus of Remington and Roy Wieland of Bay City.

We are sorry for those that have been hospitalized, Sis. Luella Sohn and Bro. Ben Lorch.

Bro. and Sis. William Streib's daughter, Tina, was married to Dennis Mielnikowski. They will be living in Chicago, as Dennis is with Illinois Bell Telephone in Chicago.

GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

After having richly reminded us of our high calling and Christian responsibility, to be considerate of our brother and to easily forgive one another in love, the minister-

ing brother summarized our human weakness with these choice words: "Too often we forget the things we should remember and remember the things we should forget."

We are so glad that Linda Gramm and Mike Prevo have experienced God's work of salvation in their lives and have received His peace in their hearts. They will be granted the privilege to give their testimony of faith before the church and to be baptized the week-end of July 4, if the Lord wills.

Kathy Stoller, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Vira, and Heather Martin, daughter of Byron and Katie Martin, were both in the hospital with pneumonia. Sis. Minnie Stortz, Bro. Emil Schlipf, Bro. Harold Stoller, and Al Rich were also hospital patients.

Ministering brethren who visited our congregation and were used of God to preach the word, to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine", were (Bros.) Harold Gramm of Morris and Roy Grimm of Taylor.

Sonia Kuntz and Tim Vercler were united in marriage in the Goodfield A.C. Fellowship Hall on June 6. Sonia is the daughter of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Wilma Kuntz of Gridley, and Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vercler of Che-
noa.

Whatever you think, both in joy
and in woe,

Think nothing you would not like
Jesus to know;

Whatever you say, in a whisper or
clear,

Say nothing you would not like Je-
sus to hear.

Whatever you read, tho the pages
allure,

Read nothing unless you are per-
fectly sure

Consternation would not be seen
in your look,

If God should say solemnly, **Show
me that book!**

Whatever you write, with haste or
with heed,

Write nothing you would not want
Jesus to read.

Whatever you sing, in the mists of
your glees,

Sing nothing that God's listening
ears could displease.

Wherever you go, never go where
you'd fear

God's question being asked you,
What doest thou here?

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Glenda Huber

Our Lord Jesus Christ came "to set at liberty them that are bruised" . . . Giving His all, He made the ultimate sacrifice by laying down His life. He purchased our freedom with the price of His precious blood. However, it is not preserved by keeping it for ourselves, but by sharing it with others.

As we celebrate our national religious freedom, let us preserve it by standing fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and share it with the lost about us.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the churches for final payment of the Lexington Church. May God richly reward and bless to His further glory.

We want to extend a special thanks to Bro. Wendell Gudeman for his time spent and efforts put forth in handling the funds. Again, we extend a warm welcome to each of you to come and visit us whenever the way opens.

NAUMBURG NY

Betty Virkler

Several dear ones were hospitalized and have returned to their homes—John Schulz (Norman and Mary), Bro. Arthur Herzig, Sis. Lucille Farney.

We were blessed to have Bro. Somerhalder from Eureka with us.

Best wishes and congratulations to our graduate of Lowville Academy, Martha Hirschev, daughter of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice.

Congratulations—First baby, a son, Douglas Norman, to Sanford and Gay Lehman May 2; grandparents are Norman and Alice Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunsberger, great-grandmother, Sis. Barbara Bachman . . . a daughter, Nicole Lynne, born to Ronald and Beth Hirschev. Grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice. Nicole Lynne has three brothers and two sisters to love her.

May God smile on your baby,
And on all the joys you'll share,
And may He always keep you all
In his redeeming care!

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

SARDIS OH Linda Indermuhle

A bundle of innocence named Sheila Lynn arrived June 19 to gladden the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake. Clifford, Lisa, and Laura also welcome their new little sister. Grandparents are John and Sis. Almeda Brake (Sardis) and Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty (Rittman).

Our little church was full the evening of June 26. We rejoiced to see so many loved ones put forth the effort to assemble with us. Ministering Bros. Henry Dotterer and Ben Hartzler from Rittman brought us God's word. Sunday morning, we assembled in the West Virginia church for services. Ministering Bro. Wally Ramsier was also with us for the day. We were reminded how many people had made plans for the day, and how we should also be making plans for our heavenly home—plans that will be everlasting.

Bro. Bill Brake spent a few days in the hospital . . . so glad to report that he is home and feeling better.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

We are having unusual weather for this time of the year. We have to wear jackets or sweaters during the day. I wonder how the weather is in the U.S.

We are enjoying the visit of Ramona Meyer of Sabetha. She is spending several weeks here visiting her sister, who is one of our teaching sisters, Libby Meyer of Shioda. We hope she enjoys herself and returns home with good impressions. We wish the Lord would touch her heart through our Christian testimony.

Our summer fellowship meeting will be held at one of the five lakes of Mt. Fuji on July 28-30. We hope our brethren and friends will join us for this meeting and trust in our Heavenly Father for His blessings.

Bro. Akito Inoue and I are going to the country church twice a month (alternating), to take responsibility for the Lord's work during Bro. Willis Ehnle's stay in the states this summer. We really give thanks to God that He has blessed us as a small congregation. We need your prayers as we pray for all of you.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

VALPARAISO IN Marie Heinold - Cam Feller

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

We thank our many June visitors from LaCrosse, Francesville, Bluffton, Milford, Cissna Park, and extend a hearty welcome to vacationers who find Valparaiso on their route. Our special thanks to Ministering Bros. Don Gudeman and Merle Bucher of LaCrosse and Henry Beer of Milford for their labors.

We are happy and thankful to report that Sis. Irene Nuest is able to be back at work and assemble with us again, after several weeks in the hospital.

An armful of love, Keith Aaron, was born to Byron and Sue Frieden on June 25. To help welcome the new baby is his little sister, Kimberly.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 27 in a local city park. It was enjoyed by all who could attend. A special thank you to the Sunday School teachers, everywhere, for all their efforts. The songs taught, the examples set, will be—and are—blessings that we sometime take for granted.

DETROIT MI

Charlotte Barton

Our friend, Jim Hitz, son of Bro. Lenard and Sis. Audrey, has found peace with his Lord.

We have three graduates: Jacqueline Barton and Ken Belsley graduated from high school, and Bro. Richard Schoch graduated from Wayne State University Medical School.

Sis. Christine Schambach and Bro. Richard Schoch, his wife Sis. Jan, and their children, Tania, Lisa and Brandon have moved back to Elgin, Illinois.

While talking to one of our younger Sunday School children about our Lord, she told me, "God doesn't sleep because He doesn't have time. He's too busy taking care of you and me."

Indeed God does take care of you and me . . . and He has certainly blessed our small congregation by calling more souls to join His family. Steve and Joan Varga and their daughter, Vera, who were members of the Apostolic Christian Nazarene Church in Windsor, Ontario have asked to be taken into our fellowship. Their son, Alex and daughter, Nella have been given

grace from above to turn from the world and follow the teachings of our Lord. We are also happy that Milan Germaine, Dana Knochel (son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Ruth) & Louise Polk (daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice) have found grace to repent. We pray God will keep each of our new converts always close to Him and to help each of us to help one another grow in faith and love.

Our friend, Elaine Burgos has been in the hospital for some time and needs our prayers and love for strength and help from our Heavenly Father.

I now have found the firm foundation,

Where evermore my anchor grounds!

It lay there ere the world's creation.

Where else but in my Saviour's wounds?

Foundation which unmov'd shall stay

When earth and heaven pass away.

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Think of this as a Special Day to express God's love.

As you go about your activities for today—whether you are around home, at work, shopping, or at a social gathering make it your day to express love to someone in some way. Pause a moment at the beginning of each hour, and in your heart hear chimes of love ringing softly. Let this be your cue to send a word, deed, or thought of love to someone right near you.

When pure and upright hearts, By flames of love ignited, Are by the bonds of faith More firmly yet united . . . are the beautiful words which were sang following the uniting of Sis. Gail Banwart and Bro. Phil Strahm on Sunday, June 20. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth; Phil is the son of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten. The couple resides in Emporia Kansas.

Many thanks to Bro. George Lambert, Wichita, for sharing God's most precious word with us.

August is Silver Lining collection for Gridley Ks.

PORTLAND OR

Connie Steffen

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord . . ." How many things we have to rejoice in, and each of

them is a gift from the Lord. Even the trials and testings that may come our way are really for our good. How many times have we had trials or disappointments, only to look back on them later and find how wonderfully God used them for our good and His glory? A very dear sister, who is now with the Lord, used to say her trials were the hammer blows that fit her for God's kingdom.

We rejoice with Silverton that we now can greet Carol Dietrich (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred) as a beloved sister in faith. Bro. Carl Kinsinger was with us for Carol's proving and baptism, also to encourage and exhort us.

Summer has finally come to the West, and we are looking forward to visitors. We would like to encourage you to come and plan to stay long enough to visit both churches.

ROCKVILLE CT Carlton J. Lanz

As we move into the summer season and warmer weather, we like to take advantage of some of the beautiful out-of-doors. This custom has been observed by our Sunday School classes annually for years, when parents, children and teachers get together for one of these outings, as was the occasion recently, when at a suitable site (a wooded area and some water), they enjoyed one of these picnics. A variety of foods in generous supply, and refreshments, enhanced the day's outing, with the weather pleasant and most ideal.

On a visit from Switzerland, several of the Bachofner families spent time with relatives of theirs in various states. Here at Rockville, where most of their relatives live and close friends—as the Luginbuhl and Kupferschmid families, we together could spend many very pleasant hours. When in Switzerland, many of us having visited their homes, were warmly received and graciously welcomed. They are readers and supporters of our American columns, the Silver Lining, they said. They have returned to their homes.

At our recent mid-week service, one of our elderly brethren speaking from the pulpit asserted that EVERY SOUL IS PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, and at an unrelated assertion, another brother said: "Man strives desperately for goals and prizes, yet if he wins

them all and does not have his salvation, he has missed the HIGH-EST!"

The church had an opportunity to hear the unique testimonies of four dear friends, who in boldness and childlike manner related . . . how the Spirit of God had followed them and could finally turn them around . . . and be at peace with their Creator and God. They could then be baptized, and went on their way joyfully. Names of these converts are Otto Lanz, Gary Schambach and his wife, Karen, and Randy Kegler. Bro. Rudolph Graf, elder at Akron, came here to assist our elder, Bro. John Bahler.

Sis. Lydia (Marti) Luginbuhl has died, at age 82. She had been confined at a nursing home for several years here. She is survived by a son, Bro. Roy, and a daughter, Sis. Shirly Luginbuhl.

Rittman

"I wish to thank everyone that remembered my dear husband, Peter Barna, with cards and gifts on his 90th birthday. A thank you to all who helped in any way during his passing from this earthly home to his eternal home." Sis. Elizabeth Barna and family.

Akron

Bro. Peter Barna passed away. For the last while, he had been attending Rittman church. For many years, he attended the church in Akron. Bro. Peter will be missed by both congregations.

"To all my dear ones in Akron, Rittman and Girard: We thank you for your love and prayers. I am moving home soon." Bill and Freda VonGuntzen.

GARDEN GROVE IA Eileen Funk

The Bible is our basic guide book of our whole life, the simple word of truth. Many a sermon has been by an honest, sincere, upright walk of life. So were some of the teachings we received from Ministering Bro. John Steiner from Oakville. We enjoyed Bro. John's visit.

We were thankful for my parents visiting us for 2½ weeks, Ministering Bro. Clarence and Vera Yackley from Phoenix. We were reminded to stay away from bad company. If we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything. Abhor evil; cleave to that which is good.

Our minister's wife, Sis. Verle

Funk, has undergone gall bladder surgery. God is granting her a nice recovery. We are thankful to have her in our midst again.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Rachel Smith have a new little bundle from heaven, Nicholas Court, born May 19. His two brothers, Jeremy and Eric, welcome him to their home.

Many blessings were received from Ministering Bro. Carl Feucht, Lester. We were reminded of the faith of the men of old. Are we going to be the faithful ones? Stand up when we're called upon?

Congratulations are in line for Louis Peasley and Kathy Cobb for their June wedding. Their address is 1710 Dupont Ave. South, Minneapolis MN. 55403 . . . Phone 612 377-2944.

Bro. Don and Sis. Willa Clark and two children, Dawn and David Joseph, have moved to a new farm . . . Their address, R.R. 3, Leon Ia. 50144.

Our high school graduates this spring were Bradley Funk and Daniel Peasley.

July is Silver Lining collection for Garden Grove.

CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

We were privileged to have Bro. Homer Reineck from Toledo as our visiting minister on Sunday, July 4. We received many blessings from his messages and want to thank him and his wife for their visit.

Sis. Hazel Schneider and Sis. Lillian Virkler were medical patients. Niles Farney Jr. was a medical patient several days—he received a leg injury while working with logs.

Our Sunday School children and parents enjoyed a weiner roast at Whitaker Falls Park.

Our weather has been rainy during the months of May and June. Many of our farmers have had difficulty getting their crops in and cutting their hay crops.

August is Silver Lining collection for Croghan.

IOWA CITY IA

Lynn Banwart - April Miller

On June 13, Sis. April Wiegand (daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Martha of Oakville) was united in marriage to Bro. Dennis Miller (son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl of Ft. Scott) . . . Where God in truth abides, where two join hand and heart, we find a three-fold cord not lightly rent apart.

Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester) and Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville) ministered to us this month. We are glad to welcome another friend to Iowa City. Bruce Frank (son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara of Oakville) has accepted a job in Cedar Rapids.

A brother once remarked, "You know when John the Baptist doubted that Jesus was the Christ and sent his disciples to Jesus, the Lord didn't just say, I am Christ, knowing that words alone were not what John needed. Instead He said, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." So also many times our walk of life speaks much louder than any words we can say, and stays longer in the hearts of those we come in contact with.

LAMAR MO

Janice Braker - Becky Hohulin

June 20 was the wedding of our dear Sis. Gail Banwart and Bro. Phil Strahm (Gridley, Kans.) They were united in Holy Matrimony by Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker (Lamont). Also present to worship and serve us that day were Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart and Ministers, Loren Strahm (Gridley, Ks.) and Al Langhofer (Wichita). Gail is the daughter of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Banwart, and Phil is the son of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm. They are now residing at Emporia, Kansas.

Sis. Gail will surely be missed in our little congregation. A 12-year-old friend who loved them both very much wrote this poem about them:

Phil and Gail are held by love,
And by God's power from above;
Into a new life they will go,
With a lot of friends, and not one foe.

Into a new life they go together,
With spirits as light as a feather.
May they live together throughout their years,
Kept from all harm, evil, and fears.

Also united in marriage was our dear friends Pam Braker and Billy Greene. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Cecile Braker.

Our friend, Terry Braker, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie, had the misfortune of breaking his leg.

He seems to be doing quite well now.

A precious little girl, Deedra Deann, came to brighten the home of friends, Ted and Deb Frieden. She is their first child. Ted is the son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice Frieden, & Deb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peters. May this new little one bring many happy hours to their home.

God's power has surely been revealed in the clouds, as we have had some heavy rains, which caused some flooding around our area. The water is down now in most places, but it is a constant reminder that God's power is still being revealed to mankind.

If peace be in the heart,
The wildest summer storm is full
of solemn beauty,
The midnight flash but shows the
path of duty,
Each living creature tells some
new and joyous story,
The very trees and stones all catch
a ray of glory . . .
If peace be in the heart.

LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

If the Son of man set you free you shall be free indeed. This was the theme of the Bible School program. They gave us an interesting program after ten days of Bible Study.

Wendell Gudeman from the Francesville congregation assisted David Bertsch in proving and baptizing of Julie Maxfield and Connie Liechty. It is renewing and uplifting to see people taking of the free grace of God. Elmer Witzig of Gridley Ill. was also with us.

Gary Garman is gathering strength and able to be up awhile. Henry Schwartz hasn't been so good. He was moved to a convalescent home.

Henry Souder Sr. of the Bremen congregation visited here with relatives and friends . . .

June has come and gone. It was a beautiful month here, enough rainfall to keep grass and other things green.

FORREST IL

**Kathryn Steidinger
Beverly Eisenmann**

We appreciated the visits of Bros. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty), Bill Kupferschmid (Normal), John Steiner (Oakville), and Ed Bahler (Wolcott), who shared God's teach-

ings with us.

Jill Zimmerman (Maurice and Joy) was united in marriage with Thomas Rock . . . They are making their home at Roberts. Mary Jean Koehl (Bro. Virg and Sis. Gladys) and Benjamin R. Daily are living in Bloomington since their wedding. Karen Waibel (Glen and Pat) and John Roth (Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth) have announced their engagement.

John Schmidgall (Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean), who was in the hospital several days due to a badly broken arm, is home again. Velma Koehl (Ralph) is a patient. Bro. George Lehman is critically ill and has been hospitalized several weeks.

Dennis and Kathy Davis are new parents, having named their little girl Valerie Deanne. Grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Mary Ann Rieger and Wayne and Verla Davis. Great-grandparents are Bro. Manny Rieger and Sis. Ida Bahler.

He Giveth More Grace

He giveth more grace when the
burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when
the labors increase.
To added affliction He addeth His
mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied
peace.

His love has no limit; His grace
has no measure.
His power no boundary known un-
to men,
For out of His infinite riches in
Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth
again.

PHILADELPHIA & UNION CITY Carolyn Roberts

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Robert Walder of Congerville and Elias Somerhalder of Eur-eka.

Friend Richard Diggelman arrived safely in South Africa, where he will be for the next two years. His address is 804 Rietylei Center, Ixia Street, Milnerton 7405 Cape Republic of South Africa . . . Our Friend Steve Wegman has left us for his new work in Minnesota. His address is Box 628 Virginia, MN. 55792.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Carolyn Roberts wish to thank all who remembered them in the passing away of Bro. Dave's mother, Em-

iley. She was known to many for her kind deeds of love to those who visited our home and area.

Croghan

Identical twin daughters were born to Dale and Dawn Streeter of Gouverneur on May 21. The little girls have been named Julia Marie and Janeen Lee . . . Wendy and Allen LaChausse have welcomed little Brian James, born on May 13. Grandparents of these "bundles" are Duane and Aletha Streeter, and great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

We have only to trust in the Lord, and he will provide our need, a great assurance and comfort when we trust all to Him.

Our assemblies have been small since the dedication of the Lord's house, what with many vacationing these summer months.

It was a pleasant surprize to have Bro. Marvin Stieglitz with us for the morning service July 4. A number of welcome visitors and children of members also were present.

Announcement was made of the engagement of our granddaughter, Sis. Tina Pohl and Bro. Ben Hoerr of Peoria. Parents are Bro. Robert Pohl and Sis. Joyce and Bro. James Hoerr and Sis. Dorothy, Peoria.

Our Bible Class journeyed to Pulaske in June. We miss our young people when absent, yet the fellowship with those of like mind is good, and brings pleasant memories for them.

Sis. Mayme Gerst had been hospitalized in June while visiting her son, Dale Strassheim and family . . . a reoccurrence of severe, painful headaches. Tests were taken, but nothing seriously wrong. She is returning home this week, Lord willing.

August is Silver Lining collection for Toledo (the second one).

MAIL TIME

Mail Some Kindness

When one is away from home,

or friendship across the miles, mail time is nice . . . a note, a letter . . . and more letters. Take a little time . . . give a few moments in kindness. Fellowship and be a friend this way; kindness travels the miles . . . Can you picture the scene at the other end of the mail call?

It is us that God loves. We need to see, it is not the storm outside, nor the suffering nor hurt . . . but the calm, peaceful knowing that Christ is with us, and God will conquer . . .

If we accept all He gives, keep alert to follow in His steps, then all must work for good. He has in mind a wondrous plan for our life, if we let Him. The Creator of the perfect simplicity of the rose, with fragrance, balance, beauty . . . can and will do much more and really does—

As He Unfolds

It is only a tiny rosebud—
A flower of God's design,
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I—
The flower God opens so sweetly
In my hands would fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day,
And I'll look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

For the pathway that lies before me
My heavenly Father knows—
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments
Just as He unfolds the rose.

Life is real . . . and real important. It's not the flower that fades, but the love that endures that goes on real and endlessly . . . Let your whole life be an offering:

We weave our fabric on the looms of time. The future holds the dreams of colored thread, the stuff

that life is made of, and as we weave, the fabric passes . . . Some with bent gaze weave and look not to the future for the careful choosing of the strands, nor study they the pattern of the past, that they may blend the present to it in a harmony of beauty. Some weave gaudy colors, and some gray, and some have bands of black or crimson patches, or dim colors faded by hot tears; some weave pure white. Let not the shuttle aimless slide forward and back among the threads. Do well the handiwork with finely chosen strands, for when the weaving ends, there is the changeless fabric . . .

Jesus will take the common moment, ours, and put eternity's impress on our upturned face: Then we work today and view with satisfied reality the enduring. The present is before us.

I shall do so much in the years to come, but what have I done today?

I shall give out gold in princely sum, but what did I give today?

I shall lift the heart and dry the tear; I shall plant a hope in the place of fear.

I shall speak with words of love and cheer, but what have I done today?

I shall be so kind in the afterwhile, but what have I been today?

I shall feed the hungering souls of earth—but whom have I fed today?

The secret of success is in the here and now. Skies are darkening, thunders rumbling, skywatch alert. The beauty is the trust . . . intently telling Him, and surely resting from the deafening batter of doubts, sweetly under His wings.

Fear not that the whirlwind shall carry thee hence,

Nor wait for its onslaught in breathless suspense,

Nor shrink from the whips of the terrible hail,

But pass through the edge to the heart of the gale,

For there is a shelter, sunlighted and warm,

And faith sees her God through the eye of the storm.

For many, out there in the closing century's moments is arrival time from faith's departure. Per-

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haps the end-time done. Our Lord will come, and it will be wonderful, satisfyingly real.

What though the time is prosperous . . . inflation etching . . . the world wicked, dark and threatening. The heart that trusts, this is the time . . . the moment of sowing and reaping . . . we will conquer. We will win. Even in the very shadow of the dark mountains, there is beautiful singing of the merry heart.

The victory is the Lord's!

The smoke ascends
In a rosy-and-golden haze. The spires
Shine and are changed. In the valley
Shadows rise. The lark sings on.
The sun,

Closing his benediction
Sinks, and the darkening air
Thrills with a sense of the triumphing night—
Night with her train of stars
And her great gift of sleep.

So be my passing!
My task accomplished and the long day done,
My wages coming, and in my heart
Some late lark singing . . .
Let me be gathered to the quiet west,
The sundown splendid and serene.

Tomorrow The Song

Be strong.
We are not here to play, to dream,
to drift,

We have great work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it;
'Tis God's gift.

Be strong.
Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh shame.
Stand up, speak with courage asked in His name.

Be strong.
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long.
Faint not, fight on. Tomorrow comes the song.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

THE FACE OF JESUS

Henry Souder Jr.

Sweet charity, the love of all the verses is fully shown in the face of Jesus. He is perfect. His face is exactly the same as what is in His heart. Sweet lines! Sweet expression . . . kindness, patience, purity, joy, are there and more, so much more; those eyes tell! And how they brighten the countenances of those who see . . .

The face of Jesus tell with whom He is acquainted, even more the beautiful being-at-One. We know our family, also our dear associates of blended hearts, and the little folks. Yet now not seeing Jesus, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. How much is there in knowing Him . . . He's our friend, our God, our brother, our joy.

His is a beautiful face. Remember how He said, the hypocrites disfigure their faces? He is perfect in the lightened countenance that draws. His mouth recorded the touch of gentle love. Tenderly He approached a weeping mother. There is pity, love, gentle care that loves to find another's heart joyed. He gave her the son back to life. To see that face will be the sum-

mary of all the hopes of love we have ever aspired to hope, and more than we know.

The sweet Spirit teaches. The character of Christ is learned in experience. Some day we will see how close—how the same is the not-seen with the seen. The shining face there and the Spirit abiding with us are One.

The features, the outline of Christ at Calvary provide a look of incomparable love. Man just don't have such in his annals of pursuits and worldly activity. Written in kindness, by the Man of Sorrows acquainted with grief. Living love, hurting, on wood, nailed: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." The richness! The superb glory; what only God could do is done.

Kindly, suffering, the look of those beautiful eyes, the softness, so gentle . . . What must that have been. What is it now. . . . And what shall it be ages without end!

The hours wear on. The blood and suffering took its toll. He turns our tragedy into His triumph. Darkness wraps a cloak. The

sun fails to shine. A greater darkness, sin, wears and weighs its grappling weight. It's suffocating sin . . . abominable, filthy. Light is there. Rich, wealthy, inheritance fabulous. His face, oh it is wonderful. Drawn, hurting it has all the kindness we can ever mention, let alone fathom. Added, totaled and summed up, for us.

"I thirst." How much love is there? They gave Him vinegar. Dear Jesus, can we but hold Thy hand, walk with Thee and then see Thee face to face! He took the vinegar. He took it kindly, meek as a lamb. Even when man presents Him vinegar, He wants to in love help . . . And cannot we even turn the other cheek?

We're one now. He's with us. He called out, and loud: "It is finished!" Complete! it stands completed. Forever and ever. How fortunate, how gloriously happy to be actually in eternal joy. Hallelujah! We endure our hour of sorrow. He holds us, and knows . . .

Ages without end, life is real . . . reaped of the Spirit . . . radiance from His incomparable face . . . A joy forever!