



For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the

doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God speed:

For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS



# GLEANINGS OF GOLDEN GRAIN

Jesse Schrock

Mass Christendom of our time the Apostle Paul calls a great house . . . These are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and earth . . . some to honour, and some to dishonour. "If a man . . . purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honour . . . and meet for the master's use . . ." We are taught that there is no compromise between Christ and Belial—believer and infidel. Therefore God says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing . . ." God's call to those in Babylon in Revelation is, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues. My wish, we could help more sincere people, to point them to the flock and where the Lord feedeth them and maketh to rest at noon, and also their lambs could feed beside the shepherds tents.

As Abraham was called out of Ur, so the church is also called out, to separate from the social life which belongs to the world. It was told Abraham, "Get thee out . . . from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" . . . God is a jealous God, and wants His church to himself, with no outward influence or compromise. In choosing his priests, he commanded Moses to sanctify unto me Aaron

(which means to separate unto me Aaron). God wants His church to be separated from the world unto himself.

The Apostle Paul stressed at length the office and function of the high priest . . . thus this rock, Jesus Christ as High Priest, interceding for all those that speak to him in fervent prayer. He as the cleft high rock will impart to them living water, without stoning or striking with the rod.

Moses, the law giver, could only lead them as far as the River Jordan. From then on, they needed a different leader, Joshua, which by name is also called Jesus, originally the same name. In crossing the river, it took faith as the priests carrying the ark, when they dipped their feet into the water the water parted before. Our inheritance now is the kingdom of heaven, not by observation, but within us. The carnal warfare must take on the spiritual.

For the Israelites to obtain their inheritance through warfare, which was won and given, the ground which their feet have trod was their inheritance. We, through repentance, by the captain of our salvation, Jesus, can overcome and win the victory and obtain the inheritance which once belonged to the Canaanites or the old life.

The theory once saved always saved . . . some religious people

claim if you are a child of God, you remain a child, but the Canaanites can again become victorious and occupy our heart. Then we have lost our inheritance and the land or heart that we have once won in Christ, thus losing our inheritance.

Then we are worse off than if we had never been an heir. We also find when the children cried unto the Lord, God sent them a deliverer . . . It is a great loss to lose our heavenly inheritance. As the children of Israel gained their land through conquest, being victorious by driving out the Canaanites, they overlooked a few of the weaker ones, as they thought they were harmless. They became thorns in their sides.

In Joseph, we find a type of Christ. First, he was rejected and sold by his brethren, was elected to keep people alive by the natural food, as Christ makes and keeps alive by spiritual food, His word. He took a Gentile bride, as Christ is. He will make himself known to his brethren at his coming. Christ on the way to Emmaus opened the scriptures, pointing out to them Christ, through Moses, the Prophets. As God had covered up minerals & oil in the earth, so also was this dispensation of grace covered up, and uncovered or revealed to Paul, because God's thoughts from Adam, his plan, was a bride for his Son, which is the church.

## FROM A PERSONAL LETTER

from Bro. Ben Maibach, date  
May 19, 1967

The Apostle Paul writes that God is not the author of confusion, but rather of order as in all the churches. We read consistently throughout the Old Testament that God impressed the children of Israel not to mingle with others than their own fellowship, and stressed that if they ventured out, that their daughters would marry the young men and the young men the daughters of those whom they came in contact with . . . They were reminded ever to be a separated people and to stand alone.

My personal convictions are . . . that there are many conscientious and sincere people in the world and

there are more, sad to say, even according to the words of Jesus, who are on the broad path that leads to destruction. Did not Christ Himself say that narrow is the path and straight is the gate that leadeth into heaven, and few there be that go thereon; but wide is the path and broad is the gate that leadeth to destruction and many there be that are traveling there.

I feel that just as it is wrong to judge on an individual basis those whose doctrine we do not fully understand and to condemn them because of ignorance, consequently it is just as wrong to bless those whose doctrine we do not fully understand.

Words From The editor: Many false teachers put on a false front.

The wolf in sheep's clothing is still a very basic trickery of error. The devil always plays with loaded dice. Drifting is risking. If one would start examining, testing whether the teaching (like the currency betraying its being counterfeit), it would soon be shown the chasm of many . . . the angry, snarling teeth. Our deepest peace is contentment following the good Shepherd . . . and from Him, through us, living waters flow.)

Time is edging closer to conclusion. Someday all will be, DONE! A friend is dear to our hearts. Here we have a day. The sun comes up. Breath is given. If it was too late,



if the gate, the beautiful gate was forever beyond reaching, how sad. How soon approaching night.

Because it shines with God's love, The Silver Lining is good to send a loved one that will receive it . . . Once this way we pass. When there is any good we can do in this day, let's do it!

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LEO

"Gary Garman and his family, Louis, Ruth and children would like to thank everyone for helping make his days brighter while he was in the hospital the eleven weeks. He is now home recuperating and gaining strength. We wish to thank for many prayers, visits, cards and gifts of love. Thank you who helped with his first trip in. We do not know who to thank, but you know who gave. We will never forget that prayers work miracles.

#### HUNTSVILLE AL

John Wagler

From a letter . . .

Norma Schini and Gail Gutwein will be with us for another school year.

The sewer line has been laid to the new building site, and the plans are at the architect's office for any revisions needed. We hope to have the building completed by fall of '77 if the Lord tarries.

We feel the school here has an important ministry: to instill in the heart of a child the word of God; to promote discipline in their lives; and to give them a high academic standard. We trust we may be faithful in the work He has called us to do.

We are still in need of a teacher with an elementary education degree. We trust the Lord will provide just the right person to share in the work here.

#### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Every good act is charity. Your smiling to your brother is charity; an exhortation of your fellowman to virtuous deeds is equal to almsgiving; your putting a wanderer on the right road is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones, thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth,

hereafter, is the good he does in this world to his fellowman. When he dies, people will say, What property has he left behind him? . . . But the angels will ask, What good deeds has he sent before him?

Many charitable deeds, perhaps generally unknown, must surely be recorded in heaven. How do we suspect this? Because they have reached the Heavenly Bookkeeper via The Home for the Handicapped!

Most of the cement floor on the new addition has been poured, and brick-laying is next on the agenda. The mental perspective of a finished building is good to think about, though it is many months away.

On the Fourth of July, a nice large group of residents, their families, staff members and their families, and friends enjoyed a pot-luck picnic in the park behind the Home.

Friday evening, vesper services are a reverent reprieve from the hustling activity of the week. Roanoke, Tremont, Princeville, Bradford, and Morton, please accept our sincere thanks!

That you may become better acquainted, we introduce to you this month our resident, Willis Belsley, who came to live with us in September, 1973. Joseph and Emma Wuthrich Belsley, now both deceased, were parents of Clarence, Robert, Edward, twins—Willard and Willis, and Lorene Belsley Maibach. Willard and his sister, Lorene Maibach, are of the Detroit area. The others are from Morton. Along with other residents, Willis travels daily by bus to the Community Workshop five days per week, where he works during the day. Church and Home activities occupy the remainder of his time. Willis just recently had a birthday.

The beginning of a new school term is here. It has been said, that man should never educate himself beyond his capacity for humility.

#### TOLEDO OHIO

Josephine Rehkla

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." A blessed week-end, that of July 10 and 11, came to pass with the serving of Holy Communion by Elder Bros. Ben Maibach of Detroit and David Bertsch of Leo. Following afternoon services, Bro. George and Sis. Clara Beard so

graciously opened their home to everyone for a pot-luck supper. This was an enjoyable gathering.

Oh precious Saviour, fill anew Thy servants who are staunch and true

With light and Holy Spirit,  
With joy and with Thy wondrous might,

That in Thy service they delight,  
Producing fruits of merit!

As the time is again nearing when brethren anticipate assembling for the yearly conference, may we all intercede to God that He will be in their midst and guide them in ways which will be for the edification of His holy church.

I Need the Prayers of Those I Love . . . These words have a momentous meaning to those who have various afflictions.

Sis. Lydia Meister is recuperating from eye surgery and is again able to worship with us on Sundays. Sis. Chloris Burkholder has returned home, after a stay in the hospital.

A group from our congregation attended the Fellowship Meeting in Mansfield.

#### WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

Don't complain! The Saviour didn't, and we should pattern our lives like His. He stated facts and conditions about His life, but He never complained.

When Bro. Willis was here from Japan, he used this in his sermon and elaborated on America and how we should appreciate it. Recently, Bro. Al brought out patriotism in his sermon, and backed it with scriptures: Psalm 33:12, Proverbs 14:34, Philippians 2:15.

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With these thoughts in mind, permit me, not to preach a sermon, but to attempt a timely tribute:

I'm sure you believe as I do, that our nation has been blessed because it was founded on Christian principles. I feel God will continue to bless our country in any way that we will let him. Therein lies our future, for we know He can only bless the things that are right. I feel I can help by not complaining and by standing for Christian principles in my own life. In other words, I can begin at home.

I thank God I was born an American, and that I can still feel emotion when the flag passes by, because it stands for many things I hold dear as a Christian and an American.

You can tell this is the season for vacations. Many of our congregation have been absent because of this, but we have been blessed with visitors too. Our vacation Bible School ended last week. The theme was **God's love is Jesus**. Christ's life and examples were studied and taught.

Just a reminder in closing — Smile! — You know we Christians have something to smile about.

#### ALTADENA CA

Linda Cooper

Our congregation was blessed upon hearing more truths from God's word, shared to us by visiting ministers, Lenard Meyer (Chicago) and Jim Funk (Tucson). Other visiting brethren and friends have made the summer months especially joyous as we gathered together in the Lord's house.

Sis. Elizabeth Feldman wishes to say "Thank you" to those who sent cheering messages of comfort to her at the time of her surgery and hospitalization.

#### ALTO MI

Donna Steffen

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Mary and Sis. Lydia Wingeier in the loss of their brother, Bill Wingeier. Bill is also survived by his wife, two sisters, one son, one daughter and two step-sons. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto).

Our sincere thanks to Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit), (Bros.) Duane Kilgus (Fairbury) and Karl Westfall (Francesville). Also we have enjoyed having Bro. Phil Wingeier (Sarasota), who has

spent the month of July here with his family.

On July 25, our young members and friends went to Mansfield for Youth Fellowship Day. We sincerely want to thank those who went and took part. A special thanks to the Mansfield congregation for their deeds of kindness and wonderful hospitality. A blessed day was enjoyed by all.

We were warned that Jesus is coming soon, and we should prepare ourselves and live as if His coming were to be today. We surely can't ignore the certainty of eternal salvation or eternal condemnation. God has done all He can do to save us . . . Friends, do something! ". . . the wages of sin is death . . . the gift of God is eternal life . . ." Choose life, life eternal, today! Before it's too late.

If only I'd found Jesus sooner,  
If only I hadn't delayed,  
If only I'd come  
When He first called my name,  
What a difference it then might  
have made.

Oh the pitfalls I might have avoided,  
The sorrow I need never have  
known;  
The tears that I shed  
Might have been smiling instead,  
If only I'd come to the Throne.

To think of the years spent with-  
out Him,  
How wasted they were now I see,  
For the world is a snare,  
And the power of prayer  
Is the only way we can be free.

If only I'd found Jesus sooner;  
If the past I could only recall,  
But how thankful I am  
For the blood of the Lamb,  
And the fact that I found Him at  
all.

#### BERN KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our joy bundle this month is Megan Elizabeth, born July 8 to Dr. Garry and Martha Rokey, Kansas City, Missouri. Little Andrea is happy for a playmate. Bro. Melvin-Sis. Florence are the paternal grandparents.

Two engagements were made known to us. Bro. Galen Rokey (Bro. Melvin-Sis. Florence) to Sis. Nancy Meyer . . . Bro. Dale Strahm (Bro. Ephraim) to Sis. Shelby Meyer. Nancy and Shelby are sis-

ters, daughters of Bro. Eli-Sis. Lois. Sabetha.

We were richly blessed the past Lord's day with spiritual manna. Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto) was our morning guest minister; afternoon, Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor), Ezra Feller (Cissna Park) ministered to us. After a short evening song service, Bro. Gerst again ministered.

On July 3, Bro. Lester Hartter, at Fellowship Hall—Sabetha, united in marriage Sally Meyer and Randy Reist. Bro. Louis-Sis. Mavis are Sally's parents. They will make their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where Randy had employment with the Phillips Petroleum Co.; Sally, a June graduate in nursing, also has employment there.

Bro. Leland Plattner had a combine mishap and came close to severing his big toe. Friend Eldora (Elmer) Isch was a surgical patient.

Sis. Lizzie Strahm, age 90, passed away July 15 at the Sabetha Hospital. Lizzie had a full and useful life as a practical nurse. Her specialty was newborn babies, and she started over a thousand of them on life's pathway. She also cared for sick folk. Everyone liked Lizzie, a quiet, gentle "angel of mercy". When her health failed, she became a resident at the A. C. Home — the past six years. Among the survivors is one brother, Bro. Amos Strahm. Lizzie made her home with Amos and Sis. Lena and their three children, and loved them as her own.

#### GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Ben Stavenick and Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield). We wish to thank the visitors from Akron and Rittman congregations.

Friends: Thomas Emch (grandson of Sis. Mina Emch) and Mary Pogany were married July 10 . . . Elaine R. Emch (daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch) and Carl W. Schell were married on July 24.

Glenn Enyeart, husband of Sis.



Ann, has been confined to St. Elizabeth Hospital after having a stroke: he is improving . . . Marjorie (Emch) Pinkerton was in South Side Hospital for surgery; she has returned home and is convalescing.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Carl Gerst.

### PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

**He who carries a candle of joy will light the path for a brother, and furnish the spark to start the flame of hope in the heart of another.**

We have had refreshing showers, and the grass has become green again; the gardens have revived; and the corn is a rich, deep green color, fully tasseled, with large ears forming. Truly God has been good to us, and we should be ever grateful.

Our hearts were stirred one Wednesday evening, when Bro. Kennie Dietz of Bradford spoke unafraid from the bottom of his heart. How thankful we are for young brothers who are willing to proclaim the truth and remind that our church is built on scripture.

We had a number of young members with us over July 4 week-end. It was a beautiful Sabbath Day. While bells were ringing across America, commemorating the Bicentennial, we were assembled in peace and quietness, thankful we still have the freedom . . . We must shine out, and let those around us know we have peace in our hearts . . . Bro. Dave Kieser suggested we sing "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" at the close of services, and it seems the words had a deeper meaning this day, and often during the following week they were still ringing in my ears.

Although the second Sunday in July was a hot day, there was a cool breeze blowing at Jubilee Park, where the Sunday School children, their teachers, parents, grandparents and friends gathered for their annual picnic. God must be pleased when he can look down and see the innocent ones as they gather in groups according to age and sing . . . The children and teachers will have vacation during the month of August.

Many rejoiced with our congregation, when three young men were added to the fold the week-end of July 17 and 18. Saturday

night, Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan led the discussion of his nephew, Phil Ehnle, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah. Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria spoke with his nephew's son, Brad Baurer, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Joy, and Bro. Dave Kieser listened to the experience of Keith Herrmann, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Evelyn. All three young men said they realized the world had nothing to offer, and have found a peace that passes understanding. Many witnesses were present for this memorable evening.

Bros. Willis Ehnle, Harvey Grimm of Bern, and Roy Sauder occupied the pulpit Sunday; there were several other visiting ministers present. We were reminded that we are on a journey through this life, just as the Children of Israel. As long as they were obedient and stayed close to God, it went well with them. We don't need riches, or hold a high office, but grace is given to the meek and humble.

Baptismal services were witnessed by a large group of relatives and friends, including grandparents, aunts and uncles of the young men, which was done following afternoon services.

Bethany Herrmann, eight-month-old daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann, rolled down a flight of stairs, didn't get a bump, but got her leg caught and snapped the bone in it. She had her leg in a cast for four weeks. The same day it was removed, she tried to crawl again.

Janna Gehrig, who will be three in August, the daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Donna, became very ill, with a high fever. After several days in the hospital for tests, she had to have her kidney removed. She got along nicely and was at home several days, when she became quite sick again and had to return to the hospital. She had more infection and high fever, but thankful she is now improving and hopes to get home soon.

Editor's Note: This paragraph was received after the other news.

Janna Gehrig, who will have her third birthday Aug. 2, was home from the hospital only a few days when she became very sick again. After a few days of tests, it was decided to perform exploratory surgery. She had a bursted appendix. Since removing it, she is re-

covering and hopes to be getting home again soon.

Sis. Lillian Stahl, who broke her arm in a fall, had to return to the hospital and have two pins put in her arm. She had to have another cast put on. A few days later, she developed an infection in it. She is feeling better. "I would like to thank each one who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts, and visits during my mishap." Lillian Stahl.

Sis. Marian Hinshaw is still a hospital patient and in traction for a broken knee and leg, following a fall. His cheery disposition is an inspiration for all who visit her, as well as for the nurses and doctors. Bro. Robert Herrmann spent a few days in the hospital for examination, following a fall, but we are thankful there were no broken bones. He is recuperating in his home. Kathy Martin, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna, fell from her bicycle on rocks and badly cut her leg. Twenty-six stitches were taken to close the wound. Brian Wieland, son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth, is recovering from a tonsillectomy. Lisa Eberle, five-year-old daughter of Marvin and Sharon, has been confined to the hospital two weeks with a severe virus infection. She suffered high fever and a rash that was very uncomfortable for her. She is slowly recovering.

Our dear Sis. Elizabeth Stoller observed her 85th birthday July 28. She has been a faithful sister whom we love and revere. She and her departed husband, Bro. Joe, have given our congregation much through their family, especially the brothers who served and are serving us in the ministry; departed Bro. Lowell, our Bro. Joe, and Bro. Nathan at Bradford. Through her years, she has experienced happiness that was intermingled with sorrow, but the Lord was ever by her side to help her to carry on. May He ever be her support and comfort.

**We can do anything for one day . . . so just for today, let us be unafraid of life, unafraid of death, unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best. Just for today, let us live one day only, forgetting yesterdays and tomorrows, and not try to solve the whole problem of life at once.**

MOVING? LET US KNOW.



**RITTMAN OH****Grace Gasser**

We are most happy to report two more converts in our congregation . . . Jim Rupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rupp, and Audrey Beery, daughter-in-law of Harold and Sis. Reah.

Hospitalized for surgery were: Sis. Janet Maibach and Ann Zolinger, daughter of Dave and Sis. Mary Ann . . . Karen Riggenschach, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita, had a short hospital stay, after a fall from a tractor. Other hospital patients have been: Rudy Maibach (Bro. Art and Sis. Janet), Sis. Elizabeth Gasser, Donna Walder (Bro. Don and Sis. Martha), and Darin Winkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Mary Jane).

A number in our congregation have again joyfully and willingly accepted parenthood. Becoming parents for the first time are: Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Gasser, a girl, Tiffany Lee; Jerry and Ellen Gasser, a boy, Eric Matthew. Others having new additions are: Bro. Fred and Sis. Joyce Stoller, a girl, Carla Sue (one brother and one sister); Robert and Martha Maag, a boy, Kevin Robert (one sister and two brothers); Bro. Marvin and Sis. Terry Ramsier, a boy, Joseph Truman (one brother and one sister); Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda Dotterer, a girl, Susan Marie (one sister and two brothers).

I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded at my will.  
I came again when days were past,  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no  
more . . .

I took a piece of living clay,  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And molded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding  
heart.

I came again when days were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon.  
He still that early impress bore,  
And I could change it nevermore.

Weddings: July 11 and the Akron church was the time and setting for the marriage of Bro. Leon Rufener (Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna) and Sis. Lori Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet). July 25 was the wedding day of Bro. John Gerber (Sis. Mary Ellen) and Sis. Ricki Kipfer (Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Marilyn). This wedding took place at the Lat-

ty church. We welcome Lori and Ricki into our congregation.

Sis. Ella Widmer celebrated her 92nd birthday. Though seldom able to come to church, Sis. Ella and her husband, Bro. Fred are so happy for visitors. Though unable to see her visitors, Ella wants to know who each one is, and her face quickly lights up when she is told their names.

"I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, gifts, cards, and visits during my stay at the hospital and at home." Sis. Freda Winkler

**Nursing Home**

As our nursing home is nearly completed, plans are being made for Dedication and Open House. The dedication service will be held at our church on Sun., Sept. 5, and Open House will be Mon., Sept. 6. Anyone who wishes is welcome to attend.

The Home is licensed as a nursing home under the laws of the State of Ohio. The Home is a non-profit organization, harmoniously affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Churches of Akron, Mansfield, and Rittman, and has been established to provide physical as well as spiritual care for those who choose to make it their home.

The Home was built across the road from the church, to facilitate attendance at church services by the residents. For those who are unable to attend services, provisions have been made to transmit the services to the multipurpose room, or to the rooms of the residents who wish to take part in the worship services.

**ROANOKE IL****Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder**

A sweet little girl was born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Fehr. She has been named June Rebekah. Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise Fehr and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whited are the first-time grandparents.

July 4, Sis. Jan Hodel (Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth) and Bro. Kent Heimer (Sis. Naomi) of Taylor were united in holy marriage.

The annual Sunday school picnic was held at the Eureka park July 12.

Our dear friends Lynne Hohulin (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Shirley), Tim Hohulin (Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie) and Mrs. Jeannette Wagner have sought peace with God and

found it, and have been announced to give their testimonies the first part of August.

The engagement of Sis. Shirley Moser (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara) and Bro. Rick Gerber (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Linda) was made known July 25. We rejoice with them.

Hospitalized and home again are Bro. Andy Leman, Bro. Jake Schaffer, and Sam Belsley.

Friday, July 23, our whole community was saddened when we heard the sad news that three of our dear sisters, Ruth Fischer and her two daughters, Mildred and Mary Ann were killed in a car-truck accident in Vinita, Oklahoma. They were enroute to California with three of the grandchildren, who had spent some time with them. They were taking them home to Pomono, California. The grandchildren are hospitalized in Oklahoma. Surviving are the dear husband (and father) Bro. Ben, and two sons (and brothers) Bro. David of Roanoke and John of Cincinnati, Ohio and a daughter (and sister) Dorothy Razo, of Pomono, California.

Sisters Ruth, Mildred and Mary Ann have been active in World Relief. They have encouraged many of our churches to help in this worthwhile cause, traveling to many of the churches and displaying items made. Many hours have been spent at the sewing machine and with knitting and crocheting needles for others. They will not only be missed by us, but by the world. Their hospitality was given to the strangers that stopped by; God's love was displayed in many ways . . . Bro. Ben said, "What God does is well done." Services were held by Bro. Eugene Bertschi July 27.

Fading away like the stars of the morning, Losing their light in the glorious sun—Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling, Only remembered by what we have done . . . Only the truth that in life we have spoken, Only the seed that on earth we have sown, These shall pass onward when we are forgotten, Fruits of the harvest and what we have done.

Visiting ministers have been Bro. Willis Ehnle from Shioda, Japan, and Bro. Ed Aeschleman from the Union City church. Several ministers were here for the funeral.

"We wish to thank everyone who



remembered us with prayers, flowers, gifts, cards and expressions of sympathy at the time of the deaths of our loved ones, Ruth, Maryann and Mildred Fischer." The Ben Fischer family.

#### TUCSON AZ Gloria Bauer

The Tucson area is in the midst of its summer season. Temperatures reach toward the 100 mark almost daily. We are enjoying a refreshing rain almost every evening, as we begin our rainy season. A large percentage of our annual rainfall comes during these few weeks in August.

Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger of the Latty church has moved to Tucson. We extend a warm welcome and wish her a special measure of God's nearness.

Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix visited our church.

#### Thought

Disappointing things come to us,  
but they come,  
To make us not weak, but stronger,  
To make us not sour, but sweet,  
To make us not bitter, but better.

#### WINTHROP MN

Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper Visiting Elder Bros. Carl Kinsinger (Altadena), Perry Zimmerman (Forrest); also Bro. Noah Miller (Minneapolis) ministered to us July 4. On July 11, Bro. Roy Wernli (Lamont) shared God's word. A thought was left—If we do not follow the right roadway, we wouldn't get to our destination; likewise, on our journey through life, if we wish to reach HEAVEN, we must follow the spiritual guidelines found in God's holy word. We were certainly blessed by their words of exhortation and encouragement in our precious faith.

#### Before They Harden

They pass so quickly, the days of youth,

And the children change so fast,  
And quickly they harden in the mold

And the plastic years are past. . .  
Then shape their lives while they are young.

This be our prayer, our aim,  
That every child we meet shall bear

The imprint of His name.

Our Sunday School resumes, with Bro. Jerry Messner as superintendent. May we work together for the spiritual education of our dear youth.

Paul Quintin, infant son, was born to Bro. and Sis. Mark Schmidt. Twin brothers Matthew and Andrew welcome him home . . . Howard and Charlene Lauwagie have a new baby, Nathan John; his brother is Mitchel. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt are the paternal grandparents of these boys.

Hospitalized were Sis. Esther Messner (George) and Sis. Jeanine Messner (Stan) for medical treatment. Kathy Messerli and Sis. Mary Ann Thiem for surgery.

Visitors from Iowa and Illinois came to share the first Dan Messner reunion July 5. Surviving family include Sis. Emma Schmidt, Bros. George and Walter (Winthrop), Sis. Louise Mohrman (Morris), Sis. Ida Schmidt (West Bend), and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger (Elgin). Bros. Ben, Levi, and Fred have gone home to their reward.

Graduating from Mankato Vocational is Sis. LeAnn Messner (Roland). She will be employed in Gaylord.

God, "Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields", blessed our area with a most welcome rain, following a long, dry spell. It should strengthen our faith to know how dependent we are—man plants, but it is God who gives the increase.

Remember—Gossip is character assassination.

#### WOLCOTT IN Laurel Widmer

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 27, followed by song service and promotional awards for the children.

On July 18, our congregation was privileged to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of our friend, Susie Lehman. She is the daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna. Visiting ministers for this day were (Bros.) Ed Frank (La Crosse) and Fred Knapp (Congerville).

Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda) was with us for Wed. evening services on July 21. His presence was very much enjoyed by all.

The week-end of July 25, the Bible class entertained the class of Cissna Park. It is hoped that many new and lasting friendships were

made. Also with us on this day was Bro. Clarence Kachelmus (Forrest).

#### ATHENS ALABAMA Hazel Vibbert

We have had some visitors this month. One visitor remarked that he had heard the word of God loud and clear and in plain talk, that anyone should be able to understand . . . and he wasn't of our faith . . . So we should all be grateful for Bro. Levoyd Moore.

Sis. Anis Perry is still having a lot of pain with her knee. Sometimes it gets so she can hardly get around. She always tries to be in church, if she can at all. She is my mother. My daughter, Penny Vibbert has been in the hospital.

As news is short this month, I will say, God bless you all.

#### BRADFORD IL Jane Leman

We were blessed with a visit from Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family from Japan. Bro. Willis stressed that being faithful means being loyal to our Lord and to our brethren.

Two families have new baby boys. David Ludwig Metz is the first son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz. Marcia, Valerie, and Helen also welcome him. Grandparents are Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold and Persida Metz, all of Forrest. . . Brian Jay has arrived at the home of Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dianne Knobloch. Daryl, Angie, Rolland, and Rachel are his brothers and sisters. Grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm (West Bend) and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch (Bradford). Bro. Ernst Knobloch (Lester) is great-grandfather.

Jeff Dietz (Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mardell) was a hospital patient for minor surgery. Daryl Knobloch (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dianne) broke his arm when he fell from a bike.

#### BURLINGTON IA

#### Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst

I was glad when they said unto us, Let us go to the house of the Lord . . . so many times mentioned by Bro. Uriel. May we always appreciate being able to go, as we know not how long we will have that opportunity.

We wish to thank the visiting ministers: Bros. Joseph Aberle—Sabetha, Arnold Gerst—Chicago,



Harvey Heiniger and John Steiner, Oakville, for bringing us many good teachings from the word of God.

With school starting again, there will be many away from home that would appreciate us remembering them. From this church we have Bro. Kent Oberman, 208B-6th Coreville, Iowa City, Iowa, enrolled at University of Iowa Dental School. Also his brother Greg is attending Northwest Mo. State University, 621½ E. 1st Street, Maryville, Mo. 64468, taking Pre-Med studies, to be a medical doctor. They are the sons of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosella Massner Oberman.

Estella Landes had the misfortune of breaking her hip and was hospitalized quite a while, but is home again. Rekie Anliker visited her daughter, Beverly Ross, who had surgery and has been in isolation. We just had word that she will have major surgery on Monday. Her address is Methodist Hospital Room 6-402, Rochester MN 55901.

Thy will, not mine, O Lord,  
However it be.  
Lead me by Thine own hand;  
Choose out the path for me.  
I dare not choose my lot;  
I would not, if I might.  
Choose Thou for me, my God,  
So shall I walk aright.

#### CONGERVILLE IL

##### Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of three dear souls, Heintz and Trudy Maurer and Annette Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu. Heintz and Trudy's testimonies were of their faith and of their baptism in Germany before coming to this country. Bro. Josh Broquard talked with Heintz in German, as it is hard for him to express himself in English, and Bro. Josh felt moved to have the closing prayer in German also. This brought back many fond memories to many. Elder Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont helped Bro. Josh in this labor of love, and they shared with us many wonderful teachings on Sunday. Annette was baptized, and with the laying on of hands became a sister in faith. We welcome each one into the fold.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Lynn Knapp, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice, to Bro. John

Getz, son of Bro. Emery and Sis. Mable of the Roanoke congregation.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family and relatives of Bro. Perry Yackley of Taylor on the death of their loved one.

We are taught that even the angels in heaven rejoice when one soul repents. Myra Steffen, daughter of Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois has sought the Lord.

Marriage vows were exchanged between Bro. Mike Rinkenberger and Sis. Pat Rocke on August 1. Parents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger of LaCrosse and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke of Eureka.

#### EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

God is calling a number of souls to repentance, which makes us all rejoice, likewise the angels. We have thirteen who have answered His call in the past two weeks. They are: Jane Rocke — Bro. and Sis. Virgil and Pauline Rocke's daughter; Larry Leman and his wife, Marilyn (Swadley) Leman (her parents live at Peoria; his folks are Bro. and Sis. Milton and Caroline Leman); Debbie Saathoff — Bro. George and Sis. Thelma Saathoff's daughter; Jake Wettstein — Harold and Loretta Wettstein (son); Douglas Martin — Bro. and Sis. Nelson and Maryellen Martin (son); Judy Leman — Bro. and Sis. Gerald and Velma Leman (daughter); Marcia Ginzler — Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Dorothy Ginzler (daughter); Carol Kempf — Bro. and Sis. William and Clara Kempf (daughter); Marilyn Wettstein — Bro. and Sis. Robert and Verna Wettstein (daughter); Carol Stoller — Bro. and Sis. Leroy and Clara (Stoller) Huber (daughter); Susan Prather — Bro. and Sis. Jack and Millie Prather (daughter); Paul Strietmatter — Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Pearl Strietmatter (son).

Two births — A daughter to Bro. Tom and Sis. Edith (Blunier) Stoller, born July 21. Her name is Rachel Lyn; she is the first child . . . A daughter, Shannon Marie to Tom and Janet (Fehr) Zimmerman, born July 24, also the first child.

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke and Dale Eisenmann from Chicago.

Our latest resident to come and live in the "Home" is Minnie Weck from Elgin, Illinois.

Among the ill, but who have returned home are: Bro. Walter Anliker — from St. Francis Hospital; Sis. Rose Bahler — from Eureka Hospital; Sis. Reka Hoerr — from Methodist Hospital; Hulda Koelling — from Eureka Hospital. Sis. Martha Grusy is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Engagement: Sis. Rosemary Klaus and Bro. Wayne Wiegand from Goodfield, announced July 25.

Two couples of our friends were omitted (not intentionally) from the "news" as being married: Larry Leman and Marilyn Swadley were married some time ago. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Milton and Caroline Leman. Her parents are from Peoria . . . Dale Leman and Lezlee Reinman were married two months ago. His parents are Bro. and Sis. Gerald and Velma Leman. Her parents are the Gerald Reinmans from Eureka.

#### FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that two more have come to repentance. Diane Hoffman and Mrs. Wayne (Nancy) Schmidgall expressed their desire to have Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Nancy and Wayne Schmidgall have become a new mother and dad, with the birth of their first baby, a girl, Jamie Ann. Sis. Louise Moulton and Sis. Emma Schmidgall are the great-grandmothers.

We witnessed the testimony and baptism of Paul Kelson, son of Bro. and Sis. Bud Kelson. We praise God that Paul has so much joy and praise for the Lord, and know he will continue to show forth this love to everyone.

Visiting ministers recently we enjoyed were: Bros. Bruce Leman and Kenneth Weerts.

We are sorry for those that were hospitalized: LaVerne Bittner, Alton Schieler, David Banwart, Sis. Cora Hirstein.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser wishes to thank everyone that remembered them so thoughtfully for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Our fellowship hall is being completed, and the initial event is a potluck supper July 31.

September is Silver Lining collection for Fairbury.



**FORREST IL**  
**Kathryn Steidinger**  
**Beverly Eisenmann**

Bro. Bill Gerst from Alto was our visiting minister.

Our friends, Wayne Gerber (Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther) and Carolyn Dameron were married and are making their home in Fairbury.

We are happy to report three new converts: Doug and Connie Aberle (son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean) and Kanda Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura).

Bro. George Lehmann passed away on July 27, after a long illness. Our congregation has missed having him in our midst, and we sympathize with Sis. Alice and her family, Karen Stoller, Rhoda Gaines, Rosemary Koehl, Art, and Kenneth. Bro. Perry Zimmerman had the funeral services, assisted by Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Josh Broquard. Another deep concern of the family is for the welfare of Kenneth, who was seriously injured while on vacation and is now in a hospital in Minnesota following surgery to fuse a pair of vertebrae in his neck, which was fractured. He will be in traction for six weeks, and his legs remain paralyzed.

In God's plan are many things man cannot understand,  
 But we must trust God's judgment and be guided by His Hand.  
 Sometimes He asks us to give up our dreams of happiness;  
 Sometimes we must forego our hopes of fortune and success.

Sis. Alice and her family sincerely thank everyone for their deeds of love during the illness and death of Bro. George.

Bro. Harold Honegger was in the hospital several days, due to a shoulder injury he received from a fall while working on the farm. Scott Friedman, son of Henry and Sis. Marge, suffered a severe electrical shock. Due to quick actions of his older brother, he was soon revived. Sam Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia) has been in a hospital in Peoria, since his foot was injured in an auger.

**JUNCTION OHIO**  
**Gwen Manz**

O Spirit of God's strength and  
 might,  
 Create in us new life and light;

O join us all in heart and mind,  
 That access to God's throne we  
 find,  
 Within Thy light.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion on July 10. Elder Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) assisted our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller in this work. Bros. Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield) and Roy Ehnle (Bradford) also ministered to us. We are thankful for their labors of love.

Helen Manz, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel and the late Sis. Ruth, and Pete Hurd were married on July 26.

**LA CROSSE IN**

**Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy**

Sunday July 4, our friends Ted and Theresa Kipfer were baptized and taken into the fold as a dear brother and sister in faith. Bro. Orville Ringger (Bluffton) assisted Bro. Ed Frank in this important work.

In days of youth seek ye the Lord,  
 His love and truth with one accord;  
 Go offer Him thy youthful days  
 And walk within the Saviour's  
 ways.

It is with joy in our hearts we report that Marlene Meiss has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is the daughter of Bro. Rollie and Sis. Jo. We also rejoice for LuAnn Feller, as she too has found grace to seek her soul's salvation. Her parents are Bro. Lynn and Sis. MaryAnn. We wish all God's grace and His guidance.

Bro. Aaron Heinold spent a few days in the hospital as a medical patient. We're glad he is feeling better now and able to assemble with us.

We have received special Wednesday evening blessings, as Bro. Roy Huber and several from the Valparaiso congregation have been worshipping with us. We welcome them and enjoy their fellowship.

Billy Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. MaryAnn) had the misfortune of breaking his arm and has it in a cast for the second time recently.

Sun. July 25 was our annual Sunday School picnic. Several students received awards for perfect or good attendance.

September is Silver Lining collection for LaCrosse.

**LATTY OHIO**

**Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller**

On July 8, Sis. Madie (Guingrich) Laukhuf passed from time into eternity. Surviving are a daughter, Joan Beavers, two sons, Marvin and Gerald, three sisters and five brothers.

Bro. William Eisenman has recuperated again, after a stay at the hospital where he had submitted to surgery.

Bruce Laukhuf, son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Marge, and Vicki Mielke, daughter of the Walter Mielkes have made known their engagement.

**EARTH HAS NO SORROW  
 THAT HEAVEN CANNOT  
 HEAL.**

Bro. Russell Stoller met with a severe accident, when his foot slipped while tile ditching. He was drawn into the machine, but God saw fit to stop the powerful motor. His left leg was badly mangled and had to be removed above the knee. Our prayers and thoughts are with him, especially again this morning as he returns to surgery. May it strengthen each of our faith to know that God is always near.

Sis. Ricki Kipfer and Bro. John Gerber from Rittman were united in marriage on July 25 by Elder Bro. Loren Stoller. Parents are Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Marilyn and Sis. Mary Ellen. Among our many visitors were Bros. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott, Maurice Frank from Leo, and Robert Meyer from Bluffton, who brought us the living word. We are thankful that we can go to church each Sunday, and feel that what we hear from the pulpit is the truth from the Bible and inspired by God through his servants.

Many of our Sunday School students with their teachers enjoyed Youth Day at Mansfield.

Bro. Art Gudeman has spent several Wednesday evenings worshipping with us, since he is helping to build a new home for his son-in-law and daughter, the Larry Wenningers. We appreciate his willingness to speak the Gospel to us. So often we go to evening church rather tired from the day's labor, not giving it much thought that God's servants have also toiled and must be tired. Let us all be more thankful for the many blessings we receive and just take for granted.



## MORTON IL

**Judy Springer - Lorna Schrock**

On July 18, three dear souls were baptized into the fold. They were Mrs. Darryl (Sandra) Nelson (Bro. Fred and Sis. Ruth Hermann), Bill Martin (Bro. Bill and Sis. Jane), and Marcia Schmidgall (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lucy). Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, assisted with this most wonderful work.

On July 16, funeral services were held for our aged and beloved Bro. Donat Widmer. He was 93 years old. Surviving are seven daughters and two sons, which include Sis. Verna Widmer and Sis. Loretta (John) Kauffman, both of our congregation. We extend our sympathy to all his family . . . "Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered us during the illness and passing of our dear father and grandfather." The Family of Donat Widmer.

On July 19 our dear Sis. Lavina Getz died, at the age of 83. She is survived by two daughters, Sis. Edith Getz and Sis. Mildred (Joe) Zimmerman, and two sons, Bro. Marvin and Bro. Howard Getz. May they be comforted in knowing that their mother has gone to her heavenly rest. She will be missed by us all.

We wish to thank our visiting ministers who brought us God's word. They include (Bros.) Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; Lester Huber, Lexington; and Marvin Stieglitz, Leo.

The engagement of our Sis. Michele Hirstein to Bro. Michael Rauch of Bluffton was announced July 18.

Our new Sunday School teachers elected were Bros. Jon Zeller and Ralph Garber and Sisters Twyla Menold, Liz Beckham and Jeanne Getz Barth.

Those hospitalized have been Sis. Mary Welk, Sis. Cora Rechkemer, Sis. Grace Birkey, Sis. Linda (Mike) Klein, Sis. Anna (Mrs. Henry) Rapp, Lucille Pflederer Farley, Lorana Pflederer and Bro. Ken Getz.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Verna (Russell) Rapp in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Matilda Birkey, on July 19.

Services were held at the funeral home for Elizabeth Hoffman Fahrner, who died July 22. Burial was in our church cemetery.

September is Silver Lining collection for Morton.

## PEORIA IL

**Barb Geyer - Jo Ann Rieker**

A promise made is a debt unpaid. These are the words once spoken by my dear uncle, Bro. Harry Bucher. Although he has gone on to his reward, these words often linger in my mind. Have you made a promise and not yet fulfilled it? If so, why not take an opportunity today to make it good. Tomorrow may be too late.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Bro. Lester Weyeneth passed from this life on July 15. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17, with burial in the church cemetery at Roanoke.

Sunday, July 4, we were pleased to hear the engagement of Bro. Ben Hoerr to Sis. Tina Pohl. Parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Virginia Hoerr (Peoria) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Joyce Pohl (Burlington).

Nanette Fehr (daughter of Wade and Marjorie) and James David were united in marriage July 17 at our Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations to Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher on their new daughter, Leslie Jo, born March 18. Chris and Dana welcomed her home . . . Bro. Cleve and Sis. Kathleen Klopfenstein are parents of Aaron Cleve, born July 2. He has one sister, Crystal, to welcome him home . . . Bro. Irv and Sis. Sharon Hodel, along with Andrea, Terry, and Eric, welcome home their new baby, Steven John, born July 16 . . . Congratulations to Bro. Leon and Sis. Eunice Kaisner on their new son, Michael John, born July 16. He is welcomed home by four brothers: Brian, Dale, Steven, and Ricky.

Wednesday evening, July 23, we were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptism of two dear friends, Sigfried Schubert (husband of Janet) and Jack Davis. How the angels in heaven rejoice that two more dear souls were added to the fold.

Bro. Willis Ehnle, from Shioda, Japan, was our guest minister Wednesday, July 7. He spoke to us forcefully from Titus, chapter 3. He left us with this commandment—**speak evil of no man.**

Hospitalized were Agnes Sieben-thal, Karen Huette, Sis. Bernetta Binkele, (Sisters) Lydia Kammerer, Susie Zeller, and Lena Eberle.

We are sad to say good-bye to Bro. Tom and Sis. Nancy Sinn and family (Tommy, Tina, and Ted-

dy.) They are moving to Athens, Alabama. Our loss is Athens gain.

## PHOENIX AZ

**Julie Hoerr**

**BEFORE YOU CAN ENJOY  
THE PEACE OF GOD, YOU  
MUST KNOW THE GOD  
OF PEACE!**

How happy we can be that God has left the door ajar and continues to send forth the call unto repentance. Terry Fehr (Bro. Gene and Sis. Marge) has found the grace to heed this calling. We wish Terry God's grace and guidance.

Bro. Ervan Rokey was a surgical patient, and Friend Esther Harmon was a medical patient. We're glad they're home and will soon be able to assemble with us.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera Yackley on the passing of his brother, Bro. Perry Yackley (Taylor).

Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Freed (Indianapolis) are the first-time parents of a son, Jeremy Allan, born August 24. Grandparents are Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith Freed (Phoenix) and Bro. Charles and Sis. Doris Neuenschwander (Indianapolis). Paternal great-grandmothers are Sis. Rose Funk and Mrs. George Freed, both of Illinois.

We welcome Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger and family from Rittman. Their address is 9626 N. 55th Ave., Glendale AZ 85302. Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Pulfers new address is 4221 N. 24th Street, Phoenix AZ 85016.

## TAYLOR MO

**Lena M. Haerr**

**This God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.**

Many from Taylor attended the wedding of Bro. Kent Heimer and Sis. Jan Hodel, at Roanoke July 4. We welcome Sis. Jan to our community.

July 10 Bro. Roy Grimm, our elder performed the wedding ceremony of his daughter, Sherry, and Lloyd Stoller. We will miss Sherry very much, as she will be at home in Gridley, Illinois. Many ministers were with us this day: Bros. Ezra Feller—Cissna Park, Edwin Ringger—Gridley, Merle Bucher—La Crosse, Clarence Kachelmuss—Forrest, Byron Stoller—Gridley, Virgil Metzger—Urbana, and Ken-



ny Dietz—Bradford. We welcome them back, so we can hear the word from each of the brothers. Did I miss some names? Then I'm sorry. Come again!

July 18, Bro. Everett Hari from Bloomington brought many teachings from God's word.

Bro. Perry Yackley was born in Oakville, Sept. 22, 1907, son of Andrew and Matilda Gerst Yackley. The family moved to Hancock, where they lived until 1918, when they moved to Taylor. About this time, the Taylor church was established. Perry repented and was baptized June 13, 1938. Perry Yackley and Clara Tanner of Goodfield were married Oct. 6, 1940, making their home in Taylor community. He was a farmer.

On June 25, Perry, Clara and daughters Eleanor, and Evelyn Sauder left for West Virginia; they attended the annual services at New Martinsville, then visited another daughter, Karen. Rick and Karen Rule have a new baby which the Yackleys went to see for the first time. The next Wed. afternoon, they left the daughter, and that evening Perry suffered a severe heart attack and was at the University hospital at Charlottesville U. until his death three weeks later. Funeral services were held Fri., July 23 at the Apostolic Christian church at Taylor. Perry and Clara had eight children: Mrs. Ron (Faye) Hoenes, Breadstown Ill., Eleanor, Dorothy, LeRoy, Elwood, Joe, all at Taylor, and Mrs. Rich (Evelyn) Sauder of Tremont. Perry will be missed not only by his family. He was only 68 years old, but we can truly say that Perry could say, **This God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.**

"Thank you, Brothers, Sisters, and Friends for your prayers, cards, food and help given to us during the hospitalization and after the parting of our loved one." Perry Yackley Family.

#### TREMONT IL

**Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold**  
God has gifted three families with sweet babies. July 1, Taira Louise came to the home of Bill and Maizie Hopkins. She has a brother, Trenton, to love her. Grandparents are Sis. Bernice Frank and Bob and Norma Hopkins . . . Lucinda Lee came to live with Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice Koch July 3. She has two sisters,

Paula and Marie, and two brothers, Kappy and Chuckie, to help care for her. Grandparents are Bro. August and Sis. Carrie Bolliger and Sis. Mary Koch . . . A son, Benjamin Walter was welcomed July 16 to Mike and Sis. Susan Aberle. He has a sister and a brother to love him. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Helen Zimmerman and Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera Aberle.

Bro. John Huette wishes to thank everyone who was so thoughtful to remember him on his 75th birthday with cards, love, and concern.

We are thankful for our visiting ministers, (Bros.) Steve Rinkenberger, Marvin Stieglitz and Marvin Schmidgall.

Our prayers are with Sis. Anna Leman, who has been moved to Restmor Nursing Home. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Ray Rinkenberger, who had the misfortune to break his ankle, and must wait until it heals till he can go about his work again.

"I wish to thank those who remembered me with prayers for recovery during my operation, as well as the sending of cards and monetary gifts." Bro. Elton Rapp.

Our dear Sis. Martha Kaeb, 85, was called home to her eternal rest July 25. All who knew her will miss her happy smile and the encouragement she radiated about her. She leaves one son—Bro. Elmer; daughter-in-law — Sis. Darlene. "We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness, prayers, cards, food, gifts, and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of mother." Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene Kaeb and family.

July 18, the Ft. Sam Reunion brought many brothers and sisters and their families to visit us. We enjoyed the blessed fellowship and thank each one who participated.

We wish the blessings of the Lord upon Bro. Jerry Zuercher and Sis. Kathy Schaefer, who were united in Holy Matrimony July 25 by Bro. Dan Koch.

#### AKRON OHIO Lynda Pamer

Hallelujah! Jesus is coming again! This year's Youth Fellowship Day in Mansfield was centered around our Lord's return to earth again. We enjoyed many rich blessings as we gathered with brethren and friends from several congregations of Michigan and Ohio.

We were privileged to witness the wedding of our Sis. Lori Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) and Bro. Leon Rufener (Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna) of Rittman.

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Bro. Harold Emch (Girard) and Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan).

"We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the prayers, comforting words, gifts, cards and deeds of kindness at the loss of our loved one, Bro. Larry Ries — husband, father, and grandfather. Sis. Katherine Ries, Maryanna and Vernon Mullet and family, and Judith Hickey.

#### BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

**Flourishing youth, thou our hope and our fond expectation . . .** On July 24 and 25, Sunday School students, teachers, young folks and older folks were privileged to attend Youth Day at Mansfield. From all reports, much love and hospitality was shown, and all enjoyed the wonderful fellowship. It is heartwarming to see the interest shown by our young friends in doing things with other churches.

Sis. Eileen Knochel was hospitalized for surgery (Bro. Norm and Sis. Leonore).

Bro. Ed Meister passed away at the age of 84, after a long illness. Though he'd always been a good friend and neighbor, he felt the need for something more, and in his older years repented and turned to the Lord. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Esther, and son Hans.

We also want to express our sympathy to Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye Wackerle and family in the passing of Sis. Faye's mother, Emma Fisher, 84.

Marcie Meylan has a new little sister, Gina Lynn, for a playmate. Their parents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol. Grandparents are Henry and Sis. Helen Meylan.

#### CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Definite work (for the Lord) is not always that which is cut and



squared for us, but that which comes as a claim upon the conscience, whether it's nursing or visiting in a hospital, or hemming a handkerchief or in some way—with the spirit of humility—giving of our time, effort, perhaps goods—to others.

Sunday, July 25, we were truly blessed by the visits of (Bros.) Ken Schneider, Remington, and John Steiner, Oakville. Speaking through them, the Spirit filled our cup to overflowing.

Sis. Maria Benko has been in the hospital and will be there some time yet. Especially now in her physical weakness, she needs our prayers.

We welcome Susie Timmons from Albuquerque, New Mexico, who is worshipping with us. We're glad the Lord led her to our Chicago area. Another newcomer: Little Julie Ann Eckel arrived June 24 to delight her parents, Ken and Linda, and her sister Laura, age 5½-plus. Julie's paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Christina Eckel; maternal grandparents, Roy and Dorothy Guy of Kentucky. We're all eager to see Julie.

Some of the addresses for our college students are these: C. Brett Mc Neill, URH Townsend — Rm 424, Urbana IL 61801 . . . Jenny Gerst, 1518 Hewett, Normal IL 61761.

At a recent singing someone gave No. 312 in the Tabernacle (hymnbooks) "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," a favorite of our late Elder Bro. Al Fisher. I was struck anew by the chorus:

I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.

#### CISSNA PARK IL

##### Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

A baby boy, Nathan James was born to Harvey and Kathleen Young on July 16. He has two sisters, Lisa and Brenda, a brother, Doug. Grandparents are Ralph Young of Cissna Park and Ray Slagel of Fairbury.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Esther Fisher, Bro. Harry Walder, Bro. Elmer Jacob, Jim Waldbeser, son of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Waldbeser. Sis. Mary Hofbauer was a surgical patient. All are home again. Sis. Pricilla Knapp

is a surgical patient now and will remain for sometime. Isaac Steiner remains a patient at the Americana Nursing Home at Urbana.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Nathan Steffen from Elgin and Frederick Knapp from Congerville.

Our Bible Class entertained the Latty Bible Class over a week-end. They also spent an enjoyable week-end with the Wolcott Bible Class.

Faith can move mountains,  
Can scale any height,  
Can make dark days sunny,  
And heavy hearts light.

The above was a verse on a card I received from my co-reporter, Sis. Grace and her daughters, Sis. Beth and Judy Bauer, while I was in the hospital for surgery. I received many nice cards and appreciated them all . . . I want to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts, visits and prayers while in the hospitals and while I was home recuperating.

#### ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

We are very grateful to God for a lovely rain which came to this area. The vegetation in spots had begun to show signs of being parched.

It was in 1893 that "Aunt Anna", Sis. Anna Schupbach, in company with her mother, her brothers—Fred, Ernest and Jake, her sisters — Rose, Mary, Martha and Bertha left their native country, Switzerland. They came to America to join three brothers of Anna's, namely Gottfried, John and Albert, who had emigrated here a few years before. Anna's father's name was Frederick, and their home was near Bern while living in Switzerland. Her mother was a widow before the trip to America took place. Anna tells that she was only five years old when they left, and that her memory is rather vague about her home. However, she remembers a row of black cherry trees that stood close. She also recalls of how interested she was in seeing bananas in the city of New York, fruit which they didn't see in her native village.

It must have been quite a thrill for the family to meet the three brothers who had provided a way for them to come to the USA. They came to the Elgin vicinity and soon found friends who could speak

Swiss, and thus became a part of this community. When she was 16 years old, she with a group of 21 found Jesus as her Saviour and was baptized in the Turkey River, which flows close by our church. Elder Gottfried Maibach from Pulaski presided at these baptisms, taking care of 11 one day, and the same number the next.

About two years later, Sis. Anna became the wife of Bro. Will Schupbach. They were blest with the following children: Reuben of Elgin, Elizabeth, who has passed away; Herman, of Postville, Iowa; Marguerite, Frederick, California; Marie of Monona, Ia.; William, Albert Lee, Glen of Michigan; Anna Mae of Oelwein, Ia., Gordon of Mason City, Iowa. Anna's husband, Will passed away about 45 years ago. She is the only one left of her family. Her sister, Aunt Bertha passed away in 1974. Her grandchildren have now reached the 48th number and her great-grandchildren number somewhere in the thirties.

If you go to her house, you will be greeted with a kindly smile and a gracious welcome. Her health is such that she rarely has to miss church services.

We miss the telephone calls our friend, Lucy Christen used to make to our house while she and her brother Walter still lived at their country home. Because of health conditions, she is now in the nursing home at West Union, Ia., and her brother lives in Elgin; fact is, she has another brother named Ernie, who lives in town. He lost his wife, Ella not too long ago, and our sympathy has gone out to him.

The orioles were so very songful while living here in our maple tree, that we miss them since the pair and their young have left. The bluebirds too have left their bird house, but then we do hear from time to time, as they warble in some nearby tree or from a fence post. A cuckoo chose to give us a few strains of music, as it settled in one of our trees just yesterday. I hasten to write that it's usually only once-a-year that we have this pleasure, for cuckoos are rather rare in this locality.

On my way to our mail box which is located about ½ mile from home, many interesting sights were observed. Countless numbers of yellow butterflies flitted in front of me, the lane was lined on both sides with blue and white flowers,



the blue being the purple wort and the white was Queen Ann's Lace. I have never seen so many blooming at one time. 'Twas indeed a lovely sight.

We are happy Sis. Alta Thoman was well enough to return to her home, after having been in the La-Crosse Hospital for a number of days.

Life is what we are alive to;  
It is not length, but breadth.  
To be alive only to appetite,  
Pleasure, pride, money-making,  
And not to goodness, kindness,  
Love, purity, music, flowers,  
Stars, God and eternal hope . . .  
Is to be lost.

### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

You did not know my need,  
Or that my heart was sore indeed.  
Or that I had a fear I could not  
quell.

You sensed that with me all was  
not quite well,  
And so — you prayed for me.

My path had seemed so black,  
And yet I know there was no turn-  
ing back.

Then in my loneliness I felt God  
near,

And down the lone dark road  
light showed clear.  
Because—you prayed for me.

And as your prayer, like incense  
sweet did soar,  
God did in love on me a blessing  
pour,  
The day—you prayed for me.

We sometimes fear to bring our troubles to God, because they must seem so small to Him who sitteth on the circle of the earth . . . But if they are large enough to vex and endanger our welfare, they are large enough to touch His heart of love . . . and so testified our friends, Jake and Lavina Ott on the evening of July 17. It was inspiring to listen to this elderly couple pour their hearts out, and confess their joy in the Lord. They attended our church regularly for as long as most of us can remember, but they had to admit that it did them no good until they turned to their Saviour in repentance. Their childlike attitudes were beautiful, and I for one could not contain my tears. On Sunday, July 18 they were baptized and added to the

body of Christ. The happiness that radiated from their faces that day was catching. Happiness is to feel that one's soul is good; there is no other, in truth, and this kind of happiness may exist even in sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reeser of R. R. Deer Creek had a baby boy on July 10. His name is Anthony Richard, and he has a sister, Niki Marie, age 2½. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Harold and Vi Reeser, Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Breaden, Goodfield. Great-grandparents are Sis. Elsie Landes, Morton, and Mrs. Louis Reeser, Goodfield . . . Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Sue Alexander, Goodfield, are the parents of a baby boy, Shane Ryan, born on July 17. Shane has a sister, Naomi, who is almost four. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Delores Alexander, Congerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Jean Motsinger of St. Joseph.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Joos of R.R. Deer Creek on July 19. Joni is welcomed home by a brother, Nathan, and a sister, Julie. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos, Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brunner, Tremont . . . A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hohulin, Goodfield on July 29. They also have a little 5-year-old girl named Holly. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanNattan, Pekin. The baby's name isn't known yet, so we'll try to report that to you next month.

The engagement of Bro. Wayne Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty, Congerville, to Sis. Rose Klaus, daughter of Bro. Joe, Eureka, was announced on Sunday, July 25.

Our visiting ministers have been (Bros.) Gene Metzger, Lester, on July 4 and Chuck Hemmer and Ken Hoerr, Peoria on July 11.

Sis. Gerry Plattner fell and broke her knee a while back, but is getting along fine at this time. Sis. Melinda Meece was hospitalized after a car accident, in which she fractured her pelvic bone. Bro. Kent Kloter hurt his knee quite badly by accidentally kneeling on some staples.

Randy Hess, son of Robert and Sis. Loretta, Deer Creek, is to be married to Debbie Bellman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bellman, Eureka, on Aug. 14.

### GRIDLEY IL

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

We hear about and can testify to the joys and blessings of unity among the brethren. We are often exhorted to follow after the things which make for peace and to be at peace among ourselves. I read something that I think is well stated: "While hearts are kindled by harmony, they are often made cold by discord. The sweetness of agreement is as attractive as the bitterness of division is ugly."

Our new brother in the Lord is Jim Lavallier, who was baptized July 25. We are often impressed by the humility and the willing spirit of obedience which is evidence in those who give their testimony of faith before the church. Indeed these are the attributes of the "first love" we have for the Saviour. How sad it is for any who have lost their first love and perhaps are drifting back into the bondage of serving self.

The joys of parenthood have enhanced the lives of Bro. Byron and Sis. Carol Stoller. Their new daughter, Danielle Rae, was born July 21. Danielle's grandparents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine Ringger and Bro. Ed and Sis. Marie Stoller; her great-grandmother is Sis. Leah Ringger, all of Gridley.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein, Sis. Elda Funk and Al Rich have been in the hospital. Also in the hospital were Debbie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Vyra, and David Gramm, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille.

It was a privilege to have Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan with us. We were blessed by the message which he delivered, in which he asked, "Does God dwell on earth?" And the wonderful answer was, "Yes, He does." He dwells in the hearts of those who are humble, and who are willing to lay their all on the altar of sacrifice, to give up anything this world can offer for the Lord's sake.

### KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

I read an account of an infidel who delivered lectures against Christ and the Bible. His oratorical ability usually assured him of a large crowd. One night after an inflammatory speech in which he severely attacked man's faith in the Saviour, he dramatically took out his watch and said, 'I'll give God a chance to prove that he is



existent and almighty. I challenge Him to strike me dead within 5 minutes!" First there was silence, then people became uneasy. Some left the hall, unable to take the nervous strain, and one woman fainted. At the end of the allotted time, the atheist exclaimed derisively, "See! There is no God. I am still very much alive!"

After the lecture, a young fellow said to a Christian lady, "He certainly proved something tonight!" Her reply was memorable. "Yes he did," she said. "He demonstrated that even the most defiant sinner cannot exhaust the patience of the Lord in just 5 minutes!"

God's nonexistence was not proved, only that He is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Praise God for His love!

We are happy to relate that Bro. George and Sis. Bea Diel are again home after a period of recuperation in the Cherokee Home, and that Sis. Laverne Roth also is able to be home again. It is our fervent prayer that Kathryn Miller, who is very ill, will soon be out of the hospital and in our midst again.

Vacation-time is almost over, and as our children return to school, we pray for God's blessings to be with them throughout the coming year.

The Fear Of The Lord Is The Beginning Of Wisdom: And The Knowledge Of The Holy Is Understanding.

#### LAMAR MO

Becky Hohulin - Janice Braker

July has been another busy month, and I'm sure this makes our Sundays seem even more precious. We need this day of rest, when we can assemble with our brothers and sisters to again be refreshed.

We certainly look forward to this time of year, because of the vacationers. We had a few visitors this month, and we welcome each one.

On July 2, a baby girl came to brighten the home of Ted and Debra Frieden. Her name is Deedra Deann, and her paternal grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice Frieden. . . . Then on July 8, Bro. William and Sis. Barbara Stefan were blessed with a precious little girl, Angela Dawn. Angela has two sisters to welcome her

home, Lori and Karen. Her paternal grandparents are Bro. William Sr. and Sis. Hilda Stefan. These precious bundles bring such happiness to a home, but yet we, as parents, feel a duty to bring these children up in the ways of the Lord. They have faith in us and we must not fail them.

Last night my little boy confessed to me

Some childish wrong,  
And kneeling at my knee  
He prayed with tears—  
Dear God, make me a man  
Like Daddy, wise and strong;  
I know you can.  
Then while he slept,  
I knelt beside his bed,  
Confessed my sins,  
And prayed with low-bowed head,  
Oh God, make me a child  
Like my child here—  
Pure, guileless,  
Trusting Thee with faith sincere.

#### LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

Two ways, O man, are there for thee;

There are two destinations.  
Upon the path to heaven we bear  
The cross and tribulations.  
The other path with joy abounds,  
And yet no inward peace is found.  
It leads thee to destruction.

It brought tears of joy to our eyes to hear that our friend, Jay Luthi, has turned his back to the world and chose to bear the armor of our Lord and Saviour. Jay's parents are Lloyd and Joann Luthi. We should all continue to pray for each other, that many might be gathered in before that great judgment day.

Sis. Eva Emch spent a week in the hospital at Wichita for tests and observation. We are happy to have her assemble with us again. Steve Schrader, son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy, is recovering from a broken bone in his right upper arm. Steve had fallen off a horse. Marvin Anliker, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean, is also wearing a cast after fracturing his arm.

#### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

We were privileged to feast on food for spiritual growth, which was served by God's servants, our visiting ministers, (Bros.) Bob Grimm—Goodfield, Albert Wuth-

rich—Pulaski, Arnie Gerst—Chicago, and John Steiner, Oakville.

We are thankful to God that our newly-married couple, Tom and Deb Metzger, have turned their backs on the world and found grace to repent.

July 18 was the wedding day for Sis. Audrey Moser (Lou and Tina) and Bro. Mark Metzger (Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty). What a blessing to form a threefold cord with God.

Sis. Janice Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia, and Bro. DeWayne Nohl, Morris, were announced and plan a late summer wedding.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Sheryl Knobloch are parents of a new boy, Dallas Matthew, born July 20. Sis. Iola Knobloch is the grandmother.

Hospital patients were Bro. Paul Leuthold and Sis. Gladys Knobloch. We are happy to report, both are feeling improved.

#### MANSFIELD OHIO

Lucille Groh

AND WHILE THEY LOOKED STEDFASTLY TOWARD HEAVEN, AS HE WENT UP, BEHOLD TWO MEN STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE APPAREL, WHICH ALSO SAID, YE MEN OF GALILEE, WHY STAND YE GAZING UP INTO HEAVEN? THIS SAME JESUS, WHICH IS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN.

Ohio and Michigan Youth Day, held on July 25, was a wonderful day of inspiration to young and old alike. The theme JESUS IS COMING AGAIN seemed so appropriate in these days of uncertainty and unrest. What a day of rejoicing that will be, when Jesus comes to claim his own. Oh that we are all working, waiting and longing for that day, and that we are all ready and prepared to meet him. Bros. Willis Ehnle (Japan), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Ray Sinn (Latty), Aaron Steffen (Alto), Henry Beer (Milford) and our Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf (Akron) brought us the precious messages from God's word. The choirs from the following churches participated in song: Bay City, Alto, Akron, Latty, Rittman, Sardis and Mansfield. We want to thank each one who helped to make the day so memorable, and above all that God's great name could be honored and glorified.



On July 17, our aged sister, Elizabeth Dotterer celebrated her 92nd birthday, as did her twin sister, Ella Widmer of Rittman. Elizabeth has been working in the Lord's garden since her youth. At a very early age she was left an orphan, and her maiden aunt, Sis. Barbara Lehman, raised Lizzie, her four sisters and one brother. All of the girls repented and found their Lord. Sis. Lizzie married Bro. Ben Dotterer Feb. 19, 1922. To this union were born three sons, La-Vern, Arthur and Edwin.

Besides being a good example in the church, she also was a good cook, and served many meals to young and old alike. One could always feel welcome when you went to the Dotterer home. It was an unusual thing if she didn't offer you a cookie, or some kind of fruit from their large orchard. In the fall of the year, if you couldn't find anyone at home, the next place to look for them was in the shed where the sorghum mill was located. They made many gallons of sorghum molasses. Now in the sunset hours of her life, Sis. Lizzie is not always able to come to church, but we know she longs to be with us, and we know she still prays for old and young alike, and can offer words of comfort and cheer to all who know her.

Our church is so fortunate to have so many older members. They offer so many golden words of advice to the younger members, and we want them to know they are loved and appreciated. Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 30. A large number of friends and relatives gathered for this happy occasion.

Happiness is the best word to express for the home of grandparents Bro. Bob and Sis. Miriam Bird, since the arrival of their first grandchild, a girl, Nichole Christine. The parents are Jerry and Erika Bird.

On July 25, Sis. Sharon Sauder and Bro. Paul Izgherian (Detroit) announced their engagement. Bro. Robert and Sis. Wilma Sauder are Sharon's parents, and Sis. Elizabeth Izgherian is Bro. Paul's mother.

Hospitalized this past month are: Friends, Lydia Nolan (surgery), Arthur Dotterer . . . and little Sidney February of Anchorage, Alaska (grandson of Sis. Catherine Morrison) broke his arm while

visiting here. Sis. Anna Witmer has been an out-patient and is very ill. Sis. Katie Matthes is presently confined to the hospital. Sis. Dorothy Stavenick, wife of Ministering Bro. Ben, broke both wrists and is now improving and back in church.

Oh joy, oh delight! Should we go  
without dying,  
No sickness, no sadness, no dread  
and no crying,  
Caught up thro the clouds with  
our Lord into glory,  
When Jesus receives His own.  
Oh Lord Jesus, how long, how long,  
Ere we shout the glad song,  
Christ returneth, Hallelujah, hallelujah! Amen.

#### MILFORD IN

##### Coleen Beer - Linda Beer

There is no happiness in having and getting, but in GIVING. In the country of Palestine, there are two seas, both being fed by the river Jordan. One sea has trees growing alongside, and life apparent everywhere. The other, there is no sign of life or vegetation—there is nothing but barrenness. What is the difference? There is no difference in the source of supply. The difference is that water that goes into Galilee, another goes out. What it receives it gives; and life is apparent all around, with life and blossoming fruit abundant. But the other sea jealously hoards its resources, and refuses to let out a single drop. It keeps everything it takes in, and it is called DEAD. Freely we have received; the Lord help us to freely give love and kindness expressed, and put it into action.

Bro. Willis Ehnle spoke to us July 4 of our duty, not only as citizens of the USA, but as citizens of the kingdom of God.

Jack and Donna Beer were blessed with their first child, Trenton Allen. Bro. Don and Sis. Ruth Beer are his grandparents.

Nancy Beer, daughter of Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois, was united in marriage to Fred Michael of Napanee.

Bro. Howard Beer was a surgical patient, but has returned home and is able to be in church. Sis. Aileen Hoerr remains in grave condition. May the family feel God's uplifting strength to bear all.

SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT THE  
BIBLE MAKES ONE WEAK!

PULASKI, IOWA  
Ernestine Wuthrich  
Janice Rinkenberger

#### Man Cannot Live By Bread Alone.

He lived in a palace on a mountain  
of gold,  
Surrounded by riches and wealth  
untold,  
Priceless possessions and treasures  
of art,  
But he died alone of a Hungry  
Heart!  
For man cannot live by bread  
alone,  
No matter what he may have or  
own;  
For though he reaches his earthly  
goal,  
He'll waste away with a starving  
soul,  
But he who eats of Holy Bread  
Will always find his spirit fed,  
And even the poorest of men can  
afford  
To feast at the table prepared by  
the Lord.

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) John Steiner of Oakville and Harold Schmidgall of Gridley, Illinois. We are so thankful to be able to partake of the feast at the table prepared by the Lord.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Janice Weber and children have moved to Pella Iowa, where Phil has found employment as an instructor at the college. They will have miles to drive each Sunday morning, but feel the Lord will be their protector. Danny and Sis. Lynn Townsend have returned to the Pulaski congregation, after living in Burlington. Our small congregation welcomes and appreciates our new families, and wishes them God's precious love to be with them always.

Montie Wuthrich, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ernestine was hospitalized for observation after a fall. We are very thankful he had no serious injuries, and is back to normal.

The Lord was our guest when we held an annual election of officers. Bro. Harold Knapp is our Sunday School superintendent. Bro. Ron Rinkenberger and Sis. Ernestine Wuthrich were elected new teachers. Sis. Mary Jane Knapp will assist Sis. Janice Rinkenberger with the Silver Lining.

"I wish to thank my friends and relatives who sent me cards and



gifts after my accident, also for the prayers and concern expressed for me." Montie Wuthrich.

**MORRIS MN**  
Corrine Schmidgall

Haste and seek your soul's salvation;

Heed the word of God today.  
Haste to flee His condemnation;  
Seek the straight and narrow way.  
Evil are the wordly pleasures  
Leading to eternal fire;  
Seek the everlasting treasure,  
Ere the day of grace expire.

Our congregation is rejoicing, as there are eight souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are: Tom and Dan Schmidgall (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila); Barb Joos (Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith); Greg Gramm (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila); Jim Meiss (Bro. Harold and Sis. Ann); Michele Myers (Bill and Arletta); Nancy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine); and Sue Esterling (Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine). Our prayers are with them, that God will grant them grace to work out their soul's salvation and find true peace in their hearts.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Al Aberle, Tremont; and Carl Hartman, Sabetha. We were also happy to have Bros. George Gramm, Gridley, and Al Scheitlin, Elgin with us.

The engagement of Bro. DeWayne Nohl (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Minnie) to Sis. Janice Mogler (Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia) of Lester was announced. An Aug. 29th wedding is being planned.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachael Zeltwanger are happy parents of their first girl, Dixie D, born on June 30. She has two brothers, Adam and Mica to welcome her. Grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna Zeltwanger and Bro. Chas. and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger. Bro. William Zeltwanger Sr. is the great-grandfather.

The wedding of Sis. Peg Gramm (Bro. Harold & Sis. Ila) and Bro. Dale Gudeman of Francesville (Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret) was solemnized on July 18.

Doug Schmidgall (Bro. Gene and Dorothy) and Pat Wold of Morris were united in marriage on Saturday, July 17.

Hospital patients were John Goll Jr. and Bernice Luthi (Harold).

**NEW MARTINSVILLE WV**  
Minnie Weltz-Della Witschey  
William Leonard Timmis of Hartville, O., died recently. He was the husband of the former Lizzie Hassig of Limestone Ridge, who survives with two daughters.

Our sister, Mrs. Wilmer C. Lord (Freda Barth Durig) was a patient in a hospital in Youngstown, O. and remains quite ill at the present time. She is back in their home in Girard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, their daughter Mrs. Norma Brandle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Bradenton, Florida, visited with the Barth families on July 7. Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and sons of Cleveland, O., spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

Miss Della Witschey remains a patient in the Nursing Home here and is doing quite well, has a lot of visitors, and seems very content. Glenn Frumm of Fairfax, Virginia visited recently with his aunt, Miss Della Witschey and the Witschey families.

The annual Witschey reunion will be held at Bruce Park, here on Aug. 22.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins and Miss Margaret Witschey visited with their brother, Ralph and family in Parkersburg.

**REMINGTON IN**  
Amelia Schini

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. . ." Have you ever realized this as one of God's many precious promises? When we punish a little child, he gives us more love in return. Do we do the same with our loving God?

We were happy to see Doug Getz back in church and Sunday School, after several weeks in the hospital because of an infection in a foot. Sis. Eunice Waibel has been a hospital patient, but is home again. Bro. Brad Bahler was hospitalized several days due to an eye injury.

Our thanks to Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse for spending one Sunday forenoon with us. God provided a very timely message through this faithful servant. His topic was, **The Mark of the Beast.**

We also were privileged to sit under the sound of the voice of Bro. Willis Ehnle on Wed. evening at Wolcott. May God continue to bless these brothers who are sounding the trump and giving the warning of the last times.

Our congratulations go to Larry Schieler (Bro. Herb and Sis. Mary Jo) and Debbie Allie, who were married Sat. July 17. Also to Rex Clauss (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Larrene) and Tammie Weist, whose wedding date is July 31.

When each earthly prop gives under,  
And life seems a restless sea,  
Are you then a God-kept wonder,  
Satisfied and calm and free?

**SABETHA KS**  
Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Gene Marti—Lamar, Lloyd Kraft—Gridley Ks., Ezra Feller—Cissna Park, Roy Grimm—Taylor and Bill Gerst—Alto.

Announcements were made of the engagements of Sis. Nancy Meyer to Bro. Galen Rokey of Bern; Sis. Shelby Meyer to Bro. Dale Strahm of Bern. Sis. Nancy and Sis. Shelby are both daughters of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer.

Natalie Wysong, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice, had the misfortune of breaking her arm.

We met one Saturday evening to select our Sunday school teachers for the coming year. Selected were Sis. Ruby Grimm, Bro. Gordon Huber and Bro. Rodney Grimm. They will work with Sis. Cheryl Metzger, Sis. Janice Wysong, Bros. Fred Aberle, Martin Beyer and Daryl Meyer. Serving as substitutes will be Sis. Jan Plattner, Sis. Sharlyn Meyer, Bros. Elmer Strahm, John Aberle and Steve Aberle.

Bro. Willard Bahr was elected as trustee for the Apostolic Christian Home.

**SARDIS OH**  
Linda Indermuhle

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

We thank all of those who have visited us during July. Bro. Gene Pamer brought us God's word July 18.

A group of us were able to travel safely to Mansfield for Youth Day July 25. The theme of the day was **Jesus Is Coming Again.** We received so many teachings. As we were ready to start home, we learned of loved ones who had met with accident and death — for



them Jesus had come. How important it is that we are ready at all times for our Lord's coming.

### SILVERTON OR Joan Dietrich

I'd like to share this true story of a man, as told to us one Sunday. He was one who travelled in search of farm work years ago, and in time became acquainted with our church people. Through years of attending regularly, he found his soul's salvation. When one would greet him, his smile and handshake were one of joyfulness and contentment. Though a man of few words, he let his light shine.

At his funeral, his brothers and sisters remarked at the love shown to their brother, even though he was no relative to any, but a stranger. Little do people of the world realize that though we may never have met before, when we greet our brother or sister, we can feel a oneness, which words cannot express.

This time of year always brings many visitors to our area, which we really enjoy. It is always uplifting to feel that same love that binds us as brothers and sisters, whether they be young or old, or from one part of the country or another.

### VALPARAISO IN Marie Heinold - Cam Feller

Who knows what wonders happen  
when we pray,  
What forces stir, what golden  
blessings run  
Toward us on glad feet each time  
we say  
In all sincerity, Thy will be done.  
We cannot follow with our mortal  
sight  
The flight of prayer; we cannot  
hope to chart  
Its secret course, but suddenly a  
light  
Dawns, and the weight is lifted  
from our heart.

For prayer has powers that we  
know not of,  
To heal and comfort, to provide and  
bless.  
All the resources of eternal love  
Move to sustain us in the hour of  
stress,  
Clothing us safely round with life  
and power,  
In even the darkest and most ur-  
gent hour.

We've had many visitors, and have shared in fellowship and Christian love together. We wish to thank Elder Brethren Herman Kellenberger and Ed Frank and also Ministering Brethren Merle Bucher and Harold Zeltwanger for being with us in the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### WEST BEND IA Mrs. Melvin Fehr Mrs. Raymond Anliker

A wedding reception was held honoring Dan and Brenda Banwart, wishing them God's richest blessings.

We were blessed to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont and Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski as our guest ministers.

Sis. Sarah Kroef, medical hospital patient, has returned to Clear View Manor Rest Home. Our surgical patients: Sis. Jessie Fehr, Bro. Fred Wirtz, and Neil Schmidt (son of Bro. Dwaine and Sis. Lucille) are recovering, and hope their return home from the hospital will be soon.

Beginning this month, extra duties have been placed on our ministers. The fourth Sunday of every month, services will be held at the home of Bro. Ken and Sis. Jill Rinckenberger of Mason City. This enables those that work or go to school in the Mason City area to attend services. Visitors are welcome.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Only 20 months have passed since the construction of the Apostolic Christian Children's Home began, a very short time, considering that two beautiful brick homes and a 40x80 utility building have been constructed, by 95% volunteer help. The hours of labor, the thoughts and deeds of love, and the contributions of those who couldn't be present to help with the work have turned what used to be the Old Schlatter homestead (land) into a complex that will be a haven of rest to some twenty needy or homeless children.

Many generous hands helped ready the premises for Open House on the 17th and 18th of July. When our part was finished, the Lord blessed us with what had to be the two most beautiful days in July . . . a perfect climax to phase one of this work of faith and labor of love. Someone once told me that the Lord's might and power is made

evident when it will bring Him the most glory and honor. This was certainly true at our Open House, and we thank and praise Him for it.

Paul tells us that the body cannot function properly without all its members working together for the same goal, and that each member is of equal importance. We have found that so very true in the building of this Home. Everyone that helped, whether physically, spiritually, or financially, was absolutely necessary . . . So we want to thank you all for all your help.

### Children's Home Committee

#### Children's Home Projects

There have been many brothers and sisters who have asked me for ideas for Sunday School projects for the Home. There will be many things that we will need as time goes along. For the present, I will list a few items that we could use now. As soon as you decide on a project, please notify us. Then if that particular project or item is already chosen, we will contact you. If you would like to donate one of the following items, rather than pay the freight on that item, simply send your collection in form of a check, and designate or specify which item you have chosen as your project. We then will let the children select and or purchase that item. Things We could use: Playground equipment; component stereo set; bulletin boards for children's rooms; aquarium and accessories; fireplace equipment; barbecue grills; picnic tables.

Terry Farney—Administrator

### BREMEN IN Marian Germann

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." The fruits of the Spirit are so important to us in our daily Christian walk . . . But, how many of these fruits do we exercise daily, and to what degree? If we lack in any one, we need to ask God for His divine guidance for help. If we cannot ask God for help, who can we ask?

Our hospital patients have been Sisters Marge Zeltwanger (Earl), Pauline Laidig, and Elizabeth Yackley.

Many of our young people traveled to Morton on July 24 and 25.



They enjoyed the week-end and had a truly blessed time of fellowship.

We have had many visiting brethren this past month, and we thank them for their love.

"... be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." On July 31, we heard the testimonies of five dear souls, which stirred many hearts and brought forth many blessings. Aug. 1, we were privileged to witness the baptism of these dear ones. Our new brothers and sisters are: Mark Balin, Phil Carothers (Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carothers), Laurie Suttor (Bro. Al, Sis. Verla), Norma Lehman (Bro. Vern, Sis. Leona), and Pam Johnson (Bro. Ron, Sis. Connie). We truly welcome them into the fold and ask God to bless them.

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Let us strive to keep this beautiful verse true in our Christian lives.

#### BLUFFTON IN

##### Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

The wedding bells were ringing for Bro. Ed Maller (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Delores) and Sis. Rhonda Leman (Wallace and Sis. Marilyn) . . . Bro. Mark Nicholas took Sis. Marcia Gerber (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda) to be his life's companion . . . Janna Prichard (Willis and Marilyn) and Jackie Johnson were united on July 10.

Bro. Mike Rauch (Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia) was announced to Sis. Michelle Herstein from Morton . . . Bro. Allan Aeschliman (Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene) and Sis. Debbie Geisel (Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy) wish to be united in marriage.

Allen and Arlene Steffen became parents of their first child, Tina Kaye. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen . . . Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan Ringger had a new addition to their family, Jeffery Allan. Jared M. has been welcomed by Bro. Herb and Sis. Peg Heyerly. Bro. Jack and Sis. Diane Schwartz had Jamie Lynn to join their family circle. A son, Dustin Michael, was the first child born to Scott and Karen Kaehr. The grandparents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria Kaehr.

Bro. Homer Gerber passed away suddenly on July 8. Our sympathy goes to Sis. Mary Ann, his dear wife, and his children, Mrs. Bill

(Jane) Aeschliman and Laverne Gerber. Although we will miss him, how happy he must be with the angels in heaven! Bro. Homer had four brothers, Bros. Elmer, Ray, Obed, and David, and four sisters: Sis. Josephine Gerber, Sisters Judith (Walter) Pfister, Ida (Roy) Aeschliman, Lucinda (Lewis) Sauder.

Sis. Elizabeth (Rocke) Strahm was laid to her rest following a long illness. Our dear Sis. Mary (Schaefer) Dubach has laid down her armor and gone to be with the Lord. Surviving are one sister, Sis. Elizabeth Schaefer, and a brother, Bro. Joel Schaefer. These dear souls have passed on before us, and now we must keep traveling on till we also reach our destination.

Several dear ones spent time in the hospital: Sisters Velma (Carl) Kipfer, Emma Steffen, Ida Liebig, and Brent Moser (Bro. Tom and Sis. Jan), Christopher Steffen (Bro. John and Sis. Etta), Tobias Steffen, Bro. Kenny Schaefer and Rochelle Geisel (Bro. Stan and Sis. Cindy).

We were happy to have Bro. Ben Manz and Bro. Homer Reineck in our midst during the past month.

#### CROGHAN NY

##### Alice Virkler

Our annual business meeting was held on Friday evening, July 30. The meeting was opened with a Scripture reading and prayer, and was followed by the business meeting. As our officers, ushers, and Sunday School teachers have been elected and re-elected for another year, may they be guided by the Holy Spirit to perform their various duties according to His will.

Identical twin daughters were born to bless the home of 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 into their new home. Brian was born on May 13. Grandparents of these little ones are Duane and Aletha Streeter, and great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,  
Low tides and high tides, mountains and plains,  
But ALWAYS, in ALL WAYS,  
God's guiding and leading,

And He alone knows the things we're most needing—

And when He sends sorrow or some dreaded affliction,

Be assured that it comes with God's kind benediction—

And if we accept it as a GIFT OF HIS LOVE,

We'll be showered with blessings from our FATHER above.

#### GRIDLEY KS

##### Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Our dear friend, Gary Herr, has expressed peace with God and man and now has a desire to share his testimony and prepare for baptism. Gary is from a nearby town—he came to our church for the first time last January — somewhat out of curiosity. Gradually the true word of God reached his heart, bringing him to his knees in repentance. We thank God for this marvelous work of salvation.

Little Darren Isch, son of Sis. Janice and Dale, was hospitalized six days, recovering from a serious illness. Darren is home now, doing fine. Several others have been hospitalized this past month. Bro. Jake Bever—father of Sis. Bertha Bever, Sis. Ella Raaf. Sis. Elizabeth Bever—both widows of our congregation, and Sis. Esther (Sam) Kraft have all been missing due to hospitalizations.

Little Jeanie Young, daughter of Karen and Harvey, and granddaughter of Sis. Lydia Young, has returned home now, after a complete year of separation from her family, due to a required stay in an asthma center in Denver, Colorado. Jeanie seems so very happy to be back with her family and friends again.

God Brings Men into Deep Waters  
Not to Drown Them — but to  
Cleanse Them.

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN

##### Patrick and Judy Dubach

A Christian man of intense business enterprise and activity was laid aside by sickness. He who never would intermit his labors was compelled to come to a dead halt. His restless limbs were stretched motionless on a bed. Weakly, he said to a friend of the contrast between his condition now and when he had been driving his immense business. Now, he said, I am growing. I have been running my soul thin by my activity, and now I am growing in the knowledge of my-



self and of some things which most intimately concern me. No doubt there are many of us who are running our souls thin by our incessant action, without finding quiet hours for feeding and waiting upon God.

Those ministers who fed our thirsty souls were Bros. Joe Aberle—Sabetha; Russ Rapp—Morton; Jack Bollier—Leo; Walt Steffen—Milford; Wendell Gerber—Bluffton, and Alfred Bahler—Wolcott.

Bro. and Sis. Tom and Kathy Freed happily welcomed their first-born child on July 24. They named their new son Jeremy Allan. Grandparents of their first grandson are Bro. and Sis. Chuck and Doris Neuschwander and Bro. and Sis. Allen and Edith Freed (Phoenix).

### LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Glenda Huber

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? . . . One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple."

How precious these verses are to the believer. How wonderful it is to know He is our light and salvation and the strength of our life, and that our goal is heaven, where we'll dwell all the days of our life and behold the beauty of Him.

On Sunday evening of July 4, everyone shared in putting on a program to commemorate the 200th anniversary of our country's religious freedom. It certainly caused us, each one, to realize how grateful we should be to the Lord for how He has blessed our country, and to express it more often as we go about from day to day.

During this month of July, we enjoyed having in our fellowship visitors from Morton, Fairbury, Peoria and Syracuse (N.Y.). It is always a joy to share good Christian fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

### SARASOTA FL

Sandra Price - Lyn Blunier

FIND HAPPINESS IN LITTLE THINGS — THE MUTED CALL OF BIRDS — THE ECHO OF A STEP — THE MIRACLE OF KIND WORDS — THE INNO-

CENCE OF A CHILD. SEEK JOY IN FLOWERS, TREES, THE WHISPER OF THE WIND, A HYMN OF PRAISE, THE PRECIOUS WORD OF LIFE. HOLD HIGH A FAITH AND LOVE FOR GOD THAT NONE CAN DIM, AND YOU SHALL FIND BLESSINGS WITHOUT END.

We welcome home our dear Bro. Phil Wingeier, who has returned from vacationing at his home in Alto . . . while he was gone, our faithful Bros. Harry Sutter and Bud Klopfenstein (Ft. Lauderdale) drove over to minister to us again this year. Also our elder, Ben Maibach was here for a brief stay.

Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington) spoke to us words of inspiration. We are all so happy to welcome him, his wife, Lois and family, as they are building a vacation home here, and wish them the Lord's blessings in this decision.

Bro. John Huschen (Roanoke and Chicago) has been worshipping with us while he is employed at Clearwater. We are happy to have him with us, even though it may be temporary.

It is the will of God that all men should be saved; everyone who has read the Bible, the word of God, or heard it preached has been called. Too many, however, are not willing to hear and are unwilling to respond to that loving call of God. Our hearts are rejoicing with Robert Little (St. Petersburg), that he has heeded the call, and we wish him the peace that passeth all understanding.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Paula Knapp - Ann Kellenberger

Several couples were blessed with new babies: Little Celestial Dawn Herman was born July 6 to Bro. Ernest and Sis. Shirley. Bro. Chuck and Sis. Marie Kieser had a little girl, naming her Ann Marie. . . Bro. Walt and Sis. Veronica Steffen welcomed their first child; Benjamin was born June 30 . . . also first-time parents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Roth; little Justin Daniel was born July 9.

Many enjoyed the Sunday School picnic this year at Bro. Ralph and Sis. Elsa Endress home at Lake Bloomington.

Little Craig Kachelmuss spent several days in the hospital for a high fever, but we're thankful he's home again and well now. Craig is

the son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kachelmuss.

We were thankful to have Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) with us. Our dear Elder Bro. Dan Koch spent a Wednesday evening service with us. Bro. Dan felt moved to read just one verse for the second reading: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." We heard how we must gladly grasp onto those precious things that have been handed down to us, not trying to change things, but being content therein. Steadfast and unmoveable let us live each day.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Landes

I need the prayers of those I love,  
While trav'ling o'er life's rugged way,

That I may true and faithful be,  
And live for Jesus every day.  
I want my friends to pray for me  
To bear my tempted soul above,  
And intercede with God for me.  
I need the prayers of those I love.

Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family worshipped with us during our Bible Study and showed us slides from Japan. Bro. Willis told us that whenever he has problems, he just thinks of the 10,000 people in the brotherhood of our church who are praying for him and his work for the Lord. It is important that we pray for each other—that we may grow strong in the Lord and be shining lights and willing workers in His service. What a privilege it is to pray for brothers and sisters in Christ and friends of the truth and how humbling it is to know that someone else is praying for you, bringing your name before the King. Let's use the power of prayer!

We want to thank Bros. Roy Ehnle, Everett Hari, Willis Ehnle, Joe Schrock and Willis Wiegand for worshipping with us during the month of July. The first Bible Study for the 1976-77 school year will be Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Old Main room at the union.

### OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegel

Blessed are they who understand  
my



faltering steps and shaking hand.  
 Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the words they say.  
 Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop and chat for awhile.  
 Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, not left alone.  
 Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home in so many loving ways.

Bro. Louis Aberle will have his 90th birthday July 31. He is the oldest member in the Oakville congregation. Louie lives alone and can take care of himself, and he enjoys and appreciates that he can drive his car. You would find him to be among the first to arrive at church on Sunday mornings, and his quiet manner of life is a real testimony of his trust in God and in the words, "Be still, and know that I am God. . ." He and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, who passed from this life April 9, 1969, were married in 1913. Many have fond memories of her as a very devoted Sunday school teacher. Bro. Louie has a pleasant smile, even if he is lonely perhaps many times. May we be more thoughtful of our older pillars. May we learn from their wisdom and be enriched by their experience. It reminds us that we are all on the selfsame journey, and each day takes us nearer to the time when we too may be standing on the sidelines of life, waiting for someone to speak and take an interest in us. Perhaps we should have a glimpse, through their eyes, a vision of the length, yet the startling brevity of life, and its significance.

The newly-elected Sunday school teachers are as follows: Bros. Jerry Kuntz, Dan Anliker, Ron Schmidgall, and Sis. Annette Massner. May they have our prayerful support.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Phyllis Massner, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell, and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara Massner have exchange students in their homes from Japan. We have enjoyed them assembling with us.

Friends Carol Rocke and Terry Miller were married by our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz on July 24.

We certainly enjoyed having the

following visiting ministers expound God's word unto us: Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Arnie Gerst, Chicago; and Duane Metzger, West Bend.

September is Silver Lining collection for Oakville.

### ELGIN IL Mary Moser

**Heart with heart in love united**  
 . . . On July 25, Bro. Dale Frank and Sis. Christine Schambach were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Ben Maibach. Parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara Frank of Oakville and Bro. Ed and Sis. Jenny Schambach of our Elgin congregation. Other visiting ministers for this occasion were (Bros.) Floyd Wieland of Detroit, Uriel Gehring of Burlington, and Raymond Banwart of Ft. Scott.

Hospital patients include: Bro. Larry Metzger, Sis. Bea Metzger, Sis. Clara Knobloch, Bro. Pat Kinsinger, Carol Braun, Bro. Chuck Kellenberger and Bro. Don Schambach.

Bro. Alvin Lohbauer wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who remembered him with prayers, cards, gifts, and deeds of kindness during his illness . . . Bro. Pat Kinsinger would like his thanks extended to each one who has remembered him during his hospitalization and illness.

Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rudolph Graf and Loren Stoller spent the last week-end of July in Elgin for the purpose of selecting a new elder. May God richly bless them for their labors of love and for the time they willingly give for the welfare of our precious faith. All things work together for good to them that love God.

### FORT SCOTT KS Aleta Banwart

May 22 was the marriage of Paula Raye Smith and John W. Read. Parents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Read. John and Paula are residing at 608 Short in Ft. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Massner and Connie, from Davenport, Iowa, are moving to Prescott, Arizona. Ray is the son of Sis. Carrie Massner.

Bro. Joe Banwart has been to St. Luke's Hospital for the insertion of a pacemaker. He is recovering nicely in Rm. 109, Golden Age Lodge at Ft. Scott. He would enjoy receiving cards from his many friends.

Sis. Ruth Bahr had surgery on both feet. We are happy to have Ruth assembled with us again. Sis. Lydia Hawkins has been to KU Medical Center for treatment of a heart ailment.

Our graduates this past spring were: High school—Judy Bahr, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Ruth, plans to attend Ft. Scott Community Junior College (FSCC) this fall; Steven Fischer, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lillian, plans to work with his father in the milking business for a year, then attend FSCC the fall of 77. Janet Sinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sinn, is planning to attend Kansas University. Her address is Lesis Hall, 1530 Engel Rd. Lawrence Ks. 66045.

Sis Janet Kraft, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Wanda, graduated from LPN training at FSCC. She plans to continue her education to receive her RN associate degree. Teresa Bahr, daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Ruth, graduated from FSCC and plans to attend Kansas State University this fall. Her address is 420 N. Manhattan Ks 66502.

### FRANCESVILLE IN

#### Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

A dear sister was laid to rest. Sis. Esther Gudeman passed away on July 8, and her funeral was on July 11. She is survived by three sisters, Sis. Louise Onken (Francesville), Sis. Ruth Rapp (Morton), and Elsie Geef (Peoria), also three brothers, Sidney and Melvin (Francesville) & Walter of Monon. May God comfort the family in their loss. Bro. Art Gudeman (Lacrosse) was here to share with us.

Bro. Dale Gudeman (Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret) and Sis. Peg Gramm (Bro. and Sis. Harold) were united in marriage in Morris on July 18. We welcome Sis. Peg to Francesville.

We appreciate the visit of Bro. Phil Wingeier (Sarasota), who spent a Thursday evening with us . . . also Bros. Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus (Remington) spent the evening with us.

Bro. Wendell and Sis. Karel Anliker were blest with another girl, Janell Dawn, on July 9. Tracie is happy for a little sister. Bro. Eli and Sis. Pricilla Anliker and Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti (Lamar) are the grandparents . . . Bro. Mike and Melody Gutwein were blest with another boy, Anthony



Lewis, on July 15. Aaron is happy for a little brother. Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein are the grandparents . . . Bro. Mick and Sis. Colleen Culp were blest with a little girl, Jennifer DeAnn, July 24. She has three brothers to welcome her home. Bro. Ben and Sis. Sarah Anliker are the great-grandparents.

Katherine Huber, daughter of Sis. Angela Von Tobel, has returned to her family in Brazil after a stay here.

We are always happy to report new converts. We have dear ones who have heeded the call of their Saviour. May they receive the much needed grace to walk the narrow way. While the waters are troubled, we pray for many more to step in and be healed.

#### PORTLAND OR Connie Steffen

We are enjoying company from many churches. It is a real joy to meet and greet each of these dear fellow-believers and friends. I'm quite sure these times of fellowship must be foretastes of heaven's joys. We are alternating weekend picnics with the Silverton church; this way we can all be together.

Bro. Jeff Groom was elected teacher of the Bible class. We have confidence Jeff will be both blessed and a blessing, in his new post. We all wish him, and for that matter, all teachers the Lord's blessings.

Last evening at singing we sang, His yoke is easy; His burden is light, and it recalled to my mind some truths taught me, as a child on the farm: The yoke is put upon the oxen, not to make his work more difficult but to make it easier . . . It transfers the weight of the load & distributes it evenly over a larger area, thereby allowing the animal to pull twice the burden with less difficulty . . . So it is when we have the Lord, He takes our load and gives us the lighter way.

#### SHIODA JAPAN

Sally Gramm - Libby Meyer

We have been refreshed in spirit so many times and in innumerable ways this summer. This morning I'm nausing to marvel at how much the Lord loves us and wants for us, if we can by faith and prayer see through the barriers that Satan displays in our way. For each one of us at some time or other have stumbled or not turned to

the Lord because of some mountain placed to test us. Christ said these words of truth: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." How often we as true believers have experienced these kinds of miracles!

I was so fervently reminded of the above thoughts during the local week called "Obon" in Japan. In the rural areas, people still burn fires "to light the way to earth and back again for spirits of their ancestors". Carrying lanterns, people also dress in kimonos and go to the graveyards at night to worship. Not being familiar with this custom, I asked a friend, in whose home we were visiting, why people were walking with lanterns at night. He explained to me, and then said his family no longer follows this custom, and further proceeded to tell me that he believes in God, expanding on the greatness of the universe and various instances in his medical profession. After explaining all this he said, "I believe there is no life after this one." "What purpose do we live this life for then?" we asked him. "For our families, to do good to other men, for our work," was the reply.

It was then we realized that this man and his wife felt no HOPE. What a dead, depressing feeling!

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

We rejoiced to have visitors this summer: Ramona Mever (Sabetha), Vonnie Stoller (Osaka Japan), Sisters Leonore Sorg (Bloomington), Carol Stoller (Phoenix), Becky & Susan Gramm (Gridlev), Barb Getz (Morton), Bev Schieber (Congerville).

#### LEO IN

Mrs. Elias Souder

We had two visiting ministers when the Children's Home had Open House, Earl Gerber from Forest and Wallace Ramsier from Mansfield.

Visiting with the Henry Schwartzs, we found Frances getting along real well at the Town House Home, but Henry was transferred to the Town House Medical Center.

Our friend, Gary Garman, is improving nicely, expects to be

able to attend church services soon, and is looking forward to when he can give his testimony for the Lord.

A group of our children in Sunday School visited in Brown County, which is in the southern part of the state.

September is Silver Lining collection for Leo.

Ron Bollier and Edith Witzig are planning their wedding Aug. 8, at Gridley Illinois.

Our hearts are filled with joy as one sees our friends answering the Lord's call. May, on that great day When the Roll is called up yonder, not one be missing.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

Bert and Karen Aeschliman

Jesus used many parables when He walked on earth, to teach men how to live in order to inherit the kingdom of God. In St. Luke chapter 12, beginning with verse 16, He spake a parable about the rich man whose ground yielded plentifully. The rich man reasoned with himself, that he should pull down his barns and build greater, in order to have room to bestow all his fruits and goods. Then, he reasoned, having laid up for many years, he could take ease, and eat, drink, and be merry. However, this was a foolish act in the eyes of God, and the rich man's soul was required of him and, of course, the storing of the fruits and goods was for naught. Verse 21 concluded the parable with Jesus saying, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

This parable should be a lesson to all people. By being charitable with God's blessings to him, a Christian lays up treasures in heaven. Surely we all long to be rich toward God, and thereby enhance the hope of spending eternity with the Lord.

Sunday school suspended July 4, because of small numbers throughout the summer . . . will resume Sept. 5.

Laurie Huber, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris, was announced for baptism. Again, we rejoice with her and wish her God's richest blessings.

We were privileged to have (Bros.) Bob Pohl (Burlington) and Al Schneider (Rockville) share God's word with us.

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



**GARDEN GROVE IA****Eileen Funk**

We were richly blest with several visiting ministers. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville), (Bros.) Harold Schmidtgall (Gridley IL) and Clifford Grimm (West Bend). We enjoyed their messages. We were reminded to forget the speaker and listen to God.

We should ask ourselves—what will the results be for my soul, when the record is closed and the books are opened? Do you try to please God? Ask God to show you your weak spots. Let us open our heart's door, and continue in God's love.

**ROCKVILLE CT****Carlton J. Lanz****God's Goodness**

Who has counted the leaves that fall

In the Autumn from the trees?  
Who has counted the grains of sand

That are hid beneath the seas?

Who has counted how many flowers

In the fields and gardens grow?  
Who on a gloomy winter's day  
Has counted the flakes of snow?

Who has fathomed the deep, deep sea,

Or numbered the stars at night?  
Who has counted the drops of rain,  
Or the rays of sunny light?

None, none but God! He made them all,

And He knows them, everyone.  
The stars and flowers, the sands and trees,  
And the bright rays of the sun.

The sea is deep and reaches far,  
And bright is the sun above;  
God's goodness reaches farther still,  
And more brightly shines His love.

We have seen by the general trend that there is much travelling today. Rockville has had visitors, in numbers, from many churches across the country, with whom we have been able to enjoy our precious fellowship. We could worship with one another, make new acquaintances with some, and renew them with those we've already

known. These beautiful and precious memories which we leave with one another are not without blessings. They are unique when compared with the glitter offered in the world . . . especially so when we listen to inspired brethren who bring us the messages of divine truth. Bro. Floyd Schmidgall, of Morris, served us so well on Sunday. Other brethren serving likewise, Ed Aeschliman, David Roberts, both at Union City and Philadelphia, Roy Weiland (Michigan), and Vernon Wettstein, Congerville.

Sis. Hermine Trueb, 83, has died. She had not been in good health of late. However, she was able to care for her two sisters, who had been in a rest home for several years, both having passed away. A brother, Jacob Trueb, and a sister, Sis. Louise Schneider, survive.

**TOKYO JAPAN****Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue**

The obedience and loving spirit of Ruth, great faith of Mary, good works of Dorcas, kind services of Mary and Martha, evil deeds of Eve and Sapphira were among the teachings of women of the Bible (our theme) given at our summer fellowship meeting held last week. It is always good to review and refresh our minds of Bible knowledge and teachings, which in turn provides the necessary oil for our spiritual lamps needed in our life of faith. The five children present were ably taught by Sis. Yoshiko Sakuta. One of them showed Grandma the work they had accomplished.

Our guests visiting now for about two weeks are Sisters Barb Getz, Bev Schieber, Becky and Susan Gramm. They had opportunity to testify of the Holy Scriptures, when my neighbor lay asked them why they all had long hair. They were ready with the answer given them in I Corinthians 11:14, 15. The Apostle Peter instructs us to ". . . be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you . . ."

Bro. Yamazaki has enjoyed taking our visitors sightseeing in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. As they entered a Chinese restaurant the owner recognized him, remembering that he brought some soldier brethren there five years ago. Bro. Yamazaki told him as they were conversing, that we are Christian people and not interested

in liquor, but only good food! Visiting the first first part of July were Sisters Lenora Sorg and Carol Stoller, of the central Illinois churches.

**PHILADELPHIA & UNION CITY**  
**Carolyn Roberts**

The visiting ministers who brought the word to us were Bros. Roy Luginbuhl, Albert Schneider, Ben Hartzler, Jim Hoerr . . . and also Willis Ehnle, his wife and children spent several days with us.

Two foster homes are being opened for children at this time. The home of Bro. Dave and Sis. Carolyn Roberts has Robert, age 2½, and 4-year-old Steve, who are brothers. Chris, age 20 months, rejoined his other foster parents after a short stay . . . Bro. John and Sis. Kathy Clough has Nelson, age 6 years.

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof . . . This is the portion of the Bible verse found in Leviticus 25, and is the inscription on the Liberty Bell. Before the year ends, it is estimated 40 million people will have looked at this symbol of our freedom.

September and October are beautiful months for vacations and travel, and we would encourage anyone visiting the Washington D.C. and Philadelphia area to spend a week-end with us at the Philadelphia church, located next to Valley Forge National Park. Contact Ministering Bros. Ed Aeschleman or Dave Roberts to help arrange accommodations.

September is Silver Lining collection for Maywood.

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**JEWELS AND CROWNS AND WHAT REALLY DELIGHTS!**

Ten years? One? One month? One hour? The hand must press on. God's clock has no running down. The finish waits. It's out there: We don't always know where . . . but we can prepare, and have the sweet fragrance of purity, when we listen to Jesus.

A man visiting a school promised he would give a prize to the one whose desk was found most orderly upon his return. He gave no in-



dication when that might be. After he left, a little girl who was noted for her disorderly habits announced that she meant to win the prize. Her schoolmates said, Mary, your desk is always out of order. It's never cleaned up. Oh, she replied, but starting right now, I'm going to clean it the first of every week. Someone questioned, But suppose he comes at the end of the week? I'll clean it up every morning. What if he comes at the end of the day? Mary was silent for a moment. Her face suddenly brightened. I know what I'll do; I'll just keep it clean ALL THE TIME!"

Faithful doing the present task is the secret of the well-spent life.

The hypnotic speed of vanishing delusions is strong. There's an irresistible suction drawing unheeding men to spiraling death. He who plays with the door of temptation finds piercing pain, finally pursued, tragedy.

Leave alone then the love of money. Count your contracts from the heart, needing honoring. Hold your debts of the past with honest intent. Don' be found wanting on that great day.

"Thou shalt not covet . . ." Some men went to Alaska, far into the interior. One day they came upon a minor's hut. It seemed to be as quiet as the grave. Entering, they found the skeletons of two men and a large quantity of gold. On a rough table in the hut was a letter. It told about their hunt. When they found the gold, they were so eager to get it, they forgot the early coming of winter. They found more gold. The fall passed by. Winter approached. One morning the men awoke to find a great snow-storm upon them. For days the snow fell. It became deeper and deeper. Soon, there was no hope of escape. The food was all used up. The men died in the midst of their gold!

Tragedy finds men of eternity with the consuming lusts of the past in ever-present haunting.

We're walking along the sunset. Nowhere, at no time is the end not visible. It's beautiful walking in the clear light of God.

The wind shakes the leaf on branches tall,  
Bringing down in shimmering drops the rain.

The dry earth quaffs and drinks it all,  
Then waits impatiently until it falls again.

So some mortals take the heavenly blessings  
Greedy and hold out hands for more,  
Whining when the showers are lessening,  
Never thankful for what was done before.

O patient Lord, how sorely this must try  
Thy loving heart, that gives and gives still more,  
Even when unthankful beings cry  
For yet more blessings from Thy bounteous store.

Victory is not difficult. It is easy for God. Man complicates with his non-listening. Sin is a maze, trapping in its close in a wrecked entanglement . . . A sad puzzle of errors. How well to be alert and alive!

Always be on guard; the enemy may be near to deceive. Say yes to the things that are right, no to the things that are wrong.

Strange what some labor and forge as benefits and luxuries. The comfortable living of the heavens is the life of the sermon on the mount. God's standard of living finds nothing, not even one thing worthy of comparing to it.

A New Jersey judge advised as a solution to a church property dispute. It is hard to understand, he told members of both factions in his court, how professed Christians could become so bitter as to bring a matter involving dollars and cents into court. This controversy should be resolved by members of both groups on their knees in prayer to demonstrate your right to be called Christians.

How wealthy is the child who lives in the meekness and gentleness of Christ, he who finds that triumph is in the shorter end.

A girl had been rescued from famine sufferers and was given care. The little girl was very fond of jewelry, and soon yielded to the temptation to take flour from the mission supply, and trade it to a peddler for a pretty ring. Later,

one of the things she confessed was this sin of stealing, by which she had obtained the shiny treasure she so much admired. Kneeling down to pray, and that little girl, removed from the lowest depths of heathenism, uttered these words, Oh dear Lord, my Jesus, do make me care much less about jewels for my body and much more about jewels for my heart.

Treasures in heaven are a glowing, sparkling, immeasurable wealth. The lowly deeds have heavenly exchange. Yes, that is the real standard of value, to gain, in our busyness for the Lord.

Home . . . what a happy place. The age is far spent. The hours are few. His light turns His work, the spirit of man, into a shimmering jewel of everlasting iridescence. For such be your prayer, your light. Today is His day. He will work His miracle, if we follow.

Every day a new picture is painted and framed, in such lights as the Great Artist chooses, and then withdrawn, and the curtain falls. And then the sun goes down, and long the afterglow gives light. And then the damask curtains glow along the western window. And now the first star is lit, and I go home.

Those in God's hall of home, those over there, have run in the way it really counts. Ah yes, the heavenly cheer of our God means more than every conceivably crown of man. That is the real! That is the enduring!

Not in the stadium  
Where multicolored throngs applaud  
The winning of a laurel wreath  
That quickly fades,  
Nor even for the surging joy  
Of straining competition  
Would I run;

So would I run  
To those, my fellowmen, who sit  
In darkness and in fear of death,  
And shout His message,  
Though my dying breath  
Shall be the force  
That drives the living words—

Rejoice . . . rejoice!  
The victory is ours!—  
And with one trembling hand up-  
raised  
Point the road to Calvary.



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## FELLOWSHIP IN THE SPIRIT

Samuel Froelich

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

The invitation of John to "fellowship with us" refers to the Christian church, that is the body of Christ, whose Head is in heaven, at the right hand of the Father, whither He has ascended. It is a fellowship of the Spirit and the saints (not of the flesh). However it is **one** body, and **one** Spirit in the entire body, and one hope for all the members.

Christ leaves it to everyone's

free choice, whether he wishes to become converted, or would prefer to remain in Satan's power. Therefore, Christ lets the Gospel be proclaimed. Each must choose his eternal destiny for himself. No one is forced to be saved or condemned, but because all belong to the devil by nature, none are incorporated in Christ without conversion. Christ has indeed bound and overcome the strong one, but only for the obedient; for the others, the devil is not bound, but loose, as can be seen in all the world. Who then can be saved, and what must we do to be saved and not condemned with the world?

The world is careless and takes a chance until death. They then all hope to be saved, but wrongly so and without foundation, for the world is unsaved and shall be condemned. We must be sure about the matter, as it concerns us ourselves; here no uncertainty is permitted. It is a question of eternal salvation or eternal damnation, and everyone faces one or the other.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Therefore, we must ask in earnest and must know who will and who cannot be saved. John gives us the right answer: Whoever has fellowship (in the Spirit) with the living God (Father and Son) will be saved, and is already saved and has eternal life in him.

All the called saints are strangers and pilgrims. They are from above, and strive after that which is above and attain thereunto. Where some of them meet in this strange land, there is rejoicing, and they have the **fellowship of the saints**. There God stands over them. There we find a Bethel (house of God).

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

## BLENDING OF HEARTS

Henry Souder Jr.

The world is discordant and jarring. There is Nerves grate. Hearts are divided and black. White, sweet beauty is wonderful. The beauty of God's oneness is quiet peace. From way back past all we think, to no end ahead, He always is peaceful, with perfect joy. It is a deep, wonderful, marvellous meditation. Grasp, as we may, this wonder-filled perfection!

The depth of this fellowship is revealed, actually given, to His own. It is real, really life, eternity's action, being born of the water and the Spirit. God is rich (what is our inheritance!) in His being, **I Am**.

What is He telling us? We get to know Him, the Lord God, the Almighty, He who is forever and forever. Ties become emblazoned for always. His people become a part of ourself

Only with His joy could it be written, "Rejoice evermore". That

is the way He is. He is kind. We have heard and known people whom it is a pleasure to count among our treasures. That's because of Him. He is all this and more, so much more.

The intimate, immediate family of God rests far above earth's passing momentary pleasure. That which is of the Spirit is spirit. We don't always grasp the wonder of the life we have. The body is the temple, the sacred sanctuary, the holy dwelling of God. Our spirit is united, **one** with His Holy Spirit.

Remember, it is not man, but God that tells us. The promises are His way of life. The Book becomes the action and being of always. It will burst in full beauty. All according to His will, for our good, if we abide. Daily the cross becomes our death to the world. Trouble, sorrow is our fitting pattern for ages to come. He sees the beautiful **you**,

the happy **I**, ages upon ages unending. The wrinkles and frowns are all gone. Sweet, unbroken, expanse of satisfied happiness!

The Spirit shall be with us forever. No wonder that we should live godly—God is within us. Without holiness, no man shall see God. We have His power with the wonderful word. His own are living His own way. We taste the powers of the world to come.

So what joy-bringing can be when we see a brother or a sister the way God sees—His own beautiful, sweet, loveable dear one forever and ever. Charming in delightful purity. Love can indeed cover a multitude of sins.

Soon face to face with God. Right with us, face and features clear and radiant, will be Jesus. We will reap of His Spirit everlasting life. Eternity's action. That is really living!