

# The Silver Lining

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### ON WORDS AND WAYS

Plant a dream . . . breathe of the beauty of His Spirit and eternity . . . Majestic motion, unimpeded scope, a current without care. . .

Words can tell of the immortal symphonies of the world to come . . . Half a dozen lines can bring such joy! They can teach to wait the promise of the bow, despite the cloud between.

They can give the good response from a listener: I love you . . . for what you are and do . . . drawing out the beautiful in me . . . **You can**, my wavering heart hears, and **I shall**.

Always carry a sense of the immense consequences of your full and faithful presentation of the truth.

On Time is Right Time . . . Words need right time! . . . on time. A West Coast company believed it found a way to get everyone to arrive at meetings on time. Meetings are set at off-beat times! 10:04, for example, or 3:42, not at such usual times as 10:00 or 3:40. The company has found that a man who may be 15 minutes late for a 10:00 meeting will tend to be on time if the meeting is set at 10:04.

Words need the sense of timing, a know-how of the proper season. They need to fit the needs of the listener. Words need to be molded in the skill of His artistry, and in the time allotted . . . and beginning thoughts can be too important to be missed, in conversation, verse or song.

Talking and Losing the Listening! . . . Somewhere along the line. The salesman had switched from making a presentation to delivering a monologue. The more impatient we got, the more the salesman talked — about himself.

There's a danger point of those

who must be verbal, but many don't realize it. That's the point at which you begin to get carried away by the sound of your own voice, so fascinated by your own experiences that you just have to tell everyone you can get to listen.

What the hearer, in daily conversation, letter, teaching, or sermon, takes home means success.

Don't go over God's time.

It was said in German: "Du Hast Aber Noch Lang Gepratigt Nachdem Du Vertig Warst". Translated in English it means, **You preached a long time after you were finished.**

Tact is important. It comes with courtesy, that watchword of love that thinks of another. When in front of a crowd: At a certain Indiana church, the minister in charge stepped aside, let the others go first on the pulpit. What a nice showing, **in honor preferring one another** . . . Coming from the pulpit places in view of the audience. It is well for the elder or minister in charge to let the others go first, rather than to walk in front of them on the pulpit. Then take the place.

**A Little Grammar:** Some expressions are too much words. Our paragraphs would be more forceful if, like the vine, we do pruning. For example, **once again** can be said with **again**. Which do you think best? **On behalf of** or **for**? . . . **with regard to** or **about**? All words will stand out better if we let them stand for themselves. Instead of saying, **I had to think**, show the beauty of what the thought says of itself. As thinker when we present, we need to stand in the background.

Alert to getting God's word across! . . . Some apologies detract. Leave unsaid such as these: **I don't really know why I was chosen**

**today, or I'm sorry I haven't time to finish** . . . if you are there grasp the opportunity, with words of power! Give what you have.

Watch for any signs of your audience losing interest. Watch when they move their heads, or in their seats. Listen when speaking, in conversation, letter, song or sermon, with your care.

Sermons need the model of the holy scriptures to be best. The sweetness of the Lord should pervade the reality of the words. Look at the words spoken from the mount. The Lord did not use sin-beaters.

The great sermon through the Spirit at Pentecost carefully covers the beautiful teachings, the doctrine of Christ. In the touching of sinner's hearts, it is tender. And very careful. Was not this the way of our Lord? There needed to be stern words to the Pharisee heart, but the sinner was approached in tenderness . . . and showing the tragedy of forever lost.

Tact and simplicity adorn the divine invitation. As tip-toeing in with the greatest gentleness, we win the wounded heart.

**On Endings:** What is the perfect ending? Is it seven minutes before the finish of some book or sermon? Books and words should burn out, not tire out . . . with high emotion or beautiful touch . . . with a majestic march . . . in quiet loveliness. Like the Good Book. There is the perfect ending . . . No other words could close so perfectly!

"And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings."

Words of Bro. Froehlich: ". . . After God, however, our love belongs to our brothers and sisters in Christ—and, in the widest sense, to the rest of mankind also, for whoever God has made blessed through His love has become the image of God and will make others blessed also through love . . ."

### MAYWOOD CA Helen Julien

On March 12, Hulda Imthurn went to sleep in her rocking chair. She had never married and was a sister in the faith for about 70 years. She lived alone at 91 years and was looked after by the different members. Bro. Ben Ammann brought her to church when she was able. She was well versed with the Bible, which must have been a comfort to her, since she could not see to read after having eye surgery. She leaves a brother and several nephews and neices.

On March 30, the death angel took Julia Milinkovich. She too was 91 years and was bed-ridden in her last days. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Al Larson. I believe her last days were somewhat cheered up by the letters she received from some of you who read of her condition in the Silver Lining. She was in the faith since she was about 18 years old. She had 12 children, 11 still living. She leaves a sister, Mary Schick (also a sister-in-faith), and two brothers, Dan and Edward Palmer, besides her children. The family would like to extend their appreciation for all the thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy.

Though this congregation is so small, I am sure everyone is happy for these two dear ladies who have gone on to their new home that they have strived most of their lives for. Our loss is Heaven's gain. May I dedicate this poem in memory of them, and hope it will bring joy, rather than sorrow to the hearts of the loved ones left behind.

There's a town far away  
called the **City of Dreams**  
Where the thoughts  
of mortals reside.  
There are millions of flowers,  
each one a bright hope  
For a future  
where peace will abide.

There's a stream by the town  
called the **River of Tears**  
Where the heartaches  
are all washed away.  
There is music to hear  
that will touch every heart,  
Tis the laughter  
of children at play.

There's a tree in this town  
called the **Promise of Life**,  
And its branches  
are reaching to God.  
There's a vine by the tree  
that entwines it with love,  
And its roots travel deep  
in the sod.

There's a house in this town  
called the **Haven of Rest**,  
Where the restless and weary  
may dwell.  
There are birds everywhere  
and they greet you with song,  
Saying, **Rest . . . God is here . . .**  
All is well!

Bro. Andy Locker is recuperating, after having surgery.

Sis. Lena Ludwig has returned to her home in Connecticut, after spending two months with her daughter, Ruth and son-in-law Dale Dapper. She really appreciated our mild weather. Bro. Henry Ringger also left for his home, after visiting with his daughter, Dorothy and son Hank during the cold spell in the East.

I am happy to announce that we've had several visitors since the invitation in my first column. Thank you from all of us, and come again soon.

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Brenda Tucker

PLAN as though you'll live to be  
100, but  
LIVE as though you'll die tomorrow.

This wise phrase was passed along by an older brother of our faith. It is certainly one that each of us should consider. It is good to plan our lives as long as we lend ourselves to God's will . . . And in living each day as though it were our last, we would live without regrets. It is also our prayer that our dear friends will really consider this and realize how important it is to serve God. Planning is a step that comes almost natur-

ally, but have you ever thought about what you would do if you knew that you had just 24 hours to live? Maybe you should!

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Bob Meyer, Bluffton; Sam Huber, Sabetha; George Lambert, Wichita; Lloyd Kraft and Loren Strahm, Gridley, Kansas.

### TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki — Marie Inoue

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, & thy countenance is comely. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes."

It certainly looks wonderfully green around our Tokyo church.

It was so beautiful Easter morning, and several of us gathered for an early morning service at a small park near our Tokyo church. We prepared breakfast of Japanese rice balls and fruits. We really feel that the Lord loves us and still lives near us. After we had breakfast at there, Bro. Akito and his family went to the country, and I returned to church for my Sunday School class. I had a quite few new children and was blessed by the Lord a lot. I told them about His resurrection, through

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crucifixion. They were listening very carefully and seemed to me they were interested in it. I felt much responsibility among them before the Lord more and more.

We spent blessed hours with Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence Meyer and Christy of Sabetha, Kansas. We enjoyed a church fellowship supper, together along with several brethren from our country church. The common bond of Christian faith is sure a priceless heritage through our risen Lord.

### LEO IN the editor

Morning rays of hope always break when behind clouds!

The words were good. It was the monthly singing (held this time in the basement of one of the Children's Homes). The messengers with heavenly tidings were Bros. Ben Manz and Sam Schlatter of Junction. We should not labor for the meat that perisheth . . . we should put first things first. What wonderful happy moments in living these, God's thoughts!

**I want to thank you for starting our week off great.** The comment was from one of the residents at the Meadow Haven Rest Home in Butler to Bro. Ed Souder. For those who will explore come moments, discovery that is happier than finding new continents. There are needs of children, old people, others whom we can love.

Our two Children's Home brothers each led in prayer one Sunday. One in prayer looked in sweet hope to eternal springtime. The other prayed a short, brief prayer . . . and beautiful brevity is found in the holy scriptures.

We had some young help in the April Silver Lining mailing preparation: Karen and Mary Pfister, Patty Souder and Troy and Kelli Klopfenstein. We like it when our children are right among us.

The Good Friday evening services and the Easter program each brought treasures.

Easter morning Sunrise Services were at the Fellowship Center. A brother was showing a truth in the Way of Success. There was a bulb, no life apparent. That is the dying, the cross, in our Lord Jesus. There was the beautiful Easter flowers, such as no king has ever been adorned. That is the resurrection. Just as this teaching was being given, the sun came from be-

hind the clouds, flooding its rays into the faces.

Thus we are. Living in Him, the Son radiates His light into our hearts. There is power today in His resurrection . . . And there is the momentary expectation. It headlines our hearts in hope. Beautifully He will come with power and great glory. Our faces shall be shone in full and perfect beauty.

### FRANCESVILLE IN

#### Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

On Good Friday, many gathered together for church services, to refresh our memories of Christ's dying for us and shedding His blood so we can find remission for our sins. Then early Easter morning, many gathered at a local campground for resurrection services. A program was held, and a meditation was given. A breakfast and a time of fellowship was also enjoyed by all. On Sunday afternoon, the Sunday School classes told us in word and song of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. We were privileged to have Bro. Henry Beer visit us on a Wed. evening.

Hospitalized were Sis. Barb Wuethrich, Bro. Dwight Bucher, Bro. Keith Putt, and Jason Huber (son of Bro. John and Sis. Bev).

Our annual business meeting was held, and the following offices were filled: Sunday School superintendent, (Bros.) Carl Gutwein; trustee, Leon Wuethrich; usher, Jeff Gutwein and Ron Clark, Missionary Committee, Bros. Walter Culp, Wayne Putt, Eldon Gutwein. Also a steering committee was formed for a Fellowship Hall: Bros. Lee Overmyer, Dave Wuethrich, Wayne Huber.

On Sunday, April 17, Sis. Kathy Tanner and Bro. Bruce Wuethrich (Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis) were united in marriage. Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) was our visiting minister for the day. He gave us many timely teachings, especially in the book of Revelation. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

### LESTER IA

#### Alice Metzger - Joyce Knobloch

We are very thankful and hap-

py for the recent rain we received after our lengthy drought.

Another blessing which we appreciated was our visiting ministers, (Bros.) Roger Aberle, Sabetha, and Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville. We thank them for their labor of love.

Best wishes go to our high school graduates. They are Sis. Carolyn Knobloch (Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva), Tami Knobloch (Bro. Earl and Sis. Vera), Dietrich Knobloch (Bro. Willie and Sis. Helen), Doug Leuthold (Bro. Art and Sis. Emelie), Twyla Metzger (Bro. Freddie and Sis. Esty), Kent Mogler (Bro. Howard and Sis. Lolly), and Dave Roeman (Ed and Amelia). Rodney Mogler (Bro. Howard and Sis. Lolly) graduated from a Farm Management Course at Northwest Iowa Technical College. May they ever look to God for guidance in their future.

Sis. Emelie Knobloch had back surgery and is now recuperating at home.

Because of the fuel shortage, we cancelled our Thursday evening services. Beginning in May, we will resume our first and third Thursday evening services.

The family of Bro. John Moser are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses and cards at the time of their bereavement.

### PHOENIX AZ

#### Julie Hoerr

Sunday, March 27, we were glad to have Elder Bro. Ed Frank, La Crosse, share God's word with us. After a late afternoon potluck supper at the church, we were fortunate to partake of our highest earthly privilege, **Holy Communion**, served by Elder Bros. Roy Farney and Ed Frank. To think, CHRIST did it ALL, for any who wish to follow Him, and the doors are still open for those who want to come. Many of our shut-ins made the special effort to join us.

Sis. Christine Schuster was back in the hospital, and extends her sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts and deeds of kindness to her and her family.

We're grateful God has again shown His healing mercies, as Bro. Earl Sanders was able to attend morning services, after a recovery at home . . . How thankful we are Sis. Kate Blumenschein was able to attend both services on Easter. The Lord has surely worked a



miracle of healing in Sis. Kate, as she has been unable to assemble full time for five months. **Are we really grateful enough that we can attend church regularly?**

Here in Phoenix we see so much of God's natural beauty with blooming flowers, green trees and bushes, cacti, and birds singing ALL year round. We hardly notice when Spring arrives, but the citrus trees bloom, and the evenings get warm. Truly we aren't grateful enough for the natural beauty God has shared with us in the desert.

Our thanks to the many visitors this winter: the Lord willing, we look forward to your return, along with those who have come in the past and were unable to make it this winter.

During a Wed. evening service, we were asked to reflect on the statement, "Life is not a bed of roses." What does it mean to you? If we look only for the **thorns**, we must carefully pick our way through life, but if we take time to **stop** and see the beauty and **smell** the lovely fragrance, are we not then truly allowing **God** to **direct** our steps? Certainly the ways of God are far above ours, and we are grateful He shares His word through our ministering brothers.

**A Thought:** The Joy of living is found, not alone in that which comes into our lives, but in what we may be able to **share** with others.

#### WICHITA KANSAS Glennis Allenbach

"Why are you in this world?" was the question asked in the classroom recently. As each answered in turn, some didn't really know, and others had strange answers. When it was the turn of one of our young newly converted sisters, her answer was that she was to prepare herself for eternity. The teacher said—"Write that down!"

The greatest handicap is fear.  
The best day is today.

Since this is the time of year we remember our mothers, I would include the following—

God gave the world stars,  
and there was beauty .  
God gave the world sun,

and there was warmth.  
God gave the world rain,  
and there was life.  
God gave the world mothers,  
and there was love.

I would like to share with you the ending of a letter I received, from a relative, a dear sister in Christ. The forepart includes her experience of a so-called **thorn in her flesh**, and how through this the Lord has been teaching her about walking in and by His Spirit victoriously. The following is the ending—

Let the storm come and go. It doesn't matter. We are walking on the living waters, and **He is solid rock**, Glory!!! It is impossible to go under this sea of life, for we have Jesus. And all that is His is mine. And all that is mine is His. What a blessed union.

I'm walking in Jesus and He's walking in me.  
I'm clothed in His righteousness and  
He's clothed in my humanity.  
Now when the enemy begins to roar,  
He just can't scare me anymore,  
Cause I'm walking with Jesus, and He's walking in me.

Now I say **Amen** to that . . .  
how about you?

#### BERN KS Esther & Stella Moser

May we in perfect love be found  
When we Thy table, Lord, surround.  
Keep soul and body purified.  
Thy blessing Lord be multiplied  
Upon this feast.

It was a blessed day Sunday, March 27, when we could partake of Holy Communion. As Elder Bro. Gene Marti was unable to be with us, Elder Bro. Lester Hartter was assisted by Bro. Harvey Grimm.

**For of such is the kingdom of God.** Bro. Leland and Sis. Patsy Esslinger are rejoicing over their first child, Fawn Louise, born April 2, also a first for the grandparents, Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene and Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Metzger, Lester. Elmer and Eldora Isch have a new granddaughter, Melinda Renee, born March 14 to Mr. and Mrs. James

Isch, Morrill. Harlan and Alice Wittmer have another granddaughter, Rebecca Sue, born March 27 to Steven and Susan Traw, Destin, Florida. Sis. Emma Wittmer is great-grandmother to both these little ladies.

Good Friday, the Sabetha congregation assembled with us. Bro. Sam Huber brought the message. Midweek services are now discontinued, and the first song service was Easter. We alternate with Sabetha every two weeks. Everyone is welcome.

Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha was our guest minister.

Hospital patients and able to assemble with us again: Bro. Wayne Strahm (tests), Sis. Lucy Rokey (Bro. Roy), surgery.

**Going Home to die no More . . .**  
Bro. Benjamin Leuthold, age 76, passed away unexpectedly March 23 from a heart attack. Ben was the last survivor of Emil and Adaline Leuthold. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sis. Marie Locher Leuthold and an infant son, Benjamin Edward. He is survived by a daughter, Benola Anderson—Hiawatha; two grandsons, Thaine and Mark Anderson, both of Menlo Park, California. Ben was always willing to lend a hand where needed. For many years he was funeral director at the church and treasurer on the Personal Aid. He was Chairman on the Building Committee for the new church, working faithfully until everything was complete. Bro. Carl Hartman and our ministers conducted services March 26. Burial was in the church cemetery.

#### HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land . . ."

Contemplating the meaning of Easter can only bring humble gratitude to the thoughtful heart. Enthusiasm for renewed dedication is the blessing which follows.

A dear, faithful sister-in-faith brought the Princeville seventh and eighth grade Sunday School class to the Home to entertain on the day before Easter. Thank you so much!

The crescendo of activity in the new building is resulting in real

accomplishment. How eagerly we look forward to fall, when completion is anticipated.

Douglas and Kenneth Clauss, sons of Magdalene (Mattie) Unsicker and the late Jephtha Clauss, came to live at the Home as a part of our family on Sept. 11, 1974. One brother and one sister, two nieces and two nephews complete the Clauss family, which is very dear to Ken and Doug. Visits to their home in Indiana are eagerly awaited and enjoyed.

Both boys spend five days each week at the Community Workshop. Doing chores around the Home and taking part in the regular activities round out their schedules. Doug enjoys the hobbies of collecting horse figurines, model cars and old coins. Ken enjoys singing. Birthday time for Doug is December 23; for Ken, it is November 2.

Two of our employees, Bro. Ken Yordy and Sis. Lynn Wuthrich, were united in Holy Matrimony on April 17.

Life is as small as anyone thought,  
Or as limitless as the sky,  
And into our being God has placed  
The soul to measure it by.

#### MILFORD IN

Coleen Beer - Linda Beer

God is in every tomorrow;

Therefore I live for today  
Certain of finding at sunrise

Guidance and strength for the  
way,

Power for each moment of weak-  
ness,

Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

Gone to be with his Maker is  
a faithful brother of our church.  
Bro. George Lehman passed away  
March 25. He will be greatly miss-  
ed by all.

Bro. Louis Rassi and Sis. Mary  
Goode are recovering satisfactor-  
ily after surgery.

We are thankful that we were  
able to share Communion Good  
Friday evening and enjoy a won-  
derful Easter Sunday.

#### NAUMBERG, NEW YORK

Betty Virkler

Friend Theodore Herzig has  
been transferred to House of Good  
Samaritan, Watertown, N.Y., for

possible surgery. Beverly Karcher  
(Sis. Viola) is in the House of  
Good Samaritan for surgery.

Bro. Terry Virkler (Sis. Carolyn  
and Bro. Bernard) and Sis. Cindy  
Lanz were united in marriage at  
Rockville April 3.

Our covered-dish supper was  
held at Naumburg on the second  
Wednesday of the month, with  
song service following.

Sis. Lucille Farney passed from  
this life; funeral services were  
held April 13 at Croghan church.

Our summer song service will  
begin Wed., April 20, the first one  
being held at Croghan church. A  
farewell lunch is planned following  
the service for Sis. Evelyn Beyer,  
who is leaving our congregation  
and expects to reside in Bloom-  
ington. We wish the best for Sis. Eve-  
lyn, but she will surely be missed  
by our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Taube,  
Castorland, Route 1, celebrated  
their golden wedding anniversary  
on Sunday, March 27. Relatives  
and friends attended a party given  
in their honor by their children.  
Mrs. Anna Isley and Mr. and Mrs.  
Howard Isley of Lexington, Ohio  
also attended. Elmer, son of Wil-  
liam and Mary Schwendy Taube,  
Castorland, and Minnie Isley,  
daughter of Rudolph and Mary  
Herzig Isley of Mansfield, were  
united in marriage in Mansfield on  
March 27, 1927.

They are the parents of four  
children, Mrs. Vincent (Mary)  
Gayliard, Willingboro, N.J.; Ralph  
E., Mrs. Newton (Ruth) Mellnitz;  
and Harold A. all of Castorland  
Route 1. They also have 19 grand-  
children. Mr. and Mrs. Taube are  
both 81 years of age and in good  
health. They are members of the  
Apostolic Christian Church in  
Naumburg.

#### PEORIA IL

JoAnn Rieker - Barb Geyer

Praise God for Christian  
mothers, who from our infancies  
have taught us His ways . . . And  
pray to God, young mothers for  
these same ways of wisdom with  
our own tender ones. Blessed with  
tiny souls from Him are Bro. Ed-  
dy and Sis. Dana Meister. Their  
son, Edward Byron entered this  
world early on March 26. He is  
now home and doing well. Pater-  
nal grandparents are Bro. Ed and  
Sis. Bernie Meister. Our friends,  
Dennis and Karen Burgess are the

happy parents of a new daughter.  
She has three brothers.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meis-  
ter are happy to announce the en-  
gagement of their daughter, Sis.  
Judy to Bro. Mark Sceggel.

On Palm Sunday, we were pri-  
vileged to partake of Holy Com-  
munion. Truly it is a blessing to  
renew our vows to the Lord. That  
evening, we enjoyed our Sunday  
School Easter program. The chil-  
dren have a special way of portray-  
ing Christ's undying love.

Our congregation wishes to wel-  
come Bro. Bob, Sis. Clara Plattner,  
and their son Tony back to our as-  
sembly. They have returned after  
living in Alto for several years.  
We are happy to have them back.

Hospitalized were our Sisters  
Esther Weyeneth, Louise Fehr,  
Emilie Schumacher, Martha Lang-  
jahr, and Sophie Hoerr. Our Bros.  
Wilbur Triplett and Rolland Scholl  
were also hospitalized. Friend  
Henry Triplett was ill.

We extend our sympathy to Sis.  
Matilda Hoerr in the loss of her  
brother, Bro. Paul Roche. Sis. Ida  
Banwart, mother of Sis. Caroline  
Banwart, passed away.

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN

Pam Frank - Lynn Klopfenstein  
Marsha Gutwein

The day when Jesus stood alone  
And felt the hearts of men like  
stone,  
And knew He came but to atone—  
That day He held His peace.

They witnessed falsely to His  
word;  
They bound Him with a cruel cord,  
And mockingly proclaimed Him  
Lord,  
But Jesus held His peace.

They spat upon Him in the face;  
They dragged Him on from place  
to place.  
They heaped upon Him all dis-  
grace,  
But Jesus held His peace.

My friend, have you for far much  
less,  
With rage which you called right-  
eousness  
Resented slights with great dis-  
tress?  
—Your Saviour held His peace.

Lord willing, May 1 we will  
share communion and partake of

the Lord's supper. It is important to examine our hearts in preparation for this occasion.

We were blessed richly this month with Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott and Bro. Merle Bucher from LaCrosse.

#### FAIRBURY IL

##### Joyce Huber

We rejoice with Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard, as their daughter Nancy, and son Sam and his wife Valla gave their testimonies of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and were baptized. Their daughter Jane also has expressed her desire to give her heart to the Lord Jesus, as did also Julie Bahler, daughter of the Marvin Bahlers.

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Donna Huber gained a daughter, as their son, Richard was married to Dawn Renee Ellis. Richard graduated from United Electronics Institute. They will live here, as he is working with his father in the J. R. Electric business.

Ronald and Caroline Hartman were blessed with a baby boy, Warren Ronald—named for the father and grandfather, Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman. The other children are Tami, Ronda, and Calene . . . Sis. Dorothy Hoffman has a new little granddaughter; Megan Heather was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mark Hoffman. Alf and Sis. Clara Maurer are great-grandparents.

Our Sunday School presented an inspiring program on Palm Sunday, telling the Easter Story.

We are sorry for those hospitalized, Sis. Doris Rasmus, Sis. Mary Kilgus, Sam Walter, Jacob Stortz.

Sis. Carrie Roth will have attained her fourscore years on May 28, observing her 80th birthday.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, (Bros.) Leroy Huber and Marvin Schmidgall.

#### BRADFORD IL

##### Jane Leman

One Wednesday evening, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. We thank Elder Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Dave Kieser (Princeville) for so willingly serving us.

First-time grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther Streitmatter. Erin Lindley was born to John and Beverly (Streitmatter)

Drinnin of Watseka. The little girl's great-grandmother is Sis. Sally Steitmatter, who lives in the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home.

Our teenage friend, Gladys Klumpp, (Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice) has undergone extensive back surgery, enduring much pain.

We are thankful Bro. William Elsasser was able to assemble with us Sunday afternoon. He is recovering from heart surgery, and sends a sincere thanks to friends and relatives who remembered him with gifts, visits, and prayers during his hospital stay and since returning home.

We enjoyed the visits of Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Vern Wettstein (Congerville).

#### FORREST IL

##### Kathryn Steidinger Beverly Eisenmann

A mother's love is something  
that no one can explain;  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain;  
It is endless and unselfish,  
and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

As we think and ponder about mothers, we realize what a difference there is in age span . . . But whether they are young or old, they each have one thing in common, providing they are sincere Christian mothers. That is for the welfare of their children's never-dying soul. How thankful we are for parents that set a good example of faith, and we pray that we in turn can do likewise for our children.

Our congregation lost a mother several weeks ago. Sis. Lizzie Geyer passed away at the Eureka "Home", where she and Bro. Alf have been residing for some time. Also surviving are Sis. Lorene of Forrest and Velda Schlipf of Colorado. Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Vernon Leman conducted the services.

We also have a new mother to report, as Vicke and John Bellis were blessed with their first child. Anna Leigh is the granddaughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Velda Huette. Her great-grandmothers are Sis. Martha Koehl and Sis. Anna Huette.

Jon Bach (son of Bro. Ed) and Jacqueline Reid were married and are now living in Forrest.

Thankful to be home from the hospital again are Sisters Kathryn Honegger, Sarah Koehl, and Leona Ricketts . . . Kim Nussbaum (Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola) and Warren Koehl. Sis. Doris Steffen is a hospital patient, but we hope she can soon return home too.

We appreciated the visits of Ministering Bros. Earl Kilgus (Remington), Vernon Schwab (Wolcott), and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury). We are also glad to have Bro. Joe Kaisner back to serve us, after spending several weeks in California.

Our congregation is looking forward to a blessed evening this Saturday, when we expect to have Bros. Ed Frank and Josh Broquard here to help Bro. Perry Zimmerman serve Communion. It is always good for us to be reminded of Christ's suffering and death, by partaking of this Holy Feast.

#### MANSFIELD OH

##### Lucille Groh

Resting in the pastures and beneath the Rock,  
Resting by the waters where He leads His flock,  
Resting while we listen at His glorious feet,  
Resting in His very arms! O rest complete.

Springtime is here again in Ohio. The birds are nesting, and it is so beautiful to hear their sweet songs of praise early in the morning. Isn't it also refreshing after a night of rest to be able to open God's precious word and experience His presence and Holy Spirit. May we never forget to thank and praise Him more each day.

A sister of the faith wondered why Elijah was told by the angel of the Lord to eat the cake and drink the cruse of water which the Lord had provided for him, and then was bidden to eat the second time. She mentioned this to her



husband, who explained Elijah was not able to eat again for 40 days, and the food had to sustain him for that time. He compared it to our going to church. We need to break bread together twice in one day, as we also do not know how long it will be before we receive the spiritual food, and we may need the good word to sustain us longer than we know.

What a wonderful Easter for our dear friend, Ron LaParo, who was announced to have peace and is awaiting to give His testimony to the church. We wish him much joy in his new-found faith.

The Sunday School presented its Easter Program on Palm Sunday; all who were present received a blessing.

The Lord gives us so many blessings it is impossible to name them all, but we were so happy to listen to His word on Good Friday evening, and again on Easter, through Bro. Aaron Steffen (Alto).

Loved ones hospitalized or experiencing misfortune are: Bro. Steve Domka, Sis. Cheryl Zimmer, Sis. Barbara Schneider, Sis. Dorothy Durkin and Friend Rose Oesch Munson, who have been hospitalized, and Randy Beer (Bro. Ken and Sis. Pat) was injured in a school accident.

June is Silver Lining collection for Mansfield.

The Vesper Choir spent an enjoyable day on March 27 in Princeville.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 13 through 17, starting time is 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. All who wish to attend are certainly welcome. An Adult Bible Class is also scheduled.

And He was called the Rose of Sharon;  
His Son, God gave us all;  
And life like a rose  
Starts with a bud,  
And toward its end  
The petals fall.

Our dear aged Sis. Anna Engwiller was called home by the Master on April 2, after serving in His vineyard for some 28 years. Anna would have been 91 years had she lived until May 1. She was the daughter of Elder Bro. Samuel Engwiller, who guided the flock at Mansfield for many years. She had a special love for the sick, un-

fortunate and poor. It seemed whenever a helping hand was needed, she was there. We will all miss her kind smile. She was the last member of her family.

Friend Harold Wolgamuth died in March. He was the son of the late Sis. Carrie Wolgamuth, who preceded him in death many years ago.

Loving sympathy is extended to Sisters Katie Sauder, Barbara Schneider and Theresa Schneider in the passing of their sister, Mary Sauder (Herman). Mary was known by many in our church, but had lived for some time in Lees Summit, Missouri.

#### LA CROSSE IN

Grace Heinold - Carolyn Levy

We rejoice with our converts, Mike Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry), Joe and Bob Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann), and Dean Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen), who have been announced as having peace with God and are now awaiting baptism.

On Good Friday evening, we were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death, while partaking of Holy Communion. Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) helped Bro. Ed. Frank with the serving thereof. May we all strive to serve Him more faithfully each day for what He has done for us.

Sis. Sylvia (Bro. Harvey) Banwart and Bro. Gil Nuest spent a few days in the hospital as medical patients, but are home again. Bro. Don Gudeman met with a farm accident, injuring his leg, but it seems to be healing nicely.

Bro. Charlie and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger have moved to Congerville, where they are establishing their home. We will miss them, but trust they will be a blessing to the Congerville congregation.

I carry a cross in my pocket,  
A simple reminder to me  
Of the fact that I am a Christian,  
No matter where I may be.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or key,  
The cross is there to remind me  
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day  
And to strive to serve Him better  
In all that I do and say.

#### PRINCEVILLE IL

Ruth Ricketts

A number from our congregation attended the World Relief Meeting at Fairbury and thoroughly enjoyed the day. We were reminded of the poverty in different places of the world, and we have so much. How fitting to sing the song, **Count Your Many Blessings**, before we parted.

Our Bro. Edward Woertz had his 82nd birthday. He had been our faithful janitor for over 30 years. Many extra hours were spent checking, to see that all was well. We were privileged to have Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton visit us.

A most precious evening was spent at the Peoria Fellowship Hall. It was an inspiring evening, and our hearts were uplifted with the songs by the Mansfield Choir and our local group of men, and then others joined the Mansfield Choir. There were refreshing showers outside, while inside we had many showers of blessings.

Many prayers were answered when Bro. Ben Streitmatter could close his eyes to the suffering of this world. Early on the morning of March 29 he was relieved. Bros. Joe Stoller and Charles Hemmer conducted services Thursday, March 31. He was a pillar of the church and always ready to help in any way. His life was likened to that of Job. Even though he suffered affliction, he never lost faith in his God. Now we believe he is resting, waiting for resurrection day.

Ben was born near Princeville Jan. 10, 1914, a son of Samuel and Caroline Rumbold Streitmatter. He married Alvina R. Grimm Feb. 14, 1937. Surviving are his devoted wife, Sis. Alvina, who stayed by his side at the hospital and at the Health Center where he spent the past few weeks, tenderly caring for him; two sons, Verle and Barry, who live near their mother; and one daughter, Mrs. Henry (Benola) Bowdoin; two brothers, Paul and Bro. Emanuel; four sisters, Sis. Bessie Martin, Sis. Leila Elsasser, Lavina Sloan of Princeville and Ida Koehler of Prophetstown.

As the family followed him out of the sanctuary, the choir sang the beautiful and fitting song, **AFTER. After the toil and trouble, There cometh a day of rest; Af-**

ter the weary conflict, Peace on the Saviour's breast; After the care and sorrow, The glory of light and love; After the wilderness journey, The Father's bright home above. "We wish to extend our thanks for kindness, prayers, flowers, food and gifts at home, hospital and Health Center and the sympathy shown." Sis. Alvina Streitmatter and family.

Bro. Loren Stoller and others from Latty were with us for Palm Sunday. Following afternoon service, we enjoyed a very solemn hour, when we were reminded of the Lord's suffering. We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion with a large number of believers. As each kernel of wheat is ground and mixed together, with other ingredients added, it becomes a loaf and has body and stands up. So is the body of believers held together by the love of God.

Early on the morning of April 5, Ben Endress was getting ready for work. As he was shaving, he was stricken with a fatal heart attack. When his brother came to check, he found him on the floor, cold in death. Ben had never married, but lived with his aged mother, Sis. Josephine, until she was taken to the hospital only a few short weeks ago. Ben felt so badly that this had to be done, and he grieved about it. He had cared for her faithfully for a number of years, and he was so glad when she could be taken to the Peoria Church Home only ten days prior. He said he was so glad she was getting good care. That same evening, his dear mother was sitting in her chair, another son and daughter-in-law at her side, when she took one last breath. She, too, was taken from this life without learning that her devoted son had gone only a few hours before. "God's ways are past finding out" were the words spoken at the beginning of double funeral services for mother and son, who were so close to each other. Bros. Dave Kieser, Nathan Stoller and LeRoy Ehnle of Bradford conducted services Thursday, April 7. Sis. Josephine, a quiet, faithful member, was always glad when Ben would sit by her side and listen to the tapes that were brought to her. Ben gave of himself for others, and in his quiet way did so much for older people. Many times, he

did deeds that no one knew about, but were brought out by his neighbors since his passing. Many of their neighbors were present for services.

Josephine was born March 19, 1883 at Minier, a daughter of Jacob and Katie Burkey Zietler. She married Christian Endress Jan. 23, 1910 in Tremont. He died June 28, 1943. Surviving are five sons: Joseph, David, Clarence, Phillip and Earl; and a sister, Mrs. Katie Oertle of Tremont. Ben was born June 14, 1921, a son of Christian and Josephine Zeitler Endress. The family wishes to express appreciation for prayers, food, flowers and memorial contributions. Sons, Brothers and families.

"We would like to thank our relatives, neighbors, and friends for the kindness shown us at the time of the loss of our dear mother." The family of Clara Berchtold.

We were happy to have so many friends and children gather with us for Good Friday evening services, and again for Easter.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning when Bro. Clarence Kachelmus of Forrest visited us. The Bible Class from Roanoke had spent the week end with our young folks, and what a joy to see several benches filled with these young folks for morning worship.

The engagement of Bro. Lorin Knobloch, son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lucile, and Sis. Pat Pfister, daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Faye of the Morton congregation was made known April 17.

We are sorry to learn that our friend, Dorothy Streitmatter, wife of Paul, is very ill and in the hospital. We trust she will soon be feeling better and able to return home. She is undergoing a series of tests.

The single sisters plan to furnish the meal and take over the kitchen duties on Mother's Day. We owe them so much; this is just a small thing that can be done to honor them on a day set aside for them.

#### BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst

"And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blest them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Je-

rusalem with great joy: . . ."

As we have been reminded of our Saviour's victorious ascension from the grave, to be with our Father in heaven, so we can see life in the earth awakened anew. We never cease to marvel at God's wondrous works on earth . . . after a blustery, cold winter, to have Him bring beautiful life in full bloom to all things on earth again.

And so we who are born again of water and spirit can see God's work everywhere, as our brother ministered to us on this subject of being born again . . . a **must**, to be with God. Those who are enlightened have much to thank and praise God, that we are not yet in our sins and walking in blindness. He is willing that **all** should be saved; yet each soul must call unto Him with a contrite heart.

Our faithful older brothers and their helpmates, Bro. John Wegman & Sis. Lena, in their crippled rheumatic afflictions assemble with us when health permits . . . also Bro. John Frank & Sis. Clara, who cares for him diligently with his heart condition. The shorter distance to church is quite helpful for these faithful ones.

Our younger generation is growing too. We have 11 preschool children, with ages ranging from just 5, to 3 under 1 year, and hopefully another soon to be added to the fold of children.

Last month, Sis. Mayme wrote on the death of loved ones, and submitting all things to the Lord's will. This week her brother Joe Heiniger passed on to his rest, after suffering hemorrhages inwardly. They assembled at Oakville, and with us occasionally . . . happy to see them assemble with us. May the Lord be with his widow, the former Mae Grimes.

#### WEST BEND IA

Mrs. Raymond Anliker  
Becky Banwart

On March 20, Elder Bros. Leo Moser, Gene Marti and Paul Fehr served our congregation the blessed sacrament, The Lord's Supper. It certainly is an occasion of humbling inspiration. Bro. Carl Feucht, from Lester, was also with us on this day. Again and again we were reminded **One Thing Is Needful**, that we answer God's calling, and be obedient unto His precious



word. May God reward each of them for their labors.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Clara (Geo.) Bruellman, Sam Mogler, and Sis. Ida Metzger. Ida is now a resident in the Clear View Manor Nursing Home.

The West Bend Bible classes with to thank the Winthrop Bible classes for hosting them to a most enjoyable day, March 27.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Barb Fehr were blessed Easter morning with a new little son, Thomas Jacob. Anxiously awaiting for their brother at home are Joe, Mike, Lana and Tina.

The engagement of Sis. Joan Mogler (Iowa City) and Bro. Jerald Rudin (Cissna Park) was made known. Joan is the daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler (West Bend), and Jerald is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emily Rudin (Cissna Park).

Our dear Sister, Ida Banwart, was called suddenly from her earthly home to her Heavenly Home, on April 17. How quickly the death Angel can pluck a dear one from our midst. May God be very near the family, to comfort them in their hours of sadness. Sis. Ida (Benninger) Banwart is survived by her husband, Bro. Silas; 10 children, Sis. Bernice Banwart, Archie, Bro. Alvin, Bro. Victor, Sis. Betty Schmidt, James (all of the West Bend area), Sis. Phyllis Strahm of Sabetha, Franklin of Lake Mills Iowa, Sis. Caroline Banwart of Peoria, and Leslie of Addison, Illinois; one brother, Bro. Joe Benninger of West Bend. Bro. Noah Gerber and other local ministers officiated.

#### DETROIT MI Bonnie Popp

The Sunday School presented the true Easter story in word and song. Children are able to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection in a very special way.

When Christians meet and talk of Him,

Tears oft fill their eyes;  
Their hearts well up and overflow  
At His great sacrifice.  
Some looking on may wonder why,  
But praise be God, I see,  
Before He left He told us to  
Remember Calvary.

We welcome Ernie and Sharon Schaefer and Christy to our area.

They have moved here, and we hope they will enjoy assembling with us.

February 12 was the wedding date of Marcia Belsley (Bro. Willard and Sis. Arlene) and Walter Henschke.

Scott Steven is welcomed into the hearts and homes of mother and dad, John and Linda Reardon, and grandparents, George and Sis. Marie Reardon; Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley . . . Steven Paul is the third baby boy to arrive at the home of Dave and Barb Bayne. Todd and Marc are happy to have a baby brother. Bro. Willard and Sis. Arlene Belsley are also happy to have a new grandson. As these young parents plan and prepare for the future of their children, may they see as most important the need to teach them of God's love.

God bless the precious little one  
So innocent and fair  
That He in His great wisdom  
Has intrusted in your care.  
God grant that in the time ahead  
You will always find the way  
To guide your child with tenderness  
And kindness day by day.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Audrey Hitz celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary this month. Loved ones gathered at the home of Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin, to share this happy occasion with them. Their love certainly has not diminished.

#### GIRARD OH Kathryn Emch

I just removed my Easter lily from its place in my front window, and thought how many of them will end up in the garbage now. Let us not be guilty of just discarding our thoughts of Christ's resurrection and His promise of a new life. I plan to plant my lily in the ground, so it can bring joy for other seasons. So let us plant seeds of faith and love as Jesus bade us do.

Sowing seeds are what our visiting ministers do as they come to share God's word with us. (Bros.) Ben Hartzler and Henry Dotterer both blessed us with their messages. As I looked over my husband's notes I saw, "It was great to have another brother speak".

Our sympathy is with Don and

Monell Stoll in the loss of her father, Bro. Everett Lewis.

#### SILVERTON OR Kathy Dietrich

We have been privileged to have two visiting ministers in our midst, Bros. Nathan Steffen from Elgin, Illinois, and Bro. Walt Steffen from Milford. The two brothers were with us on Palm Sunday, when we gathered with the Portland brethren for a supper at the Portland church and services in the evening, and also for Good Friday, when the Portland brethren assembled with us in Silvertown.

On Easter, we heard the children say their verses. It is so touching to see the innocent young bring us the story of Christ's resurrection and then to all sing together:

O Thou who in the grave didst lay,  
O sacred be to us this day,  
For on this day our Lord arose  
In glory from His death repose.

#### REMINGTON IN Mildred Clauss - Amelia Schini

No one would ever have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in a storm.

We are sorry for little Karol Braker (Marvin and Michalene), who had the misfortune to break her arm when she fell from the monkey bars at school.

On the 27th of March we enjoyed many visitors from Eureka, including visiting ministers, Bros. Walter Anliker and Marvin Schmidgall.

Sunday, April 3, we again enjoyed many visitors, including Bros. Edmund Kloter and Elmer Witzig. There was a special occasion that day. I asked one of the Beckley sisters to give me a write up on her parents to tell of the occasion and give us opportunity to know Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma better . . .

On April 3, Herman and Emma (Witzig) Beckley celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, with 103 relatives and friends present at a buffet luncheon reception held at their home and hosted by their children, Loretta Schneider, Wilma Baer, LaVina Beckley, Elmer Beckley and Velda Beckley. One son, LeRoy of Missouri, was not able to attend.

Herman spent most of his life in Remington. He was born in Fairbury on Nov. 14, 1899, and two years later moved with his parents, Conrad and Louisa (Peters) Beckley to the Remington area. He has five sisters, Elsie Kilgus and Anna Beckley of Remington; Emma Beckley, who is now at the Eureka Nursing Home; Lora Zahner and Clara Zahner of Rockville. He repented at age 21, and was engaged in farming with his father, who retired in 1926 when Herman took over the farming. His sister kept house for him for one year. In 1927, Emma and Herman were married on April 3 at Gridley, Illinois.

Emma (Witzig) Beckley was born on March 31, 1901 at Gridley. Her parents were Emil and Eliza (Stoller) Witzig. She repented at age 16 and worked in Peoria for five years. She was from a family of eleven. She has six sisters and four brothers: Anna Schneider of Peoria, Matilda, Martha, Alphi, Pauline, Ida, Sam, Edward and Elmer Witzig, all of Gridley, and Ruth Meyer of Fairbury. Herman and Emma have eighteen grandchildren.

#### LATTY OH

**Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller**

We were privileged to have ministering unto us: (Bros.) Edmond Kloter (Goodfield), Richard Aberle (Indianapolis) and Glenn Hackenjos (Altadena). May the Lord richly reward them in visiting and sharing the truth with us.

Hospitalized were Sisters Dolores Grant, Shirley Stoller, Bros. Emil Stoller, and Fred Zeltwanger.

A June wedding is being planned by Bro. Steve Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann) and Sis. Dixie Stoller (Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred.)

Sisters Maria Heffner and Emma Stoller would appreciate cards from anyone. Their addresses are: Mrs. Maria Heffner, R.R. 1, Box 673, Paulding OH 45879 . . . Mrs. Emma Stoller, Box 173, Woodburn IN 46797.

#### TOLEDO OH

**Josephine Rehklau**

Horses have bits in their mouths to guide them, so we have the word of God, to guide us onward to full salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

The Easter Program presented

by our Sunday School brought to us the significance of our Christ's resurrection.

Sis. Dee and Bro. Ed Beard and family have moved to Mansfield. We miss their association with us in our congregation.

David and Connie Sancraint and family are now living in Toledo. Connie is the daughter of Sis. Frances and Bro. George Laidig. We are very thankful to have Warren Newman worship with us again on Sunday. He wishes to thank everyone for the prayers that were offered in his behalf.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Barb Hoffmann

**Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.**

In a race, the runner fixes his eyes upon the finish line, for the end is his only goal for that moment in the runner's life . . . And as he runs to obtain that goal, he wants to do the very best he possibly can. He strives to be victorious.

As Christians, we too are in a race, and this race should be the most important aspect in every moment of our lives. In this race our only goal is Jesus Christ. The effort we bring forth to run this race is our total commitment and service to Him. As in every race, we should put forth our very best and strive to live victorious with Him.

"So run, that ye may obtain."

Last month, ISU hosted College Week-end. Our theme for the Bible Studies was **True Discipleship**. We discussed the virtues and qualities Jesus displayed, and we shared ideas on how we could apply those virtues to our individual lives. ISU would sincerely like to thank each person who took time to come and make our week-end meaningful. We would like to especially thank the ministering brothers for sharing their talents with us.

Our ministers for last month were Bros. Bob Walder, Dan Koch and Joe Schrock.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE W. VA

**Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey have returned from a visit with

relatives in Houston, Texas.

Frank Barth of Parkersburg has returned home, after spending the winter months in Zephyrhills, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenny of Wadsworth, Ohio, were visitors with relatives locally.

John Potts, a former resident but who has lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma for several years, has moved back to New Martinsville; his wife passed away some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, Ohio, were visitors with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade spent April 26 and 27 in the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, where Mr. Wade underwent tests and observation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is not too well at times and remains in her home, able to care for herself.

Miss Della Witschey of the Lewis Wetzel Nursing Home was confined to her room for more than two weeks with the flu, but has improved and is able again to enjoy her reading, sewing, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brake and children of Sardis visited the patients in the Nursing Home recently.

The annual all-day meeting at the country church will be held on Sunday, June 26, and will follow the same hours as in former years; a guest speaker is expected to be present, along with many other ministers and friends of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### ELGIN IA

**Eleanor Butikofer**

We will remember our dear mother in many respects. One was her sincerity in spiritual matters. Both she and our dear father were both devoted to their home and family, and whenever possible attended church services.

Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth Gehring) Schneider died March 18 at the Postville hospital, after having been a patient there for a number of weeks. She had reached the age of 93. She was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Clark Gehring, being born Oct. 1883. In 1901 she was united in marriage to Fred Schneider. Their children were Eleanor (Mrs. George Butikofer); Arthur, who died in 1969; Allen who died in 1971; Edwin who died in infancy; Marie, Ruth (Mrs. Er-

vin Metzger,) LaVerne, Robert, Postville; Jacob, Betty (Mrs. Chester Curtis), Minneapolis. Her husband died in 1953. Survivors in addition to her children are one sister, Ella Gehring, three brothers, Robert, Kenmare, N.D., and Lawrence and Jacob of Elgin. Funeral services were held Sunday forenoon March 20, with local ministers officiating. "We wish to thank everyone very kindly who assisted us during the illness, death and funeral of our dear mother. The Children.

Sis. Elizabeth Moore takes this means of thanking for the prayers, cards, letters and gifts since her car accident experience. We are happy to report that from all observations her face injury is healing very well.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. Silas Banwart and family in the loss of his wife and their mother, Sis. Ida.

We'll meet where neither sadnesses  
nor sorrows  
Shall for one moment rob the  
heart of joy;  
Where there will be no dark un-  
certain morrows,  
Or aught whatever the bliss des-  
troy.

We did so appreciate the visit of Elder Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville. His messages were timely. He and our elder, Bro. Paul Butikofer, read and explained the memorandum. We were encouraged to retain the deep faith of the original church. As the song goes, there are only two ways for man to choose. One leading to heaven and its bliss and the other to eternal doom.

#### How to Count Your Blessings

Welcome all the passing showers.  
Count your garden by its flowers.  
Count your days by joys, not  
fears;

Count the rainbows through your  
tears.

Count your night by stars, not  
blackness;

Count your time by good deeds  
done.

God's sweet promise knows no  
slackness . . .

Count yourself His precious son!

Have thy tools ready; God will  
find thee work.

#### GARDEN GROVE IA Verle Funk

Through my kitchen window this morning, I could enjoy the sight of beautiful green grass, bordered by bright colored tulips, and nodding yellow daffodils. To one side, the lilacs are bursting their deep purple buds, and the dark pink flowering crab is in full glory. Across the drive is the orchard. The snowy petals of the sugar pear are floating to the ground, making room for the tiny fruits that are just beginning to form. A little further out are the apple trees, with thousands of bulging pink buds just beginning to open. I could hear birds singing and was just drinking in the fragrance and beauty of God's creation—when a song came to my mind—Oh, what is more delightful, And in what blessed state. Then the next line is what really hit me—When we our Souls and bodies to God do consecrate. We live in blessed nearness to Thee Lord day by day, As if our eyes behold Thee, And joy attends our way.

A bit humbled now, I thought, yes. A sinner turned around—Converted to a new life in Jesus far surpasses the beauty, even of the flowers.

In conversation with a new convert last night, one told me, "One thing about the Apostolic church that I really appreciate is this opportunity to really get old things in your life straightened out, and just really be new." He went on to say that he rather dreaded this at first, but after he really had grace to repent, it was an indescribable, wonderful experience, to have the old life cleared up and really have peace with God.

#### VALPARAISO IN Marie Heinold

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

Are we truly thankful to our Great God and Father in Heaven for all His blessings—His great love for us? With faith, our lives are full of love and hope . . . Help

us, dear Lord, to be more thankful and more filled with love for Thee.

Esther Neuffer has recovered well from a second major surgery on the artery in her neck, and is at home in Kouts, Indiana. We will be glad when she is able to attend church again.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Don Gudeman and Merle Bucher.

The work on remodeling our little church is progressing well. We will be so glad to have more Sunday School and nursery room and a larger kitchen.

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

#### GRIDLEY IL

##### Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Farewell, farewell, I go to rest. Sis. Sophia Witzig, age 93, was laid to rest in the Gridley Cemetery, after she passed away on April 7 at Restmor Nursing Home in Morton. Having turned to the Lord in repentance and faith at an early age, she remained true and faithful for over 70 years. Indeed, we can rejoice for each one who has fought a good fight and has finished their course. Many an older brother has said, "It is not the beginning or the middle, but the end of the race that is the most important." Jesus Himself has promised a crown of righteousness for those who overcome until the end. Sis. Sophia was the daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Katherine Stieglitz, and married Bro. John Witzig in 1909. He died in 1957. Our sympathy is extended to her son, Bro. Silas of Gridley; two daughters, Sis. Hulda Stoller of Gridley and Sis. Marie Kaufman of Cissna Park; three brothers, Bro. Jack, Henry and Joe, all of Morton; three sisters, Sis. Lucy Kaiser, Sis. Ricka Waldbeser and Sis. Mary Roecker all of Morton.

We were especially blessed on Easter, when Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski and Bro. Ken Hoerr of Peoria were with us to minister from the precious word of life. We were richly reminded of Christ's resurrection and the events that followed. Just as Jesus called Mary Magdalene by name, and she then recognized Him and called Him "Master". yet today out of love He is calling many a soul and patiently waiting for



them to humbly recognize Him as the Master of their life. May many more continue to bow before Him and say as Thomas did, "My Lord and my God."

#### BLUFFTON IN

##### Marti Yergler - Becky Gilliom

Bro. Glen Hackenjoes (Altadena) brought us the story of the sorrow of the cross and the joy of the ascension. Many small voices from the Sunday School sang of the Risen One at the annual Easter program.

"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." Elder Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Leo Moser (Lester) were here to share Communion with us on the evening of April 2.

Though we are a large congregation, we always rejoice when more souls are added to our flock . . . Jeff McAfee, Tom and Carolyn Heyerly (his wife). "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." We were blessed to have Bro. Walter Rehklau (Tolledo) with us for the week-end.

Bro. Craig (Bro. Robert and Carolyn) Steffen and Sis. Jeanne Schwartz (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Elizabeth) were united in marriage on March 27.

The engagement of Bro. Jerry Rauch (Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia) to Sis. Kathy Gerber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Bonnie) was announced.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Marlene Ringger were blessed with a little boy, Jonathan Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Vi Ringger and Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia Schini). Bro. Doug and Sis. Ruby Gerber are thrilled with the birth of their first baby, Molly Sue. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Justine and Bro. Ben and Sis. Arlene Habegger.

Hospital patients were: Sis. Mary Steffen, Evelyn Meyer, Mabel Kipfer, Justine (Kenneth) Aschliman, Evelyn (George) Ringger, Bro. Glen Steffen, Jennifer Aschliman (Dave and Linda) and Brent Troxel (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Bev.) In the weeks before his baptism, our friend, Eric Tonner was burned in an accident. We know he's anxious for a speedy

recovery, so he can be baptized with his wife, Ronda.

**Make haste, my soul; forget all sadness, For peace awaits thee, joy and gladness, Thy perfect rest is nigh at hand.** Sis. Leah Bertsch passed away. Her funeral was Wed., April 13. Surviving are her children, Bro. Godfrey Bertsch and Sis. Elizabeth (Kenneth) Schwartz.

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." It was with mixed feelings we heard the news of our Elder Bro. John Yergler's retirement. He has been with the Bluffton congregation since 1932. He ministered to us for 30 years, and served as elder for 10. We will miss his wise teachings and counsel, that come from his many years of service to the Lord. May the Lord bless and be with Bro. John and his wife, Sis. Ella.

#### AKRON OH

##### Gail Spangler

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives and I shall conquer death.

He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there

On Easter, we were blessed with many visitors, including three ministering brethren. They were Bros. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville), Kenneth Weertz, (Cissna Park), and Gary Maibach (Rittman). Other visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park) and Elder Bro. Theo. Beer (Milford). We really appreciated their visits, and are so thankful for all our ministering brethren, who give so abundantly of their time and talents.

Our dear Sis. Fredda VonGunten has moved to the Apostolic Christian Home in Rittman. It has been quite some time since she has been able to assemble with us, and we hope she will enjoy the fellowship at the Home

Hospital patients were Sis. Margaret Gangel and Bro. Ellsworth Graf. We are so thankful that they are both able to assemble with us again.

We have been blessed with many beautiful, sunny days this spring. We were also blessed with sunshine for our souls, when we

heard that Friend Diane Horn has turned to the Lord in repentance. Diane, her husband Bob, and daughter Kim attend the Indianapolis church. Her parents are Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf of our congregation.

"We would like to express our gratitude to all who helped with cooking and housekeeping this past year and for the expressions of love and sympathy" Sis. Freda Von Gunten and family.

#### RITTMAN OH

##### Marlene Dotterer

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

What a blessed week-end was spent March 20, when we could partake of Holy Communion. As we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, may we ever be strengthened and renewed in the Lord. Assisting Bro. Joseph Ramsier were Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Ben Maibach.

Other visiting ministers that so willingly expounded the word to us in the past month were Elder Bro. Theo Beer (Milford) and Ministering Bros. Edward Alt (Cissna Park), Earl Gerber (Forrest), Ernest Graf (Akron), Virgil Metzger (Urbana), and Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield).

It doesn't  
take a New Year  
To begin our lives anew,  
God grants us new beginnings  
Each day  
the whole year through—  
So never be discouraged,  
For there comes daily  
to all men  
The chance to make  
Another start  
And begin  
All over again!

We are happy that several souls have taken advantage of the wonderful plan of salvation and began their lives anew. They are Ken and Martha Steele (the daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Ruth Hilty), Astrid Fortenbacher (a girl from Canada who has been living in our community), and Mary Steiner (daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora).

Again we witnessed the uniting of two souls in Holy Matrimony on April 3, when Bro. David Male-

tich Jr. and Sis. Connie Ramsier were pronounced man and wife. Parents of the couple are Bro. David and Sis. Mary Maletich and Bro. Robert and Sis. Inez Ramsier.

The engagement of Bro. Dale and Sis. Nancy Hartzler was made known to the congregation. Dale's parents are Richard and Gladys, and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler are the parents of Nancy. . . . Also engaged is Amy Gasser and Joe Cannon. Amy is the daughter of Bro. Emmet and Sis. Marie Gasser.

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Another strong pillar in our church has gone to rest. Bro. Raymond Musser died April 15 at the age of 76. He had been confined to bed for five years, while his loving wife, Sis. Elizabeth cared for him. She survives, along with three children, including Sis. Roma Rufener of our congregation.

We are thankful for the newest additions to several of our families. What a blessed example the innocent children can be. Arthur and Bonnie (Hartzler) Ingold are the parents of a son, Douglas Lee. A sister welcomes him home. . . . Gretchen Elizabeth has joined her brothers and sister in the home of Bro. Rowen and Sis. Judy (Miller) Schar. . . . Bro. Ronald and Sis. Joann (Saurer) Christian are the happy parents of their first son, David Scott. Five sisters welcome him. . . . Dean and Bonnie Beery became parents for the first time, when Heidi Dawn was born. . . . A second daughter, Patricia Ann, was born to Barry and Jean (Rupp) Smithberger.

O Lord God of compassions,  
Stretch out Thine hand and grant  
that the sick may be healed. . . .

Those recovering from surgery include Bro. Larry Bachman, Sisters Margaret Everhardt, Helen Hartzler, and Ida Winkler, and friend, Norma Spence. Also hospitalized were Sis. Alma Maibach, for tests, and Friend Jean Myers. Bro. Bernard Hilty has been quite

ill and has been in and out of the hospital. Though he has suffered much, he's continued to be such a perfect example for all those around him. It was good to see Sis. Emma Riggenbach in church, after she has been confined to her home.

#### TAYLOR MO

Lena M. Haerr

"I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue. . . ."

**No sinful word, nor deed of wrong nor thoughts that idly rove,  
But simple truth on our tongue,  
And in our hearts be love.**

Last evening, Bro. Roy and Bro. Kenny spoke from Matthew 15 and James 3, how we should bridle our tongue—let us be mindful of this, and praise God for having patience with us, His needy children.

Several attended the World Relief meeting at Fairbury Fellowship Hall. This was very informative, and we are thankful we can be of help to so much hunger and need. It humbles us to count our blessings.

I'm sorry I neglected to announce the engagement of Mary Beth Heimer and Greg Hastings. A June wedding is planned. Sis. Naomi Heimer is Mary Beth's mother. . . . March 27, the engagement of Bro. John Knapp (son of Bro. Mike and Sis. LuAnn) and Pat Wiegand (daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Verla) was announced.

The Sunday School children had the Easter program on Good Friday evening, a very blessed evening. They brought the meaning of Good Friday and Easter in verse and song. My thoughts went to "our future church".

We are so thankful Bro. Dan Sutter escaped serious injury, when he was helping on the home being built for Danny and Jody Sutter Meyers.

We sympathize with the Kenny Knapp family, as Sis. Phyllis's father, Lloyd Denler of Danvers, Ill. passed away April 20.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Roy Ehnle—Bradford, Kenny Dietz—Bradford, Bob Pohl—Burlington, and Willis Wiegand—Goodfield.

God sees tomorrow more clearly than we see yesterday. . . . Chris-

tianity is meant to be bread for daily use—not cake for special occasions. . . . Courage is not merely the absence of fear; it is the conquest of it. . . . The soaring eagle doesn't worry about how to cross rivers. . . . Until you try the impossible you don't test the resources of God. . . . We mutter and sputter, We fume and we spurt. . . . We mumble and grumble; Our feelings get hurt. . . . We can't understand things; Our vision grows dim, When all that we need is A moment with Him!

#### SABETHA KS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

#### God's Answer

There is a loveliness on earth  
That only God can mold.  
Who else can clothe the daffodils  
In uniforms of gold?  
Who else can dress a cherry tree  
In bridal gown of white;  
Who else can line a garden path  
With rainbows of delight?

Who else can weave a purple veil  
To shroud a mountain crest,  
Or give the tulips crimson frocks  
To match the robin's breast?  
How do the lilies bloom on time  
And nature's wonders start?  
The question is within your eyes,  
The answer in your heart!

Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, brought us the word of life in his visit to our congregation.

Sis. Marilyn and Bro. Jay Kellenberger are the parents of a new daughter, born April 16. Stefany Sue is welcomed home by her two sisters, Tamra and Trisha.

Sis. Tillie Aberle was again in the hospital. Hospitalized for surgery were Bro. Willard Bahr, Bro. Nathan Grimm, and Korbin Beyer, son of Sis. Karen and Bro. Martin Beyer.

#### ELGIN IL

Mary Moser

We are going down the valley  
one by one. . . . Funeral services were held for Sis. Mary Huber on March 31. How thankful we are that she could finish her life in faith and now be at rest.

Ministering Bro. Lennie Meyer of Chicago spent a Sunday with us.

Hospital patients have been Bro.

Dave Kellenberger, Sis. Cecelia Braun, and Bro. Sam Graf.

June is Silver Lining collection for Elgin IL.

The Sunday School Easter Program was held the first week-end in April. What an inspiration it is to hear the children say their pieces and sing praise to God. The following poem was recited at the program.

Two groups there were that Friday morn,  
when Christ was crucified,  
Two groups that stood on Calvary  
and watched Him as He died.  
One group was large, a surging throng  
that had come to pass the time;  
One group was small, composed of few  
who knew His love sublime.

Twas easy to stand with the larger group,  
for no one could see you there,  
But only a Christian could stand  
with the few,  
only a Christian would dare.  
Two groups there were and only two;  
there was no middle ground,  
And those Judeans had to choose  
with  
which they would be found.

And though two thousand years  
have passed,  
All men must still decide  
Whether to stand with the larger  
group,  
or with the few abide.

#### SARDIS OH

Linda Indermuhle

On Sunday, April 17, Joyce Indermuhle became our sister in the Lord. Much love and fellowship was ours during the week-end. We were reminded that if we can have such love, joy, and peace here on earth—what will it be like when we are in heaven? We thank everyone who came to be with us, including Bros. Rudolph Graf (Akron), Joseph Ramsier (Rittman), and Don Sauder (Roanoke).

#### KIOWA KS

Janice Frieden

If there would be one word we could use in expressing our feelings about this past month, I'm positive that word would be **Blessed** . . . For truly, God has granted us a **Blessed** month. It had been

so very dry in our area, and just as everything seemed to be dying from lack of moisture, the Lord opened the heavens and granted us those life-giving rains. Now, the grass and the trees are so pretty and green, and the land has a fresh, clean look of new life. As we gathered for our Good Friday and Easter services, this same newness of life reminded me of all humanity. We were dying under the law; then God sent His only begotten Son to this earth to live a perfect life among us—fulfilling the law—to be betrayed and cruelly crucified—thus shedding His life blood for our sins—and finally to arise the third day—thus being victorious over death . . . So, like the new life we see all around us, we can begin a **New Life**, too, when through a true repentance and conversion we humbly acknowledge all that Christ has done for us.

Several other ways we felt blessed included: The privilege of holding services twice at the Kiowa Manor, due to the fact that another church was unable to attend . . . the knowledge that our hospital patients, Sis. Esther Terry (who underwent an operation on her arm), Bro. Arnold Ott (who suffered from an infected tooth), and Bro. John Kraft, who is still suffering from a heart attack, are all home now, and Sis. Esther and Bro. Arnold are again in our midst . . . The news that Bro. Huber and Sis. Helen Farney were granted a healthy new granddaughter—Aleska Dawn. Her parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Aleta (Farney) Banwart, Ft. Scott, and great-grandparents are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Frieda Frieden, Winfield. Sis. Lydia Farney is Aleska's great-great-grandmother . . . The way so many of our brothers and sisters lended themselves, when one day was set aside for general clean-up day. Their efforts were truly rewarded by the beauty of the Lord's House, when they were finished . . . the gathering of the World Relief group at Newton to pack goods for those in needy areas. Two went from here this time, but many helped in preparing the items, and I know God is pleased with all who help in something so worthwhile.

There is one other way I feel this month was **Blessed** . . . And that was simply that God was

**There!** We had many problems and trials to face each day, but through them all, we had God. He was our comfort, our guide, our strength, our stay, and no matter what, **He was And Always Will Be There!**

#### WINTHROP MN

Delores Messerli

Marcelle Dapper

Finally my brethren, whatever things are true, think on these things.

**GROWING IN THE WORD TAKES PRACTICE.** The psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." It is important to distinguish between having a knowledge of the Bible and really taking the word of God to heart. Those who have hidden the word of God in their hearts are those who gather knowledge from the Scriptures, and then apply it to their daily lives with the purpose of honoring God in all that they do. In addition to reading the Bible, one needs to meditate carefully on the truths and apply them to his life, so he can constantly grow spiritually. Obedience is a key element in each Christian's life, in developing spiritual maturity. The person who desires to be what God wants him to be must be obedient to what he learns in God's word.

Jesus said, ". . . whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." It is essential that each believer build his life on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and this is done through the word of God.

Our Elder Bro. Harold Messner read St. Matthew 26: 19-29, giving the members an exhortation preceding Communion, reminding us to examine ourselves, proving our worthiness of this holy sacrament.

As I sit writing these words, a gentle spring rain continues to fall, a very real blessing to this dry area. The spring flowers are blooming and the grain fields are green.

Our nation observes a special day, set aside for mothers. I read the tributes made, and my



thoughts are of a Christian mother, how she is an example to her children, leading and guiding them in God's precious ways. "My son, hear the instructions of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother". Next to salvation, a good mother is God's sweetest smile from heaven.

Sis. Jeanine continues to receive treatment in the Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis.

The nurse said, "Someone was watching over you", and Bro. Jim Messner answered, "This morning, I prayed for God to care for me throughout the day." The ladder Jim was standing on tipped, as he was using a chain saw to trim out branches from a tree. He escaped serious injury.

Alvin and Sis. Donnabell Nelson announce the engagement of Holly Nelson to Jay Mogler, son of Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler of Lester. They will be attending the Iowa City church. A July 23 wedding is planned.

### JUNCTION OH

#### Gwen Manz

Happy, first-time parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Sheila Schlatter. Corbin Frederick was born March 19, and his grandparents are Sis. Esther from here and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, Rittman . . . Melissa Sue arrived March 20 to the delight of Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter, Warren and Charlene. Paternal grandparent is Sis. Juliet from here, and Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold, LaCrosse, are maternal grandparents.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Gwen Manz happily welcome their second child, Anthony Jacob. He was born March 22 and has one brother, Marvin. Grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner, Oakville, and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn from here.

Joanna Kay Manz, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn, was born March 23 and died the same day. Surviving are her parents, sisters Judy and Debbie and brothers Steve, Mike, Tom and Danny. Graveside services were held March 24 and conducted by Elder Bro. Loren Stoller and Bro. Sam Schlatter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

We thank our visiting ministers for their labors in our behalf. Bros. Marvin Steiglitz (Leo), Eu-

gene Fetter (Toledo) and Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield) were with us.

Sis. Mary Suttor wishes to thank all who remembered her with cards and gifts and in their prayers at the time of her 90th birthday and while she was confined to her home.

### BAY CITY MI

#### Carolyn Schamback

Jesus told his disciples to go and preach the word in all nations . . . we are fortunate that our ministers are still allowed to travel. We enjoyed the company and teachings of Bro. Rudy Graf of Akron.

With the sick . . . Sis. Irma Braziel & Bro. Paul Waibel were hospitalized. Bro. Paul is still in Intensive Care.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol Waibel, Peggy and Lisa welcome home little Jeffrey Allen. Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel, and Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer are little Jeffrey's grandparents.

### MORRIS MN

#### Corrine Schmidgall

#### Lois Schmidgall

May we in perfect love be found  
When we Thy table, Lord, surround.

Keep soul and body purified;  
Thy blessings, Lord, be multiplied  
Upon this feast.

As we sang this beautiful hymn, we truly could feel God's love, for we were gathered around the Lord's table to partake of Holy Communion. What a blessed Sunday, as Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop was here to assist Bro. Paul Fehr in serving Holy Communion . . . For we surely need this to keep us close to Him. Bro. Leroy Messner was with us also that Sunday. We want to thank them for their visit.

We were reminded of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, on Wednesday evening of April 6, as the Sunday School children and teachers presented a program. It touches our hearts to hear the story coming from the mouths of our children. May the Lord bless the teachers and children for their time and effort in this work . . . and hope they never tire of this very important work. This is such an important time of their lives.

We have two blessed little events to report, as two sets of twins were born within one week. The happy parents are Howard and Edna Goll, a girl, Caron Edna and a boy, Aaron Howard, born March 31. They have one sister, Melanie to welcome them home. The paternal grandparents were the late John and Bertha Goll . . . The second set was born April 3 to Dennis and Judy Wolf, two boys, Kurtis Lloyd and Kevin Leonard. They have a brother, Michael to welcome them home. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf, and the maternal grandparents are Lloyd and Dorothy Durkee. Great-grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Lillie Luthi.

Hospital patients were Lydia Rinckenberger (Albert), Emil Schaefer, and Bro. Ken Koehl, who had the misfortune of breaking his leg.

The annual meeting was held on March 29. The brothers that were elected were Frank Messner for treasurer, Lloyd Fehr for trustee, Beirne Messner as usher, and Larry Nohl, on Cemetery committee.

"I want to thank my relatives and friends for the prayers, cards, gifts and flowers while I was in the hospital and since I am home." Sis. Lizzie Schmidgall (John) . . . "We want to thank everyone who remembered us on our 25th anniversary, with cards and gifts. A special thanks to our children and all those who took part in the surprise singing." Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys Koehl.

### CISSNA PARK IL

#### Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

God shows that He is everywhere, by the triumph and power of a mother's love.

Our hospital medical patients were Sis. Marguerite (Mrs. Aaron) Bauer and Sis. Martha (Mrs. Sam) Hari. Betty Bauer, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Isabelle, was a surgical patient. Pam Walder, daughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Dorothy, was a hospital patient, for observation. Bro. Harry Bauer fell and broke his ankle. He is now in a cast. Sis. Lena Bucher was a hospital patient for tests. She is making her home here with her daughter, Mrs. Art Martin. Scott Beer, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Twylla, was injured in a car-mo-

torcycle accident, and was hospitalized for a few days. They are all home again.

Bro. Ed Feller has returned home, after his hospital stay, and is now at the home of his son, Emanuel, of Cissna Park. Bro. Ed wishes to thank everyone for their kindness, cards, gifts, visits and prayers during his hospital stay.

We enjoyed the Easter Program, presented by the Sunday School children. Many pieces were spoken and songs sung to God's praise and honor.

The Peoria Choir visited on Sunday, March 27. A pot-luck supper was held. We enjoyed hearing and singing many beautiful songs.

The engagement of Bro. Gerald Rudin, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emilie, to Sis. Joan Mogler of West Bend was announced.

My Lord, an offering do I bring;  
My heart I give to Thee.  
I gladly give this heart of mine,  
Which Thou doest ask of me.

On Saturday evening, we gathered to hear the testimony of Kathleen (Mrs. Harvey) Young. Sunday, she was baptized and is now our sister-in-faith. We are so happy when one more can be added to the fold. The angels in heaven rejoice.

Bros. Duance Kilgus—Fairbury, Everett Hari—Bloomington, Bob Beebe—Bremen, and Raymond Roth—Kiowa visited with us and we thank them for bringing us God's word.

Sis. Esther Siegle is now making her home in the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

"I want to thank my relatives and friends for the cards, gifts and prayers while a patient in Irquois County Memorial Hospital in Watseka and since I am home." William E. Feller.

Fred Enz was a hospital medical patient with pneumonia. He has returned home.

#### ROANOKE IL

Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel

THE LORD IS WITH YOU,  
WHILE YE BE WITH HIM, AND  
IF YE SEEK HIM, HE WILL BE  
FOUND OF YOU: BUT IF YE  
FORSAKE HIM, HE WILL FOR-  
SAKE YOU.

The Goodfield choir was our guest at the family sing. What a

blessing it is to blend our voices in praise to God!

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

It was a privilege to be able to partake of Holy Communion, and to remember our dying Lord and the blood that was shed for the remission of our sins. Elder Bros. Roy Grimm and Wendell Gude-man assisted Bro. Don Sauder in this important work.

Elder Bros. Roy Sauder and Edwin Hohulin were here for the testimony of our new brother-in-faith, Steve Fischer. Bros. David Wiegand and Virgil Metzger from Urbana were also here, as Bro. Steve attends church in Urbana. Other visiting ministers this month were Bros. Vernon Leman, Walt Anliker, Harold Schmidgal, and Elder Bros. David Bertsch and Edwin Ringger.

Our Bible class sang several numbers in the Easter program at Eureka. They spent a week-end at Princeville, which they enjoyed along with their teachers.

Sis. Angela Rassi is home from the hospital. She is glad to be able to get around in her wheelchair and assemble with us. Bro. Joe Rocke is home again, after being in the hospital for 3½ weeks. Sis. Esther Weyeneth is still hospitalized. Bro. John Bittner is at Mayo's in Rochester.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Chris Hangartner. He is survived by four sons: Bro. David (Rockville), Ben (Marshall), Robert (Morton), and Bro. Roy (Eureka). He was 86 years old.

Sis. Lynne Wuthrich (Bro. Willis and Sis. Flo) and Bro. Ken Yordy were united in Holy Matrimony. We know where God in truth abides, Where two join hand and heart, we find a threefold cord, Not lightly rent apart. They both work at the Handicapped Home in Morton. Some of the residents were privileged to be able to come by bus to witness the wedding.

#### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

Our Sunday School children pre-

sented a short program of song and verse on Easter. We rejoice when these little ones are anxious to tell us what they have learned about our Saviour, His coming on this earth and giving of His life for each of us.

Gerald and Sis. Polly Grau were honored at an Open House given by their children on their 35th wedding anniversary . . . Gilbert and Betty Widrick were honored with an Open House given by their children on their 25th wedding anniversary.

We are thankful that Niles Farney Jr., son of Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly, did not receive serious injuries when his tractor trailer, loaded with wood, overturned. He could return from the hospital, and we hope his recovery will be fast. Bro. Clyde Virkler was hospitalized a few days again, and we are thankful that he can attend services again. Sis. Minnie Farney fell on the street and broke a bone in her arm. After several days of hospitalization in traction, she could also return home.

Earl and Debbie Boliver and Nichole have welcomed a new "bundle" into their home. Jeremy Earl was born April 2, and is also welcomed by grandparents, Gilbert and Betty Widrick, and Earl Boliver. His great-grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Berdena Widrick.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to three families in our communities.

Bob Beck, brother of Sis. Celia (Bro. Lowell) Virkler, was called from this life. Funeral services were held by Bros. John Widrick and Floyd Graves. He leaves his wife, Beverly, three children, his parents, Walt and Harriet Lasher, five sisters, and two brothers.

Sis. Lucile Farney has been called Home, after several weeks of hospitalization. Funeral services were held by Bros. Robert Beyer and Floyd Graves. Surviving are her son, Vincent; a daughter, Mrs. William (Norma) Conde; a brother, Emerson Yoder; and a sister, Sis. Corinne Virkler.

Funeral services were held April 19 for Bro. James Farney, who was called from this life, after being a patient in Rockville General Hospital, Rockville, where he had been spending several weeks with his son and family. Services were held by Bros. John

Widrick, Floyd Graves, and Norbert Steiner. He is survived by three sons, Malcolm (New Bremen), Bro. Clifford (Rockville), Bro. Clifton (Castorland); a sister, Minnie Virkler, Lowville.

May each of these families be comforted by God's word and promises.

Our midweek services have begun for the summer months. We meet at 7:30 and alternate with the Naumburg church. Visitors are welcome to assemble with us, on Wednesday evenings.

#### EUREKA IL Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

As the Easter Season has just passed, and we were reminded about His death and resurrection, let us often think of this.

We know the Son of God has come;  
We know He died and rose.  
We know He liveth now,  
At God's right hand above.

Our visitors who occupied the pulpit were (Bros.) Bruce Leman—Roanoke, Roy Grimm—Taylor, Kenneth Dietz—Bradford.

Deaths—Bro. Paul Rocke, age 72, passed away March 26 at Eureka Hospital, after being a patient for seven weeks. His funeral was the 29th with Bro. Leroy Huber in charge. His wife, Sis. Emma survives, also two sisters, Sis. Matilda Hoerr—Peoria, Sis. Emma Blunier—Roanoke; two brothers—Bros. Joe and Melvin—Roanoke. Burial was in Roanoke cemetery. "We wish to express our appreciation for the prayers and expressions of love during his illness and death." Sis. Emma Rocke and his brothers and sisters.

Susie Grusy passed away at the "Home" April 1. Her funeral was April 5, with Bro. Walter Anliker in charge. She was the widow of Isaac Grusy, who passed away in Nov. 1974. A daughter survives. Her burial was in Roanoke Cemetery.

Sis. Elizabeth Geyer (wife of Bro. Alf) passed away March 22 at the "Home". She was taken to Forrest for funeral and burial.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. Gary and Karen (Hartter) Huber March 20. His name is Randy Jay, and he has two brothers.

Those who are or were in the

hospital: Sis. Reka Hoerr, several days for tests; Sis. Lydia Rocke, a medical patient (Bro. Harry's wife); Sis. Velma Leman (Bro. Gerald's wife), surgical; Bro. Sam Blunier Sr., injured in a tractor accident; Sis. Nettie Rocke, for eye surgery.

Another convert is Susan Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Gladys Schmidgall.

March 21, on Monday evening, a large group gathered to House clean our house of worship.

Holy Communion was held Saturday evening, April 16, with Bros. Roy Grimm and Walter Anliker helping Bro. Leroy Huber. It was a very impressive service, and we all remembered how our Saviour suffered, bled and died . . . And He said, Do this in remembrance of me until I come again . . . The next afternoon, Communion was served at the "Home" for the beloved older brothers and sisters who are unable to come to church.

#### WOLCOTT IN Laurel Widmer

Sis. Ruth Hofstetter would like to express a thank you to those who helped her during the time she cared for her mother, Sis. Mary.

On March 27, Bros. Marvin Schmidgall and Ken Schneider visited with us for the afternoon service. We are glad they took time to come and be with us. Our Easter program was held on April 6, with songs and recitations by the Sunday School classes. This is always enjoyable for everyone to watch the little ones grow from year to year.

Our friends, Pam Kyburz and Linda Furrer, have made known that they feel to be at peace with God and man. We look forward with them to their day of baptism.

Sis. Arles Kropf was hospitalized for a routine examination and tests.

#### CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

Do we remember the three who were crucified? Christ died for our sin; the one thief died in his sin; the other died to sin. We shall each die as did one of the thieves, and our state in dying will determine our eternal destiny.

A story goes, a man who was a millionaire, when he died and went

to heaven was given a small, almost shabby cottage to dwell in. He was appalled—"Me! In a house like this? Why? Why?" He was told very calmly, that his cottage was built with the materials he had sent, that if he had sent more and better materials he might have been living in a heavenly palace.

We in Chicago are so happy that the Lord has sent two more healthy babies to be among us. Patricia Sue Steffen was born March 31 to Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Susan Steffen. Her brother, John and grandparents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen—Congerville and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Hulda Stoller—Gridley are so glad for her, too . . . Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky Gudeman are new parents of Benjamin Daniel, born April 11. His happy grandparents are Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman and Bro. Robert and Sis. Phyllis Wuthrich, from Francesville.

A converted blind man was so content with his lot that he told a minister one time he didn't mind being blind. When he got to heaven, then he would have time to see everything.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

#### ALTADENA CA Linda Cooper

We were privileged to have Bro. Joe Aberle from Sabetha minister to us. It is a blessing to have him with us.

On April 10, Bro. Don Cooper and Sis. Rita Bertschi of Tucson were married by Bro. Roy Farney at Tucson. We welcome Rita to our congregation.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Linda Cooper are the happy parents of their first child, Timothy Allan, born on April 20. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Ginny Cooper and Bro. Bill and Sis. Mary Witzig.

Bro. Andy Locher has been recovering from surgery.

Our friend, Gene Alexander, husband of Sis. Melva, has been hospitalized. He has suffered a stroke. Dear Sis. Mary Sirovey is hospitalized and suffers pain. This aged sister is patient even in her suffering.

Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner wishes to thank everyone who remembered



her during her recuperation from a fall.

### TREMONT IL

**Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuhold**

We welcome Bro. Mark, Sis. Becky and sons Mark Jr. and Benjamin Meister to our congregation. Bro. Mark's business is in Tremont. May they find unity in love from our brothers, sisters and friends.

Eric Lee came to dwell with Bro. Nelson, Sis. Kathy and Brenda Rocke March 21. Grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline Rocke of Eureka and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach.

The words of hymn No. 200 came to mind as we partook of our Lord's body and blood. Surely we could say the Lord came into our midst and imparted himself to us. We took the cup and loaf as a proof and sign of our Lord's covenant divine, in Jesus' blood. How encouraged we became to live anew and journey on in hope of Zion's realm and holy land. How blessings fall upon blessings as Bros. Leo Moser and Gene Metzger, Lester, journeyed many miles to help make this day a precious memory to ever flood our souls. (Bros.) Noah Gerber, West Bend, Vern Wettstein, Eureka; and John Steiner, Oakville also were in our midst this past month.

We again heard the record of our Lord, his suffering, death, and rising to become our KING of Kings. Our youth, as well as we all, hopefully will never forget from whence comes our hope for an eternal home.

Our dearest Bro. Elmer Sauder has again been taken to the hospital. May the words come to him, **Why grieveest my soul, must thou suffer great pain: Trust in our dear Jesus; He'll strengthen again. Is thy lot to suffer in sickness and pain? Let nothing deceive you to murmur in pain. Just say, Not as I will, but as my God wills. Endure and be still, believing it is thy dear Saviour's good will.** Bro. Will Beutel has had cataracts removed from both eyes. He is home and improving nicely. He wishes to thank all who remembered him with cards, gifts, prayers and other kindnesses. Bro. Orval Rocke wishes to thank all for the love, gifts, prayers and kindness during his surgery, hospital stay, and at home last Fall. Sis. Mary Koch is

in the hospital.

Our dearest Sis. Rose Schurter attained her 90th birthday. She is in Restmor Home, Morton, but how her love, gentle ways and godly life radiants to all around her. She always has a thankful heart for everything; how pleasant it is to be around a humble joyful person. She wishes to express her thanks to everyone for remembrances shared unto her on her birthday.

**My lifetime doth pass away; hourly to the grave I hasten, and I know each fleeting day my allotted span will lessen. THINK, MAN, death comes soon or late. Tarry not, it will not wait . . .** We sympathize with Sis. Doris Hutchinson in the loss of her brother, Ivan Hutchinson. Also we extend our condolence to the Huette families and the Bob Frank family in the loss of their aunt, Sis. Esther Aberle. To Bro. Charles and Sis. Miriam Sauder a thought of encouragement in the loss of her uncle, Gottlob Fritz. We express our sympathy to Sis. Katie Oertle in the loss of her sister, Sis. Josephine Endress, and her nephew, Ben Endress of Princeville. Would like to say that we also lost a dear faithful uncle, Bro. Ben. Leuthold of the Bern congregation. How much lighter the load is when you know they have an eternal hope for their soul.

Mother's day again approaches.

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain; It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking. It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems. It is far beyond defining; It defies all explanation, and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation, a many splendored miracle man cannot understand and another wondrous evidence of God's tender, guiding hand.

We are sorry that last month we failed to state that Friend Barb Koch (Les) is also survived by a son, Mike, and his wife.

"I want to thank everyone for

their prayers and kindnesses while I was in the hospital." Bro. Ernie Schaefer.

### CONGERVILLE IL

**Sharon McClure - Judy Wettstein**

Teach me how to listen, Lord,  
While in my room I kneel.  
Where all around is quiet,  
Thy plan to me reveal.

Teach me how to listen, Lord,  
For guidance what to say,  
At times to just keep silent,  
Or only trust and pray.

Teach me how to listen, Lord,  
That I may sincerely be  
In mind and heart and will  
In constant touch with Thee.

We enjoyed many blessings as we were ministered to by the following visiting brothers: Noah Gerber—West Bend, Simon Wagenbach—Tremont, —Josh Broquard—Fairbury.

Hospitalized were: Bro. Orville Zimmerman, who submitted to surgery; Bro. Ed Steffen Jr., with blood poisoning; Dave Miller, with leg ulcers.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Nancy Knapp on the loss of her father, Frank Gerber of Eureka, and to Kathie Hasty on the loss of her father, Alexander Wacker of Eureka. May the Lord comfort them in their bereavement.

### BREMEN IN

**Marian Germann**

In Psalms, David writes, "Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations." It is a great comfort to know that God will always be with us . . . But only when Christ died and bore all our sins could this promise become real to us.

Our Easter season was truly blessed by the Lord, as He showed us much about believing and trusting and not being a **doubting Thomas**. An inspiring message was given by Bro. Walter Rager on Easter.

Blessings are to be found around us every day, if we only stop, look, and listen. A friend of mine had a swimming accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. This young man was not a Christian before his accident and was a very embittered person . . .

But God touched this young man's heart and showed him the gift of eternal life through our Lord Jesus. This young man now has the assurance of a whole and new life, when he passes to eternity and will leave his body and put on the body of the Lord. He is a true inspiration of faith and shows me all that I can be thankful for.

"While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

#### GOODFIELD IL

Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm

The Lord has promised good to me;

His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

While listening to the testimonies of two dear souls, we could feel a true conversion and firm desire to live for the Lord and serve him with all their heart. Baptized on April 17, our new sister and new brother in the faith are Becky Hohulin (Bro. and Sis. Bill and Lydia) and Dennis Martin (husband of Sis. Carol). We truly thank the Lord for them.

We ask the Lord to bless the two marriage engagements which were made known to us: Sis. Patricia Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla) to Bro. Jon Knapp (Bro. and Sis. Mike and LuAnn) of the Taylor congregation . . . and Sis. Pam Grimm (Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna) to Bro. Art Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty).

Our dear Sis. Katie Heinold was hospitalized; we are happy to report that she has returned home, and is again worshipping with us.

Our friend George Knapp Sr. has suffered a fractured collar bone and ribs sustained in a fall from a barn. He is able to be up again. Matt Hohulin (Bro. and Sis. Bill and Lydia) fractured a bone in his left arm in a fall from his skate board. Regardless of his cast, he still wears his usual smile.

On Good Friday evening, we were permitted to partake of the Lord's Supper and be renewed in heart and spirit. Helping in this Communion Service was Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, as well as our (Bros.) Ed Hohulin and Bob Grimm.

Our sincere sympathy to Sis. Corrine Roth and Sis. Allene Steffen and their families in the passing of their dear nephew, Jeff Marti of the Lamar congregation. We pray the Lord will help us not to question his good and holy will.

June is Silver Lining collection for Goodfield.

#### LAMAR MO

Becky Hohulin - Janice Braker

During this Easter season, we were reminded of the certainty of death, whether young or old. Our congregation was saddened by the death of 15-year old Jeff Marti, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Evelyn Marti. This certainly would be a trying time were it not for the hope Christ gave us when he died so many years ago—a hope that we can someday see Jeff once again.

Only a week later, we were reminded in the passing of a dear old soul, Louisa Rentsch. Louisa had reached the age of 96 and was an example of contentment, although she was not able to go in and out as in younger days. To both families, we extend our sympathy. May God give them strength and comfort to face the days ahead.

Hospital patients were Bro. Roy Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta). Bro. Raymond Braker and Sis. Caroline Banwart. Raymond is now home, but will be unable to assemble for a while, and Caroline remains hospitalized. May they feel God's presence in their homes or hospital room, even though they cannot fellowship in God's house.

#### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton Lanz

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: . . . a time to break down, . . . a time to build up; a time to heal; and a time to die. These ancient words of the Preacher, of David, king in Jerusalem, fit into our present time perfectly.

To explain briefly the absence of the past two issues in the Silver Lining to our readers, it can only be to one of the above reasons. In falling as I did, when thrown to the ground, added to my earlier woes of the past, putting me into the hospital for several weeks. About the time this

happened, our sister, Ruth Lanz passed away peacefully at her home; calling hours were also at the home. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery . . . Bro. John Bahler, elder, had the service, assisting by prayers were Bros. Roy Luginbuhl, and Corbin Bahler at the graveside. Ruth's life and disposition won her many friends. She assumed head of the house and family since mother passed away many years ago, and carried this out very faithfully.

Several new converts were added to the church body recently. They were Wayne and Michele Virkler, Guy Gottier, Ralph Schneider, and Ethel Clark, who had learned of our church by associating with friends and members of the church. Bro. Loren Stoller, elder of Latty assisted in the provings and baptisms. Also Bro. John Klotzle of California visited.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds who sent me the beautiful cards, letters and gifts and most especially for the many prayers during my misfortune and hospital stay. It was overwhelming indeed.

#### MORTON IL

Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer

Old and young alike joined together one Monday evening to give our church its annual **Spring Housecleaning**. We found the old proverb, **many hands make light work** to be true.

Several ministers blessed us with their presence: (Bros.) Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville; Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; and Carl Kipfer, Bluffton. Also here to assist our elder, Bro. Joe Braker, with Communion Services were elders, Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; and Roy Sauder, Peoria. With great solemnity we were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death, when He stepped into our place of judgment and condemnation.

The Bible Class students, their teachers and parents sponsored a benefit spaghetti supper and bake sale at our Fellowship Hall. As anticipated, the response from our church and community was tremendous.

With sadness we bid farewell to two dear old sisters . . . Sis. Rose Hoffman died at the Restmor Nursing Home on April 2, at the age of 81. She was a daughter of

Joseph and Barbara Schantz Miller and married Henry Hoffman. Surviving are three sons, Harold, Floyd and Herbert; and three daughters, Mrs. William (Florence) Johnson, Mrs. Herman (Martha) Stickmaier and Mrs. Sam (Verna) Raymer . . . Funeral services for Sis. Esther Aberle, 75, were held on April 9. She was the daughter of William and Louise Yeutter Aberle. Surviving are five sisters, (Sisters) Rose Schlipf, Gridley; Lena Wiegand, Eureka; and Nettie Huette, Ruth and Mary Aberle, all of Morton; three brothers John, Washington, Henry and Elmer of Morton.

Those hospitalized were Sis. Emma Bernhardt, Sis. Inez Steiner, Bro. Bob Taufer, Sis. Lucille Zimmerman, Bro. Joe Witzig, and Mr. Hollis Roby.

With happiness we report the engagement of Sis. Patti Pfister and Bro. Loris Knobloch of Princeville. Their parents are Bro. Levi and Sis. Faye Pfister, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille Knobloch of Princeville. We were privileged to enjoy the singing of our own mixed choir at our April Hymn Sing.

Sis. Jody & Bro. Wayne Knepp have a baby daughter, Jessica Lea, born on April 7. At home to welcome her are Wendy, Wesley, Julie, James, Jo, and Andy. Maternal grandparents are Mary and Eugene Springer, and Bro. Carl and Sis. Freda Knepp, Eureka . . . John Alan was born on April 15 to Sis. Jan and Bro. John Zimmerman. His older brother and sister are Jeff and Jodi. Grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Betty Rassi and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Sylvia Zimmerman. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Anna Roach—Princeville, and Sis. Nima Zimmerman, Eureka.

"I wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts and flowers received during my hospital stay." Sis. Frieda Zeiler.

#### SARASOTA FLORIDA

Lyn Blunier - Sandra Price

Who is on the Lord's side . . . answer now the call . . . Our friend, Don Sellers has answered the call and has found peace with his God.

Bro. Dale Eisenman and our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach served Holy Communion on Palm Sunday.

Our friend, Maria Bartoni was hospitalized. We trust she will feel the Lord's nearness to cheer and

to guide. So often God's love and blessings come to us in sweet surprise.

Bro. Ed Meister Jr. and Sis. Dana were here in Sarasota when little Ed III came to bless their hearts and home. The bubbling grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Bernie Meister, Peoria, and Bro. Byron and Sis. Neola Nussbaum of Forrest.

June is Silver Lining collection for Sarasota.

Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha visited us, and often we have found the minister's life and walk blesses as much as the message they bring.

It has been said that when President Abe Lincoln was asked before battle: "Is the Lord on your side?" to which he replied, "It doesn't worry me so much if He is on my side; what worries me is, am I on HIS side."

#### ZAPATA TEXAS

Tillie Kellenberger — Luise Engle

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Sis. Della left here April 15, and spent the week-end in Gridley, Kansas, and also attended a Relief Meeting.

We all welcomed our first new baby, Juli Ann Nohl to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nohl of McAllen Texas. She was welcomed home by two brothers and one sister. Bro. George and Sis. Emma Sauder of West Bend, parents of Sis. Joyce, have been spending a few weeks helping and getting acquainted with their new granddaughter.

Our new church is progressing very well; they will be shingling next week, and then the brick-laying will start.

Our meeting-place: Siesta Shore Community Building, Siesta Shore Subdivision on Highway 83. Look for the church sign . . . Phones: Leland Plattner (Big Bass Mobile Resort), 765-4961—Zapata . . . John Perdelwitz, Zapata 765-5334.

#### If Jesus Came Today?

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do?

When you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door

With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been? Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say table grace?

Would you be glad for Him to stay, forever on and on,

Or would you sigh with great relief, when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

#### ATHENS ALABAMA

Hazel Vibbert

Our congregation was blessed by the message of visiting ministers, (Bros.) James Ramseyer from Bay City, Steve Rinckenberger from Cissna Park, Dale Eisenmann, Chicago.

The Peoria choir was at the Athens Church on April 16. They all show so much love; you can just see it, shining from their faces. Some have been coming for 10 years and for some it was their first time. We hope all can come again.

We have one convert, Jimmy Staton.

Our hospital patients have been Bob Tucker, Sis. Judy Haggermaker, (medical), Sis. Doris Moore and Elaine Perry (surgery). All are home again.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Desie Sinard, in the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gerstel Smith.

#### SHIODA JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

"After I die, I don't want to go to that Buddhist Temple." So said Grandma Fujimaki to Sis. Inoue, but when she died a short time later, her family had the customary Buddhist funeral at her home, and her body was buried at the Buddhist Temple. My wife, Lois and I did have the opportunity to visit Grandma Fujimaki in the hospital during her last days. Her mind seemed to be very clear, and she wanted to tell us about having visited India in her mind, during her serious illness. She met Lois there, she said, and she came to a river but didn't cross it. I read a portion of Scripture for her and had prayer with her, always lifting up Christ as the means of our salvation. A few days later she died, and I heard about her Buddhist



funeral. Gradually the grasp of the Buddhist temples on the lives of the people will diminish, we hope. "For we wrestle . . . against . . . the darkness of this world".

When the Assistant Agricultural Attache of the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo visited our church and kindergarten facilities with his wife, escorted by the mayor of Ichinomiya, he made the statement, "I envy you living out here where everything is so clean and fresh." His statement surprised me, because one usually aspires to a higher position in life than simply being where it is clean and fresh. However, there is something precious about living close to God's natural creation, upon which no price tag can be placed. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

It has come to my attention that some people believe you should have the assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ without emphasizing that you should **Repent and believe the Gospel**, or that the converted should **Walk in the light as He is in the light**. We must not forget that these are the conditions taught in God's word upon which the assurance of salvation depends. Salvation is of Christ and not of ourselves, but there are requirements of which faith, or believing the Gospel enough to obey, is paramount.

Our dear friend, Glenn Erb, has married Tomiko, the sister of his former beloved wife, Fusako. Fusako's death was a great loss to the family. Glenn's daughter, Joan, expressed herself, "Now we are a family again." Joan's brother, Jerry, is going to Graduate School in California.

We were privileged to have Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence Meyer, as well as their 11-year-old daughter, Christie, visit us (from Sabetha). They came to see another one of their daughters, Sis. Libby, who is one of our teachers here. **Truly, our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.**

Our new teachers have been decided upon. They are Sis. Jane Weiss of Bay City and Sis. Sally Beutel of Tremont. We express our thanks and appreciation to the families of these sisters and to their home congregations, for the

service and assistance offered. May we serve Christ and not ourselves.

#### PULASKI IA

Janice Rinkenberger  
Mary Jane Knapp

On Palm Sunday, Bro. Ed Lanz spent the day with us and filled our cups to overflowing with the precious word of God. In the afternoon, he served Holy Communion to us.

Sis. Mary Wiegand was a surgical patient in the hospital. She is home again and seems to be getting along fine.

"Dave and I want to thank those who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts, visits and help while in the hospital and since returning home. We could surely feel the love of our many friends and relatives." Mary Wiegand.

#### GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Dear Mother,

Often and earnestly we pray for you that God will allow no suffering or trial above what you are able to bear.—Soon the hour of thy loneliness will crown you. The last things will be first, in the sweet by and by. The thorns will be roses. The vales will be hills. The crooks will be straight lines; the ruts will be level. The shadows will be shining—the losses will be promotions. Last of all, Dear Mother—your tears for us will become tracks of Gold. We love you dearly—May God Bless You.

Lovingly, Your Family

The week-end of April 16 and 17, Gridley was privileged to host the Apostolic Christian Committee meeting for our National World Relief. Fourteen brethren are selected and lend themselves to serve on the Board Committee. Those who were able to attend were: (Bros.) Loren Strahm from here; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; Art Gudeman, LaCrosse; Francis Rother, Morton; Art Leuthold, Lester; Sidney Leman, Forrest; John Klotzle, Altadena; Leon Graf, Akron; William Moser, Bluffton; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Jim Hoerr, Peoria. We deeply appreciate and wish to thank the ministering brethren for their efforts in expounding the word unto us.

Hospitalized were—Sis. Dora Young; Sis. Lydia Young; Bro. Joseph Somerhalder; and Darren Isch (Dale and Sis. Janiece).

#### PORTLAND OR

Connie Steffen

Psalms 107 says, "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so . . ."

How often we, or at least I, forget to thank the Lord for all the blessings He gives me, or us, daily, and too often we think, "If only it could be thus and thus". The Apostle Paul had a wonderful Spirit when he said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, **therewith** to be content." What one of us has not been given far more than we deserve from the loving hand of our Heavenly Father?

We are beginning to have visitors, and we thoroughly enjoy the fellowship we share with them. If any are planning a vacation in our direction, please plan to spend some time in Oregon. We would be very grateful for the opportunity of showing you some of the lovely scenery and having the chance to visit with you. Just write or give us a call.

We were very privileged to have as our visiting ministers, Bros. Walter Steffen (Milford) and Nathan Steffen (Elgin). The dear brothers came to help us in two ways. First, they gave us words of life and cheered our hearts; then they helped us with work at our place at the Coast (Restless Surf). The two Oregon churches were able to be together for potluck dinner and evening services April 3, at Portland, then we assembled at Silverton for Good Friday services. These are times we will not soon forget.

#### TUSCON ARIZONA

Caroline Zeltwanger

Easter was a very blessed day for the Tucson congregation. As well as the sacred Easter message about our risen Lord, Tucson experienced their first church wedding. Many friends and relatives joined us in the beautiful spring wedding of Bro. Don Cooper (Altadena) and our Sis. Rita Bertschi. We wish to thank Phoenix Bros. Roy Farney and Bill Dotterer and Bro. Philip Sauder from Cissna



Park for ministering to us. Rita will be missed dearly by her friends in Tucson church, but we all wish her and Don God's blessings on their new life together in the Altadena Church. We are so thankful when God blesses us with visiting ministers. We wish to thank Elder Bro. Ed Frank for sharing a Wednesday night service with us.

#### CHAMPAIGN - URBANA IL Dianne Leman

Two more students have turned to the Lord in repentance, and we thank God for His marvelous work. Gib Rapp (from Morton) and Brad Gramm (from Gridley) have yielded their lives to Christ, and we pray for their victory in Jesus.

We are sorry to see Sis. Debbie Fehr leave our congregation for Phoenix. Her family gathered on April 24, in Urbana, for a farewell.

Bro. Jon Knapp, president of our student group, has become engaged to Sis. Pat Wiegand, Goodfield.

Our annual spring picnic, organized by the students, was May 4 at Lake of the Woods.

We look forward to our Communion service and our annual business meeting.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE FL Caroline Akel

When we asunder part It gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to our brother Robert Sutter, his wife—Jan, and their lovely family. They have been a vital part of congregation, but now feel that God's hand has led them to Bluffton. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new home. They will be missed by all.

Bro. Dale Eisenmann from Chicago visited our church, sharing God's message with us. We are grateful for each ministering brother who serves us God's word.

Our sisters held a first World Relief meeting at our church. What a cheerful spirit pervaded as everybody shared ideas and helped with the various projects. Everyone seemed to enjoy the extra opportunity for useful work and good fellowship.

#### LEXINGTON KENTUCKY Cathy Knobloch

The miracle of life is so evident in the springtime. A children's song expresses it so well: **What makes a brown seed so tiny and dry burst into green, grow up so high, and shoot our blossoms of red by and by? I know—IT'S A MIRACLE!** This Easter season, we were again able to celebrate the miracle of life in Christ's resurrection. Early Easter morning we gathered together at the park and watched the sun pop up over the tree tops and warm the earth. The birds chimed in as we sang praise to our Lord. My mind went back to that first Easter morn. Imagine what it must have been like. Early in the morning they ran to the garden tomb, only to discover that it was empty. **HE HAS RISEN!** The miracle of all miracles!

Our congregation was happy to have several visiting ministers. Bro. Jim Hoerr (Peoria) spent a Sunday with us. Sunday evening, he spoke to us about the work of the World Relief Committee and shared many interesting slides. Bro. Fred Knapp (Congerville) also ministered to us.

Many other friends have spent time with us in Christian fellowship. We are grateful for each. We always appreciate the love and interest they express for our congregation.

Sis. Carol Marshall and her children were involved in a car accident while visiting her family in the mountains. Although the car was totaled their lives were spared. Carol expressed how grateful she was for the Lord's protection. How often we have expressed the same gratitude. **The angel of the LORD guards and rescues all who reverence him.**

#### WASHINGTON IL Carole Kellenberger

We have been spiritually fed so well by God through the following brothers: Roy Sauder, Joe Braker, Joe Zimmerman, Russell Rapp, Henry Grimm, Roger Aberle, Perry Zimmerman, Clarence Kachelmuss, Don Sauder, Al Aberle, Charles Sauder, Simon Wagenbach, Fred Knapp and Joe Schrock.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Anna Thomas in the death of her mother, Sis. Mary Hofstetter of Wolcott; also, to Sis. Rosalie

Stoller in the passing of her father, Clarence Holmes of Washington.

Danielle Herbst, granddaughter of our Sis. Elizabeth Herbst, was in the hospital with pneumonia, but happily she has returned home.

With prayerful consideration we elected a Building Committee to work with our trustees, Bros. Chris Koehl, Don Wagenbach and Carl Wyss in planning our church building. Committee members are Bros. Dave Koehl, Ed Teubel, Elmer Banwart and Ed Fritz. In all work, may we seek to glorify God. Bro. Lloyd Schumacher was chosen our World Relief and Children's Home correspondent.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA Josephine Esterling

Spring just has to be a favorite time of the year. Things come alive that have been dormant for many months. People seem to come alive as they appear out-of-doors more, working in their yards. Children bounce about with glee on a beautiful sunny day. The lawns become green, and the gardens are readied for seeding. It is a great time of the year, and it lifts our spirits to see all of this coming about, and what is more to be part of it. To breathe in the fresh air of spring invigorates the whole person.

What a marvelous world we are permitted to live in, and to think that there are those who do not want to give God credit for having created it. I believe that He not only created it, but feel that He did it with the thought in mind that it be for us to enjoy, as well as a place to live. To even think that such a place came about by accident would be absurd. I believe that it was planned and created by our all-wise God, as the Bible tells us He did.

The psalmist says the Lord will laugh at those who counsel together against Him. Oh how much more He would bless us if we would shout forth praises for all He has done for us.

Lewis Peasley has found peace with God and has expressed his desire to be baptized.

Bro. Paul Fehr from Morris visited on Wednesday, April 6, and brought us a very timely Good Friday message.

Sis. Sophie Sikoparija was able

to assemble with us on Easter. It is difficult for Sophie to get around, but it gives joy to our congregation to see her radiant face, when she can from time to time leave the rest home to assemble with us.

### In Memory of Father's Day

A father must be good and kind . . . as well as very fair . . . he should be able to maintain . . . the family in his care . . . a father must know how to smile . . . when skies above are gray . . . and speak words of encouragement . . . to make his loved ones gay . . . a father must be stern and yet . . . show tenderness as well . . . and he should set examples that . . . are without parallel . . . he is indeed a guiding light . . . for children to behold . . . and so he must have principles . . . that shine like purest gold . . . a father must have faith in God . . . that never becomes dim . . . because he holds a sacred trust . . . so much depends on him.

### LAMONT KS Susan Emch

Hospital patients have been Sis. Matilda Emch for tests and Sis. Hulda Jacobs, a heart attack. Matilda is able to assemble with us again.

Our hearts are filled with joy that Convert Lloyd Luthi has found peace and is awaiting baptism. We are reminded the door of grace is still open, as Janette Luthi, daughter of Lloyd and Joann, has answered the Saviour's calling. Janette is the granddaughter of Bro. Fred Luthi.

A presentation by the World Relief Committee was enjoyed by many. Also many good teachings were shared with us through the visits of Ministering (Bros.) Loren Strahm, Gridley; Jim Hoerr, Peoria, Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; and Bro. Art Gudeman, LaCrosse. Truly we were reminded of deception, and how we should watch and pray that we might not be deceived.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY Doreen Gudeman - Luann Bahler

Even as the springtime flowers  
Grow beneath the sun's warm  
rays . . .

The Lord richly blessed us, when (Bros.) Wendell Gerber from Bluffton and Jesse Beer from Milford brought the word to us.

Officers for the Purdue group were chosen at our annual picnic . . . For next year the president: (Bros.) Gordon Gerber; vice-president: Gary Maller; secretary-treasurer, Jeff Fritz.

Most of the Purdue group traveled to Bloomington for college week-end and had a most blessed day Sunday at the Bloomington church. We would like to thank all for beautiful week-end.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

#### Paula Knapp - Jean O'Shea

March 27, we were able to share the day with many college students who were together for the annual ISU college week-end. Visiting ministers were Bros. Rod Huber—Valparaiso, Roy Wieland—Bay City, Walter Rehklau—Toledo, and Edwin Ringger—Gridley. We also held our monthly hymnsing that evening and heard a special group from Gridley.

Palm Sunday, we heard the beautiful Easter story told in true innocence by the young Sunday school children. The other classes also sang for us, completing our Easter program. Then on Easter morning, our assembly gathered at 7:00 for a special sunrise service and Easter breakfast. We had such beautiful spring weather; it really added to the glory and specialness of the day.

April 16 our friends, Steve Zimmerman (Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) and Steve Hari (Bro. Everett and Sis. Bev) were given the opportunity to give their testimonies of repentance and faith. Elder Bro. Dan Koch was assisted by Bro. Dave Kieser from Princeville. Sunday, baptisms were held, and a supper at the church followed. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Byron Stoller—Gridley and Bruce Leman—Roanoke.

Communion was announced to be held April 4. We were reminded of the solemnness of this occasion and how we should have **perfect peace** before we partake of the Lord's Supper.

We are happy to announce the birth of little Nicholas E. Virkler to Bro. Ken and Sis. Diane. Nicholas was born on March 31, and has a brother, Ryan and a sister, Tami at home. Grandparents

are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Virkler and Bro. Ed and Sis. Betty Feller, all of Cissna Park. Great-grandparents Bro. Joe and Sis. Nettie Klaus, also of Cissna, had an extra surprise when Nicholas was born on their 48th wedding anniversary.

The week-end of April 23-24, we were happy to have about 65 visitors from Bay City with us. We had a supper at church Sat. evening and then they sang for us at our monthly hymnsing, while we listened in awe at the beautiful voices and words. Sunday we enjoying visiting ministers, (Bros.) Roy Wieland and Jim Ramseyer from Bay City. Before our guests departed, we had a supper and enjoyed fellowshiping again with the group, whose presence really added special joy to our day.

June is Silver Lining collection for  
Union-City - Philadelphia.

### OAKVILLE IA Phyllis Siegle

With the advent of spring all around us, and the celebration of the blessed Easter season, our hearts are filled with the goodness of God and the wonderful opportunity we have to enjoy His blessed promises.

### In Memory of Bro. Noah Schrock

A year has passed since God has  
blest

Dear Brother Noah with his sweet  
rest.

His work is done; his toil is o'er;  
No more these trials he must endure.

The cares of life—the thought of  
death

Will ne'er more lay upon his  
breast.

His kind advice and sincere word,  
Which from his lips we often  
heard,

Still linger in our mind and heart,  
And may it ne'er from us depart.

God has blessed our Friend Jeff and Sis. Ruth Gerst with a fine baby girl. She has been named Minda Marie and has a brother to welcome her home too. Jeff's parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Liberty Gerst, and Sis. Ruth's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gieselman of Wapello.

Our friend, Rhonda Grimm and William Peters were married April 9. Rhonda is the daughter of Bro. Kenneth and Janice Grimm, and



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William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Peters of Cotter, Iowa.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Joseph Heiniger, 73, who passed away in University Hospital, Iowa City, April 15. He was the son of late Bro. John and Sis. Rose Heiniger. Those surviving are his wife, Maye; two sons, John (Knoxville) and Richard, Mediapolis; two daughters, Mrs. John Gerst, Burlington, and Sis. Lois Gray, Northbrook, Il.; three brothers, Phil—Kingston, Bros. Clem and Harve, both of Oakville; five sisters, Sis. Sarah Miller—Mediapolis, Sis. Mayme Gerst—Burlington, Sis. Pearl Vierling, Sis. Ione Stoller, of Oakville, and Hilda Moser, Kingston.

We welcome Carol Frank and

Karen Lanz as our dear sisters-in-faith, and wish them much grace and joy in their new way of life with the Lord. On April 16, their provings were held, and on Sunday the baptismal service. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Norman and Sis. Mary Ann Frank. Karen's parents are Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Joan Lanz.

We were again uplifted, as we partook of the body of Christ in Holy Communion, Sunday evening, April 17.

We were so very pleased to have Elder Bro. Eugene Marti, Lamar, with us to assist with our provings and baptisms. He also helped Bro. Edward at the serving of the Lord's Supper. Our sincere thanks for his loving service extended to us. It was a very blessed week-end.

This anniversary greeting  
Brings a special prayer  
That God will bless you tenderly  
And keep you in His care,  
May His guidance and protection,  
As He watches from above,  
Guard you on your pathway  
And enfold you with His love.

May these be the blessings to  
Bro. Ernest and Sis. Bernice  
Frank, who recently celebrated  
their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

The ninth biennial Camp Picket Reunion will be held on July 2 at Rittman. Anyone concerned who has not received notice should contact Albert Gasser Jr., 9880 Sterling Rd., Rittman Oh. 44270. For more information call 216-925-3956.

## INFLUENCE

Henry Souder Jr.

All is left with God. All life has rhyme and reason. When His influence floods our heart, then there is success.

Figures and facts, deeds and actions are done. Life is too great, would be too complex to work out oneself. It would become mazes, puzzling . . . intricately difficult. That's the reason we pray. That is why we love the good Book. We receive power. Grace is the gift that gives the fruitful favors of God.

What is influence? Are we aware of the vast results? How can we have better influence in this day?

Influence is what brings a will to model, to imitate. There are good, and there are bad influences. Pages of advertising have their counterpart in acting galleries. It persuades and pervades. Even to total slave of the harsh and destructive.

Our influence is felt. It can go far down the pages of time. The life of influence is with eternal morning rays. People are drawn. They do things by the love radiated through us. Our influence is

love, peace, joy, longsuffering . . . and more. That's why Jesus said, we should not put our light under a bushel. Like a candle, the shining is to be seen. It reaches deep and carries the light to the shining shore.

The body is not naturally in shape to let light shine. There is a motley assortment of things that hide. Natural ups and downs are the common lot. . . But we have a real Saviour. He makes things different. He actually died for us and rose again. He is alive and right with us, working, and cares. We are told to mortify. That means make dead. Grouchy, quarrel-like feeling, sour, complaining, listless, being angry, all such we bring to Jesus. To His cross. There's the victory! We can smile through the tears, and go on through the storm. There is no sorrow borne in Him but has sweet, sweet joy.

There are great of this world with ideas. There are books, subjects, and degrees. This influence is different. We let the influence of God come through us. His are gifts of His Spirit. His character

and personality is wonderful, bringing light. It's His love, joy, peace, His own kind . . . His own way of life.

Influence is so important with children — from the first day and even before. Jesus said, it would be better to be drowned in the depths of the sea than to offend one little one. Children imitate those who are their heroes. To offend is to cause to stumble. Sin is the stumbling block and the stumbling. When we are God's heroes, we happily influence. We are not only careful where we are, what we do, but let others see we care about them. The imprint extends down all the way. Another takes heart. Other lives see the divine light.

God's influence is what it takes. Others have and will be influenced by what God is. He is loving, compassionate, the perfect Father. Beautiful magnetic power always attracts into divine happiness.

It is His will that His influence floods through our life, if we will let Him. See the shining, right from eternity . . . All the Way, the wondrous Light.