



I will extol thee, O LORD;
for thou hast lifted me up,
and hast not made my foes
to rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried
unto thee, and thou hast
healed me.

O LORD, thou hast
brought up my soul from
the grave: thou hast kept

me alive, that I should not
go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye
saints of his, and give
thanks at the remembrance
of his holiness.

For his anger endureth
but a moment; in his fa-
vour is life: weeping may
endure for a night, but joy
cometh in the morning.



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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

COME ON HOME!

The sweetness of Home beckons,
from the first step of a Christian.
Nothing is even worthy to com-
pare with the light and life flood-
ing the narrow way. The cross is
suffering, but life is sweeter than
all the vain pursuit of pleasure.

To A Lamb of Jesus

Mildred Steffen

Oh precious lamb who Jesus found
Shall now in God's grace here
about,
The straight and narrow path will
trod,
For now you are a child of God.

You have chosen a life that's new,
So earnestly His grace pursue.
You have received now joy and
peace;
Through Jesus Christ you found
release.

Don't look back, and the old re-
view;
You might be sorry if you do,
For there's temptation back that
way,
And it could then lead you astray.

If on the way there is a test,
Just trust in God, for He knows
best,
And always keep your hand in His,
For He knows where the rough
path is.

When on life's ocean waves you're
tossed
And think perhaps now all is lost,
Just let Jesus your pilot be.
He'll save you from the storm-toss-
ed sea.

So stay near Jesus; trust His
might,
And pray for grace to do what's
right.
Humble, sincere and faithful be;
With Him you'll win the victory.

What, Fall! Not the miserables
again! bleak days and black fu-
ture? For one fling? What a cost
to be forever with sin, to reap a
wasting, lusting body forever. Add
to it the fiends there and the
proud, angry sinners. Add more
punishment. No wonder our Lord

described it, where they weep and
gnash their teeth.

Looking Back

Sometimes this life seems awful-
ly rough
And the burdens too heavy to
bear.
The road we used to roam looks
good
And we think, we long to be there.

And then our Lord reminds us
Things weren't so nice back there.
Remember the fear of dying,
And having no power of prayer.

The devil would like to mislead
us.
He's trying to make us turn back,
But don't give in to his power.
Hold fast to the heaven-bound
track.

God's grace is always sufficient.
He's waiting to help you right
now.
Submit to Him and His power,
And He'll get you through some-
how.

The joy of a life in Christ Jesus
Is worth every burden and care,
And God doesn't stop with these
blessings.
Each sorrow He's willing to share.

So when you are down and dis-
couraged,
Ask Jesus to help you get through,
And you'll find that He's never
too busy
To stop and to reach out to you.

Our capacity needs enlarging.
Love needs learning in the cruci-
bles of life. In the ages of ages,
life will go on and on and on. We
will be righteous still and holy
still. No increase of growth. Here
is the enlarging. God has a beauti-
ful future in mind. He wants you
to know all the fullness. That's
the reason for testing and trouble.
Views widen, love deepens, and the
soul becomes beautiful.

We do not wish you joy without
sorrow,
Nor endless day without the heal-
ing dark,
Nor brilliant sun without the
restful shadow,

Nor tides that never turn against
your bark.

We wish you love, strength, faith
and wisdom,
Goods, gold enough to help some
needy one.
We wish you songs, but also bless-
ed silence,
And God's sweet peace when every
day is done.

Memories alive! Living and dy-
ing in faith is always living. There
is no death. Can you picture our
Father. He loves children, boys and
girls. He knows it hurts and can
be so lonely after He takes a pre-
cious blossom. He hears and sees
the happy laughter of His family
of the future, and loves the carol
of the children.

To All Parents

I'll lend you for a little time
a child of mine, he said
For you to love him while he lives,
and mourn for when he's dead.
He'll bring his charm to gladden,
and shall his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories
as solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay,
since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down
there

I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over in
search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd
life's way,
I have selected you.

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ber to send change of address.

Now will you give all your love,
nor think the labor vain,
Nor hate me when I come to call
to take him back again?

I fancied that I heard them say,
Dear Lord, Thy will be done;
For all that joy the child shall
bring,
the risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness;
we'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
forever grateful stay,
But shall the angels call for him
much sooner than we'd planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that
comes,
and try to understand.

**What is this short life compared
with the living circle of everlast-
ing life?**

There neither grief or pain
Shall come to part or sever.
There God shall e'er abide
With us our truest friend;
Our hearts in Him unite
Forever, without end.

**Moods come and moods go. Dif-
ficult times and happy hours are
present. Time comes. Time goes.
Like summer and winter, like day
and night. Soon it shall be, how
quickly life has flown. Where has
the summer gone?**

Oh every year hath its winter,
And every year hath its rain—
But a day is always coming
When the birds go north again.

When new leaves swell in the for-
est,
And grass springs green on the
plain,
And alders' veins turn crimson—
And the birds go north again.

Oh every heart hath its sorrow,
And every heart hath its pain—
But a day is always coming
When the birds go north again.

Tis the sweetest thing to remem-
ber,
If courage be on the wane,
When the cold, dark days are
over—
The birds go north again.

**They would soon be freed if peo-
ple would let God come. His word
soothes. It solves. When the rains
come, or the sunshine. God knows**

**how. If we believe, love will grow
more and more unto the perfect
at full day. Let Him do it!**

Talk it Over with God

Your worried and troubled
about everything,
Wondering and fearing
what tomorrow will bring;
You long to tell someone,
for you feel so alone,
But your friends are all burdened
with cares of their own.
There is only one FRIEND
Who is never too busy,
and you can always depend
That HE will be waiting
with arms open wide
To hear all your troubles
that you come to confide—
For the heavenly Father
Will always be there,
When you seek HIM and find HIM
At THE ALTAR of PRAYER.

From Froehlich: Paul again
calls out to the believers: "Re-
joice in the Lord", and this en-
couragement is necessary because
of the many trials and sorrows
(which we have otherwise in the
world), that can so easily spoil and
destroy the holy joy which we
should have in the Lord . . . The
joy in the Lord is the strength
we need so much in order to bear
the ill and do the right."

"We, Aline and John C. Hoerr,
express our THANKS to everyone
who remembered us during and
since the time Aline was stricken
a year ago in April . . . about 5
months in the Goshen Hospital at
different intervals, and the rest
of this past 14 months in two
Nursing Homes. She is still help-
less and unable to converse or
talk. Aline is now and since last
November in the Orn Nursing
Home at Milford, In., except three
additional weeks in the Goshen
Hospital in April this year."

August is Silver Lining collection for
Minneapolis.

**Children's Home . . . Douglas
Kellenberger, Terry Farney:**
"That which we have seen and
heard declare we unto you, that
ye also may have fellowship with
us: and truly our fellowship is
with the Father, and with his Son
Jesus Christ . . . if we walk in the
light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship one with another . . ."

For true Christians, a fellow-
ship that is unspiritual or earthly-
minded is not true fellowship as
God defines it, for the apostles'
fellowship was with God and with
His Son (they communicated to
him personally and about Him
with each other). Our fellowship
needs to be the same, if our joy
is going to be full, but we can't
have this true fellowship with
each other unless we daily concen-
trate and dedicate our whole heart
to walk in the light.

We were happy to visit the
Francesville church the past
weeks, and we met some of our
brethren there and had this edify-
ing fellowship together. Thank you
very much to everyone who made
our stay possible and who kept us
and our children overnight. We
enjoyed it very much, and espec-
ially the spiritual fellowship and
our worship together on Sunday.
Our children also had the oppor-
tunity to be with others there,
and a great effort was put forth.

Karen is a new arrival at our
home. She is 14, and is blonde and
quiet in nature. She seems very
intelligent, and we hope will be a
nice asset to our growing family
here. There are more children at
our home now, and we will have
more descriptions of them each
month. Farneys' now have five
children, and the other house still
has three.

We encourage all who are will-
ing and able to plan ahead now
for projects to be made for our
October 1 Quilt Sale. Any hand-
made articles are acceptable.

Indianapolis, Indiana . . . Lynn Klopfenstein:

It is not always words galore,
Nor brilliancy of speech
That opens wide the Gospel door
Within the sinner's reach,
But when the Gospel news is
spread,
E'en tho with faltering speech,
Oft multitudes of souls are fed
Whom no one else could reach.

We thank Bros. Bob Meyer
(Bluffton) and Alfred Bahler
(Wolcott) for sharing the word
with us. Many important teach-
ings were brought forth through
the Spirit's inspiration.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Kai Alt wel-
comed their new little boy, Phil-

ip Andrew, on June 9. Janelle now has a little playmate.

Congratulations are extended to Dee Neuenschwander, son of (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Doris), who graduated from high school, also Pam Frank graduated from I.U. School of Nursing. She plans on living and working in the Indianapolis area.

Sarasota, Florida . . . Kathryn Schroeder: Our sympathy is given to Mrs. Chester Davis, for the sudden death of her husband, May 24, at Sarasota. This is also extended to their close friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Heckel of Lehigh Acres, Florida. Chester Davis lived in Prescott, Arizona, prior to moving to Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; one son, Gordon of Mansfield; two brothers, Roy of Prescott, and Archie of Mantua, Ohio.

A boy, Jeffrey Raymond, has become a new member of the Sabo family, born May 28. His happy parents are our new minister, Bro. Doug and well-loved Sis. Linda. The grandparents are Raymond and Betty Sabo—Mansfield, and Dorothy and Harold Spiker, Crestline, Ohio. Sis. Linda's mother, Dorothy had been staying with the Sabos during this joyful period. We look at the Sabo's older child, young Nathan, two years old, and this thought comes to mind, "The way the twig is bent . . .", and we rejoice in the promise we see.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Norr have returned to their home near Grabill, and as presently planned will be gone for two or three months. A delightful potluck picnic was held at their home before they left.

We welcomed home Bro. Roland and Sis. Vi Keller from their vacation in Morton, where they visited relatives and friends, as Bro. Ed and Sis. Esther Getz leave for the North, also to visit relatives and friends . . . and were glad to see Sis. June Eisenmann return from an extended vacation in Iowa, where she visited her sisters and a brother.

It was a privilege to have Bro. Dennis Warner and his family from Lester with us June 5. His sermons and prayers were inspired messages of light and guidance. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying

ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; . . ."

Tokyo, Japan . . . Yoshio Yamazaki: We have quite a bit of rain most every other day here in Honshu Island this month, because the rainy season is here. Probably most American people cannot understand it, because your country is a continent, and it's much different than an island. The weather is damp, wet and high humidity. However, we should thank to God because it is a necessity for coming nice harvest this fall, also typhoons. Typhoons bring us wonderful blessing water from God.

Sisters Sally Gramm and Libby Meyer went back to U.S. last Saturday, June 11. They worked two years in Japan and did good examples through the Christian fellowship. We really thank them for their wonderful deeds. Our church development is not so fast, but we believe that our prayer is surely accepted by the Lord our Father in heaven.

Sisters Yoshiko Sakuta and Marie Inoue started to teach the Bible, Hymn and American cooking every Wednesday afternoon. We pray the Lord bless their work. They have quite few ladies for their cooking class now.

We are very pleased to have the Elders Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman coming this summer, and surely we will be encouraged by them. We really thank you all for your love and prayer in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Valparaiso, Indiana . . . Marie Heinold: June, the high tide of the year . . . Father's Day, school year ends, azure blue skies, green grass . . . and how beautiful is the rain after the dust and heat.

Again we were grateful for visitors, young folks from Bluffton and Francesville. What a blessing to have young voices singing praises to our Lord. Visiting ministers were Elder Ed Frank, Bros. Henry Beer and Don Gudeman. Esther Neuffer was announced to have peace and wishes to be baptized. We always enjoy Bro. Henry's storehouse of poems . . .

Rooms echoed with harshness and anger,
Little feet run in terror to hide . . .
Now the room rings with love,
warmth and laughter,
Since the Giver of life came inside.

Congerville, IL . . . Sharon McClure - Judy Wettstein:

No more I ask the reason why,
Although I may not see
The Path ahead, His way I go,
For though I know not
He doth know
And He will choose
Safe paths for me.

Best wishes to our seven high school graduates. They are Deborah Craig (Elda Mae and Jim) Steve Knapp (Sis. Nancy and Bro. Jerry), Warren Miller (Sis. Marion and Bro. Jake), Alice Schlipf (Loraine and Clarence), Maryann Steffen (Sis. Lois and Bro. Duane), Andy Zimmerman (Sis. Lula and Bro. Orville), Bonnie Ott (Sis. Margaret and Clayton).

We were blessed with a week-end visit from Bros. Ken Schneider (Remington) and Virgil Metzger (Urbana). Their expounding of the scripture was appreciated. May we not only hear, but do what our dear Lord expects Christians to show forth, fighting the good fight of faith, laying hold on eternal life, whereunto we are called.

" . . . Want to thank all for cards, gifts and well wishes received while at the hospital and since returning home." Bro. William Dietrich Sr. . . . Bro. Bill had surgery at Methodist hospital at Rochester Minnesota. He is doing real well and able to assemble with us again.

Francesville, IN . . . Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser: Hospitalized are Emmett Ward and Sis. Lauretta Wuethrich. We are happy that Bro. Sid Leman has been able to assemble with us after a long illness.

On June 5, we were privileged to have Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City) share with us the word of life. Bro. Henry Beer visited us on a Wed. evening.

We enjoyed a week-end when Bro. Terry Farneys and Bro. Doug Kellenbergers and their children from the Children's Home spent a week-end with us.

Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit)

spent June 18 and 19 with us, and we were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of Tom Gudeman (son of Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) and Carol Howat (daughter of Sis. Anna Getz). On Sun. evening, Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) also came to be with us for seeking help in the ministry. The responsibility fell on Bro. Steve Gutwein, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne. We wish him and his wife, Sis. Linda, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma Pfladderer, God's nearness. May we do our part to give them our support, and pray for them.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Linda Leman were blest with a little boy named Vincent Thomas. Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam Leman were blest with a boy named Russell Edward. Bro. Sid and Sis. Fern Leman are the grandparents of both little boys.

Akron, Ohio . . . Gail Spangler:
Precious memories, how they linger . . . How thankful we are for the precious memories we have of our dear Sis. Eva Emery, who was granted her wish to go home. Her funeral services were held on June 11 by Elder Bro. Rudy Graf, assisted by Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), (Bros.) Floyd Wieland (Detroit) and Ray Sinn (Latty). Our sympathy is extended to her entire family, but especially to Sis. Esther and Bro. Ellsworth Graf of our congregation.

Graduating from high school this June were Eric Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) and Wiley Graf (Bro. Bob and Sis. Alma). College graduates were Bro. Steve Pamer (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor) and Bro. Glen Greenbank (Bro. Gordan and Sis. Emily).

Bro. Gordon Greenbank had major heart surgery. We are so thankful he is feeling the healing power of the Lord and, although slowly, is improving.

What a joy it is to be able to report that we have a new convert. Eric Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) has turned to the Lord in repentance.

LaCrosse, IN . . . Grace Heinold - Carolyn Levy: Sis. Carolyn and Bro. Tom Frank are the parents of a new daughter born April 23. Shana Leigh has a sister—Celise, and two brothers, Clay and Micah.

Sis. Lea and Bro. Ed Frank are the grandparents.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Leona Heinold, who had surgery; Sis. Esther Hitz and Sis. Lina Bock, who were in for tests; and Jennie Sinn, who had the misfortune of falling and fracturing her pelvis. Tommy Nuest (Bro. Richard and Sis. Garnet) had a fall and broke his wrist.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. Ernest Pfeifer, on the death of his brother-in-law, Leonard Billenstein, of Detroit on June 5.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 13 to June 17. Bro. Bob Meyer spoke on **The Consequences of Sin**; Bro. Ken Hoerr spoke about **Peace, Love, and Joy**; Bro. Steve Rinkenberger had the topic of **Faith, Temperance, and Longsuffering**; and Bro. Dave Wiegand on **Meekness, Goodness, and Gentleness**. They all gave us, young and old, much food for thought. Then on the last evening, the younger Sunday school children presented a program on what they had learned during the week.

For his mercy endureth for ever. How thankful we are that His mercy was extended to five precious souls who were added to the fold. On the week-end of June 19, we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Donald Nuest (Bro. Gene and Sis. Norma), Mike Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry), Dean Feller (Bro. Todd and Sis. Karen), and Joe and Bob Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann). Elder Bros. Ezra Feller and Roy Grimm and Bro. Kenneth Weerts were our visiting ministers for the occasion.

Bros. Gary Maibach—Rittman, and George Lambert, Wichita, also visited our congregation, and we wish to thank all of our visitors for their efforts in expounding the word to us.

Toledo, Ohio . . . Josephine Rehkla: "O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

It is inspiring to gaze upon the majestic Alps in Switzerland, with snow still nestling in the crevices. The melting snow brings forth the refreshing scene of waterfalls, which feed into rivers and creeks, making them bubble and sparkle with icy water.

We are very happy that our dear friend, Glen Whittaker, has taken advantage of the wonderful plan of salvation and is now anticipating baptism.

Bro. Al and Sis. Mary Ann Weigle and their daughters, Kristi and Julie have a new address: 4859 Robinson Rd., Sylvania OH 43560.

August is Silver Lining collection for Toledo.

Wichita, Kansas . . . Glennis Allenbach: Want a miracle! I read a parable type article that stated, if you want a beautiful rose to bloom in coldest winter, the conditions must be made right by you . . . So it is with a miracle. We must plant seeds of faith to be tended and nourished by the word.

I feel led to include some fellowship I was blessed with. I was partially influenced by a scripture Bro. Al (Langhofer) read from for our afternoon service only today—Isaiah 40:22. The story goes along with the scripture.

As a preface, I will say that I mentioned to this sister that I do not separate the Trinity, but I felt that I did not think on God the Father enough, in that I was prone to think on the Lord Jesus. She assured me this was not unusual in new converts. We might say the following is her story, going from milk to meat in this situation.

The word says to ask and we shall receive, and with this in mind, she earnestly prayed for understanding. She felt she was confused, in that God seemed to be so holy as to be almost unreachable . . . and was also bothered that He required so much praise. She had a hunger to know, so God gave her a vision.

She seemed to be in the presence of God, never seeing Him, but feeling His presence. They seemed to be far out in space, looking back at the earth like a small ball. As I recall, she was asked what she saw, and she answered, that it looked like the earth. She was then brought closer, till she could see movement on the earth. She was asked again what she saw, and she answered she saw life on the earth, but it looked like many ants. Then God asked her which one of her children she would be willing to sacrifice for the many ants she saw. With a heavy heart

she answered—"None, Lord." She was then lovingly told how God's wisdom is so far above ours that we are comparable to the ants she saw, and yet His love was so great that He gave His only Son, a part of Himself, that we could share in His kingdom and actually be His sons and daughters. The praise we are to give Him she then understood was to teach thankfulness and obedience. From that moment on **Father** has had new meaning to her! It is a blessing just to hear her tell this and praise His name.

Several young men from Nigeria have been visiting our church. They are attending Friends University. The church they attend in their homeland has the word Apostolic in its name. I believe they said they found our church in the phone book and chose it because of its name.

Our choir is planning their big trip soon, to Indiana.

August is Silver Lining collection for Wichita.

To our dear departed sister Vera Yackley, we say, "Only goodnight; see you in the morning!"

Winthrop, Minnesota . . . Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper: THE GREATEST TOOL A CHRISTIAN HAD IS THE POWER OF PRAYERS.

We wish to express appreciation for our home ministers, who labor so willingly, giving us food for thought and offering prayers for help along the pathway to Zion.

The members and Sunday School from Winthrop wish to thank Lester, for hosting the Youth Fellowship week end.

Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia Messner observed their 25th anniversary, with open house in their home. "We wish to thank everyone for remembering our 25th anniversary." Bro. Leo, Sis. Georgia.

Four of our friends graduated from Hutchinson Vocational School: Jill and Lance Nelson (Al), Nancy Messner (Marlyn), and Jeff Messner (Ray). Bro. Ron Messner (Leo) received his degree from the University of Minnesota, Morris. He left for a summer job at the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped at Morton. The congregation sang from Zion's

Harp, 86, **The Lord Will Provide**, as a farewell hymn.

Ray Howk, father of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose, passed away. He has been in failing health. May God help fill the vacant place left by this dear father and grandfather.

On Father's Day, Bro. Bruce and Sis. Audrey Messner had a baby girl, Jami Gwen, their firstborn. Grandparents are Elder Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry Messner and Bro. and Sis. Roy and Evelyn Metzger of Lester.

"Thank you for the cards, gifts, visits and the prayers while I was in the hospital." Sis. Jeanine Messner (Stan).

Moving? Let your reporter or us know.

Bern, Kansas . . . Esther and Stella Moser:

The smallest flame of hope can warm the coldest day;
A tiny gift of love can cheer the darkest way.

A wintry beam of sunshine can make the dirt specks dance;
A kindly word well spoken might save a life, by chance.

A friend, when one is lonely, can piece the gloom of night;
A smile, when one's heartbroken, can often set things right.

These simple gifts are given us, yet costing not a sou;
They are God's miracle workers—to be used by me and you!

June 19 was the wedding day for Bro. Galen Rokey (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence) and Sis. Nancy Meyer (Bro. Eli - Sis. Lois) Sabetha. We wish them much happiness, along with the Lords blessing as they set up housekeeping in the new house, R.R. Sabetha, which Galen had complete for his bride. Nancy is a June graduate from the School of Nursing, St. Joseph, Missouri.

We enjoyed our guest ministers, Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bro. Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott).

Hospitalized and able to assemble with us again: Sis. Marge Edelman (Bro. Morris), surgical; Sis. Katie Grimm (Bro. Paul), medical; Bro. Aaron Strahm, tests.

Timothy John Lehman arrived June 23 to gladden the hearts and home of Bro. John and Sis. Annie,

Natalie and Kristen. Bro. Edw. - Sis. Leola, Bro. Wayne - Sis. Pearl Miller, Ft. Scott are his happy grandparents.

Bremen, Indiana . . . Marian Germann: Did you ever stop to realize the might and power that we have at our hands daily. The Lord tells in Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This verse gives us a big responsibility of carefully using God's word, to not only direct our lives through Him, but to guide others to the great gift of eternal life, through His Son—Jesus Christ.

Love of all gifts is the greatest . . . was a cherished thought as Bro. Mark Bailin (Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bailin) and Sis. Gayle Zeltwanger (Bro. Earl, Sis. Marge) were united in marriage on June 5.

On June 4, Tom Conrad and Pat Wolff were united in marriage. Tom is the son of Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary Conrad.

As we had two couples take the trip into marriage, we also had two couples celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. A surprise anniversary party was given to Bro. Earl and Sis. Marge Zeltwanger on June 8. June 12, Bro. Bob and Sis. Arlene Kaehr were honored by their children with an open house. We were fortunate on this day to have Bro. Ed Alt from Cisna Park minister to us.

The week of June 13-17, we had Vacation Bible School. I know God blessed us greatly, and we'd like to thank our directors, Sis. Marge Zeltwanger (Harold) and Bro. J. N. Feldman, and assistant director Sis. Marge Mangold for their successful efforts. Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, the adults also had classes. May God bless Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo) and Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford) for the time and efforts in giving the lessons.

Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer are first-time grandparents, as Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Souder (Leo) are blessed with a precious little daughter, Brooke Diane.

God is truly our Comforter, and in Psalms 73:28 we find an example of his care for us. "But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works."

Burlington, Iowa . . . Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst: "The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof . . ." "His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise."

One evening, our newspaper printed a picture of one arm of the Milky Way. Ready to retire, we went outside to look at the heavens. It seemed a path of larger stars, but a telescope view revealed an "estimated one million of the 100 trillion stars found in the constellation Sagittarius".

God is to be praised for His wonderful works, in the heavens and on earth . . . And to think, one day they shall fall to the earth . . . Ever reminding us to watch for His coming, and be prepared in the spirit . . . Much concerned for our loved ones, and those in the foreign land, that they will not be too late in seeking the Lord.

As we journeyed to Milford with son, Robert Pohl, we also noticed the rich green corn fields growing, and patches of ripening wheat . . . many such fields in our lands, yet it falls short of feeding the starving countries.

Man plants; God waters, and gives the harvest according to His will.

After several weeks in the hospitals, here and Iowa City, for Sis. Judy Gehring (Uriel), we are happy to have her home again, and at God's church. Her problem is not yet over, but we hope with time, good health will prevail. Their faith has been tried with Bro. Uriel also in his past illness, yet we are reminded again of God's word: Keep your eyes upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

We are looking forward to the Teenage Sunday school classes to meet in fellowship from four other churches, and July will be our Sunday school picnic.

Eureka, Illinois . . . Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Schumacher: Our visitors were Bros. Joe Braker—Morton, Walter Hermann—Princeville, Duane Metzger—West Bend, Vernon Wettstein, Fred

Knapp, Congerville.

Two baby girls were born: To Dean and Sis. Inga Zimmerman, a girl, May 29. She has a brother Jason, and her name is Jill Ann . . . to Randy and Connie Grusy—a girl, June 11 . . . first child, and her name is Jennifer Elaine.

Engagement: Sis. Ada Zimmerman and Bro. Ed Grusy, both from our congregation.

Hospital patients: Sis. Ruth Martin (Bro. Lester's wife) was a surgical patient . . . Sis. Inga Zimmerman had to return to the hospital for some surgery . . . Bro. Eli Somerhalder was in Eureka Hospital . . . Sis. Elizabeth Funk (from the Home) was taken to the Eureka Hospital because of an infection . . . Bro. Robyn Rocke, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marge went to Mayo's Hospital for tests . . . Tom Zimmerman was a patient in St. Francis Hospital for tests.

Sis. Esther Seigle passed away at a Champaign Hospital, after being a resident in our "Home" a short time. She was taken to Cissna Park for her funeral.

Sat. evening, June 18, our two friends, Terry Leman and Ron Hartter were given their chance to tell of their conversion. Bro. and Sis. Milton and Caroline Leman and Bro. and Sis. Dan and Dorothy Hartter are their parents. The next day they were baptized. Now they can also sing the beautiful song:

Now it is accomplished; I'm no longer mine.

Lord, I will forever and always be thine,

For thou has created and purchased me, too;

Baptized with thy Spirit, Thou makest me new.

Saturday, June 18, Bro. Ed Hohlun of Goodfield performed the wedding ceremony for Elna Bauman and Gary Wettstein. Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred Bauman and Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna Wettstein are their parents. The newlyweds will live in Goodfield.

Fairbury, Illinois . . . Joyee Huber: Bro. David and Sis. Mary Kaeb gained a son on Father's Day, as their daughter, Sis. Beverly was united in marriage to Bro. Steve Virgil of Bloomington.

Sis. Emma Schmidtgal, 81,

passed away. Her husband, Carl Schmidtgal died 10 years ago. Surviving are two sons: Silas and Leroy; seven daughters: Carolyn Hermann, Florence Herda, Alice Barnes, Lorene Davis, Lucile Drager, Erma Svoboda, Marjorie Lindenbaum.

Mark and Julie Runyon became a new mother and dad, with Trent Philip being born. Trent's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Walter, and great-grandparents are Sam and Sis. Ruth Walter and Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen were blessed with being able to observe their 40th wedding anniversary.

We welcomed Sis. Lydia Eisenman, who has moved to Fairbury from Cissna Park, and hope she will be blessed in her new location.

We were blessed through the ministries of Elder Dan Koch, Bro. Loren Strahm, and Bro. Everett Hari.

Sis. Della Meiss returned from Mayo Clinic, and MaLinda Lorch was released, after being hospitalized from an accident. Martha Stortz was hospitalized with a broken hip.

Tucson, Arizona . . . Caroline Zeltwanger: Now that summer is here and vacations have started, our church size has decreased. We want to thank all of our winter visitors for worshiping with us, and hope they will join us again next year.

Tucson's Sunday School and young members enjoyed a very blessed week-end in Altadena. We want to thank them for their hospitality and are looking forward to a visit from them.

We want to continue to pray for our Elder Bro. Roy Farney. We hope God will be with him during his convalescence.

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . Caroline Akel: It was with much sadness that we bid goodbye to the Zarkovacki family. We had come to love Jan, Zorica, and their ten children . . . But, after living in Florida for two years, they felt it necessary to move to California. Their leaving our small church will cause quite a gap. We pray that God will be with them in their new home.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Ken Hoerr. We sincerely appreci-

ated his visiting and sharing God's word with us.

August is Silver Lining collection for Ft. Lauderdale.

Gridley, Kansas . . . Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr: Tragedies so often hit home, and so unexpectedly. It was about 6:30 p.m. . . . a lifeless form was brought to our emergency room. We worked fervently to revive what remained, but to our dismay . . . not knowing or realizing until after our human efforts were completed that the breathless soul was a well-known young friend . . . ! So quickly the head-on accident happened. Very sorrowful and much disturbed, we stood over the body, only to wonder — "Oh friend—how do you stand with your God—Did you know him well?—and now does He know you?"

How grateful we are for the Ministering Brethren who share the Holy word with us. Thanks to (Bros.) Kenneth Deitz, Bradford, and Robert Walder, Congerville.

We share in the sorrow and extend our sympathy to the family and loved ones of Sis. Vera Yackley. Vera is a sister to Sis. Liseten (Loren) Strahm from here. We received many a testimony from Sis. Vera and her beloved husband, Ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley, through her lengthy period of blindness and his continual patience and love for her, his God-given companion.

Quite a number of children attended Bible School. We are so thankful to those who are willing to lend of themselves to teach these tender young souls the way of truth. (Sisters) Dorene (Eldon Metzger, Kathy (Max) Burhan, Rose Ann (Terry) Schiesser, and Paula Bahr were the teachers.

Many thanks to the Sabetha Sunday school for hosting the Kansas Sunday school fellowship groups.

August is Silver Lining collection for Gridley, Kansas.

Champaign Urbana, Illinois . . . Diane Leman: Our Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by about 25 youngsters during the week of June 13-17. Many adults contributed in some way to make this year's VBS a glory to God.

Congratulations to John Simpson, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma, on his graduation from Urbana High School. John plans to

attend the University of Illinois this fall.

Our summer Bible Study continues to be held on alternate Wed. nights, at the church.

In I Peter, we find God's definition of **humility**. He says, **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time: casting all your care on Him; because He careth for you.** In order to humble ourselves before God, we must give him **all our** worries, cares, anxieties—This is true humility!

Illinois State University . . . Barb Hoffman: "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody."

God never hurries in the process of developing our spiritual lives. He is working with us for eternity, not just for today and tomorrow. Our spiritual lives may move from a very rapid stage of growth to virtually no growth at all. Why does this have to happen? Maybe because it is in God's time and purpose to have us appreciate the deserts, as well as the springs of water. Even in the driest deserts, beautiful things can develop, that could never grow if they were continually blessed with water.

The ministers who have blessed us with the word of God are Bros. Joe Schrock, Leroy Hartman, Marvin Schmidgal, and Phil Sauder.

Mansfield, Ohio . . . Lucille Groh:

Precious memories, unseen angels
Sent from somewhere to my soul.
How they linger, ever near me,
And the sacred past unfold.

The warmth of God's sunshine is so welcome, after the severe cold we have experienced last winter. The warm summer breezes and the fluffy white clouds makes one feel lazy, and it's so nice once in a while to take time out of a busy world, lounge in a chair in the backyard, and just look up into God's beautiful blue sky, and just think. We know, some day Jesus will come in the clouds and call His own to Him, and how we anxiously look forward to that

day. Then, we also like to turn the pages of memory backward and recall days gone by. This particular memory is what the writer would like to share with you dear ones:

It can well be remembered by the writer, who was quite young, that one summer the Second and Diamond Street church, where we used to assemble, needed to be re-decorated and painted. Since this was a tremendous task to be done, it was necessary to close the church building for two Sundays. All of the members and friends were invited by Bro. Karl and Sis. Tillie Oesch and Bro. Robert and Sis. Katherine Beer to have the services at their respective places, and that we were to assemble in their large dairy barns . . . The first Sunday at the Oesch farm and the next one at the Beer farm.

The sweet smell of the new mown hay, that had earlier in the week been brought into the barn, and the beautiful singing seemed to blend into a majestic atmosphere probably never to be forgotten by the writer. At noon, some of the children, including the writer, to our delight got to explore the barn at the Oesch farm, and many new discoveries were made, one of them being that on one wing of the barn were hundreds of baby rabbits.

The noon meal was not of the usual bread, jelly and coffee diet, but instead a tremendous feast spread out on the hay wagon for all to partake. Being just a child, I do not remember anything about the sermons on those two particular Sundays, but I'm sure they must have been especially inspiring. I do know, however, that the two Sundays on the farm, especially for the children, held many new adventures than that of the city church. The only discoveries I can remember at the city church for the children was the dark closet underneath the back steps in the baby rooms, and if we had been bad, that was usually a good place for mother or dad to put you until you could behave. Not many of us cared to stay in that dark closet very long, and some how or other, it sure made good children after the door was again opened.

In the early days of our church, baptisms were performed a little

different than today, due to the many changes through modern conveniences. The early baptisms were performed in a creek on a farm somewhere east of Mansfield. When the church on Second and Diamond was built, a baptism tank was then used. Usually the provings lasted $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. However, it always seemed longer to the friends, due to the fact that when an elder came to perform these duties, usually there were other matters to be taken care of first, and the friends would have to wait until they were called for proving. Many times the provings were held after church services on Sundays. At noon, however, the baptism tank (a horse trough) was carried up from the baby room in the basement to the second floor. (The Second and Diamond St. church had three floors). In those days, the tank served two purposes, on normal Sundays it stood upside down in the baby room with a coverlet over it, used as a bench, since space was limited, and on **Baptism Sundays** for baptism. At noon, the brothers would carry the tank upstairs to the Sunday School room, and then carry bucket after bucket of water from the downstairs kitchen to fill the tank. In those days, the water was not warmed as today; it was taken directly from the tap. Bro. Aaron Sauder usually assumed this duty, and faithfully carried out this work until we moved into our new church. Before baptism, everyone would leave the assembly room on the third floor and carry the Zion's Harp books down to second floor. Several songs were then sung before the baptism. After the baptism, everyone returned to the assembly room (third floor), for the laying on of hands and greeting the new member.

How thankful we can be that, although many changes have taken place in our church over the years, yet one thing remains the same. The true Gospel is still preached in its pureness and fullness, and the sinner can still come and find peace for his soul and enter the waters of baptism. May we all strive to help keep the church.

We are so thankful that today we have dear friends who are still willing to be helpful in the church. On Mother's day, our Youth Group bought and served lunch. We

want to thank them for their kind efforts and love.

Hospitalized have been: our Ministering Bro. Ben Stavenik, Sis. Dorothy Durkin, and friend, Matt Washington. They are all released again.

June has been a very busy month. On June 12, the graduates were recognized at a special gathering at church. Bro. Larry Bocka spoke to them, and told them we do care about them, and we are interested in what they have accomplished and what they intend to do in life. Each of the following graduates were presented with a Bible: Jeanne Zimmer, Ed Sauder, Mary Oesch, Carol Went and Ron Beer.

June 13 was Vacation Bible School week. All who attended truly received many blessings. We especially want to thank those who spoke to us through God's word.

June 1 was the wedding day for our friends, Michael Mattuck and Diane Aurand. Michael's parents are Jerry and Helen Mattuck; he is the grandson of Sis. Katherine Morrison . . . God's sun shone on the wedding day, June 18, for our friends, Carol Went and William Kovach. Carol's parents are Harold and Sis. Emily (Oesch) Went.

On June 12, Bro. Gaylord Dotterer and Sis. Betty Stoller (Latty) announced their engagement. Bro. Lavern and Sis. Christine Dotterer are Gaylord's parents, and Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller are Betty's parents.

June 2 was a happy day for our friends. Dan and Mary Domka, when their new son made his appearance into the world. Little Steven Frederick is their first child.

New Martinsville, WV . . . Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey: Rain is needed very badly in this area; crops are not doing too well, but we keep hoping that soon we will get a good rain, and that it is not too late to revive all vegetation.

Foster Emch ("Doc") passed away on June 19, following a lengthy illness; he was a son of the late Joseph & Emma Leap Emch, & is survived by his widow and two sons.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood was a hospital patient for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brooks and son Todd of St. Helena, Oregon, were visitors here during the

month and visited with several of the Witschey families. Mr. Brooks is a direct descendant of the Probst families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey of Parkersburg visited during the month with his sisters, Elizabeth Hawkins and Margaret Witschey.

Wilmer C. Lord of Niles, Ohio, was a guest of the Barth families on June 3 through the 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witschey, Elizabeth Hawkins and Margaret Witschey spent June 18 with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Witschey in Pittsburgh.

Frank Barth of Parkersburg spends most of the Sundays with relatives in New Martinsville.

Ellwood Riggerbach attended the 65th wedding anniversary of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barth in Fairview, W. Va., on June 19.

Phoenix, Arizona . . . Julie Hoerr: We truly enjoyed Bro. Ed Aeschleman's message on June 1 (Union City).

Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart were honored at a Silver Wedding Reception given by their children and families. Steve flew in from Washington D.C., to host with Bob, Betty, Marcia and Roger . . . "We wish to thank everyone for the cards and gifts for our 25th anniversary." Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart.

Bro. Roy Farney has been unable to worship with us for several weeks, due to viral pneumonia. He also extends his thanks for all kindnesses and remembrances shown to him and Sis. Minnie. Bro. John Kaufman was hospitalized for studies.

Graveside services were held June 9 for Nancy and Richard Elwood's stillborn baby boy, born on June 8. Sis. Shirley and Herb Mohrman are the grandparents, and great-grandmother is Sis. Louise Mohrman of Hancock.

After a year of being bedfast and many many years of ill health and surgeries, the Death Angel came to Sis. Vera Yackley in the early morning hours of June 18. Sis. Vera is survived by her husband, Ministering Bro. Clarence; daughters, Sis. Eileen Funk (Garden Grove), Sis. Ramona Wenniger (Elgin Il.) and son, Aldo of Phoenix. Sis. Dora Young, her mother, survives in Wichita, and several brothers and sisters. Inter-

ment will be in Phoenix, following church services June 21. "Words cannot express our appreciation for the deeds of comfort and kindness extended to us during the illness and passing of our dear wife and mother." Bro. Clarence Yackley and family.

Roanoke, Illinois . . . Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel: Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Bro. Rob and Sis. Gina Luginbuhl, our new lambs in our flock, have told of their experience of finding the Lord. We wish them much grace and happiness in the Lord.

Our dear friends, Herbert Hodel (Bro. Ben and Sis. RuthAnn) and Roger Bertschi (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Dorothy) are to give their testimonies this week-end. We rejoice that the Lord is still calling souls to come and that they are willing to follow Him.

Sis. Faith Fischer (Bro. Marvin) died at the age of 41. She had been ill for quite some time, but was privileged to be with her family for seven more years. She is survived by five sons: David—Champaign, Paul, Carl, Allen, and Marvin Jr. all at home; two daughters, Susan and Phyllis, at home.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Rachel Schroeder welcomed their first son, Jesse Alan.

God gave this child to you to guide,
To love, to walk through life beside.

A little child so full of charms,
To fill a pair of loving arms.
God picked you out because He knew
How safe His child would be with you.

Vacation Bible School has just ended, with an average daily attendance of 127 in the nursery through sixth grade, 23 in Junior High, and 80 in the Senior Bible class. This year the Bible class from Eureka and Congerville were guests for Vacation Bible School. A special **Thank you** to all the teachers and ministers who so willingly gave of their time and talents. It was so encouraging to see the enthusiasm with which the little ones sang. The last evening, a short program of songs was put

on for the parents. May their cup always be full and running over.

May God bless the marriage of Nancy Wiedman (Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiedman) and Arne Ness, who were married in our newly-completed Fellowship Hall June 11.

Plans are being made to have a benefit dinner in the new Fellowship hall on July 16.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sis. Jane Platner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge) and Bro. Stan Descarpentre (Sis. Lois).

Bro. Robert Hodel and Sis. Angela Rassi were hospitalized, and are home again. Sis. Esther Weyeneth is hospitalized at Mayo's in Minnesota.

It was our privilege to have as our visiting ministers Elder Bros. Roy Sauder, Ed Hohulin, Edwin Ringger and Dave Kieser, and Bros. Art Gudeman, John Wagler, and Elmer Bucher. We could all say, **It was good to have been in the house of the Lord.** May we all have receptive hearts for the loving messages we heard.

West Bend, Iowa . . . Mrs. Raymond Anliker - Becky Banwart: We are happy to welcome Merlin and Judy Metzger, and their little Mandy Lynn to our congregation. We wish them well, and may God bless their hearts and home.

Debra Schmidt, daughter of Jim and Sherry, was united in marriage to Don Schultz on May 28 by Bro. Noah Gerber, at the Apostolic Fellowship Center.

Our hospital patients were Kaye Banwart (daughter of Bro. Alvins), Wanda Metzger (daughters of Bro. Arnolds), Marcia Traub (daughter of Fred Traub Jrs) and Harry Thomann.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Bertha Johnson on June 5. Bro. Earl Banwart and Bro. Noah Gerber officiated. Bertha was a native of West Bend and passed away in Peoria, where she made her home for a number of years. Surviving are one sister, Sis. Lydia Reinhart; and two daughters, Mrs. Hub Nellis (Bonnie) of West Bend and Mrs. Jean Morris of Peoria.

On June 19, our cups were filled to overflowing. Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester), along with ministering Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto), Leonard Meyer (Chicago), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Dale

Moore (Elgin Ia.), and Phil Sauder (Cissna Park) were present to solemnize and witness the Holy Matrimony of Sis. Joan Mogler and Bro. Gerald Rudin (Cissna Park). Also on this day, the engagement was made known of Sis. Connie Gress to Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City). Connie is the daughter of Bro. Faye and Sis. Marie, and Joe is the son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva of Oakville.

Bluffton, Indiana . . . Marti Yergler - Becky Gilliom: The father who knows God the Father will be the most complete father, the most honored father. As each remembers his own father on Father's Day, we realize the importance of a strong example to look up to.

Come . . . Learn of me. It is always an inspiring evening to hear the Bible School classes recite their memory verses and sing praises to the Lord. 279 students participated this year.

Love of all gifts is the greatest . . . Bro. Doug Dailey and Sis. Susan Dotterer (Bro. Paul and Sis. Phil) were united in marriage on June 19.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Pat Gerber announced the engagement of their daughter, Susie to Bro. Don Fiechter, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary. They are planning to be married on Sept. 18.

How happy the Lord must be when He sees one of His children seeking the straight and narrow path in their later years. Sis. Lydia Liechty (91 years old) was taken into the fold.

Sis. Melissa and Mike Smekens are the parents of a baby boy—Chad William. Grandparents are Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda Gerber . . . Bro. Dave and Sis. Loretta Smith are the parents of twin girls, Lisa May and Lana Kay. Grandparents are Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman.

Hospital patients: Sisters Alice (Alvin) Honegger, Alice (Millard) Aschliman, Elaine (Dick) Reimschisel. Bro. Joel Schaefer, and Jared Heverly (son of Bro. Herb and Sis. Peg).

Visiting ministers were Bros. Dave Roberts (Philadelphia) and Homer Reineck (Toledo).

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Eugene Heyerly in the death of his mother, Della. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Orville (Ha-

zel) Gerber and Mrs. Dan (Flurence) Habegger.

Bro. Obed Steffen passed away May 28. Surviving is his wife, Lucina, and three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Zaugg, Mrs. Harry (Mabel) Geisel and Mrs. Dave (Carmen) Speakman.

Every Sunday we can see the progress of the remodeling of our church. In these times when so many denominations are dwindling, we are thankful that we need to enlarge.

The annual reunion of the Londoners will be held at Elgin, Illinois, instead of Bluffton because of church remodeling.

Give us Daily Awareness.

On life's busy thoroughfares, we meet with angels unaware . . . So, Father, make us kind and wise, so we may always recognize . . . The blessings that are ours to take . . . the friendships that are ours to make . . . if we but open our heart's door wide to let the sunshine of love inside.

Bradford, Illinois . . . Jane Le-man: We enjoyed several visiting ministers and thank them for their labors: Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski), Elmer Witzig (Gridley) Dave Kieser and Walter Herrmann (Princeville).

We are thankful Jim Mummert, son-in-law of Bro. Loris and Sis. Lottie Stisser, received only minor injuries when he was involved in a very serious car accident.

Our annual Sunday School election was held, resulting in Bro. Ed Ehnle and Sis. Verla Hausmann as our new teachers.

With saddened hearts we bid farewell to Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz, Marcia, Valerie, Helen, and David. They are moving back to their home church at Forrest, where Ben has obtained different employment. For the past seven years, he has been guidance counselor in the Bradford school system, and we have enjoyed their presence in our Bradford congregation.

How happy we were to see our tennage friend, Gladys Klumpp, back in church, after a lengthy convalescence at home following back surgery.

"We want to thank those who remembered us with prayers, cards, gifts, and visits while in the hospital and since returning home. We could surely feel the love of

our friends and relatives." Sis. Eunice and Gladys Klumpp.

Cissna Park, Illinois . . . Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp:

Life isn't all sunshine; It isn't all night.

God meters our living in the darkness and light.

Then, knowing God's way when those dark days are gone,

Rest assured He will bring another new dawn.

Funeral services were held May 28 for Sis. Esther Siegle, age 76. Survivors include Sis. Evelyn (Mrs. Ben) Rudin of Cissna Park, Velma Steidinger of Plattsfield, and Wayne of Goodland (Indiana).

Funeral services were held June 10 for Bro. John Otto, age 87. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Aline of Cissna Park. Also surviving are daughters, Mrs. Marie Kupferschmid of Noblesville, Ind.; Mrs. Lorene Purgett of Watseka; Sis. Bernice Otto and Sis. Velma (Mrs. Don) Hoerr, both of Peoria; Edith Otto and Mrs. Gladys Kuntz, both of Cissna Park; Mrs. Lila Leigh of East Lynn; and a sister, Sis. Nettie Otto of Cissna Park.

Our sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones. We also sympathize with the family of Bro. Lester Stock in the loss of his stepmother, Sis. Helen Stock of Peoria.

Sis. Mabel Vogel's great-grandson, Gary Gerdes, was fatally injured while playing ball. We extend our sympathy to her, and also to the Bro. Glenn Egolf family and Bro. Howard Greiner's family, in the loss of their brother, John Egolf, of Claytonville.

Our hospital patients were: Joan Waldbeser, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Carol; she was a surgical patient for appendicitis . . . Bro. John Waldbeser was a surgical patient . . . Bro. Aaron Bauer was a hospital medical patient. They have all returned home. Bro. Clarence Rudin and Sis. Sophia (Mrs. Jake) Funk are both hospital medical patients.

The engagement of Bro. David Oberfel, son of Bro. Matt and Sis. Betty, to Sis. Kathy Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora, of Peoria was announced.

Bro. Gerald Rudin, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emily, was mar-

ried to Sis. Joan Mogler of West Bend.

Bro. Maurice Frank was our visiting minister. We thank him for bringing us God's word.

We have completed our two weeks of Vacation Bible School. The children presented a program on Friday evening. The theme was, **Get God's Sunshine Into Your Heart.** They told us what they had learned in song and verse. Our average daily attendance was 79 children.

We extend best wishes to our graduates, and wish them God's blessings in their future plans.

Goodfield, Illinois . . . Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm:

The BIBLE,
Yes that's the Book for me;
I stand alone on the word of God,
The BIBLE

Our annual Summer Bible School was held from June 6 through June 10. Bro. Wes Knapp, Sunday School superintendent, reports wonderful cooperation of both parents and teachers, and an attendance of approximately 125 students. May the Lord bless their efforts in planting this good seed!

On June 5, we were privileged to witness the beautiful wedding ceremony of Sis. Pam Grimm (Bro. and Sis. Bob and Elna) and Bro. Art Wiegand (Bro. and Sis. Betty) . . . We welcome Sis. Janelle Rinkenberger Kloter to our congregation. She was united in marriage to Bro. Kent Kloter on May 15.

It is good to have servants willing to bring us the wonderful word of life. Our visitors have been (Bros.) Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Harold Gramm, Morris; Roy Grimm, Taylor; and Henry Grimm, Morton.

A beautiful little flower for the Master's bouquet . . . The little infant son, Phillip Wayne, born to Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Rose Wiegand on May 27 passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, on May 29. Services were held on May 31. Our sincere sympathy to the dear parents, and may they continue to feel God's great love and concern for all.

Gridley, Illinois . . . Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein:

Our hearts were stirred up by the way of remembrance, and we

were renewed in our most precious faith, as we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of two dear souls: Carol Gramm & Steve Stortz. We were glad to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker with us for this special occasion. He gave us a fitting illustration, by reminding us of the ways of a small child. When a toddler is walking with an adult and continues to hold on to his hand, he remains safe and secure . . . But if the child becomes restless or too eager to run on ahead, and pulls away to walk on his own, often he stumbles and falls or wanders off and becomes lost. Likewise, when we begin our new walk in the Lord, we are spiritually as babes and small children. How important it is that we allow our Saviour to show us the way, and that we keep our hand safely in His. If we become too eager to run ahead of Him, or if we begin to trust in ourselves, we too will stumble, fall or become lost.

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, and we appreciated the visit of Elder Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, who assisted Bro. Edwin Ringger in serving this sacred feast. The brother reminded us that we, like the Israelites at the time of their departure from Egypt, should eat the Lord's Supper in a state of readiness. Spiritually, our loins should be girded, with our shoes on our feet and our staff in our hand—we should be ready to depart. We do not know when our Lord will call us out of this life. May we always love His appearing and be ready for it.

During our two weeks of Vacation Bible School, we were fortunate to have ministering Bros. Bob Grimm of Goodfield and Rod Huber of Valparaiso here to speak to the young people.

June 19, Bro. Tom Witzig of Morton and Sis. Diane Gramm of Gridley were united in the loving bond of Holy Matrimony. Ministering Bros. Floyd Schmidgall and Harold Gramm of Morris, Joe Zimmerman and Russell Rapp of Morton, and Harold Zeltwanger and Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen were with us for the occasion.

Home For The Handicapped: Remembering the Psalmist wrote, The day is Thine; the night also is Thine . . ., we know that each

day is a gift to be used to the honor of Him who gave it. An author once said it this way: To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts. What is the value we place on a day? Regardless of our surroundings and circumstances, nature in all her generosity is laden with gifts for everyone each morning anew: the azure and ever-changing skies, the singing of the roaring waters, the background music of the swaying trees, the symphony of birds, the flash of a bird's wing, the beauty of flower and fruit. The influence of these can be worn with the radiance of a happy spirit, or we can darken them with all the negative colorations to which the human flesh is heir. The quality of our day affects all whom we touch. With care and with God's unerring Hand at the helm, it is possible to make each day the beautiful gift it really is and should be.

Miriam Schulz, who came to live at our Home on Nov. 19, 1974, is the daughter of Seth and Olivia Bohall Schulz of Lowville, New York. Louise Schulz of Palm Desert, California, and Florence Storms of Syracuse, New York are Miriam's two sisters. Of the two brothers, one is in the Marines; the other is working in Syracuse, New York. One brother, Leon, formerly of Indiana, is deceased, Miriam's pleasant smile and loving personality is a ray of sunshine in our Home. She keeps busy and happy with many activities. Birthday time is April 24.

The Friday evening service schedule for June lists Goodfield, Morton, Tremont, and Princeville. To offer one's services in a self-giving way is commendable. When this is done repeatedly, it takes real effort and dedication.

Plastering of the interior walls is one of the current activities in the new addition. A large group of volunteers spent a day working on the outside of the building recently. One cannot measure the beautiful gift of such a day.

**Who does God's work will get
God's pay,**

However long may be the day.
He does not pay as others pay,
In gold, or land, or raiment gay,
In goods that perish or decay . . .
But God's high wisdom knows the
way,

And this is sure, let come what
may—

Who does God's work will get
God's pay.

**Iowa City, Iowa . . . Lynn Ban-
wart - Twila Whipple:** The engage-
ment was made known of Sis. Con-
nie Gress, West Bend, and Bro.
Joe Gerst from our Iowa City con-
gregation. We will certainly wel-
come Sis. Connie.

Our visiting ministers were
were Bros. Carl Feucht (Lester)
and Bob Pohl, (Burlington). We
were reminded how we must keep
our lamps filled with oil, so that
we would be ready for the Lord's
return.

Junction, Ohio . . . Gwen Manz:
We thank the following ministers
for bringing the gospel word to
us: Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Lat-
ty; Bros. John Steiner, Oakville;
Ray Sinn, Latty; Marvin Stieg-
litz, Leo; David Roberts, Union
City - Philadelphia; and Carroll
Gerber, Bluffton. We also enjoy-
ed having retired Elder Bros. Sam
Aeschliman, Bluffton, and George
Sinn, Latty, in our midst.

Becky Manz has graduated from
high school and John Manz has
completed a two-year accounting
course at Indiana University in Ft.
Wayne. They are the children of
Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn.

My faith gives joy and sweetest
rest,

Leads me to heaven and the blest,
To Thee, my God and Father.

The comfort of mortality
Preserve with steadfast faith in
me;

I'd follow Thee forever.
Salvation is the noblest part;
Impress this deeply on my heart.

**Latty, Ohio . . . Diane Stoller -
Karen Klopfenstein:** Graduating
from college is Neil Gerber (Ro-
ger and Sis. Eunice). Neil has a
degree in the accounting field and
plans to move to Peoria, where he
has a job.

Little Kimberly Stoller (Bro.
Ray and Sis. Carol), Sis. Irene
Stoller (Bro. Dave), Bro. Millard
Stoller, Gail Stoller (Don), Joyce
Laukhuf (Doug), Ruth Stoller
(Ralph), Bro. Phil Grant, and Sis.
Dolly Laukhuf (Bro. Merrill) were
in the hospital for a few days.

What God hath joined together
let not man put asunder. Bro.

Steve Plummer (Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann) and Sis. Dixie Stoller (Bro. Lou and Sis. Mildred (became united as one on June 5. Visiting us for this joyous occasion was Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford). Also visiting us this month were Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Carroll Gerber (Bluffton).

God has taken from us a dear little soul from time into eternity. Twelve-year-old Cindy Stoller, daughter of Betty and the late Dallas Stoller, passed away June 12. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Beulah. Also surviving are two brothers, Kevin and Byron; a sister-in-law, Lisa and a niece, Mandy.

But life goes on, and crosses we must bear,
And with friends, Cindy we did share;

Only such a blessing could come from up above,
As God gave us for a little while an angel to love.

On June 12, the engagement of Sis. Betty Stoller (Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene) was announced, to Bro. Gaylord Dotterer of the Mansfield congregation.

Moving? Let your reporter or us know.

Milford, Indiana . . . Colleen Beer - Linda Beer: Lord Jesus Teach Me was the theme for our Bible School. We are thankful for the ministers who brought us the lessons. They were Bros. Ken Hoerr, Ray Sinn, Edwin Bahler and Bob Pohl.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Bob Beer, Vernon Leman and Harold Emch.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Pat Beer are the happy parents of a baby girl, Holly Jean born June 4. Grandparents are Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann Beer and Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge Plattner of Roanoke . . . Randy and Bonnie Hochstetler welcomed their new sister, Brenda Kay, born April 25. Her parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ruth . . . Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue Cockburn are the parents of their first child, Bethany Sue, born June 20. Grandparents are Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kathryn Price

Sis. Wanda Weisser is in the hospital for tests. Sis. Aline Hoerr remains poorly. We seek your

prayers for all of those who are not as fortunate as we.

August is Silver Lining collection for Milford.

Morris, Minnesota . . . Corrine Schmidgall - Lois Schmidgall: We certainly can see God's work this spring and summer, after the most welcome and needed rains came, and such beautiful weather; things are about three weeks ahead of schedule. We thank God that he has turned our countryside green again, after such a dry season last year. Some did receive some hail damage. God truly has shown us His power. As we experienced, we can plant the seeds, but God has to give the increase. This should help us to stay close to Him, and be thankful for all he does for us.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Braker of Morton, Ken Knapp of Taylor, Ernest Graf of Akron, and Ken Lawson of Minneapolis.

On May 28, Shirley Wulf and Randy Koehl were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Fehr, at the bride's home. Parents of the couple are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf, and Bro. Charley and Sis. Esther Koehl . . . On May 29, Bro. Rodney Heimer and Sis. Barb Joos were united in Holy Matrimony by Joe Braker. Parents of the couple are Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith Joos and Sis. Naomi Heimer of Taylor. On June 18, Sue Schmidgall and Tom Cook were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Fehr, at the Fellowship hall. Parents of the couple are Bro. Gilbert and Sis. Barbara Schmidgall, and Bob and Lorraine Cook.

Our Sunday School election of teachers was held. The following were voted in: Sisters Hazel Moser, Corrine Schmidgall, six years; Cheryl Koehl, four years; Vi Wulf, Ruth Nohl, three years, Eva Jean Schaefer, and Lili Koehl, two years. Substitutes are Sisters Karen Koehl, Bonnie Nohl, and Joyce Moser. Bro. Keith Schmidgall is substitute for the brothers.

Hospital patients were Bro. John Schaefer, Bro. Ken Koehl, Minnie Schlupp, LeAnn Brown (Bro. Vernard and Sis. Barbara), Sis. Betty Zeltwanger, Bro. Charley Koehl. Howard Goll had a farm accident and was transferred to Fargo North Dakota Hospital . . . Don't know his condition at this writing. Bro. Don Luthi is in a

Minneapolis hospital, having tests and treatments. Our prayers go out to all the sick, especially to Don and his family, as he has his treatments.

We have two births to announce, a son, Jon Lee to Bro. Dewayne and Sis. Janice Nohl on May 24. Grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Minnie Nohl and Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler of Lester . . . A son, Michael James, was born to James and Lois Willert on June 20. Grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Shirley Nohl, and Lester and Lenore Willert of Morris. Both these babies are their first.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr and their family in the loss of Diane's mother, Mrs. Ervin Heltner of Hancock.

. . . want to thank the Lester congregation for the blessed week-end our young people, the Junior and Senior Bible Classes and teachers enjoyed the week-end of June 11 and 12.

Naumburg, New York . . . Betty Virkler: Sis. Florence Herzig was hospitalized for tests, and Sis. Natalie Herzig was also in for surgery.

This month we welcome a new little girl, Rachel Amy to Friends Bruce and Gayle Hirschey, on May 26 at Lowville Hospital. She has two big brothers, Aaron—3, and Jacob, 15 months to watch over her. Her grandparents are Glynn and Roberta Lamoy (Plattsburg, New York) and Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey, Castorland.

Our annual church supper was held at Naumburg, Wednesday June 8, with a song service following.

We welcome Friend, Theodore Herzig back to worship with us, after his hospitalization. We are happy to have Ted with us again.

Oakville, Iowa . . . Phyllis Siegle:

Sometimes

If times are hard, and you feel blue,
Think of the others worrying too;
Just because your trials are many,
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.
Life is made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows, mixed with

fears,
And though to us it seems one-sided,
Trouble is pretty well divided.
If we could look in every heart,
We'll find that each one has its part,
And those who travel fortune's road
Sometimes carry the biggest load.

God sent a new blessing to the home of Friends Joyce and Fred Weyrick. His name is Benjamin, and he will have two other brothers to play with. Joyce's parents are Bro. Clem and Sis. Kathleen Heiniger.

Our best wishes go to Friends Brenda Wiegand and Randy Allen, who were united in marriage. Bro. Al and Sis. Martha Wiegand are the parents of Brenda.

We will certainly miss Sis. Joan Mogler, who became the bride of Bro. Gerald Rudin of Cissna Park. She often assembled with us, as her employment was in Iowa City.

Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington and Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron, were our guest ministers. It was indeed strengthening and did stir our souls to have them minister unto us so earnestly, as we are struggling on the same road of faith. We invite them to visit us again, and want to thank them.

Announced was the engagement of Bro. Joe Gerst, son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva, to Sis. Connie Gress of West Bend. Connie is the daughter of Bro. Fahey and Sis. Marie Gress.

First-time parents of a baby boy, Daniel Edward, are Bro. Dale and Sis. Christine Frank. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Jenny Schambach, Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Robert and Sis. Clara Frank.

A baby is a gift from God
Entrusted in our care,
A masterpiece of His creation
We are blessed to share.

Peoria, Illinois . . . JoAnn Rieker, Barb Geyer: Some of our young members have put their faith and trust in our Lord and have prayed for His guidance in choosing their life's partners. Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora Hoerr have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Kathy to Bro. Dave Obergfel of Cissna Park. His

parents are Bro. Matt and Sis. Betty Obergfel. They are planning an Aug. 7 wedding . . . Sis. Judy Meister (Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda) and Bro. Mark Sceggel were united in holy marriage on June 12.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger are happy grandparents again. Dean and Linda Kellenberger have a new daughter, Heather Lynn, who was born on June 10.

We were privileged to have several visiting brothers minister to us on May 29. LeRoy Huber and Marvin Schmidtgal, Eureka, and Joe Schrock, Congerville, assembled with us.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 6-10. The children enjoyed hearing stories and singing songs of our Lord. Our thanks to all who gave of themselves to make this possible.

We are so happy to welcome Bro. Brian and Sis. Nancy Harvey to our congregation. Bro. Mike, Sis. Dort and their children, Rebekeh, Sarah and Michael Meister Jr. will soon be moving to Tremont.

Hospitalized were Richard Weyeneth, Marjorie Weyeneth, Otto Hoerr, Mary Haynes and Deborah Messerli; Bros. Jack Koehl and Bernie Race; Sisters Carrie Stiegle, Mary Hohulin, Madge O'Moran, Marie Muster and Corda Leman.

The death angel has struck several loved ones recently. Sis. Bertha Johnson passed away June 2. She was a resident of our Apostolic Christian Home, and was buried in West Bend . . . We wish to extend our sympathy to Sis. Velma Hoerr and Sis. Bernice Otto on the death of their father, Bro. John Otto of Cissna Park . . . Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson on the death of his brother, Kenneth. Several of his nephews reside in Peoria. Sis. Helen Stock passed away on May 25. May God comfort Sis. Marie Weess on the death of her sister.

"Sis. Marie Weess, Dorothy Weess and Sis. Stella Bessler wish to express their thanks to all who sent cards, flowers, food, and memorial contributions to the Apostolic Christian Home in memory of Sis. Helen Stock."

New reporters for the Silver Lining will be our Sis. Mary Sue

Rieker and Sis. Diane Hohulin. Please notify them of all news items.

Remington, Indiana . . . Mildred Clauss - Amelia Schini:

Friendship is a chain of gold,
Shaped in God's all perfect mold.
Is steadfast as the ages roll,
Binding closer soul to soul.
No matter how far, or heavy is
the load,
Sweet is the journey on Friendship's road.

Our Vacation Bible School was held with the Wolcott classes, at their church. Many blessings were enjoyed by all. It was impressed how, after classes were dismissed, the little children enjoyed visiting and playing together outside. Isn't this the beginning of Christian Fellowship in their lives? To them, that part of the evening was really a blessing too. Our little 3-year-old grandson was so thrilled to talk about his friend. I was reminded of . . . "A friend loveth at all times . . ." May we keep this love continually growing with them.

Thanks to our visiting ministers, Bros. Elmer Bucher, Duane Kilgus and Art Bahler.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Bob Clauss (Mildred's husband) underwent heart surgery in an Indianapolis hospital today. There was great concern and many sincere prayers went to our Heavenly Father in his behalf. Tonight we feel humbly thankful that God has so far answered our prayers. The report is the surgery went better than expected. There will be a couple critical days ahead yet, but we look to God to continue with him and to heal as far as is His will.

Sardis, Ohio . . . Linda Indermuhle: Children are an heritage of the Lord. Twins—John Edward and Elizabeth Mae were born to Bill and Mildred McPeck. Dale and Virginia Riggenbach are the happy grandparents, and Sis. Emma Riggenbach is great-grandmother.

To Understand A Child

To understand a child is to begin
A journey through a land of mystery,
To help another being to unfold,

And yet to leave its seeking spirit
free.

Impatience is a detour on the path,
And loss of temper is a desert
place

Where understanding for awhile is
gone,

Until there is an honest search
for grace.

There must be putting of the self
aside,

A deep humility that ever waits
To guard and guide, to stop and
listen well,

A mother love that never hesitates
To show itself, no matter what
the hour,

That gains its inner strength
from God's own power.

**Tremont, Illinois . . . Lydia Ras-
si - Mary Jane Leuthold:** Bros. Na-
than Steffen—Elgin, and Fred
Knapp, Congerville visited us. It
was brought out, that time is
something we don't know how
much we have. There is a way
that we can afford to wait out
this time, and there is a way that
we cannot afford to wait. If we
assume the truth and die, we can
afford to wait patiently on the
hope of eternal life; but if we will
not assume this obligation and this
measure of God's work, then we
cannot afford to wait.

Dale Wagenbach and Kathy
Cooper were also among our high
school graduates.

Niklaus James Frank, born
June 9, came to dwell with Tim
and Jeanise and brother Matthew
Tim, all of Carlock. Grandparents
are Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine
Martin of Sarasota and Sis. Ber-
nice Frank of Tremont.

Marylou Frank, daughter of
Sis. Bernice, and Al Nimmo II
were married June 10.

Sis. Jane (Dale) Kaufman spent
some time in the hospital. Sis. Vi-
ola Schweigert had surgery and
is doing very well in her convalescence.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Royaldine Ho-
del celebrated their 40th anniver-
sary. They want to thank all who
remembered them with cards and
acts of kindness.

Three couples have announced
their engagements: Karen Sau-
der, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis.
Elizabeth, to Kerry Hinman, son
of George and Eileen Hinman of
Tremont . . . Ron Pflederer, son of
Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee, to Kathy
Cooper, daughter of Ron and Nor-

ma Cooper . . . Ron Koch, son of
Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie, to Ju-
lie Hillman, daughter of Harold
and Ruth Hillman.

We have just finished two
weeks of Bible School. Hopefully,
some good seed has been planted
in our youth, that it will grow in
their hearts in the future days.

We held our annual church
cleaning. We could observe many
useful hands and willing hearts
uniting together, to make a big
job a small task.

Moving? Let your reporter or us
know.

**Altadena, California . . . Linda
Cooper:** Our high school graduates
are Ron Locher and Shirley Wit-
zig. Kathy Klotzle graduated from
college with a degree in education.
May the Lord direct these young
people into His plan for their lives.

Foreign exchange student Cor-
rie Sautter returned to her home
in Germany, after graduating
from high school with her Ameri-
man friends. Our congregation,
along with the Glen Hackenjos
family will miss her.

Bro. Simon Bahler went to a
midwest hospital to have surgery
on his eyes. He returned home
without the hoped for vision im-
provement, but is able to say that
he can accept the Lord's will. Sis.
Mary Sirovey, age 97, had to have
a leg amputated, due to an in-
fection. She also is patiently bear-
ing her Lord's will.

Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Cooper
have moved to Tucson. We miss
them a lot, but pray God blesses
their new home and grants that
we may meet together many times
on earth, and at Jesus' feet in hea-
ven.

August is Silver Lining collection for
Altadena.

**Bloomington, Illinois . . . Jean
O'Shea - Paula Knapp:** Our congre-
gation again rejoices with a new
convert. Gale Hari (Bro. Ever-
ett and Sis. Bev) has chosen to
turn her life unto the Lord. We
wish her God's rich grace and un-
derstanding. We also want to wel-
come Marge Fehr as our sister-in-
faith.

The week of June 6-10, we held
our Vacation Bible School. Visit-
ing ministers for our Bible class
were (Bros.) Bruce Leman (Roa-
noke), Ken Hoerr (Peoria), Art

Bahler (Fairbury), and Joe Brak-
er (Morton).

What God Hath Joined Together
Let No Man Put Asunder:

June 12 was the wedding date
for Sis. Joan Plattner (Bro. Henry
and Sis. Loree, Sabetha) and Bro.
Kevin Nussbaum (Bro. Byron and
Sis. Neola—Forrest). They were
married in Sabetha, and are mak-
ing their home in the Bloomington
- Normal area.

Sis. Bev Kaeb (Bro. Dave and
Sis. Mary—Fairbury) and Bro.
Steve Virgil (Robert Virgil and
Louise, Bloomington) were join-
ed as husband and wife on June
19.

We want to welcome both cou-
ples to our congregation.

**Chicago, Illinois . . . Kathy
Schlatter:**

Let us then be so united
As Thou with the Father art,
That not one of Thy weak mem-
bers

Here on earth shall stand apart.
From the flames of Thy own burn-
ing

May our light partake its glow,
And that we are Thy disciples
All the world may surely know.

For us in Chicago, June has been
a time of joy and new beginnings,
yet a time of sorrow in parting.
We have enjoyed much fellowship,
having had our Sunday School pic-
nic and our week of Vacation Bi-
ble School. Bro. Bill Gerst—Alto
and Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton
were special vessels pouring out
to us the word of the Lord. We
thank them; we praise our Lord.

Little Blake William, born
June 16, is a very special bundle
from heaven, who is now part of
Bro. Norm and Sis. Gloria Stahls'
family. Raelynn, Shannon, and
Penny are thrilled, as are Blake's
grandparents, Bro. William and
Sis. Marie Stahl—Princeville and
Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger,
West Bend.

We want to congratulate our
high school graduates, Ed Foxe
and Jeff Leman. We ask the Lord's
guidance for their future. Bro.
Paul and Sis. Millie Leman and
Jeff and Jill have moved to the
Phoenix area. We will miss them,
but we know, even through our
tears in parting, that they will
continue to brighten the corner
where they are. Sis. Diane Gramm,

who has been working in our area, and Bro. Tom Witzig, Morton, were married in Gridley June 19. They will be living in Peoria.

As we rejoice when one member of the body rejoices, so we suffer when another member suffers. Our dear Sis. Christina Fuhrman has been in the hospital. We hope she will soon be home and feeling much better.

"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

Moving? Let your reporter or us know.

Elgin, Iowa . . . Eleanor Buttkofer: It is always a blessing for us when a visiting minister stops by to read and explain the scriptures to us. Thanks are due Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron, who visited us.

The farmers are busy putting up their hay. The cornfields are so very beautiful. In spite of the fact that the subsoil moisture content is below normal, the crops are doing real well, due to occasional rains. We are so very thankful that our Creator cares for us, both materially and spiritually.

We are happy now because God wills it,
No matter how barren the past may have been,
Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green.
We may close our eyes, but we cannot help knowing
That skies are clear and grass is growing.
No price is set on the lavish summer;
June may be had by the poorest comer.

Bro. Gottlieb Pulfer has been released from the hospital, is at his home, and feeling tolerably well. He was able to assemble with us the last two Sundays. It was nice to see him again.

Sis. Marie Schneider is regaining her strength and able to attend services again, for which we are thankful . . . Our sister, Betty (Mrs. Chester Curtis) was with her a few days, while she was a patient . . . Sis. Alta Thoman is

able to do some kitchen work now again, and we are so very delighted that she can enjoy the improvement of her health.

That Father Of Mine

He is slowing down as some folks say,
With the burden of years from day to day.
His brow bears many a furrowed line;
He is growing old, that father of mine.
His shoulders droop, and his step is slow;
And his hair is white, as white as snow,
But his eyes sparkle with friendly light,
And his smile is warm, and his heart is right.
He is old? yes, but only in years,
For his spirit soars, as the sunset nears,
And blest I've been and wealth I have had,
In knowing a man like my Dad.

Take time to pray—prayer can be a rock of strength in time of trouble . . . Take time to read—reading is the fountain of wisdom.

We are certainly missing Sis. Aunt Anna Schupbach. She passed away on the 24th of May. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

She was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, August 6, 1888. She was the youngest and late survivor of 15 children. As a small child of 5, she emigrated to this country with her widowed mother, brothers and sisters and settled near Elgin. She was united in marriage to William H. Schupbach on Jan. 28, 1907. Twelve children were born to this marriage. Her husband died in a car accident in 1928. Anna would have been 89 years old in August.

Through the years she was always busy with her family, taking care of other children and working in her garden, lawn and flowers. Her hands and her mind were busy doing for others, never complaining about God's world or the sacrifices she made raising a large family as a widow. She lived each day like a saint on earth. She loved her many friends she leaves here.

She is survived by seven sons

and three daughters: Reuben L.—Elgin, Herman—Postville, Frederick—Le Mesa, Ca.; William—Tawas City, Mi.; Albert L. Drayton—Plains, Mi.; Glen—Birmingham, Mi.; Gordon—Mason City; Mrs. Ted Wedel (Marguerite) Anaheim, Ca.; Mrs. Ray Wiethorn (Marie)—Monona; and Mrs. Robert Sieleman (Anna Mae), Oelwein.

Services were conducted Thursday, May 26, with Bro. Paul Buttkofer minister.

Forrest, Illinois . . . Kathryn Steidinger - Beverly Eisenmann: We are very thankful for 3 souls who heeded God's call in their youthful years, gave a testimony of their repentance and peace, and were added to the Family of God. They are Carol Eisenmann (Bro. John and Sis. Bev), Marge Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia), and Bob Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy). Elder Bro. Josh Broquard was here to help Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman carry out this work.

Other visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont), Bros. Everett Hari (Bloomington), Duane Kilgus, Merle Kaiser, and Art Bahler (Fairbury), Earl Kilgus (Remington) and Bill Gudeman (Elgin).

Sis. Hulda Honegger had a lengthy stay at the hospital and is thankful to be at home again. We've missed having Bro. Ed Bach in our midst, since he has had surgery and been in the hospital several weeks. Sis. Miriam Wenger and Bro. Eli Walter each had surgery and are able to assemble with us again . . . Bro. Eli wishes to thank everyone for remembering him while at the Loyola Hospital, especially Bro. Dale Eisenman and the Francesville J.O.Y. circle.

"May we join our children, Doug and Connie, in expressing our appreciation to all who gave towards Doug's glasses." Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean Aberle.

Girard, Ohio . . . Kathryn Emch: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

We have so much to praise Him for. Have you counted your blessings lately?

We were blessed, in that Bro. Paul Gasser, from the Akron con-

gregation came to minister in Girard, so Harold and I could visit Milford. It is so good to spend time with those who love the Lord.

Lester, Iowa . . . Joyce Knoblock - Alice Metzger: The second week-end in June was Youth Fellowship Days, when our Sunday School hosted 200 Bible class students from Elgin (Ia.), Burlington, Morris, Minneapolis, Winthrop and West Bend. Many wonderful teachings were heard from Bro. Aaron Steffen, Alto, who was our guest minister. Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop, also accompanied the class from Winthrop and ministered to us. Bro. Ben Wysong, Sabetha, ministered to us another Sunday. We appreciate their giving of themselves in God's service.

Sis. Pauline Knobloch has left our congregation for Elgin, Illinois. We miss her willing hands and cheerful countenance.

June 3 was the lovely lawn wedding of Twyla, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty Metzger, and Rodney Bajema. On June 18, Bro. Al and Sis. Lucy Knobloch's daughter, Ronda was married to Gary TeSlaa. Both marriages were performed by Elder Bro. Leo Moser.

The children of Bro. Jake and Sis. Lydia Knobloch hosted an open house for their friends and relatives on their 60th anniversary. They wish to thank all who helped to make their day memorable.

Those spending time in the hospital were Tina Moser and Bill Moser.

After three months in bed, Bro. Nathan Knobloch is slowly recovering from a frustrating and debilitating affliction, poly-arthritis, which affects muscles, nerves, and organs, and left him with no strength in his arms and legs. After many medical tests, the doctors assure him that prospects of complete recovery are very good. He and Sis. Irene are thankful to everyone for cards, gifts, help and prayers.

Sis. Emilie Knobloch is recuperating slowly from back surgery, and sends this:

What is it that one day at a time is told?

It's life the mysteries that gen-

tly unfold.

Regardless how we study, or all that we read,

It never will expose us to the anxieties through which we are led.

There are the storms, where the winds hardly cease.

The question is beaming, **Is there release?**

When the trial is over, I have no remorse.

I count it a joy; we shouldn't doubt our course.

Even in suffering there is beauty from above;

Then oft through man He expresses His love.

My friends, neighbors, relatives, you really were kind.

You'll never be forgotten; I will always have in mind,

Your thoughtful expressions during those long hours,

The gracious gifts, kindest deeds, and beautiful flowers . . .

Besides, I know I often was the subject of prayer.

It is humbling to know there are many who care.

May He, who is the power, all of you bless . . .

By His grace I so live that thankfulness express

In sincere appreciation, Emilie Knobloch

A precious baby girl was born June 16 to Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki Leuthold. Cari Sue is welcomed home by three brothers and grandparents, Bro. Art and Sis. Emilie Leuthold and Bro. and Sis. Nathan Stoller, Bradford.

Lamar, Missouri . . . Becky Hohl - Janice Braker:

Now the field is ripe for harvest; Let us then all gather in,

For if we should stand here idle, Who would bring the sheaves of grain?

Hasten gladly to the labor.

Consecrate to God your heart.

Say this day unto your Saviour, Lord, I'll gladly do my part.

At this time of year, our labors are centered on reaping the earthly harvest. Sundays seem very precious, when we come to the end of a week and can lay our labors down.

We had two visiting ministers

here to sow the good seed. They were Bro. Dennis Warner from Lester and Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington. May this seed have fallen on fertile hearts.

We had two hospital patients. They were Bro. Raymond Braker and Ella Dumm, both of them home again. We also think of Sis. Caroline Banwart who, although she has not been hospitalized this month, has not been able to attend church since her heart attack.

Three of our friends graduated from high school this spring. They were Tim Braker (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie), Roger Marti (Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice), and Jerry Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta). Sis. Elaine Braker (Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta) has graduated from nurse's training and is working in the intensive care unit of one of the area hospitals. Stan Marti (Bro. Dean and Sis. Arlene) has enrolled in Southwest Missouri State University.

"We want to thank you for prayers, cards, gifts, letters of encouragement, and love, during and after Jeff's passing, also those who labored for us in anyway. We could feel your prayers, and we still need them. Our great loss was God's gain. God willing, we will meet again in Heaven to part no more." Leonard and Evelyn Marti

Lexington, Kentucky . . . Cathy Knobloch: Time flies by so quickly! Again it is time to submit the Silver Lining News. As I sat and contemplated about writing the news article, I glanced out the window. The sky was a gloomy gray, and a heavy downpour was drenching the earth. A neatly cultivated flower bed was quickly turning into a small mud puddle. What a dreary site. Then I remembered a saying. **There is a silver lining behind every cloud.** A silver lining in that downpour? I certainly could not see it as I peered out the window at the rain. The definition for a silver lining is—Some basis for **hope** in the midst of despair. Yes, there is a silver lining on even the gloomiest day. I may not be able to see it, but I certainly can experience it. It is the glitter of hope, the hope of Christ Jesus, which continues to shine in my heart on the darkest of days. Praise God that our Silver Lining news articles can tell of the hope in Christ Jesus,

while the world around us flounders in despair.

Recently our congregation has been learning about a group of Christians who are living daily in the midst of extreme despair, yet they continue to view the silver lining. These Christians are our brothers and sisters in Christ who must live in Communist countries. As our congregation studies their plight, we are learning of the deprivation and harassment many Christians in Communist lands must endure. When their Christian faith is discovered by the government, they often lose their jobs, and their children are removed from their homes. These events did not occur 20 years ago. **They are occurring at this very moment as you read this article!** "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them who suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

Because of the religious freedom in our country, many of our youth were able to travel to Bremen for a week-end of fellowship and spiritual growth. Everyone returned home with added blessings, and they were thankful for the Christian love the Bremen brothers and sisters shared.

We were privileged to have visitors here. Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington) ministered unto us. Also, on June 12, we had a multitude of visitors. Many folks from Morton, Francesville, and many other churches came to share in the marriage of Sis. Glenda Huber (Bro. Lester and Glendoris Huber) and Jan Neukomm (Bro. Al and Gerry Neukomm). Glenda and Jan will reside in Morton. Glenda certainly will be missed by our congregation. As a Sunday school teacher and children's song leader, we deeply appreciated her willingness to share the gospel with our children.

Portland, Oregon . . . Connie Steffen: The lovely summer weather is here . . . Warm days, clear skies, and cool refreshing nights. Psalm 74:17 says, "Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: Thou hast made summer and winter". Let us always remember to thank the Creator for His marvelous creation.

Bro. Jay Plattner was elected as trustee.

My parents, Bro. Ray and Sis.

Anna Cooper are having their 50th wedding anniversary June 27. Their children will hold **open house** to celebrate this occasion. It will be especially enjoyable, since their son and daughter-in-law, Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia Cooper, will be here from Altadena.

Rittman, Ohio . . . Marlene Dotterer:

I now have found the firm foundation
Where evermore my anchor grounds!
It lay there ere the world's creation.
Where else, but in my Saviour's wounds?
Foundation which unmoved shall stay
When earth and heaven pass away.

Truly our dear converts, Harry and Marguerite Gasser and Mary Steiner have begun to build the firm foundation; they gave their testimonies of faith on June 18. The following day they erected a covenant with their Lord and were baptized. Assisting Bro. Joseph in this holy work was Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron. Sis. Mary Steiner is the daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner.

With joy we can report that another dear soul has turned to the Lord in repentance. He is Earl Beery, son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth. May the Lord ever grant sufficient grace unto him that he may overcome all things.

A dear resident of "the home" has been relieved of her earthly toil & strife. Sis. Eva Emery died at the age of 82. Funeral services were held in Akron on June 11.

Several in our congregation have lost loved ones. Our sympathy goes out to Friend Edna Chase in the death of her son, Derill (Dick) . . . We extend condolences to Friend Ronald Woyat in the death of his father, Ed . . . And our thoughts are with Bro. Ralph Weber in the loss of his sister-in-law, Josephine.

With death we also have new life to replenish the earth. A precious bundle was born to Bro. Virgil and Sis. Lois Gasser. Welcoming Aaron Glen home are his two sisters.

Several from our congregation have spent time in the hospital.

Bro. Andrew Winkler met with an accident on the farm and had surgery. Also in for surgery were Sis. Adele Ickes and Friends Joe Rigenbach and Mary Lou Gasser. Friend Daryl Bauman was in for observation for a couple days. May each be drawn nearer to the Lord spiritually in their illness.

We are ever thankful that the Lord provides us with ministers of His word. Those visiting in addition to Elder Bro. Graf were Bros. Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis), Tom Leman (Elgin), and Eugene Pamer (Akron).

A blessed week-end was experienced Memorial Day, when Eureka, Mansfield and Akron Young Groups were with us.

A special occasion has been marked by Friend Merle and Sis. Mathilda Saurer, as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with family and friends.

Leo, Indiana . . . Henry Souder Jr.: The song of the rain is sweet, especially when absence makes the heart fonder. Harvest fields in Indiana have promise of reaping. Lightning can zig-zag the sky, with the deep roll of thunder. Remember, when we see His power, we know more about God. What a majestic Being He is.

The time comes when heaven and earth flees away. The sinner then will cringe. The door is shut. What a peace they have who find. Lester Stoller and Phil Bollier confessed Jesus died and rose for them, and believed in their heart. Lester had been called, but for awhile didn't obey. He was in sports in his senior year too. Holding back, he said, the senior year was his crummiest. Phil expressed confidence to be carried through every circumstance. Tears, trials and testing come, but remember the One we believe. Phil had a beautiful smile as he had come forth on the glorious resurrected part of baptism. The very important laying on of hands brought the promise of the Scripture.

Bro. Loren Stoller was a good laborer for the Lord in the provings. He gave, for those who join hands, or have a beautiful thought. Both marriage partners should daily grasp an opportunity to kneel and pray together.

Bro. Mark and Sis. Diane Souder have a sweet lit-

the baby girl, born June 17, Brooke Diane. Inseparable members of this family are the grandparents, Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer of the Bremen area and Bro. Ed and Sis. Irma.

Graduates from high school are Renee Stieglitz and Jayne Maxfield. Renee brought four of her classmates to church. Her plans of business work can bring measurements of success. Jayne has marriage in her plans. Her future partner is Michael Heller; we have had the pleasure of his presence at church. Susan Stieglitz graduated May 11 from Nurse's Training.

... and for us, school is a continual keeping on. The university of God has fabulous classrooms and fantastic laboratories. The studies have many forms, among them sickness, sorrow, love, patience, joy, problems, hope, caring. The learning is wonderful. Taking The Textbook, the Bible and going to our Teacher continually—that is sure success!

FORREST

"I wish to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, and flowers to me in the hospital. I also appreciated all the food brought in since I'm home." Sis. Hulda Honegger.

Silverton, Oregon . . . Kathy Dietrich: Bro. Garth Steffen from Portland ministered to us, when he and his family spent a Sunday with us. We always appreciate the brethren who lend themselves to bring us the word. What a privilege it is that we can assemble, unhindered from without, and sit under the sound of God's word, even yet in these troubled times.

Taylor, Missouri . . . Elizabeth Sutter: It is very dry here, although the crops still look good. It has rained all around us, but so far we have not been blessed with a good soaking rain. A farmer can plow and plant, but unless the Lord gives the rain, they cannot reap a harvest.

On May 29 Bro. Rodney Heimer, son of Sis. Naomi, and Sis. Barb Joos, daughter of Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith Joos of Morris were united in marriage by Bro. Joe Braker of Morton.

Sis. Louise Grimm has been afflicted with sciatica for several weeks and has not been able to

assemble with us.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich spent Sunday, June 19 with us. It is always a privilege to have visiting ministers, and especially one who has been in His service so many years, proclaiming His word in truth and sincerity, as Bro. Albert has done. We also appreciate our own ministers who Sunday after Sunday exhort and teach for our good, without fear or favor.

One Sunday in his sermon, Bro. Gerald Sutter said that, when the thought of someone came to his mind, that would be the time to pray for them. How often, as we go through this life, do we become discouraged when sorrow and hardships come to us, but for some unknown reason the burden then becomes lighter. It is only then that we realize someone has prayed for us, and God's unseen angels have lifted our load. How true it is as the song relates, **We need the prayers of those we love.**

Don and Sis. Janelle Scott and son, Todd are visiting her twin sister and family in Germany. They will visit some of the other countries, especially Switzerland and Austria. Other long distance travelers are Sisters Eleanor Yackley and Lena Haerr, your reporter. They and several others are touring Alaska and Hawaii.

Father's Day will be long past when this issue comes out, but today is Fathers' special day, and I would like to remember many of our loved ones, especially my father and my husband. They were loved and respected by family and friends and have gone to be with the Lord. I would like to share this poem, written by one of our friends:

My Father's Day Tribute

The country was his; he lived off the land,
 Destined to be a farmer from the day of his hand.
 Each spring from dawn to dusk
 He walked behind the plow, to turn earth's crust.
 I was so small, but I see him still;
 He would go along, his life God's will.
 Material things he had but few,
 bib overalls
 And a battered old hat
 That he used to swat flies from the horse's back.

Now his silent silhouette is etched against the sky,
 When the brilliant sun rises high.
 He walks no more in the early morn.
 The bib overalls and hat he does not wear,
 For he sleeps in peace, in God's care.

Wolcott, Indiana . . . Laurel Widmer: During the week of June 13, the Wolcott and Remington assemblies held Vacation Bible School here. The theme chosen was **God Can Do Anything but Fail.** Visiting ministers were Bros. Earl Gerber (Forrest), who spoke concerning **Godliness with Contentment . . .** Kenny Wertz (Cissna Park) answered the question, **What are the returns from your investment in the work of the Lord.** On Thursday evening we we learned **What the Lord expects from a child of His,** with Todd Feller. The remaining two evenings were covered by the Wolcott and Remington brothers. They discussed **Heaven or Hell and The infallibility of God versus the fallibility of man.** The week was a most valuable learning experience—held a blessing for all those who attended.

Bro. Aaron Farney, age 80, passed away June 6 at the home of his son, LeRoy. He had been in failing health for many years. His wife, Sis. Leah preceded him in death (Feb. 1977). Funeral services were held on June 8, with interment at the Wolcott church cemetery.

Even as the old must come to the end of life's journey, so the young must begin. The week-end of June 18 and 19, Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) was with us for proving and baptism of Pam Kyburz (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat) and Linda Furrer (Bro. Glen and Sis. Eileen). We all welcome them into our fellowship.

Our friend, Jon Schwab has asked that the church be made aware he has found his peace with God and looks forward to the time of proving and baptism. We hope to be able to share this special week-end with Jon soon.

A large group of visiting young people from Bluffton, Francesville and Remington spent the week-end of June 5 with us. It was a week-end of joy for the

young people, and I am told the older ones take great pleasure in the new dimension added to the singing by young, strong voices.

Alto, Michigan . . . Mrs. Ronald Erismann: We would like to thank our visiting ministers, Joe Waibel, Ben Maibach, Jim Ramseyer and Roy Wieland.

We have been richly blessed with the baptisms of Wesley Daniels and Liz Blough. Also three other souls have come in repentance, realizing a need for a Saviour, Brenda Patton, Sandy Schutte and Marvin Blough.

Sis. Mardell Grusy has moved to Indianapolis to continue with school. Bro. Wes Daniels is now residing in Bay City. We're sure these two congregations will enjoy their fellowship as much as we did.

As summer progresses and vacation time is here, we want to welcome all of you to visit our church at Alto when passing through!

Bay City, Michigan . . . Carolyn Schamback:

Thus united and in concord
Let us walk the path of life . . .

On June 19, Bro. Blaine Wieland and Sis. Cathy LaLonde were united in marriage. Blaine is the son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret, and Cathy the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hasso.

Little Lane Carl is the brand new son of Neil and Ginger Moshier (Windsor and Sis. Loretta).

We were blessed with messages from the holy word from visiting elders, Bros. Rudy Graf (Akron), John Bahler (Rockville), Ben Maibach (Detroit) and Loren Stoller (Latty). We appreciate the work these brothers do, and thank God we can travel back and forth to support each other.

Croghan, New York . . . Alice Virkler: What wonderful fellowship and blessings were ours on June 5 and 6, when our Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudolph Graf were with us. On Saturday evening, we had the opportunity to assemble with the Naumburg congregation to hear the deliberations of the conference report. We were reminded of our duties to God and our fellow man, as we go

along our way each day.

On Sunday, the Naumburg congregation assembled with us, and we were privileged to share the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup as set forth by our Saviour, while He sojourned upon this earth . . . "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." . . . A wonderful blessing is ours if we undertake this holy duty in all meekness and humility, according to His directions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dear elders for their love, concern and encouragement shown for us through their service to God and to our community at this time.

Ministering Bro. John Widrick was hospitalized two weeks at Lowville and at Syracuse. We are thankful his tests proved negative, and he can again assemble with us and minister. Bro. Hiram Farney was also a hospital patient several days.

Both David and LuAnn Watson are stationed with the Armed Forces at Camp Pendleton, California. Their address is: 3699 Barnard Drive Oceanside CA 92054.

August is Silver Lining collection for Croghan.

Detroit, Michigan . . . Bonnie Popp: On June 4, we were privileged to share with one another in the Lord's Supper. In the peace and quiet of that evening we could honor the Lord's direction to us—that we remember His suffering and death. Elder Bro. Joe Waibel assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach.

It was a privilege to have Elder Bros. Rudy Graf and John Bahler for a Sunday evening service. It is always so good to meet and greet our elder brethren, and we are thankful for their efforts in serving the Lord in truth.

As the time approaches that our Elder Bro. Ben, Sis. Lorene Maibach, and Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman will depart on a visit to Japan, we offer our prayers that the Lord's will may be done, and that He may grant abundant grace. Their plans are to leave on July 8.

June 3 was the wedding date of Judy Wieland (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda) and Keith Anderson.

This was a month of new arrivals in Detroit. May 31 brought

Andrew Thomas to the home of Bro. Rod and Sis. Evelyn Wieland, Bonnie and Stephen. Grandparents are Bro. Howard Wieland and Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice Polk . . . June 17, Rachel Beth was born to Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy Schrenk. Nathan is happy to have a little sister. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Belsey and Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk . . . Brian Ronald has come to warm the hearts and home of Ron and Kathy Bauer. Walt and Hilda Bauer are so happy to welcome their first grandchild.

For both the newly-married couple and new parents . . . a recipe of love:

One handful of forgiveness,
One heaping cupful of love,
A full pound of unselfishness,
Mix together smoothly with complete faith in God;
Add two tablespoons of wisdom,
One teaspoonful of good nature for flavor,
Then sprinkle generously with thoughtfulness:
This makes a wonderful family pie.

The entire church was invited, and quite a number were able to attend a picnic supper and singing at the home of Bro. John and Sis. Esther Orcsik in Windsor. It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

Keith Weber is home on furlough. We know how happy mom and dad, Joe and Donna Weber are. We will have to say farewell to him again, for he is to soon depart for Sacramento for two years.

Sis. Helen Shaw and Bro. Dan Knochel were in the hospital and had undergone some surgery.

I could not do without Thee;
I cannot stand alone.
I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own;
But Thou, beloved Saviour,
Art all in all to me!
And perfect strength in weakness
Is theirs who lean on Thee.

Moving? Let your reporter or us know.

Elgin, Ill. . . . Mary Moser: On May 29, the engagement of Sis. Sue Steffen to Bro. Mike Zimmerman of Morton was made

known. Their parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Kathryn Steffen of Elgin and Bro. Russell and Sis. Alvina of Morton.

Three precious souls were added to the fold on June 12. Our new brother and sisters in Christ are Sue Davis and Jim and Marge Wewetzer. Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest assisted in this work.

Hospital patients have been: Esther Koch, Sis. Anna Holiday, Bro. Carl Weiss, Sis. Martha Hugh and Bro. Bill Reber. Sis. Ida Steffen fell and broke her arm.

We are thankful for the teachings of the following ministers: (Bros.) Earl Banwart of West Bend, Maurice Frank of Leo, Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale, Walt Steffen of Milford, and Willis Wiegand of Goodfield.

We extend our congratulations to the high school graduates: Dean Steffen (Bro. Earl and Sis. Kathryn), Don Weiss (Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce), Amy Klopfenstein (Bro. Dick and Sis. Judy), Nancy Scheitlen (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean), Sis. Jolene Steffen (Sis. Eleanor), Sis. Alison Brown, Sue Schiffer (Bro. Howard & Sis. Pat), Paul Moser (Bro. Earl and Sis. Jeanette), Morris Weiss (Bro. Morris and Sis. Janice), Mike Leman (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene).

My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,
Leave countless marks for good or ill, ere sets the evening sun.

This is the wish I always make,
the prayer I always pray:
Lord, may my life help other lives
it touches by the way.

Kiowa, Kansas . . . Janice Frieden: "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."

This past month my grandmother, Mary Daughhetee, Sis. Mildred Frieden's mother passed from this life at the age of 82. She had suffered much pain the last months of her life, and many times longed to go Home to the Lord. She loved having the Scriptures read to her, and the 121st Psalm was one of her favorites. We, her family, will deeply miss having her with us, but we are grateful to our Lord for His mercy in grant-

ing that her suffering might cease. For the many gifts of food, cards, flowers, and love that were shown us, we are deeply touched, and pray that God will richly bless each one.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Elizabeth Otti, Sis. Esther Terry, and Bro. John Kraft. Sis. Elizabeth was hospitalized for tests, Sis. Esther underwent surgery on her eyes, and Bro. John suffered another heart attack. We are thankful that the Lord has granted them health to return home and be in our midst again.

The week-end of June 4 and 5, the Sabetha Sunday School group sponsored a get-together for all the Kansas Sunday Schools. There were nine of our group who attended, and we truly appreciated the time and effort Sabetha put forth. It was a blessed week-end of fellowship, and we were thankful we could join together with other Sunday School groups of like faith.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Irma Ott offered their cabin and pond as the site for our monthly singing of praises to our Lord. It was a lovely evening, so the singing was held out-of-doors, and the Christian fellowship was uplifting.

As the 4th of July approaches, and we celebrate the freedom our nation enjoys, let us not forget to fall upon our knees in humble thanksgiving to our Lord and Creator, who made such precious freedom possible.

Lamont, Kansas . . . Susan Emch: Friend Ed Huber was a hospital patient; he is now home recovering, for which we are thankful.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Raymond Roth, Kiowa; Bob Walder, Congerville; and Kenny Dietz, Bradford. Truly we need to appreciate more the efforts put forth by our brethren to speak and meditate on God's precious teachings. We pray that we might be obedient and submissive.

August is Silver Lining collection for Lamont.

Morton, Illinois . . . Lorna Schrock - Judy Springer: We're thankful for the visit of Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron, who shared the pulpit with our local ministers.

Three couples have had their engagements announced . . . Sis.

Sue Steffen of Elgin, Ill. is engaged to Bro. Mike Zimmerman. Their parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Kay Steffen, Elgin, and Bro. Russ and Sis. Alvina Zimmerman . . . Linda Rapp of Lakewood, Colorado, daughter of Bro. Russell and Sis. Verna, is engaged to Mark Miller of Denver. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller of Wheaton, Ill. . . Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Dorothy Roeschley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheri to Jim Arnold. His parents are Robert Arnold and Mrs. Yvonne McElhatten.

We also have four marriages to report:

United in marriage on April 29 in our Fellowship Hall were Kara Zimmerman and Robert Oertle of Washington. Their parents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Alice Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Oertle . . . Sis. Glenda Huber of Lexington and Bro. Jan Neukomm were united in marriage on June 12 in Lexington. The newlyweds will make their home in Morton . . . Diane Hauter and Gary Halfer were joined in marriage at our Fellowship Hall on June 18. The bride's parents are Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lydia Hauter, and the groom's father is Raymond Halfer of Chicago. The newlyweds will reside in Chicago. Bro. Joe Hauter is Diana's grandfather . . . On Sunday, June 19, Sis. Diane Gramm of Gridley and Bro. Tom Witzig were joined together in Holy Matrimony in Gridley. Peoria will be the first home of the newlyweds.

Three babies have arrived: Bro. Mark and Sis. Becky Grimm are first-time parents of a baby boy, Brett Alyn, born May 26. The grandparents are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel of Roanoke and Bro. Hank and Sis. Mary Lou Grimm. Great-grandparents are Bro. Dan and Sis. Tillie Sauder—Eureka, Sis. Marie Blunier—Roanoke, and Bro. Henry and Sis. Kathryn Grimm, Morton . . . Born on May 26 is Kathy June Tanner, daughter of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Annette. Their other children are Brian, Donna, and Curt. Kathy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stieglitz and Mr. and Mrs. Gotthold Tanner . . . June 21 marked the arrival of Tasha Ann, second daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Chelly Kaiser. Tonya will happily welcome the baby home.

Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach of Phoenix and Bro. Warren and Sis. Til Kaiser. Bro. Sam Schupbach of Kiowa is Tasha's great-grandfather.

Vacation Bible School was held evenings for two weeks for all our Sunday School children and also for our young brothers and sisters. We trust a blessing was derived from this activity by all participants, old and young.

Those hospitalized were Sisters Elie Pflederer, Donna Pflederer, Joann Roecker and Ella Wittmer, and Bro. Frances Rother. They have all returned home.

Graveside services were held for Marshall Ray Clark, infant son of David and Sally Ricketts Clark of Pekin on June 18. Our local ministers were in charge. Marshall was stillborn the previous day. Surviving in addition to the parents are grandparents, Bro. Levi and Sis. Margaret Ricketts, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark of Canton; and great-grandmothers, Sis. Kate Pflederer, and Sis. Olivia Ricketts of Princeville.

"We wish to thank the ministers for their visits and everyone for their prayers and gifts of food for the funeral of our departed loved one." The family of Sis. Rose Hoffman.

Sabetha, Kansas . . . Mrs. Joe Steiner: Visiting ministers were Bros. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago; Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, Ks.; Dan Koch, Tremont; Gene Marti, Lamar; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Ron Heiniger, Bloomington; Lester Hartter, Bern.

Sabetha was host to the Bible classes from all the Kansas churches and Lamar, Mo. on June 5. A goodly number were present. A meal was served at the Fellowship Hall Saturday. On Sunday, a breakfast was served at the Hall, after which Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago, led Bible study. A meal again was served at 4:00 p.m., before the youth returned to their various homes. We hope they all enjoyed the activities throughout both days.

Sis. Joan Plattner and Bro. Kevin Nussbaum, both of Bloomington, were united in marriage June 12. They will reside in Bloomington. Sis. Loree and Bro. Henry Plattner, Sabetha, are the parents

of Sis. Joan, & Sis. Neola & Bro. Byron Nussbaum, Fairbury, are Bro. Kevin's parents.

Sis. Nancy Meyer, Sabetha, and Bro. Galen Rokey, Bern, were united in marriage on June 19. They will reside west of Sabetha. Their parents are Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer, Sabetha, and Sis. Florence and Bro. Melvin Rokey, Bern.

Garden Grove, Iowa . . . Verle Funk: We were pleased to have Bro. Kenneth Knapp visit us June 5. The many good teachings, inspired by God's holy word and Spirit were truly a blessing to all of us. We appreciate all of our guests and enjoy the good fellowship.

Bro. Ken was inspired to exhort us to be sure the foundation of the church is good . . . that we build on the Lord Jesus Christ . . . that we dig deep, uproot all that is inferior and evil in our lives, and then build our church (or body of believers) on the solid rock. We appreciate the many inspiring thoughts he left with us.

Sis. Eileen Funk left Thursday to be with her parents, Bro. Clarence Yackley and Sis. Vera. Vera was relieved of her earthly suffering this Saturday, June 18, and has gone to be with the Lord. We're grateful God has taken her home, but extend our sympathy to Bro. Clarence and his dear family. May they take courage in looking to that gathering in Heaven.

We are thrilled to have groundbreaking service, and are started on our new church building. The foundation was poured last week. We are indeed grateful to God and every individual who has helped to make this possible.

Ft. Scott, Kansas . . . Aleta Banwart: Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

We want to thank our visiting ministers for being with us and sharing the Lord's word with us. Bros. Edwin Bahler, Remington; Samuel Huber, Sabetha; and Max Reimschisel, Wichita, have visited us.

Carolyn Sinn, daughter of Friends Lester and Shirley, graduated from high school.

We were very fortunate to have a nice group of children and interested adults at Bible School. It ended with a church picnic, the following Sunday afternoon at Gunn Park. Sunday afternoon turned out to be rather warm and humid. I noticed the big beautiful blue thunderhead clouds heading our way. Whenever I see such clouds, it always reminds me of God's power and greatness. I love the beauty in the formation of the clouds, and marvel at the power, as lightning arches through the sky. The children had a program of singing, followed by a covered-dish supper. We were eating, the winds came, and with it came sheets of rain. The temperature dropped approximately 20 degrees in 30 minutes. There were reports of hail in the area. The driving wind broke telephone cables and many tree branches were blown into the streets.

During the storm, Kent Miller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl, slipped on wet concrete while running to shelter and hit his head. He was hospitalized for a few days for observation. We were very relieved to hear Kent is doing fine. Sis. Elsie (Fred) Sinn and Sis. Lydia Hawkins have also been hospitalized this month.

In this latter day of grace, we have another soul, Gayle Roble, who has turned her back to the world and is seeking the Lord through repentance. Gayle, her husband Steve, and their three children live at Iola. We rejoice along with the angels over this new soul living for God.

Princeville, Illinois . . . Ruth Ricketts: The last week end in May found many visitors in our midst. Many voices joined to sing praises to God, and how beautiful it was.

On May 30, a tiny son, Matthew Dale, was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller. The following day, only a few hours more than a day old, he was taken from this life. Graveside services were held June 1. Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Andrea and Natalie; a brother, Ned; grandparents, Bro. LeRoy and Sister Clara Huber; Otto and Eleanor Baer; great-grandparents, Sis. Elizabeth Stoller and Bro. Albert and Sis. Anna Grusey.

"Sincere thanks to all who remembered us with prayers, cards, and notes during the time of the birth and death of our son, Matthew. Your kindness has been a blessing and encouragement to us." Bro. Steve and Sis. Anna Marie Stoller.

Many memories linger from the two messages delivered by Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse. The finger of God seems to be pointing more and more to the end of our days. What will it be like if we neglect to take advantage of the wonderful plan of salvation, only to suffer endless agony?

A farewell song was sung by the congregation, as Bro. Jeff and Sister Ruth Streitmatter, Joy, Katrina, and Jeff Jr. have moved to their new home in Florida. Sis. Pearl Rumbold has moved to Peoria and will attend services there. We wish them happiness and contentment in their new homes.

Bro. William Stahl spent several weeks in the hospital, after suffering a heart attack. He is recuperating in his home, but not yet able to worship with us. . . . Our young friend, Wayne Scholl, suffered a heart attack, and is recovering in the hospital, where he is bedfast for three weeks.

Another blessed week end enjoyed by many was the 11th and 12th, when many came to hear the testimony of Debbie Baer, young daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer. Many friends were present the following day, when she was baptized and taken into the fold. Bro. Everett Hari of Bloomington - Normal delivered messages, both Saturday evening and Sunday. We were reminded of the faith of the man who was healed with palsy. He couldn't walk, but his friends carried him to Jesus. When they couldn't enter the house where He was teaching, they didn't give up, but found another way to get their friend to the feet of Jesus. So should we likewise, for all things are possible for those who believe.

The family of Bro. Dick and Cleo Gerst honored them June 12 in Burlington, Iowa for their 40th wedding anniversary. They had open house, with a dinner following. They thank their family for such a pleasant day.

Bro. Harold and Sister Karen Steiner are the parents of their

fourth daughter, born June 21. She has been named Holly Joy, and was welcomed home by her three sisters and grandparents, Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophie Steiner of Tremont and Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser, great-grandmother—Sis. Edna Steiner of Kansas.

We are thankful for a few little showers, without storm, which have been so good for the crops. Everything seems to be ahead, with much of the wheat being already harvested. The corn is tasseling and getting quite tall. The gardens too are producing so well. God has never failed to bless us.

Rockville, Connecticut . . . Carlton J. Lanz: Annually, a day is set aside for the Sunday School picnic or outing. This turns out to be an enjoyable event. Teachers, parents and other personnel join in this togetherness in a relaxed frame of mind. Unable to be present, Bro. Paul Foote and his wife, Sis. Roberta stopped at the hospital, and summed it up well, with plenty of good food, prayer offered by Bro. Dale Eisenmann, youthful elder at Chicago.

We can see that God does provide. Bro. Al Fisher was taken from this life, Bro. Noah Schrock also, and God has provided in each case. Prayer and understanding is important. We can search Scriptures, how pious men of yore through prayer received their testimonies through intercession and prayers.

Today is Sunday. I'm alone at present on the 8th floor of this relatively new wing, waiting out my time for discharge, which I hope can come anytime. This past week I received a short letter, with one sentence that meant a lot to me. It came to my home in Ellington; Gertrude, my sister phoned me at the hospital of the letter, and its author. The author whom I've known and respected for sound judgment always, motivated me to have it read to me. It had reference to Ruth, our sister, who passed away recently. The sentence was that she (Ruth) has gone to her rest, and if **this was the end, this would be sad** but she wrote, **God has promised great things.** Sis. Anna (Bahler) Lanz, Oakville misses the news when it is not printed, being from the

Rockville - Ellington area having grown up with her four brothers and sister, Leah . . . looks for that hope beyond this life. Sis. Anna and our sis. Ruth grew up in Ellington together (about 2 miles apart). Anna has two sons, the eldest has replaced Bro. Noah Schrock (deceased) as a youthful elder at Oakville.

In her brief note, she mentioned how she had enjoyed Simon's visit, and granddaughters. That brought back to mind, when some 26 to 30 years ago, the Luginbuhls and I visited California. Bro. Simon took us on a tour and pointed out land he cleared for buildings. We did not realize that ultimately a church would stand there, because of determination to do so. This we can believe is pleasing to our great Maker, that His work does not stand still. Much water has flowed down stream since we were there. Also many names are now in the book of the Ages.

Death came suddenly to Siegfried Lanz, 80. Two sisters, Lena (John) Luginbuhl, Clara (Werner) Kupfersmid and one brother, Otto Lanz. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery. Bro. John Bahler had the service.

Shioda, Japan . . . Willis R. Ehle: A loud Gomen kudasai (Excuse me, please) in a feminine voice came floating into the kindergarten class room, where Sis. Jane Weiss and I were starting the school day. I was in the process of telling a Bible Story in Japanese, a practice we have followed over the years, so the children will have contact with a masculine personality as well as feminine, and also to increase the instruction in God's word, since English is their second language.

I interrupted the Bible Story, and hurried to the entrance way to find two ladies, one standing back as if in reserve or training. The forward lady said she was a "Jehovah Witness". I said I knew about them and that they should wait while I finish the Bible Story. They waited, and I came back. I told them in rapid-fire fashion, and without any let up whatsoever, that I know they have a problem, but that they can be comforted, forasmuch as we will be happy to

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instruct them in God's way and the plan of salvation, that they should repent, confess their sins and be born again, without which no one can go to heaven.

Even while I was talking, the leader pointed in her Bible to the words of the Lord Jesus and asked, "How can the meek inherit the earth if they are in heaven?" I kept right on talking . . . I know all about that, and would be glad to explain it; the Lord is coming again to call up the resurrected bodies of the redeemed and that the meeting is to be in the air . . . that these redeemed ones will reign with Christ on earth for a thousand years, and in this sense the meek shall inherit the earth. They shouldn't be discouraged. We have meetings every Sunday and on Wednesday night, and will be happy to guide them in the true way, because so many are going astray, which we well understand.

The lady tried to get in her pitch about their group being especially favored with God. I kept right on talking at a rapid clip, instructing her that there is much deception in the world, but that the word is clear, that all those who are truly converted, abide in Christ and endure to the end shall be saved. I had given them each a portion of Scripture which I had handy, but which they returned to me as they excused themselves and left in disarray. There is no question in my mind but that it is much better to go on the offensive, rather than to take a defensive position. **Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

Sis. Jane Weiss arrived safely in Japan on June 7. Sis. Libby Meyer and Sis. Sally Gramm returned to the States on June 11. Sis. Sally Beutel is expected to arrive in Japan on July 6. . . . A thank you to the departing sisters and a

warm welcome to the incoming sisters.

The older gentleman, standing on a crowded Tokyo train, appeared to be weary and tired. I motioned for him to sit down as I arose from my seat, but the young lady reading the newspaper slipped into my seat with dexterity and speed, much to my surprise, and kept right on reading. I rode in silence, standing beside the older gentleman, wondering if he had understood that I meant the seat for him out of respect for the elderly. My mind wandered. As we pulled into a station, I was startled to feel a tap on my shoulder and to hear the older gentleman murmur, "Thank you" in English, as he moved toward the exit. He had understood my intent, and he appreciated it enough to say "Thank you." My heart was warmed. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

REJOICE

Henry Souder Jr.

What does rejoice mean? What happens when one rejoices? God clearly shows. Picture after picture shows real happiness. Its in the scripture. Joy is a continual characteristic of God. It is a beautiful view. Think of it, God is happy, perfectly, thoroughly, eternally.

In the parable of the prodigal son, the whole house rings. Feel the rejoicing of the father. In Nehemiah, we are told the joy of the Lord is our strength. In the very lovely resurrection passages in Psalm 16, we glimpse the smiling, divine countenances, the joyful hearts of the Father and the Son. That is the same beautiful joy we feel. It surges, sings, sweetens, and satisfies.

To rejoice brings a kindly countenance. The action is inside . . . based on the truth that is constant . . . and breaks forth from the soul, from God's deep springs. Joy is uniquely and only expressed

from God. Therefore, it has its basis in the word. Love is the dynamo of joy in the heart. The goal is set in the heights. It shines through the clouds and sings in the rain.

In God, it is a constantly perfect. From remote past ages, now, and on into the far future. Joy is in the tempests. Then we see Him walking on the waters. He is our joy. It can't be found elsewhere. The tempest is meant to build. In them come His rejoicing . . . now in faith, then in floodtides . . . His smile is so kind and sweet in the gale.

Many things momentarily bring an airy feeling . . . much of laughter, shallow cheer, vain glory. The way to tell if it is real is . . . **What is the end? How do you feel after it's over? Are there ashes?** Joy is there after sundown, and on Monday morning . . . if we look for it.

Love does not seek her own. It

bears and endures for others. Charity has its verb of joy in the service to others . . . What's right, what's just, and all those equals and mercies of God. A test of fire soon shows the shallowness of what is not. The world is vain. The world cherishes its own and carresses its idols. There is no accident in a beaming countenance.

What happens when one rejoices? The heart is uplifted, gladdened, radiant, looking into the heavens. Faith grasps His promises, for faith works by love . . . and love smiles. The sunshine glows and shows. Even in temptation. The Bible says, count it joy. Have you learned all the way He wants you to count? Tears and sadness? As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing. Where else can you even hear of a joy unspeakable and full of glory? It is real.

Let us come into His presence with singing . . . unto God, our exceeding great joy.