



For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may

give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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

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THE BEAUTIFUL FULLNESS OF TRUTH IS PRECISE. TOO OFTEN, THERE ARE HUMAN, LEANING TENDENCIES, GOING TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT. ONE IS TOO SEVERE, OR TOO LAX . . . TOO DEMANDING, OR TOO OVERLOOKING. THESE TWO BROTHERS HAVE THEIR EYE ON RESTING IN GOD'S WORD AS IT IS. THAT IS WHAT WE SHOULD DO, KNOW WHAT GOD SAYS, THEN REST SURELY AND SQUARELY IN THE BEAUTY OF HIS KINDNESS AND TRUTH. HIS THOUGHT IS ALWAYS JUST RIGHT.

## GRACE AND WORKS

Willis R. Ehle

By God's standards, the heart of man in its natural state is desperately wicked. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Satan appreciates this state of affairs, and continuously executes his brilliantly laid plans, to convince the people that it would not be wise to try to curb man's natural inclinations toward sinful things. Satan claims that this would only make man feel guilty and should be avoided at all cost. He ignores the fact that Christ's atonement is the perfect remedy for sin and guilt, and also that most people feel guilty, even though they are told to forget about their sin.

With such great enmity between God and Satan, and with man too weak to do anything but go along with Satan, who is prince of this world, what kind of a master plan could the Almighty God come up with, to bring man back into His family?

God might have said, "I feel sorry for man and I will forgive him outright." However, forgiveness out of sympathy, where there is no repentance and no suffering for sin, is not justice. God is a just God. This plan is not acceptable. It would destroy God's supreme justice, and would spoil the holiness of God's family by bringing in uncleansed souls.

God might have said, "I will require man to live a perfect life, to adhere to many very strict regulations and laws, and to offer life for his sins, the life blood of lambs and bulls." This procedure was followed in the Old Testament period. The best it could do was to make man very much aware of his sinfulness and to cause him to have faith that God would find the perfect solution. "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God,

and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

What was God's perfect solution? He said, **I will do it myself, in the person of my Son, Jesus Christ.** The Bible tells us "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself".

When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins and arose again to live forever, was He opening the way for outright, blanket forgiveness to all mankind, with no stipulations, requirements, or conditions? Most assuredly not. The Bible tells us, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out". Immediately, repentance and faith in Christ became requirements to solve the desperately wicked condition (by God's standards) of the human heart. It can further be stated that grace, which we will define as undeserved power extended to man so he can repent, believe and live a holy life, as well as undeserved forgiveness of his sins by God, is not forced upon anyone, nor is it given to anyone unconditionally. It requires grace from God to confess our sins and failures. "How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" It should also be stated that in our brotherhood, this confession of sins is done privately and confidentially to the elder brother.

With such a marvelous plan by God to solve the problem of man's desperately wicked heart, all by grace on the basis of Christ's work of atonement on Calvary, and His glorious and awe-inspiring resurrection, requiring only of man that he meet certain, simple conditions in order to be a recipient of that grace, everything appeared to be all set.

James noticed a problem. Too many persons were coming into the church who said they had faith, but there was little or no evidence

in their lives. James was led by the Holy Spirit to write. (Paul had written about Abraham's faith being counted for righteousness.) He proclaims, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" James makes the point that Abraham's faith was not a faith without works, but a faith "wrought" or demonstrated by his works. He uses the expression "justified by works" to indicate that, when God saw Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, He knew that Abraham's faith was genuine. In this sense only Abraham was justified by works, that is, his works demonstrated a saving faith, and that there was no saving power whatsoever in the works themselves.

Satan had succeeded in putting into the hearts of some the idea that it is of no great consequence how a believer lives, since salvation is by grace entirely on the merits of Christ's atonement at Calvary. Does James' response mean God's entire plan of solving the desperately wicked condition

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of man's heart had to be altered, and put on a basis of not just grace through the atonement at Calvary, but a combination of Christ's atonement and man's good works? Definitely no. We are saved by grace through faith, and nothing can add to or take away from Christ's atonement...But works are definitely necessary for those who live on after conversion. These necessary good works are not just a refraining from doing evil, but positive action. These good works, which include prayer, obedience to

God's word, bearing the fruit of the Spirit, loving our neighbor as ourself, sowing the good seed, etc., are necessary as evidence that we have saving faith. Without these works, James warns us, our faith is not a saving faith, but a dead faith.

Let us go together to Calvary, and understand that the atonement there is complete and that our righteousness is an imputed righteousness, which means it was simply given to us. God's perfect plan to solve the problem of man's des-

perately wicked heart is the atonement by Christ. We cannot supplement such a holy work. We can only utilize every means available to obtain the grace of Calvary, and we can only demonstrate by every possible means that we have faith. Good works is a means of giving evidence of our faith, of perfecting our faith, of justifying us in the sense they show we have true faith, nothing less and nothing more. Good works are not a part of the atonement, and they do not save us.

## REPENTANCE UNTO GOD AND FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS

Douglas L. Kellenberger

Believing means to have a whole-hearted faith and trust, but its soul-saving power is conditioned on the fact that the believer must also have the desire to turn from all his sin and obey God instead. Therefore, John preached "Repent", because one must have this change of mind, in order to desire to turn from all his sin and evil, so that his believing in Jesus Christ's death and shed blood will save him.

However, false conceptions arise when we believe that repentance is a work that saves us. Repentance is not, neither is it just sorrow for sin, because Paul wrote, "I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but

that ye sorrowed to repentance . . . For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation . . ." So repentance is more than just sorrow; it is a change of mind as the result of godly sorrow (a sorrow or regret given by God and not one of human emotion). This change of mind turns us from the wrong and directs us to the right, but it is not a work that we do to save ourself.

The works that come from a true repentance are the result or **fruit** of this change of mind, and they are not done to our credit, but to the credit of God's grace, because He granted to us the repentance unto eternal life (Acts 11.18), and

these fruits are the result of His Spirit working in us.

We cannot be justified by our repenting. Repentance is the vehicle God uses to turn us away from sin and toward Him. We must be justified by someone else who, in fact, is the only one who can save us, because He is the only one good enough to die to pay for the sins we committed, and He is Jesus Christ. Therefore we are justified, as we realize and confess our sins and repent of them, only by believing that His works and righteousness are the only works that can be substituted in our place, to make us worthy enough to get to heaven.

**La Crosse, Indiana . . . Carolyn Levy - Grace Heinold:** The very angels in Heaven are rejoicing again, as did our entire congregation as another soul has turned to Him in true repentance. She is Kathy Jacobs; her sister is Sis. Julie (Tim) Bucher.

Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ruth Heinold are the happy grandparents of a little girl, Adrienne Ruth, born to Vic and Lyn Heinold. Alice Heinold is the great-grandmother.

We are happy to announce that Bro. Andy & Sis. Diane Moser have a new little son, Brian Drew, born July 12. Grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona Bucher and Bro. Roger Moser, Oakville. Brandon and Braden will welcome their new little brother.

Bro. Duane Metzger, West Bend, was our visiting minister.

Bro. Eugene Heinold had an

emergency appendectomy on July 17. On this same afternoon, Duane Bucher (15), son of Sis. Gwen, had a motorcycle accident and had to be hospitalized.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for La Crosse.

**Lester, Iowa . . . Joyce Knoblock - Alice Metzger:** Our church enjoyed a most blessed week-end, when three dear souls gave their testimony of faith and were baptized the following day. Our new brothers and sister-in-faith are Brad Kellenberger, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine, Harvey Metzger, son of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella, and his wife, Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bush. We rejoice that dear souls still heed the calling to repentance. Here to assist Elder Bro. Leo Moser in this undertaking was Elder Bro. Ed Lanz,

Oakville. Other recent visiting ministers were Bros. Simon Wagenbach, Clifford Grimm, Virgil Metzger, Nathan Stoller, Roger Aberle, Marvin Schmidgall and Duane Metzger.

As conference time is at hand, we beseech God's blessing and nearness, as the beloved elders labor in behalf of our precious faith.

The responsibility and duty of teaching Sunday School has fallen upon Bros. Don Metzger and Bob Leuthold and Sis. Clara Wulf.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Carol Knapp into our congregation, as they moved here from the Taylor area.

Jerry and Mary TerWee are parents of a new baby boy, Michael J., born July 17. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emelie Leuthold.

Hospital patients were Brian

Leuthold, son of Bro. Chuck and Sis. Vicki, and Lyle Metzger. Both are home again and improving.

**Forrest, Illinois . . . Kathryn Steidinger - Beverly Eisenmann:** Some of our loved ones have had to endure the afflictions of the body again - Bro. Dan Schlatter and Kenny Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura) were in the hospital. Devon Honegger (Bro. Lloyd and Joyce) had eye surgery. Todd Kupferschmid (Bro. Dean and Sis. Robin) is in a Chicago hospital for skin grafting, following a hot grease burn last year. Bro. Roy Metz had a stroke and remains in the hospital, but is getting along quite well. Sis. Louise Anliker (Bro. Emil) had unexpected major surgery yesterday.

We welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Miriam Metz and four children back into our community. They had made their home in Bradford for a time.

Many relatives and friends from the Fairbury congregation joined us when Sis. Sherry Anliker and Bro. Paul Kelson were united in marriage. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy Anliker and Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson (Fairbury) are parents of the couple. Elder Bro. Josh Broquard, Bro. Art Bahler and Bro. Duane Kilgus were our visiting ministers on that day.

We are always thankful for God's word, and enjoyed many blessings when Elder Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) spent a Sunday in our midst.

We all share the joy with Sis. Sharon Adams, as her husband, Terry, was given grace to heed the Lord's call and has repented. Sharon's parents are Elder Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman.

Three of our aged brothers have had birthdays. Bro. John Koehl, who has been residing at Fairview Haven for several years, was 92. Bro. Roy Metz was 89 and, until a recent stroke, lived alone in an apartment. Bro. Sam Maier shares a home with his daughter, and was 81 . . . Sis. Rose Tyler, who is confined to a wheel chair at Fairview Haven, recently enjoyed having her family come and observe her 85th birthday with her.

**New Martinsville, West Virginia . . . Minnie Wertz - Della Witschey:**

The intense heat wave that hit many parts of the country during the month of July was broken here on the 21st, when we had two lovely rains, which were needed very badly.

The all-day meeting at the country church was enjoyed by a large group of people who came from many states and communities. Aaron Steffen of Alto was the guest minister and gave us many good thoughts that will long be remembered. The local group wish to thank those who came, and a special **Thank You** to all who so generously brought so much food to help with the lunch at noon. Thanks from all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gudeman and family of LaCrosse visited the John Figel Jr. family in Sardis the Fourth of July, and also visited with the Barth sisters in New Martinsville . . . Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baer of Edelstein, Illinois, visited with friends here, and attended the services at the country church on July 3.

W. E. Durig has been confined to his home for some time, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Indermuhle of Sardis visited with Della Witschey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is improving slowly from a stay in the local hospital.

Margaret Witschey and Elizabeth Hawkins visited with their brother, Ralph and wife in Parkersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sohn of Fairbury were among the many visitors who attended the services at the country church on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenny of Wadsworth, Ohio, visited here; Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and son Jimmy of Cleveland visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade.

**Tokyo, Japan . . . Yoshio Yamazaki:** According to the weather broadcast, it said the rainy season was over two days ago, and suddenly turned terrible hot since that. It was 33 degrees C. yesterday afternoon.

Sisters Sally Beutel and Jane Weiss arrived here, for teaching the Japanese kindergarten children at our Shioda church. We understand it's not so easy for them to live here, because most of the circumstances are different. We cer-

tainly appreciate it for the Lord's work here, and may the Lord bless the services of them. Sis. Judy Bauer arrived for a visit last Monday evening, July 10, and is going to stay for six weeks. We hope she will have a real blessed and joyful time with we brethren here. We had real nice memories with her when she was teaching here in Japan.

The world is becoming changed a lot day by day, but the Lord always blesses us through the word of God.

**Zapata, Texas . . . Mary Plattner:**

Our guest ministers this summer have been (Bros.) Sam Huber - Sabetha, David Weigand - Urbana, and Carroll Gerber - Bluffton.

At this reading, the brick should be completed at the church, and work is going along on schedule, with plans to occupy the new building this fall.

Anyone coming this way is most welcome to call us, Leland Plattner, at 765-4961 (Big Bass Mobile Resort), Zapata, or Lloyd Nohl, 1501 Wisteria, McAllen, Texas, phone 512-682-0219.

**Valparaiso, Indiana . . . Marie Heinold:** A quote from a beloved minister's prayer: "Let us go hand in hand, believing where there is strife God is not there, but where there is love He will abide."

We thank our visiting ministers, Bros. Bob Beebe, Gene Lehman, Elder Ed Frank and visitors from Peoria, Roanoke and many other places. We are enjoying our additional Sunday school room, remodeled facilities, summer vacations, refreshing rains, hoping for a bountiful harvest both spiritually and materially.

**Leo, Indiana . . . the editor:**

Sunday, July 3, Bro. Lester Pulver gave the hymn, **Who Are They Before God Standing?** The same day another prophetic selection came from his lips: **When The Saints Go Marching In.** Sis. Florence was to church. Saturday, July 9, in the early morning hours, Florence, his wife was taken Home. Her sons and daughters all experienced the beautiful love in the poem read . . . how many bumps were cuddled and hugged; how can the care of a mother be paid? God knows how. He not only ade-

quately reimburses, but floods with joy there, **Beyond The Sunset!**

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Leo.

God wants us to be doing good . . . Like the sewing of cancer pads by caring hands . . . or the quilting at the Children's Home . . . and making people welcome, going to them with a smiling countenance . . . or teaching the children in Bible School. The young voices joined in melody and recitation in a Sunday evening program. Aren't these nice thoughts: Plenty of room in the family of God . . . plenty of love to go around.

God is working. Who can deny the miracle of conversion? Who are the fortunate who know His salvation? Stephanie Sylvester and Lynn Stoller know what it is to experience peace from our Lord . . . And we're glad for Dean Allen Stoller, who lives at the Home For The Handicapped. Is not this happy news? And from far away Romania comes the news that the believers can assemble for the first time in 105 years!

Our God is doing a glorious work. Viewed within sight of the ages without end, isn't it wonderful? The gate opens for a victorious soul; His word is sown; good deeds are done; grace is given for souls to come into his family. Not one golden grain - His kind - will be lost.

**Naumburg, New York . . . Corinne Virkler:**

God gave us sunshine, birds and trees,  
The star-filled sky above.  
He gave us beauty, flowers and friends,  
And special folks to love,  
And then because each life would bring  
Its share of stress and care,  
He gave us a wondrous gift,  
The miracle of prayer.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Rose Hirschey, whom God called home on June 30, at the Lowville Hospital. Rose was 93 years of age. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clinton (Beatrice) Bachman, Mrs. Ralph (Mae) Jackson; four sons, Wilbur of Boonville, Ralph of Harrisville, Raymond of Lowville, and Bro. Leland of Castorland. Funeral

services were held July 3, at the Naumburg Church, with Bros. Robert Beyer and Norbert Steiner officiating.

Sisters Florence, and Natalie Herzig are home, after being hospitalized. Sis. Edith Herzig is still confined in the hospital for therapy. Annette Schultz has returned home after surgery.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Taube were called to Mansfield, to attend the funeral of Sis. Martha Isley. She was a sister of Minnie. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Bruce and Gayle Hirschey welcomed a little baby girl, Rachel Amy, on May 26. At home to welcome her are two brothers, Aaron, 3 and Jacob, 15 months. Her grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey, Castorland, and Glynn and Roberta Lamoy, Plattsburg, New York.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Naumburg.

**Phoenix, Arizona . . . Julie Hoerr:**

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother . . ." Bro. Alphi (Dick) and Sis. Gladys Fisher were united in holy matrimony July 6, 1927. Their sons, Don and Rodney, came from California to host our Phoenix church's first Golden Anniversary reception.

We welcome Bro. David Hodges into the fold, after his proving and baptism on June 25 and 26.

Truly we in Phoenix are aware that our merciful Heavenly Father has left the door ajar for those who will but seek. Two happy young men laying the foundation for a life in him are Herbie Knochel and Steve Freed. We rejoice with their parents, Bro. Herb and Sis. Joann Knochel and Bro. Allan and Sis. Edith Freed, that their sons could seek the door to repentance.

Our dear friend, Rachel Roth (Bro. Harry) is recovering nicely from surgery. Sis. Katherine Laukauf was hospitalized for studies. Bro. Roy Farney has been bedfast with a bout of pneumonia. Little Miss Stephanie Clayborn (Ken and Judy) had the misfortune of breaking a wrist, when she and her daddy were involved in an accident. Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne Dotterer's infant daughter, Jill was hospitalized for bronchitis.

Our friend, Caroline Callens, was privileged to attend her 50-year

class reunion at St. Francis School of Nursing in Peoria.

Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank arrived the first part of July, hoping to let Bro. Gordon recuperate from heart surgery. We are sorry to report, he became ill and required hospitalization in Scottsdale for pneumonia.

Sis. Ann Mangold has taken a teaching position in Eloy, Arizona, and is looking forward to assembling with both Phoenix and Tucson churches.

We welcome Bro. Paul, Sis. Milli, Jeff and Jill Leman. Paul has accepted a position as principal of Glendale High School. Their address is 5201 West Royal Palm Rd., Glendale, AZ. 85302, phone 602-934-3152.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk are happy grandparents of little Rachel Schrenk. Rachel's parents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Betsy. Little Nathan also welcomes her in their Detroit home.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach are happy to visit with new granddaughter Tasha. Little Tonya, Bro. Fred and Sis. Chelly Kaiser (Morton) welcome Tasha.

Bro. Jon, Sis. Nancy and Mark Kokanovich have moved to 1108 E. Diana, Phoenix, AZ., 85020.

**Faith saves, but the faith that saves is never alone. Faith works in love.**

"Thanks to all who remembered our Golden Wedding Anniversary with cards, notes, and gifts of love. We appreciate it very much." Bro. Alphi and Sis. Gladys Fisher.

**Bern, Kansas . . . Esther and Stella Moser:**

Now it is accomplished! My soul  
He hath healed.  
A portion in Heaven to me He hath sealed.  
O may He direct me through joy  
and through ill;  
I'll never forsake Him, but follow  
Him still.

We spent a blessed week-end July 16-17, when we heard the testimony of our friend, John Baumgartner (Les and Leora). After baptism, we welcomed him as our dear brother. We were reminded of the greatest of miracles, a sinner transformed into a child of God,

An added joy was that John's grandparents, Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena of the Apostolic Christian Home were able to be with us. Bro. Lou Meyer is the maternal grandfather. Bro. Gene Marti assisted Bro. Lester Hartter. Bro. Gene also ministered to us on Sunday.

Bro. Arden and Sis. Darlene Stoller are the parents of their first child, Marla Jean, born July 4. Marla is also the first granddaughter for Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona Wulf, Lester.

The engagement of Bro. Richard Strahm to Sis. Kathy Dietrich, Silverton, was announced. We wish them much happiness as they make plans for a September wedding.

Bern and Sabetha hosted a large group of young folks over the July 4, week-end. It was a blessed time of worship and fellowship.

**Elgin, Illinois . . . Mary Moser:** We were blessed with a visit from Ministering Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont. How thankful we are for the teachings given from God's word.

Dwayne Schock was in the hospital for a short time. Bro. Dave Kellenberger remains hospitalized.

If I could only see the road you  
came,  
With all the jagged rocks and  
crooked ways,  
I might more kindly think of your  
mis-step,  
And only praise.

In listing our graduates, we failed to mention Barb Haas - daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Carolyn, and Ken Schurter, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ruth. Congratulations to both graduates.

**Illinois State University . . . Barb Hoffman:**

God is in every tomorrow.  
Therefore I live for today,  
Certain of finding at sunrise  
Guidance and strength for the  
way,  
Power for each moment of weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

ISU students enjoyed the inspired word of God spoken through Bros. Josh Broquard, Virgil Metz-

ger, Kenny Weertz, and Kenneth Schneider.

**Latty, Ohio . . . Karen Klopfenstein - Diane Stoller:** Neil Gerber (son of Roger and Sis. Eunice Gerber) and Leesa Teitje plan a September wedding.

The engagement of Sis. Cindy Rager (Bill and Sis. Elsie) to Bro. Darl Schieler (Sis. Marilyn) of Wolcott has been made known. Their wedding date is set for August 21.

Randy Wenninger (son of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine) fell and broke his arm. Harlan Riggenbach and Bro. Richard Laukhuf spent some time in the hospital.

John David Grant is the newborn son of Bro. Paul and Sis. Charlotte. Grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores . . . Little Kyle Christopher is the fifth child of Wendell and Glenna Stoller. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy are the happy grandparents . . . On July 14, Andrew Earl became the new brother of Angie, born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Tam Stoller. Grandparents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred. May God guide these young couples in raising their families and add His blessings.

**THINKING GOOD IS THANKING GOD.**

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

There is never a day so dreary,  
But God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trusts Him,  
He giveth songs in the night.  
There is never a path so hidden,  
But God will show the way,  
If we seek the Spirit's guidance,  
And patiently watch and pray.

The week-end of July 4 was a blessed one for Wolcott's and our congregations. Some 90 brothers, sisters and friends, including young children, came by chartered buses on Saturday. In the evening, we all gathered at our Remington church for song and fellowship. The Wichita choir favored us with many inspiring and beautiful hymns. On Sunday, Bro. George Lambert was with us for morning services, and Bro. Max Reimschisel for afternoon services. After services, many of us went to Wolcott, where the choir sang for us at 2:30.

One Sunday, our 7th and 8th

grade Sunday School classes were the guests of the LaCrosse Sunday School. It is reported that the young people made many new acquaintances and enjoyed the day of fellowship.

On Wednesday evening the 13th, we were blest with visiting ministers, Bros. Duane Metzger of West Bend and Don Gudeman of LaCrosse.

We can testify God has heard and wonderfully answered our prayers for Bro. Bob Clauss. He has recovered nicely, after open heart surgery, and is able to be with us part of each Sunday.

We are looking forward to this week-end, to hear the testimonies of Susan Getz (Bro. Maurice and Sis. Eileen) and Jayne Schieler Price (Bro. Herb and Sis. Mary Jo), on Saturday evening and hopefully baptisms on Sunday. Bro. Perry Zimmerman is to be here to assist our elder, Bro. Alfred Bahler.

"We wish to thank our loved ones for prayers during Bob's stay in the hospital and especially at the time of his surgery; also for the lovely greetings and kind deeds done." Bro. Bob and Sis. Mildred Clauss.

**Oakville, Iowa . . . Phyllis Siegle:**

His word is light and is what we need.  
It gives its cheer each day.  
It gives instructions for each deed,  
The road map for His way.

We certainly want to extend our thanks for the ministers who visited us and spoke His word. They are as follows: Bros. Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Vernon Wettstein, Congersville; Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rockville; Rudolph Graf, Akron; and Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto. The messages truly gave us Light for our way.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Oakville.

It may be of interest what Bro. Froelich meditated upon to his congregation in Zurich some 137 years ago, Aug. 30, 1840 (Sunday), Morning meeting.

"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Hatred is darkness, the old na-

ture, the devil's kingdom in man; love is light, the new nature, the kingdom of God in man (righteousness, peace, joy). Hatred is a fore-hell; love a fore-heaven. By hatred, one makes the earthly life, which is already miserable apart from this, unbearable for one another; love, however, makes it dear and blessed amidst all the sorrows of this time, which are unavoidable and from which no one is exempt, either as a believer or an unbeliever: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." . . . even if one lives in splendor . . . all his days, he still has a miserable life, full of the fear of death.

The ungodly have no comfort or peace in their sorrows, but the children of God glory in God over the hope of their glory in their tribulations, for they walk in the light and know whither they go. They always have their goal in sight, and from there, the jewel to which they hasten sparkles. This is their mark of distinction, that they love the appearing of the Lord, without having to be fearful of it. They would prefer to depart, if they did not know that their life and the suffering of this time yielded the fruit of glory. Therefore, they are contented with things as they are, for the duration of their suffering is short. They make life and the tribulations of this time as bearable and as blessed as possible for one another by mutual love. Love has changed them back into men and brethren, as Christ died that he might transfer us from darkness to light, from hatred to love. The children of God must love one another, serve, bear, and help one another, esteem the other higher than himself, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Because they have recognized and experienced the purpose of the sending of Christ, they also love all men in a divine way (for their salvation's sake), and hate no one, for hatred is from the devil, but love is from God.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky Endress of Bradford; grandparents, Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose

Steiner, Sis. Mildred Endress, and families.

Little Gail, nearly 2 years, will be a beautiful flower in God's garden of children.

A soul that's ever humble as only a child can be,  
Always with the thought in mind to please whoever they see.

A soul that's forgiving, with love in her heart,  
The type of creation God planned from the start.

So He is filling His Garden with children's souls so pure;  
So few when grown seem to take His cross and endure.

And though our hearts ache for the child He did choose,  
If it brought to God some comfort, we are willing then to lose.

Sardis, Ohio . . . Joyce Indermuhle: What a fellowship, what a joy divine! A spiritual uplift was felt by all who shared the last week-end in June. On Saturday evening, we gathered around God's word in our home church in Sardis, and on Sunday we assembled across the river at the old West Virginia church. There were loved ones there from 15 congregations of our faith. Many times during the week-end we were reminded of the teaching, where loved ones will be gathered together from the four winds of the earth and dwell in heavenly places. The fellowship we share is merely a foretaste of greater joys to come. How happy we should be to praise and thank God for our precious faith we share with each other. Surely God was with those who ministered unto us, and we pray a special blessing for Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto, who felt moved to come and be with us on that last week-end in June.

Our congregation always rejoices when the summer months come, because with them come many visitors. We thank all who have found it worthwhile to come and worship with us, and we extend a loving invitation to all who would yet wish to come.

Although the meeting comes parting, we can rejoice that it will not always be that way when we sing: Saviour bless us as we part;

fill our hearts with love divine . . .  
If on earth we meet no more, may we meet on Heaven's shore.

Sarasota, Florida . . . Kathryn Schroeder: God in His creation has given us infinite beauty, and the poet expresses this so well with a few simple lines in Night:

Stars over snow,  
And in the west a planet  
Swinging below a star—  
Look for a lovely thing and  
you will find it,  
It is not far—  
It never will be far.

The Lord has been sending us His life-giving rains, and how quickly the beautiful blooming plants, trees, and grass respond with new growth and greenness. There is much to offer our summer visitors, with the lovely things the Creator has given Florida. We welcomed our visitors with joy, and sang our fond farewells with regret. We thank them for having added happiness to our summer days.

We received God's beneficence; our visiting ministers were Bros. Arnold Gerst, Chicago; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Eugene Pamer, Akron; Carroll Gerber, Bluffton; and Dave Roberts, Philadelphia. We appreciated very much their sermons and prayers.

Sis. Donna Hartzler, Detroit, gave us welcome news of Elder Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach.

Residents:

We are glad to announce that Bro. Jeff and Sis. Ruth Streitmatter, Gloria, Katrine, and Jeff III, Princeville, have joined our community of year round residents. They live at 3620 Pembroke Dr., Sarasota, FLA. 33580.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Elizabeth Knapp, 5309 Antoinette St., Sarasota, were here for a short period. Their new home is under construction. They returned to their home in Cissna Park, and later they will come back for year-round residence. This we are happy to note.

Our dear friends, George and Betty Siladie, come in from St. Petersburg each Sunday with their family to worship with us. They have shared this good news: Their son, George Michael, with worthwhile endeavor has earned and re-

ceived a degree of B.A. in Business, upon graduating in June from the University of South Florida. Their daughter, Deborah Joyce, is engaged to marry Robert Little. The wedding is planned for Sept. 3, in the home of her parents, with Elder Bro. Ben Maibach officiating.

Bro. Philip Wingeier was in Alto 20 days, for his annual visit with his daughter and family, Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian Feldman. There were three Sundays that we missed Bro. Phil's familiar presence in the pulpit.

**Shioda, Japan . . . Willis P. Ehle:** We must mend our fences, repair the floodgates, and go to work in the vineyard of our Lord with joy and enthusiasm.

**Fear Mountain** is not really a bad place; it's just what goes on there. It is located in Aomori Prefecture, in the northern part of Japan's main island of Honshu. There, blind ladies operate a very profitable business. A clientele of sorrowing and anxious people willingly pay large sums of money for the assistance of these ladies. It centers around man's hankering for the supernatural and for the sensational, fertile soil for Satan. These ladies "call" up the spirits of the dead, so they can converse with grieving relatives or friends. God's word speaks of them as sorcerers, and sternly warns against their activities. Beware! Stay away from such.

Sis. Sally Beutel of Tremont arrived in Japan on July 7 and joined Sis. Jane Weiss, (teachers of our kindergarten). We say **Thank you** to the families and churches of these dear sisters.

Bros. Ben Maibach and Wendell Gudeman, along with their wives, plan to be in Japan for approximately the last two weeks of July.

Everyone should repent and believe and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Toledo, Ohio . . . Josephine Rehklau:** The partaking of Holy Communion brought to remembrance the greatest sacrifice ever made for mankind, the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross on Calvary's hill. Here His precious blood was shed and His body was broken, so that we can receive remission from sin, and then some day be found worthy to be with Him in His kingdom. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach - De-

troit, and Loren Stoller, Latty, made it possible for us to share in this Holy Sacrament.

Brethren who are worshiping with us while attending school are Lester Manz of Junction, at the University of Toledo, and Russell Sauder of Mansfield, at the Medical College of Ohio. We are very thankful to have them in our midst.

Bro. Roger Saurer has completed his course in medical technology at St. Charles Hospital.

Beth Harmon, daughter of Sis. Collette and Bro. Howard, has graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing.

Sis. Irene and Burley Zeigler, and Sis. Clara Beard and son Robert have returned home from Florida. We are very happy to have them with us again.

**West Bend, Iowa . . . Mrs. Raymond Anliker - Becky Banwart:**

Bro. Gary and Sis. Sue Schnieder are happy to have a newborn foster son, Michael Louis. May God guide and bless them as they tenderly care for their precious new baby.

Hospital patients have been: Betty Mogler (daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Eula), Sis. Ella Schnieder, Leona McCue, Terry Fehr (son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Carole), Sis. Kathy Fehr, and Sis. Della Metzger.

"We want to thank each of you for the prayers, gifts, cards, and visits to our son, Wendal, while in the hospital with his broken leg, and since his return home." His parents, Bro. Leland and Sis. Kathy Metzger.

He sat by a fire of seven-fold heat,  
As He watched by the precious ore,

And closer He bent with a searching gaze,

As He heated it more and more.  
He knew He had ore that could stand the test,

And He wanted the finest gold  
To mould as a crown for the King to wear,

Set with gems with a price untold;

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,

Tho we fain would have said Him **Nay,**

And He watched the dross that we had not seen,

And it melted and passed away,  
And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,

But our eyes were so dim with tears

We saw but the fire, not the Master's hand,

And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shown out with a richer glow,

As it mirrored a Form above  
That bent o'er the fire, tho unseen by us,

With a look of ineffable love.  
Can we think that it pleases His loving heart

To cause us a moments pain?  
Ah no! but He saw through the present cross

The bliss of eternal gain,  
So He waited with a watchful eye,  
With a love that is strong and sure,

And His gold did not suffer a bit more with heat

Than was needed to make it pure.

**Champaign-Urbana, Illinois . . . Charlen Banwart:**

We were blessed with a visit from Ministering Bro. Byron Stoller of Gridley. As he and his family drove to church, they observed people in their yards performing daily labors. In his sermon, he noted how much better it is to spend Sunday in church. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the LORD."

Bro. Ben and Sis. Wilma Blunier have two new grandsons. Jeremy Steven was born to Steven and Randi Blunier of Rantoul. Their daughter, Linda, and her husband, John McGrath of Peoria have a new son, Brian Joseph. Each baby has an older brother.

Our Sunday School children are looking forward to their annual picnic on July 31. The oldest class is planning an overnight camping trip in August. Sunday School vacation will be Aug. 7 - 28.

**Eureka, Illinois . . . Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Schumacher:**

Since our last news, two births can be recorded. June 30, Darrell Lee was born to Bro. and Sis. Tom and Edith Stoller. He has a little sister . . . July 2, Jacob William was born to Bro. and Sis. Dale and Friedora Wiegand. He has a sister and five brothers to help take care of him.

Another soul is seeking the Lord in repentance; she is Janet Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam and Gladys Schmidgall.



Another new resident in our "Home" is Bro. Ed Feller from Cissna Park. Mr and Mrs. Elmer King are also new in the "Home".

Our guest ministers have been: Bros. Simon Wagonbach - Tremont, Gary Maibach - Rittman, Bruce Leman - Roanoke.

Wedding: Robert Kempf, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clara Kempf, and Rebecca Draper, daughter of the Alan Drapers, were married June 4. They will live in the Eureka area.

July 20, Sis. Ada Zimmerman and Bro. Ed Grusy were united in marriage by Bro. Leroy Huber, in an evening ceremony.

In the hospital, Sis. Elizabeth Funk - Eureka; Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid for tests; Sis. Mary Jacob from the "Home" is a surgical patient in St. Francis Hospital. Bro. Lee Blunier was a surgical patient in Methodist. Robert Kempf was in the hospital a few days after an accident.

"Bro. Lee Blunier wishes to thank everyone for the cards, visits and gifts while he was a hospital patient." . . . "We would like to thank everyone for their cards, money, food and visits after our baby was born." Bro. Dale and Sis. Friedora Wiegand.

In our area, we have had much hot and dry weather, but have had several rains the past week. We call them **showers of blessing** sent down from above. God does still refresh the earth from time to time with rain.

**Fairbury, Illinois . . . Joyce Huber:** We rejoice with the families of four young girls who have been converted, received peace with God, gave their testimonies, and were baptized. They are Marsha Moser, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser; Jill and Jean Bachtold, daughters of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vi; and LuAnn Steidinger, daughter of Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice.

Bro. Norman Young has the added responsibility of being a Sunday School teacher, and Bro. Ben Lorch is to finish out an unexpired term of an usher.

Our hearts were deeply saddened at the sudden death of a precious young boy, 6-year old Scott Moser, son of Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser. Scott was killed, when a tractor overturned and pinned him. Surviving are his parents; three brothers, Doug, Kevin, and Jeff-

ery; four sisters, Sis. Marsha, Bonnie, Janis, and Sally; his grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser, and Sis. Sadie Riggerbach of Latty. Scott's family wishes to thank all those who remembered them so lovingly during this time.

Bro. Mannie and Sis. Lucille Steffen, along with others from Lucille's family, took a trip to Europe. They met with relatives in Switzerland, who showed them all around their country, and they visited Lucille's mother's and father's birthplaces, and met her mother's sister for the first time.

Bro. George Zimmerman reached his fourscore years, as he was 80 years old on July 18, and his family helped him to celebrate the occasion.

We are sorry for those who have been hospitalized: Sis. Vi Bachtold, Bro. Jesse Huber, Bro. Dan Meiss, Jeff Kilgus.

Visiting elders were Bros. Alfred Bahler (of Indiana) and Perry Zimmerman.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Fairbury.

**Francesville, Indiana . . . Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser:** We enjoyed a blessed week of Vacation Bible School. Monday evening, Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) spoke on **Powers and Tactics of Satan versus Power of the Holy Spirit**. Tuesday evening Bro. Gene Lehman (Wolcott) spoke on **Demon Worship versus True Worship**. Wednesday evening Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso) spoke on **Way of the Transgressor versus Happiness of the Believer**. Thurs. evening Bro. Elmer Bucher spoke on **Discerning the Spirits**. Friday evening Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington) spoke on **Death of the Wicked versus Death of the Righteous**. We thank each one of the brothers who gave of their time and talents to come and share with us. Then on Sunday afternoon, a program was held, and each class told us what they learned during the week.

A card shower was given for Sis. Louisa Anliker for her 80th birthday.

(Bros.) George Lambert (Wichita), Uriel Gehring (Burlington), and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) were our visiting ministers.

Tricia Jean was born to Jerry and Janice Gutwein. This is their first child. Bro. Harold and Sis.

Maxine Gutwein are the grandparents . . . Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard were blest with a boy, Jeffrey Simon. He has four sisters and three brothers to help care for him.

We are thankful as we have several new converts. May they feel God's nearness.

Gordon and Judy Gutwein have a little girl, Katie Marie. She has two brothers who are happy for a little sister.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella Gudeman, as they have traveled to Japan with Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach of Detroit to further the work of God.

A farewell picnic was held for Kike Vaara, foreign exchange student from Finland living with Bro. Elmer and Sis. Peg Bucher. She has been here one year, and has been enjoyed by all of us.

"It was so heart-warming, so many nice cards, gifts, flowers, and prayers while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Danka Shein!" (Thank You!). Sis. Lauritta Wuethrich.

**Home For The Handicapped:** It is a well-known fact that, in the field of the handicapped, Helen Keller stands out as an example of one who overcame a great deal. One can learn so much of great value by studying her circumstances and accomplishments. There are a number of her comments which have merit in giving us food for thought. After she had learned a measure of communication, her tutor decided it was time to tell her that there was a God and a Saviour. After the story had been related to her, she replied: "I always knew there was Someone like that. I just didn't know His name." On other occasions, also, Helen demonstrated amazing insight. She realized that because of her disability, some things would always be denied to her. Speaking of **LOVE**, she put it this way: "Love is so much like a beautiful, fragile rose, whose petals I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a lovely place to be, nevertheless."

On February 20, 1975, Barbara Hostetler, daughter of Duane and Rosemary Schrock Hostetler of Kansas, came to be a resident in our Home. Her grandmother, with

whom she lived for some time, is Jennie Schrock of Harper, Kansas. Attending Community Workshop five days per week occupies much of her time, but Barbara has considerable talent in the field of needlework and painting. Birthday time for Barb is August 28.

Families of residents came to enjoy a bountiful picnic in the wooded area behind the Home on July 4. Residents do enjoy these outings.

On July 19, Sally Gramm showed slides taken during her two-years' stay in Japan. We thank her for coming.

Plastering and painting continues in the new building, along with the myriad of tasks required at this point.

Bradford, Peoria, Gridley, and Fairbury are scheduled for the Friday evening services in July. These services are important to our residents, and we thank you for coming

#### 1977 ANNUAL BENEFIT DAY

Friday, Nov. 18, has been selected as the ANNUAL BENEFIT DAY of the Apostolic Christian Home For The Handicapped. The event is being planned from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. at the Morton Fellowship Hall on Veterans Road (which is adjacent to the Handicapped Home).

All types of articles and crafts will be needed and are welcomed, especially handmade items. The Gift Shop welcomes visitors, and thanks you for the many items brought to the shop at all times. They are continually needed.

As in the past, many volunteers will be needed to assist the craft and food activities planned for the Benefit Day.

#### Junction, Ohio . . . Gwen Manz:

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion July 9. Our Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, was assisted by Elder Bro. Joseph Ramsier, Rittman. Also at this time, Bros. Bill Schlatter and Don Manz were chosen to minister the word of God. Bill is the son of Sis. Juliet and the late Bro. Richard, and Don's parents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn. We beseech your prayers for Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily (Heinold) Schlatter and Bro. Don and Sis. Connie (Ehnle) Manz in their new duties.

Bro. Jim Ringger, Bradford, was our other visiting minister.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the Akron Sunday School in June.

Hospital patients are Sis. Carolyn Manz (surgical) and Bro. Oliver Spangler. Bro. Oliver is recovering from a fall from a roof in which his hip was fractured, requiring surgery.

Jonathan Bradley was born July 9 to John and Trish Rose. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz . . . A girl, Jill Kathleen was born July 14 to Bro. David and Sis. Kathy Manz. Grandparents are Sis. Juliet Schlatter and Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz. Jennifer, Mark, and Julie welcome little Jill home.

#### Milford, Indiana . . . Coleen-Beer - Linda Beer:

HOW GOOD is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend,  
Whose love is as great as His pow'r,  
And knows neither measure nor end.

Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home.

We'll praise Him for all that is past;

We'll trust Him for all that's to come.

How thankful we are that our life is linked with Christ's, who is such a constant friend. Our ambition in life should be to invest every moment to glorify Him. We are His, He wants our best, and we must never settle for second best in anything we do. To be a child of God is to be Christ-like. We must strive to bring glory to His name in all things. The responsibility is great, but His grace is greater.

If we are to be sincere and without offense, we must have hearts of love. This love will keep us in His will until the day of Christ. If we are filled with love, then we will also be filled with the fruits of righteousness, and these fruits will bring glory and praise to God.

We thank Bros. Bob Pohl, Cleo Rinkenberger and George Lambert for sharing God's word with us. We were warned of deception which is to come in the latter times, and that we should not be deceived. "Be ye therefore ready . . ."

Sis. Rosa Waldbeser, age 88,

passed away at the Prairie View Nursing Home June 5. She is survived by two nephews and one niece. She was born in Germany, and helped in many homes caring for newborns. It was mentioned that, though her mind was confused, when visited at the nursing home she would be carrying her Bible and songbook, clinging to that which could give her strength.

Sis. Wanda Weisser was able to assemble this past Sunday, after an absence. Her husband, Bro. Charles has been unable to attend church for many months, and we pray God will be near them, lifting them up in His merciful arms in their time of pain. Sis. Sandy Frantz is a hospital patient.

The Lord can do a LOT with a little, if He has it ALL.

Peoria, Illinois . . . Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin: "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."

We wish to welcome Sis. Debbie and Kathy Dogotch (daughters of Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma) and their friend, Rita O'Leary from Morris. They are making their home in Peoria.

Beth Hohulin, daughter of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Marie, and Kevin VanDusen were united in marriage on May 28 at our Fellowship Hall.

Barnard, Race (husband of Sis. Leona) found peace and desired to be baptized, which was performed at his home on June 21. We pray that God will comfort him in his illness.

We were happy to have Bro. Joe Braker of Morton in our midst on June 26, assisting our ministers with the baptism of three dear friends: Sandy Hunziker (daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Gloria), Rhonda Messerli (daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Miriam), and Darrell Hoffess.

On July 3, Bro. Marvin and Sis. Gail Hodel were blessed with a new baby boy, Benjiman John, and Amy Renee welcomed him home. Grandparents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Virginia Blunier of Forrest and Bro. Sam and Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Peoria . . . A daughter, Jill Renee, was born to Bro. Skip and Sis. Pat Meister, and Kimberly Dawn was

home to welcome her new sister. Grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Ruth Kieser of Princeville and Bro. Dave Meister of Peoria.

Hospitalized are Sis. Barb Stoller and Sis. Naomi Perrine . . . We are happy to hear that Sis. Sophie Hybarger, Sis. Martha Hemmer, Sis. Mary Ott, and Karen Meister have returned home from the hospital.

Two dear souls from our congregation were taken from this life in July. Sis. Marie Weess died on July 3. We extend our sympathy to her niece, Mrs. Carla Aupperle of Peoria and her nephew, Myron Weess of Peoria. Bro. Joe Heinsman passed away on July 12. We extend our sympathy to his brother, Ted and his sister-in-law, Sis. Mary Ott.

We, the Peoria congregation, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Howard and Sis. Nancy Herman, Bro. Ronald and Sis. Mary Ann Herman, Bro. Allan and Sis. Lois Herman. Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Ginzel, and their families upon the death of their nephew, John Lang (son of Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis) of Tremont.

Bro. Ott Hoerr wishes to express his thanks to those who remembered him during his illness with cards and prayers.

**Princeville, Illinois . . . Ruth Ricketts: What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God.**

We were thankful to have a few visitors with us July 3, among them Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka. He read the beautiful Psalm 46, and for meditation told of the lame man who was healed. The lame man, expecting silver and gold, was told by Peter **he had none of these, but what I have I give you; In the name of Jesus rise up and walk.** He was sitting at the Beautiful Gate many years, just as some of our dear friends are sitting at the beautiful gate to salvation. We thank Bro. Walter for his kindly words and welcome him back.

Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City was with us July 10. The meditation on Romans 2 held many teachings for us. We should be careful that no material thing becomes an idol for us, for it is very dangerous. Anything that comes before God in our lives is not good,

and we should guard against such. A number were missing from our congregation on this day, as the Bible Class, teachers and some parents attended the Summer Youth Fellowship at Normal. Truly God must have been pleased to hear the many voices join together in songs of praise to Him that evening. May His blessing rest on each one who took part in this memorable day. The following Saturday, the Bradford Bible Class joined Princeville and took a bus trip to Lake of the Woods Park near Champaign for a picnic lunch and fellowship.

**The Sunday School is our delight; we love it more and more.** We hope the words of this familiar hymn echo the feelings of our 156 Sunday School students, taught by six sisters and ten brothers. New teachers were chosen to teach the coming year. Brothers chosen are, Ronald Rumbold, LaVern Berchtold, Florian Streitmatter and Robert Wieland. Sis. Marsha Knobloch was chosen to assist in the kindergarten class.

Kevin Martin, son of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lorraine, was united in marriage to Sandra Suarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suarez of Normal, June 25. We welcome Sandra.

A number of our congregation went to Morton July 17, to witness the wedding of Bro. Lorin Knobloch, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille, and Sis. Pat Pfister, daughter of Bro. Levi and Sis. Faye. We welcome Sis. Pat and trust she will feel the love of those who assemble here.

On July 2, a little daughter, Mary Rachel, was born to Bro. Kurt and Sis. Jane Ehnle. A little sister, Beth, welcomed her, as did grandparents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber of Eureka; great-grandparents; Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Moser of Gridley congregation and Sis. Elizabeth Stoller of Princeville. Twin daughters, Joy Esther and Jill Iza, were born July 6 to Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann. Four sisters and two brothers were waiting for them to come home. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther Herrmann and Milford and Iza Nolder of Pekin.

Sis. Louise Baurer has gone to live with her husband, Bro. John, in the Peoria Church Home. We trust each will be a help to each

other and enjoy each day together. May they find peace and contentment here, where they are cared for by loving ones.

We are happy to report that Bro. William Stahl, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago, is regaining his strength and was able to assemble with us one Sunday afternoon. Wayne Scholl, who suffered a heart attack, is recovering in his home and is still restricted as to his actions. We hope it will not be long before he can again assemble with us.

Our hearts were saddened when we heard of the tragic accident, in which little Gail Endress, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky of Bradford congregation lost her life. God needed another little bud for His bouquet, and she was the chosen one. May God comfort the family, parents, brother, sisters, and grandparents.

**Roanoke, Illinois . . . Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel:**

My Saviour's righteousness  
Is now my glorious dress  
Before my Lord.  
Thy Spirit and Thy blood  
To me redemption brought;  
In likeness of my God  
I serve His word.

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of three of our dear friends, Herb Hodel, Roger Bertsch, and Denise Klaus. Denise is the wife of Ed Klaus, who is stationed in Washington state. Portland is their nearest church, a six-hour drive.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Roy Sauder, Bros. Walt Anliker, Joe Schrock, and Rod Huber (Valparaiso). We thank them for giving us the wonderful words of life.

Sis. Esther Weyeneth was able to come home from the hospital. She is in the Apostolic Christian Home.

Our new fellowship hall was dedicated Wednesday evening. May it be a blessing for all who enjoy the fellowship of our precious faith.

**Taylor, Missouri . . . Lena M. Haerr:** "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

Sis. Louise Grimm is on the sick

list, knowing what pain and suffering is. She was in the hospital four days recently, is home again, with not too much improvement. She wants me to thank everyone for the prayers and cards and appreciates them very much.

Saturday, June 25, the daughter of Mrs. Naomi Heimer, and the son of the Bobby Hastings—Mary Beth Heimer and Gregory Hastings were married.

Sis. Charlene (wife of Richard Sutter) is in Blessing Hospital, where she had a kidney stone surgery. We hope she will soon feel better. Jimmy Sutter, son of James and Lois, was in the hospital with severe burns from a radiator hose. We are so thankful he is getting along fine.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Bill Gerst - Alto, Kenny Dietz - Bradford, Lenny Meyer - Chicago, Paul Butikofer - Elgin, and Richard Schupbach, Phoenix. We appreciate their visits and hearing the precious word of God.

Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr attained their 50th wedding anniversary. July 10, their children hosted a buffet reception at the fellowship hall, with about 325 relatives, friends and neighbors attending. Bro. John was born May 16, 1899 in Morton, son of Rudolph and Lydia Zurlinden Hoerr. He, with his brothers came to Taylor to farm in 1921. Sis. Rose was born Sept. 29, 1909 in Elgin, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Rose Grimm Frieden. They were married July 10, 1927, and lived on a farm in the Taylor community until January 1963, when they retired and moved to Quincy, Illinois. They had eight children and 22 grandchildren, all living in and around Taylor, but one son, Wayne, who drowned Aug. 2, 1959, when he was 16 years old. They both cherish their spiritual life, and hope they have been a light and example to their children and grandchildren, that all may enter that heavenly eternal Home.

**Tremont, Illinois . . . Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold: The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

When the Lord creates for us, from us, a child,

What are we given?

A Miracle!

First a helpless baby who needs

and loves us instinctively.

Who has Daddy's eyes, Mommy's smile, Grandpa's coloring, Uncle Dave's nose, and every-one's love.

Too soon a toddler who delights in being stubborn, but whose Volunteered hug and whispered "I love you" melt

The most frustrated heart.

Suddenly school starts and our Janie or Billy is on his way To be an indifferent scholar?

An avid reader?

A curious inventor?

A genius?

An individual!

And friends become more important—

School and church friends with lots to talk about.

So they grow, at as fast a pace as our world spins,

But sometimes in the spinning, a child is taken,

And we are left.

The Lord knows why.

We parents don't know yet—

When our child, a part of our union, dies,

All at once we know again how vulnerable love makes us.

We groan in our grief;

We plead for relief and comfort

From our God, knowing He fully comprehends.

He had to watch men crucify His Son,

So that even in our deepest woe we could have hope.

(Written by a sister in the faith)

Our community was saddened when John Lang, 16, was killed in a car accident June 25. Loving prayers are for his parents, Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis; his brother - Bro. Jim; and sisters, Jennifer, Jean and convert Jane. We all miss John; he was a friend to everyone, and everyone loved him. "We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the deeds of kindness during the time of John's tragic death." Bro. George, Sis. Phyllis and family.

Sis. Rosa Schurter, 90, was called to her eternal rest June 28. Her husband, Bro. John died March 21, 1976. She leaves four sons, Dan, Jesse, and Henry - Tremont, and John Jr. - Canby, Oregon; four daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Ruth) Miller, Mrs. Louise Yonle - Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Eldon (Bernice) Alt - Silverton, and Mrs. Byrl

(Christine) Austin, Tremont; two sisters, Sis. Elizabeth Feldman - Altadena, and Lydia Feldman, and a brother, John, Milwaukee, Oregon. The family wishes to thank the loved ones for their expressions of love, prayers and kindness during Rosa's illness and death.

Luise Bernhard, 82, of Germany passed on to her eternal home July 13. Our sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Endress and her three sisters and three brothers.

"I wish to thank those who remembered my family and me with prayers, cards, gifts, food, and visits while in the hospital and since returning home." Sis. Jane Kaufmann.

We wish to thank Bro. Joe Bra-ker for his visit.

May the Lord bless Karen Sauder and Kerry Hinman who were united in marriage July 2. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Elizabeth Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. George Hinman, Tremont.

We are sorry for those who have been hospitalized: Bro. Orval Rocke, a surgical patient is home and recuperating. Bro. Mark Meister (while on vacation in New Jersey at Sis. Becky's parents) had a fall and has a serious knee injury.

Dennis and Michelene Koch's home was blessed with a baby girl. Heather Michele was born July 17. Grandparents are Bro. Dane and Sis. Frances Koch and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stephenson, Tremont.

The engagement was announced of Bro. Jerry Kaiser (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene) to Sis. Marcia Keiser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha), Bradford . . . also announced was the engagement of Bro. Steve Pfloderer (Bro. James and Sis. Lee) to Sis. Barbara Kaiser (Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn), Morton.

**Wichita, Kansas . . . Glennis Al-lenbach: I listened! - I listened and I heard words like - wonderful, blessed, beautiful, rewarding and worthwhile.** The subject was our choir's trip to Indiana. Many of us believe there is a ministry in music. The inclusive word would be fellowship, and we know that's the closest thing there is to heaven.

From time to time I like to include things our ministers give in their sermons. Bro. George Lambert mentioned how in God's per-

fect plan, His Son, Jesus was a carpenter, a builder, during His earthly walk, and a carpenter, a builder of the door to our salvation in His spiritual walk.

I am ever amazed as I travel along how this and that fall into place, so I can really understand God's perfect plan and see that it includes **even me!**

I would also like to include part of a sermon Bro. Al Langhofer gave.

It is told of a shepherd who, when having a lamb that repeatedly strays, is compelled to break its leg to keep it from straying and save its life. Then in the tenderest way, the leg is bound, and the shepherd carries the lamb on his shoulders till the leg heals. There a wonderful relationship is born and the lamb strays no more. Thus he likened the shepherd to our Saviour, and us to the lamb, and haven't we found it so!

We are having some very hot weather, and I am reminded of our churches not so many years ago. I recall the seats by the windows filled first (on the shady side of the building), and cardboard fans lay in all the pews - Thank you, Lord for a comfortable place to worship!

Received with much joy was Glenna Joy Funk, born to Bro. Glen and Sis. Sally on July 13. Glenna has two older brothers, Patrick and Derek. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Wilbert and Sis. Vi Funk of Morton. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Gussie Wulschleger of our church.

In closing, I would wish peace for all our brothers and sisters, not the kind the world can give, but the peace of God . . . That which can keep us, though the storms be raging, for He will hold us in the hollow of His hand, so that the rest doesn't matter.

I haven't reminded you for a while so I will—Keep smiling, for we Christians have something to smile about!

**Akron, Ohio . . . Gail Spangler:**  
**The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside.**

We welcome as a new brother in Christ, Howard Dockus, who was taken into the fold July 4. May he ever feel the Lord's nearness and guidance as he walks the narrow

path of life.

We enjoyed the Sunday evening visit of Ministering Bro Ben Manz from Junction.

Our Vacation Bible School was held the last week in June. Visiting ministers speaking to the adult class were (Bros.) Sam Schlatter - Junction, Henry Dotterer - Rittman, Ken Indermuhle - Sardis, Tom Lehman - Elgin Illinois. A hearty **thank you** to all the ministers who came to speak, also to our Ministering Bro. Ernest Graf, who spoke to us, and to all the other brothers and sisters who so willingly gave of their time and talents.

**Bloomington - Normal, Illinois . . . Paula Knapp - Jean O'Shea:**  
On June 26 we held our annual church picnic at Ash Park. Services at Woodhill Towers were also held that evening.

We were so happy to hear (Bros.) Earl Kilgus from Remington and Duane Kilgus from Fairbury on July 10. The following Sunday, Bro. Steve Rinkenberger from Cissna Park was with us. We always appreciate the efforts of our beloved brethren who share the gospel message with us.

We held a farewell potluck supper on Wednesday evening, July 20, for our Bro. Harvey and Sis. Nancy Steffen and their two sons, Dan and Paul. They have moved to Phoenix, and although we will miss them in our congregation, we know they will find the same wonderful Christian love and fellowship that we are so blessed with in our faith. We wish them God's richest blessings of joy and peace as they establish their new home

Even though we sometimes lose loved ones in our congregation as they are guided and directed elsewhere, the Lord seems to guide others here. Again we have been blessed with a new young couple, Bro. Kevin and Sis. Dixie Knapp, as they have chosen to make Bloomington their church. We had a church welcome for them, and feel so thankful that our church can continue to grow.

Our choir was invited to Lexington, Kentucky for the week-end of July 30 and 31. Many from our church attended and really felt the Lord's special blessing.

Moving? Let us know both old and new addresses.

**Iowa City, Iowa . . . Lynn Banwart - Twila Whipple:** Our friends, Jay Mogler and Holly Nelson were united in marriage on July 23. Holly's parents are Alvin & Sis. Donnabell of Winthrop. Jay's parents are Bro. Andy and Sis. Frieda of Lester. Jay has been working in the Iowa City area, and they plan to make their home here.

We would like to thank our visiting ministers. They were Bros. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Vern Wettstein (Congersville), John Steiner and Harvey Heiniger (Oakville).

**Union City, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania . . . Carolyn Roberts:** We are happy that Ministering Bro. Eugene Pamer of Akron visited the East and brought to our congregation the wonderful message.

A new baby daughter, Ofelia, was born to Bro. David and Sis. Emilia Pancarician. She is welcomed by two brothers and two sisters.

Richard Diggelman, son of Ministering Bro. John and Mary Diggelman, returned home from South Africa, where he is employed by Kodak, for a visit. He is to be there one more year.

We surely will miss Sis. Marie Welch in our gatherings, while she spends the summer months in Vermont with her domestic job

Bro. John and Sis. Kathy Clough have welcomed six-year-old Jesse and his five-year-old sister, Tia as their two new "foster children" into their home.

**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . Caroline Akel:** Now we are in the middle of summer. Florida is blessed with much beauty throughout the year. Palm trees sway on the beaches under a bright, blue sky. Meanwhile, the waves gently roll upon the shore. The healthiness of the salt water and ocean breezes is often commented upon. Many people who draw nigh unto the waters find it to be a peaceful and relaxing experience, whether they walk along the shoreline or sit and look upon a beautiful scene . . . But often we, who live in this state and may take advantage of this throughout the year, grow dull to the beauty of our land, even though we may have been quite enthusiastic a-

bout it when we first moved to the state. We tend to take it for granted and often fail to avail ourselves of its benefits.

Let all Christians beware! We have a magnificent ocean of spiritual water available to us whenever we wish to partake of it. Its beauty and benefits far surpass those of any physical body of water. The health and peaceful rest that we derive from it are far more vital to us than that which any ocean on earth could provide. When we were first converted, we appreciated and were grateful for this spiritual water. We recognized its great benefits to us, and we have drawn often from its deep waters since. Let our eyes and ears never grow dull to its beauty, for we should not fail to return to it often to drink in its goodness.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

We were sorry to say goodbye to Bro. John and Sis. Sylvia Marioncu. They will be missed by our small congregation, as they are moving a distance away and will be unable to assemble with us.

We are grateful to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) and Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville) in our midst. Their support and words of encouragement are always appreciated.

**Lexington, Kentucky . . . Cathy Knobloch:** The month of July is always a busy month for our congregation. We are busy preparing for Vacation Bible School, which will be held in the early part of August. Sis. Sharon Getz from the Morton congregation is spending three weeks with us to assist us in this endeavor. Praise God for Christians who are willing to help spread the Gospel!

Often individuals are interested in knowing how our Lexington church began, for we are the only Apostolic church in the state of Kentucky. Our **Getting to Know Each Other: Better** article will give you some insight into how the Lord directed in raising up a church in Lexington. This article can not begin to tell of the many struggles and hardships that have been endured in the establishment of this

church, nor will one be able to realize the many blessings that have resulted from this work.

#### Getting To Know Each Other Better

About 39 years ago, the Lord began working in the life of a young man. Lester Huber was a teenager dutifully helping his father on a farm near Francesville. There was a time when Lester was not interested in the Lord. In fact, he stated that he did not know there was an Old and New Testament. He thought it was all one continuous book. Then God began to touch his life. An inner struggle began, and he started a search to know Christ. In the depths of his troubled heart, he could find no peace. Then God spoke to him. **Knock and it shall be opened to you, and he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

Lester said, "My own life became lightened, and I could see the glow of God. The more I hung on, the more was revealed to me." The power of God had revolutionized Lester's life. A shy, timid boy became a bold man for Christ. Continually Bro. Lester wishes to emphasize that none of it is or was of himself, it is the gift of God - not of works, lest any man should boast. Once Lester claimed salvation, the Lord laid a burden upon his heart to share Christ's love with his friends who were lost. This burden to share Christ with others stays with Bro. Huber even today.

In 1944, Lester married Sis. Glendoris Wuethrich, and their union was blessed with seven children. They continued to fellowship with our brethren in Francesville. In Francesville, Bro. Huber was ordained into the ministry in 1956. As a minister, Lester continued to carry the burden of going into **all the world** and preaching the gospel. His heart became restless, and his peace was disturbed. Lester and his wife, Glendoris, spent many hours praying together and discussing how they should dedicate more of their lives to the Lord's work. During this time, the Lord spoke through an article in the newspaper.

The article told about Christmas-time in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. Many concerned individuals had sent goods and toys to needy families in the mountains.

God again spoke to Bro. Lester's heart. ". . . preach the gospel to the poor." He felt the Lord's leading, to examine the possibility of moving to Kentucky and establishing a church. It was the spring of 1969.

By the grace of God, Bro. Lester traveled to Eastern Kentucky and began sharing the love of Christ. At first, Sunday services were conducted on a rejuvenated passenger bus. Early on Sunday morning the bus would travel down the mountain roads and pick up families. When the bus was full, church services would begin on the bus. Bro. Lester and his family continued to minister to the people in this fashion for about six months. During this time, most of the Huber family had moved to Kentucky, and Bro. Lester and Sis. Glendoris saw the need to establish themselves in a permanent home and community. As they searched through Kentucky for a home, the Lord directed them to a large town, Lexington. Here was a city with thousands of people in need of knowing the Lord!

In the fall of 1969, the Huber family established themselves on a small farm near Lexington. Again, church services were conducted. This time people gathered to praise God in a room at the YMCA in downtown Lexington. A short time later, a house down the street was available for rent. The house was refurbished as a chapel. At last, the Lord had provided a permanent place to worship! For six years, Bro. Lester ministered to his congregation and, through Christ's redeeming blood, souls came to the Lord.

Suddenly, in 1975, they were evicted from the chapel because of local urban renewal projects. It was a time of uncertainty for the small church. As always in the past, the Lord provided for His people. A small church on the edge of town was for sale. Through the generosity of many Christian brethren, the Apostolic Christian Churches of America assisted our congregation in purchasing the building. It has been a joy to worship in our church for the past two years. We welcome each one of you to visit and worship Christ with us.

Bro. Lester and Sis. Glendoris agree that it has not been an easy road. Lester said the family's move

to Kentucky was similar to moving a large oak tree. It required a lot of nurturing and trimming to again root themselves in a new area . . . But they do not regret following the Lord's call. Before being led to Kentucky, their hearts were restless and lacked an abiding peace. Their hearts are no longer restless and peace is established. The Lord has blessed their endeavors. Praise God!

As the minister of our congregation, Bro. Lester has a large responsibility. It is his prayer that the church will prosper and grow in the name of the Lord, so that the youth in the congregation may be our spiritual leaders tomorrow. Through the grace of God and the prayerful assistance of you and I, it will become a reality.

**Rockville, Connecticut . . .**  
**Carlton J. Lanz:**

Shall we be miss'd tho by others  
succeeded,

Reaping the fields we in spring-  
time have sown?

No, for the sowers may pass from  
their labors,

Only remembered by what they  
have done.

Only the truth that in life we have  
spoken,

Only the seed that on earth we  
have sown,

These shall pass onward when we  
are forgotten,

Fruits of the harvest and what we  
have done.

All will be remembered by what  
we have done.

A rather clear picture of this was placed before us in a recent message by our visiting elder from Oakville. He began with the life of a baby. "They are so precious to us," he said, "but time goes on. They grow to adolescence and on into man and womanhood so soon, barely realizing how swiftly time passes." Meeting together, with one group or so to speak, at various times, we ask ourselves, Where has the time gone? Sooner or later, one or more is no longer with us. This is so very real in the plan of God our Maker. He emphasized how God had devised such a wonderful plan for mankind's way to salvation. He said the way is open

and that all are invited.

We had reasons to rejoice when two dear youthful friends presented their testimonies boldly, enabling them to embrace that living hope for the Great Hereafter . . . Miriam Bahler, daughter of Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia, and Bruce Hoffman, son of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Elsa, vowed as they stood in baptismal waters to serve God lifelong. They both went on their way rejoicing, as did the entire church. Bro. Edward Lanz, elder at Oakville, a near relative of Miriam, came here to assist and be present at this wonderful rite.

Philip Bryce, a son was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Karen Schambach . . . Grandparents, Bro. Dave and Lois Schambach and Mr. and Mrs. Cooky Jahndrow.

We extend our best wishes to Bro. Warren Zahner, who has completed his courses in dentistry and will be in business in the Rockville section of the town of Vernon.

**Altadena, California . . . Linda Cooper:** July 10 we welcomed our new sister-in-Christ, Kathy Klotzle, into the fold of God. It was a wonderful day of fellowship which we shared with visitors, and enjoyed the messages of Bro. Bill Dotterer from Phoenix.

Our Bro. Bill Cooper has moved to Tucson, and we pray God will bless his home there.

Sympathy is extended to Sis. Elizabeth Feldman on the death of her sister, Rose Schurter, in Illinois. May God be her comfort.

**Athens, Alabama . . . Hazel Vibert:** "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . ."

The Athens congregation is very thankful that we now have a new building to worship in. The new building is located on highway 72, one mile east of I-65. Dedication services were held on June 26. Elder Bro. David Bertsch of Leo and Bro. John Wagler of Huntsville helped with the services. We wish to thank everyone who has helped in so many ways with the constructions of this building. Construction was started in March of 1976, and the Lord provided that the brethren of our churches were able to design and build this building without the aid of a general contractor.

We invite each one to come worship with us. Services begin at 10:00 and 12:00, and 7:00 Wednesday nights.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Anis Perry were married 54 years on July 14. They have eight children and have always lived around Athens. They are both in bad health, and are always thankful when they can be in church.

There were services the week of June 26. Bros. John Wagler and Lynn Klopfenstein were with us most every night. There are two new converts, O. C. Haggermaker, the son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Shirley, and Jeff Moore, the son of Bro. Lavoyd and Sis. Doris.

**Bay City, Michigan . . . Carolyn Schambach:** Our congregation was richly blessed when three more souls were added to the fold. We enjoyed hearing the testimonies and witnessing the baptisms of our new sister, Martha Rezmer, and new brothers, Marvin Wieland (Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina) and Blair Wieland (Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret). Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) assisted Bro. Joe in this wonderful work, and Bro. Floyd Wieland (Detroit) was here also to bring us the good word.

Little Jaret Wieland suffered a skull fracture, but after several days of rest seems to be doing just fine. Jaret's parents are Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda Wieland.

Sis. Dawn Wieland (Bro. Merle and Sis. Elaine) was involved in an auto accident, and is still hospitalized with several fractures and many bumps and bruises.

**Bradford, Illinois . . . Jane Le-  
man:**

We shall sleep, but not forever;  
There will be a glorious dawn.  
We shall meet to part no never,  
On the resurrection morn!

Our church was filled to overflowing as our hearts were filled with sorrow for the funeral of precious 23-month-old Gail Rebecca Endress. She passed away on July 16, after being run over by a pickup truck. Gail was born August 18, 1975 to Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky Endress. She also leaves to mourn two sisters: Lavonne, seven years, and Leann, five years, and one brother: Benjamin 3 years. Maternal grandparents are

Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner (Oakville); paternal grandmother, Sis. Mildred Endress (Princeville); great-grandmothers, Sis. Lydia Feucht (Princeville) and Sis. Lucy Steiner (Eureka).

We all feel so very sad to lose little Gail from our congregation, but what a great comfort to know she is **Safe in the arms of Jesus.**

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 26, when many families enjoyed a potluck and pleasant evening in the park at Princeton.

Sis. Marcia Kieser (Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha) was announced to be married to Bro. Jerry Kaiser (Tremont). His parents are Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene. A September wedding is being planned.

Sis. Julia Ehnle wishes to thank all who sent her cards and gifts on her 87th birthday . . . Sis. Carol Heinz sends a **thank you** to all who remembered her while she was in the hospital and after returning home.

**Burlington, Iowa . . . Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst:** On a Wednesday evening service, we were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Bill Gerst in our midst . . . and always, the Lord gives us much food for the spirit, to ponder the messages into the days ahead. The sobering question was asked: Do we appreciate our salvation? We surely do who are, born again, but at times perhaps taking it for granted. Yet as in Isaiah 61, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation . . ."

We also enjoyed the Sunday evening visit of (Bros.) John Bahler and Rudy Graf. Oakville shared with us, and a good number assembled to hear Bro. John proclaim the word and the importance of obedience to God's word . . . A sin when we are not wholly obedient.

The third week-end in July, Bro. Maurice Frank, from Leo, spent a blessed evening and Lord's day with us. Again the subject of obedience was brought forth in the message. All who hear His word should heed, and with soberness, letting it show we are believing and obedient children.

We have surely been blest this hot month of July with visiting ministers . . . Bro. Gerald Sutter, another Lord's day. We were re-

mindful anew in God's word, with warnings of obedience to the redeemed, and to our friends and loved ones alike. When God closed the door to Noah's ark, others were lost in the flood; so will it be when God closes the door of grace and mercy in our time . . . a grave concern for those who delay.

We sincerely thank our ministering brothers who faithfully lend themselves in preaching the word. May the Lord continue to provide faithful servants to minister His word, until He comes in His glory, to gather the faithful, and those who rejected Him to be faced with judgment eternal. Sad, sad, that bitter wail. Almost, but lost.

**Chicago, Illinois . . . Kathy Schlatter:** When Jesus takes your hand, He keeps you tight. When Jesus keeps you tight, He leads you through life. When Jesus leads you through life, He brings you safely home.

Our beloved Sis. Aldenne Schurter was led safely home, in her sleep Tuesday, July 19. Since Bro. Rich's (Huldreich's) death not so many months ago, Sis. Aldenne had kept herself busy and, despite her loneliness, was calm and smiling. She was having a home built so that she could be near her family in Goodfield, where she was at her death. Funeral services July 22 will be in Goodfield church, where she will be laid to rest beside Bro. Rich. Though we know how much we will miss Sis. Aldenne, and we grieve with her three sons, their wives and children, we can hear Sis. Aldenne saying, "The Lord has been so good to me." We rejoice in her victory in Christ Jesus. May her warmth and witness linger with us all.

We welcomed Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger and Bro. Byron Stoller from Gridley and our many visitors from near and far Sunday, July 17, as Sis. Sandy Ringger and Bro. Tom Neu were joined in holy matrimony. As they have found one another by walking in the light of His will, so may they walk together now in the light of His love. Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine Ringger of Gridley are Sandy's parents; Pat Neu, Tom's mother, is from Lisle. Bro. Tom and Sis. Sandy plan to make Washington, Illinois, their church.

Having lost several Sunday School teachers, we feel privileged

that Bro. Greg Rassi and Sis. Ruth Schumacher have humbly accepted the responsibilities of being our new teachers. May the Lord bless them and make their burden light. Since Marvin Wieland was baptized in Bay City over the 4th of July but is living in our area, we'd just like to say, "We thank Thee, Lord, for our new brother," and we have room for many more!

Our beloved Sis. Tillie Gerst will be moving to Phoenix. We are so sad to see her go, but since she has often traveled away from us and returned, we hope she will visit us still. For many years she was a teacher in the Chicago area. She served in other ways, too.

We do have home newcomers from Connecticut to welcome. We're so thankful for Jake and Joanne Plattner and their three children; and John and Penny Alden and their daughter, Kay, who have all moved to the Chicago area. We're always glad to make new friends!

Dear Sis. Christina Fuhrmann was hospitalized, but is now home. Bro. Jim Grivet was also in the hospital for tests.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Chicago.

These summer days of such extreme heat and humidity have been exhausting for most of us, I imagine. I've noticed that I sometimes appreciate more the breath of a breeze when I'm outside in the hot sun, that the air-conditioning after I've been in it awhile. That's why spiritually we must keep the spark of our first love alive, lest we forget to thank Him, as we are surrounded in His goodness and mercy.

Likewise I'm reminded of something I read: how the Lord truly wanted us to enjoy life. We enjoy food, yet eating **could have been** an evil necessity, with all things tasting bitter as gall. So much we see . . . we smell . . . we hear, we feel is pleasant. Let us thank Him without ceasing.

**Cissna Park, Illinois . . . Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp:** We are having some hot and humid days. It has also been dry, but we are thankful for the rains we did receive. The corn is growing and tasseling fast.

Our aged sister, Anna Beer could finally go to her heavenly home. She passed away at the age of 93.



Surviving are two daughters, Sis. Mattie (Harry) Bauer from Cissna Park and Sis. Connie (Jeff) Zimmerman of Morton; a son, Bro. William Beer of Cissna Park; two sisters, Sis. Ida Wackerle and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman, both of Roanoke; three brothers, Henry Yergler and Sam Yergler of Cissna Park, and William Yergler of Watseka, Illinois.

On July 16, Pattie Stock, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Arlene, was united in marriage to Morris Young, son of Ralph Young.

Our Sunday School picnic was held June 26 at Kaufmann's Timber. Everyone enjoyed the picnic and the singing.

Our hospital patients were Jim Kaufman, son of Don and Sis. Gladys Kaufman. Jim had the misfortune of falling from a silo while working, but escaped serious injury. Sis. Mabel Vogel remains a medical patient in the hospital. Bro. Clarence Rudin has been taken to the hospital again, after returning home, but is now home again and doing better. Bro. Joe Clauss had eye surgery, but is home and doing well.

Bro. Ed Feller is a temporary resident at the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka.

Our Bible class and many teachers attended the Youth Fellowship Day at Normal. In the evening, many of us attended the singing, which was beautiful.

The family of Bro. John Otto wishes to thank everyone for kindness shown to him during his long illness, and since his death . . .

The family of Sis. Anna Beer wishes to thank friends and relatives who remembered her while she was a shut-in and since her death.

Sis. Doris (Melvin) Knapp was a surgical patient, and now is home recuperating.

Bro. John and Sis. Helen Lackey celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, with open house at the home of a daughter.

**Be Kind—Remember everyone you meet is fighting a battle with the devil, just like you are.**

**Congerville, Illinois . . . Sharon McClure - Judy Wettstein:** We were privileged to have the following minister unto us from the word of life: Bros. Ron Steiner (Rittman), Ken Weerts (Cissna

Park), Roger Aberle (Sabetha), and Leroy Hartman (Peoria).

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 26. We should always pray for our teachers, that they may be inspired to teach our children the true way to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our new Sunday School teachers are: Bros. Steve Schrock and Clarence Zobrist; sisters Marilyn Steffen, Carolyn Gudeman and Mary Lou Ott.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Elmer Grusy on the passing of his sister, Sis. Aldenne Schurter of Chicago . . . also to Ruth Miller on the passing of her mother, Sis. Rose Schurter of Tremont . . . We also extend our sympathy to Dave Zimmerman and Sis. Elizabeth Zobrist in the passing of their brother, Caleb Zimmerman.

Bro. Edgar Sides is a patient in the Eureka Hospital.

**Croghan, New York . . . Alice Virkler:** We have been enjoying beautiful summer weather for the past two weeks. It was only a few weeks ago when our gardens and crops were touched by frost, and some gardens had to be replanted. As was mentioned by our brother in the sermon on Sunday, it is truly a miracle how, in such a few short weeks, our corn can again spring forth and be showing the ear. Surely God guides us and provides for our every need upon this earthly pilgrimage. All that is required of us is complete surrender unto His love and guidance for our lives.

Sis. Kate O'Brien (Bro. Chester) is expecting to undergo surgery. She has been hospitalized for several days. Sis. Pearl Lehman has been unable to assemble with us for several weeks.

Our Sunday School children, teachers and parents enjoyed a weiner roast at Whitaker Falls State Park, early in July.

**Elgin, Iowa . . . Eleanor Butikofer:** This is such a perfect day; the sky is blue, with just a few white clouds afloat, and there is a slight breeze making the atmosphere most comfortable. Along with describing the day, it would be current to state what sounds are reaching our ears. Here they are: the katydids are singing, the cry of a bluejay comes from a distance, a wren is doing its best

to fill the air with music, and a lamb is bleating, seemingly bereft of its mother, that is temporarily.

We have some pleasant news items . . . The arrival of a new baby boy to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Jan Freiden. Brian Scott is the name they have given him. His two brothers are Bruce and Bobby. The grandparents are the Edwin Friedens of Elgin and Eli Fischers of Eureka.

Speaking of the World Relief, some of our ladies met at Sis. Marie Butikofer's home and packed quilts and clothing into boxes, in readiness for delivery.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer hosted a Sunday School picnic at their home. The whole congregation was invited. It was well attended, and needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. After the potluck meal, songs were sung, in keeping with praising the Lord for His bountiful blessings.

### Trees

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree  
A tree whose hungry mouth is  
pressed  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair,  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by folks like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

**Girard, Ohio . . . Kathryn Emch:**

NO GOD—NO PEACE.  
KNOW GOD—KNOW PEACE.

Our congregation enjoyed a visit from a large group from Rittman, as Bro. Gary Maibach ministered unto us.

Our sincere sympathy to Sis. Mina Emch in the death of her son-in-law, Lester Sell.

**Kiowa, Kansas . . . Janice Frieden:**

God shows his love for us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

"Do you love dolls?" a little girl asked the guest. "Yes, I do," he said. At once she ran and brought

a heap of dolls. The guest asked her, "Which one do you love the most?" She responded. "Promise not to laugh if I tell you." He said, "I promise."

She picked a doll whose hair had come off, with a broken nose, scratched cheek, one leg and arm missing." This one." "Why," asked the visitor. "Because," she said, "If I didn't love this one, nobody else would."

What a beautiful lesson, and taught by a child! For our Jesus is just like that you know. He loves the broken ones, those no one else loves.

We were blessed with several occasions of Christian fellowship: The first was when we gathered at the home of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Laverne Roth's for our monthly singing. Even though there were so few present, we enjoyed a lovely evening, singing praises to our Lord. The second and third occasions were on the same day: Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, joined us for services the 17th, and uplifted our hearts and souls with precious words of faith, love, and encouragement, from the Gospel, and later a goody number of us gathered at the Kiowa Manor to hold services for the dear elderly ones, who seem to enjoy so very much our songs of praise and proclaiming of the Scripture.

Bro. Charles Terry was hospitalized for about four days for tests, but we are very thankful he is now able to be in our midst again.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie and family in the sudden passing of her brother-in-law, Ray Mitchell, and his son, Dean. May the Lord be with them in their time of loss, and comfort them.

In this day and time, when there is so much evil around us, it is truly heartening to see souls still seeking the way of the Cross and finding it through Christ, as our dear friend, Gayle Rob. daughter of Bud and Sis. Helen Murrow. Gayle has found peace with God and now awaits baptism. Our prayers are with her as she walks the new road with Christ.

**Lamar, Missouri . . . Janice Braker - Becky Hohulin:** We extend our warmest welcome to Bro. Ray-

mond and Sis. Marilyn Luthi and their children to our congregation. They and their children, Lawrence, Loretta, Vera, Calvin, William, Troy, Darwin, Kristine, Karla, and Leon will certainly be a welcome addition to our little congregation. We wish them much success and happiness in their new home. They are formerly from Morris.

"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." Holy Communion was served to us by Elder Bros. Samuel Anliker and Gene Marti. Surely it was a blessed day, and may we all strive to serve Him more faithfully each day for what He has done for us.

July 9 was the wedding date of our friends, Jay Braker and Sharon Borghardt. Jay is the son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Cecil Braker, and Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borghardt.

We are happy for friends, Kent (Butch) Marti and Deidra Bauer, as they announce their engagement. Kent is the son of our Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti, and Deidra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bauer.

Hospital patients was our Bro. Noah Schlupp and Terri Duncan. Terri is the daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti.

The word of God was brought to us in its truth and simplicity by visiting minister, Bro. Ronald Heiniger, Bloomington. We thank him for his labor of love, as he so willingly gave of himself to us.

**Lamont, Kansas . . . Susan Emch:** Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, ministered the word of life to us in absence of our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli.

Bro. Roy Wernli and Jill Isch, daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane, are home again after being hospital patients.

**Pulaski, Iowa . . . Janice Rinkenberger - Mary Jane Knapp:** We have been blessed with quite a few visiting ministers since our last letter in the Silver Lining. Bro. Elmer Bucher (Ind.) and Bro. Ken Knapp, Taylor.

In July, Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rockville; Rudolph Graf, Akron; Leo Moser, Lester; and Ed Lanz, Oakville. At this time, Bro. Rus-

sell Wuthrich was put in as our new minister.

Sis. Karoline Wuthrich was in the hospital for extensive surgery. She is at home now, recovering . . . "Our sincere thanks for prayers, concerns, gifts, flowers, and cards while I was in the hospital and at home." Karoline Wuthrich.

**Rittman, Ohio . . . Marlene Dotterer:** "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers . . ."

Rittman was host to the Camp Pickett Reunion, held over the July 4th week-end. What a wonderful blessing to meet the servicemen and their families from various congregations. Among the many visitors were ministers, Art Bauer (Princeville), Robert Beer (Mansfield), Jesse Beer (Milford), Bill Gudeman (Elgin), Ben Manz (Junction), and Ray Sinn (Latty). We thank these brothers for expounding the word of the Lord unto us.

" . . . Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Friends Randy Gasser, Karen Hartzler, and Dawn Widmer have turned their backs on the world in repentance and taken up the cross of our Lord. May He ever give them sufficient grace to carry the cross high. Parents of the new converts are Sis. Doris Gasser, Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Hartzler, and Bro. Robert and Sis. Joann Widmer.

United in Holy Matrimony were Friends Joe Cannon and Amy Gasser. Amy is the daughter of Bro. Emmet and Sis. Marie Gasser.

Dale and Beth (Hartzler) Pelfrey happily announce the birth of their second daughter, Rhonda Lynn.

"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." Several from our congregation met with accident in the past month, suffering broken bones. Bro. Arthur Maibach fractured his leg in a farm accident. He has now returned to the hospital, following complications. Sis. Martha Beery has her leg in a cast, after falling at home. Two of our young boys, Bob Riggenbach and Jim Widmer, broke their arms. Bob met with accident at home,

and Jim was in a swimming accident.

Hospitalized over the past month was friend Ben Maibach, for medical reasons, and Sisters Marjorie Boltz and Marlene Dotterer. Friend Joe Riggenbach has been in a Columbus hospital, where he submitted to surgery.

The agony is so great . . .  
 And yet I will stand it.  
 Had I not loved so very much  
 I would not hurt so much,  
 But I would not  
 Want to diminish that precious  
 love  
 By one fraction of an ounce.  
 I will hurt,  
 And I will be grateful to the hurt,  
 For it bares witness to  
 The depth of our meanings,  
 And for that I will be  
 Eternally grateful.

Again our congregation must bare the loss of loved ones.

Friend Arthur Curie died suddenly at home, at the age of 71. Funeral services were held July 21. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sis. Alma, and a step-sister.

After a period of declining health, Bro. Ben Gasser could go to his eternal rest at the age of 83. Ben had been blind for many years, but learned to adjust to his handicap. Surviving are his sons, Bro. Glen, Bro. Joseph, and Kenneth; and daughters, Sis. Marie Bauman, Sis. Alma Graf, Sis. Erma Ingold, and Sis. Mabel Maibach.

Friend Mary Alice Bauman passed from this life at 44 years. Each person will certainly miss her "ray of sunshine" in church, as she assembled faithfully until several months ago. Even though she couldn't read, she would find the hymn in the Zion's Harp and attempt to sing with vigor. Left to mourn is her loving mother, Sis. Margaret, and her sisters, Sis. Ruth Beery, Sis. Emily Greenbank, Clara Jenkins, Sis. Ella Miller, Sis. Anna Rufener, and Sis. Velma Rufener.

**Sabetha, Kansas . . . Mrs. Joe Steiner:** Bro. Gene Marti, Lamar, and Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern were our guest ministers.

Hospitalized were Sis. Fanny Bahr, Sis. Elizabeth Marti, and Bro. Ted Locher. Ted had a cataract removed.

Sis. Sharon and Bro. Carl Strahm

are the parents of a boy, born June 24. He has been named Terry Duane, and has three brothers, Tommy, Troy and Trent, to welcome him.

Sis. Libby Meyer has returned from Japan, where she has been teaching the past two years. We are happy to have her home again.

Selected as Sunday school teachers were Sisters Libby Meyer, Jan Plattner, Bros. John Aberle, and Elmer Strahm. They will serve with Sis. Janice Wysong, Bros. Daryl Meyer, Rodney Grimm and Gordon Huber. Sisters Sharlyn Meyer, Judy Hartter, Bros. Gerald Grimm and Steve Aberle will serve as substitute teachers.

Bro. Harlan Meyer was re-elected to the board of the Apostolic Christian Home.

**Silverton, Oregon . . . Joan Dietrich:** Our congregation is happy for Bro. Gus and Sis. Dorothy Dietrich, as they have a 5-year-old foster boy living with them, John Paul. We wish them God's help in providing for him a Christian home while he is in their care.

On June 26th, the engagement was announced of Sis. Kathy Dietrich, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred, to Bro. Richard Strahm, son of Bro. Ephraim, from the Bern congregation.

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Robert Miller and Garth Steffen, both from Portland. Bro. Robert was with us on July 10, and Bro. Garth ministered to us on July 17, when we had our Open House for the new church building. We appreciate having these brothers lend themselves on our behalf.

**Winthrop, Minnesota . . . Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper:** The Lord has truly blessed our area with bountiful rains. Our corn is so tall and healthy looking, waiting for a bountiful harvest. Likewise, we as God's children should stand firm in our faith and be healthy spiritually, so when that great harvest of believers will be gathered in, we will be fit for the kingdom of heaven.

Ministering Bro. Vernon Leman came and shared God's word with us. On Sunday evening, he gave a presentation on World Relief, hoping to update our outlying churches on the progress being made. We wish to express our ap-

preciation for their time and effort for this most worthy cause.

Our converts, John and Jane Messner have been announced as having peace, and await baptism. The parents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Florence.

Bro. Jim Messner had ear surgery, and Bro. Ray Messner was hospitalized for treatment. It is uplifting to have Sis. Jeanine assemble with us following her hospital stay.

Submitted by our Elder, Bro. Harold Messner:

On July 15, my wife Jerry and myself, Bro. Walter and his wife, Sis. Florence Messner journeyed to Regina, Canada for service on Sunday, 17th, a very rewarding and blessed trip.

We met the brothers and sisters at the Westward Motor Inn in Regina . . . Bro. Keith and his wife, Sis. Myrna Shipley, with their five children; Bro. George Nesbitt and his wife, Sis. Mary . . . their son, Robin and his girl friend, Michelle White. We were also happy to have Bro. Jesse Schrock and his wife, Sis. Lillian from Peoria, Sis. Eleanor Yackley from Taylor, and Sis. Janice Nussbaum from Fairbury.

We enjoyed the blessed love and fellowship and could feel the nearness of the Lord. Service was held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., and also in the evening at 8:00 p.m., and then again Monday night at 8:00 p.m.

Leaving there, we felt uplifted in spirit and were strengthened in our faith, to know that the Lord is everywhere, if man only allowed him in their heart.

One could feel the hunger and a desire for the word. Our prayers are that the Lord will bless these loved ones in many ways. Thanks to the Lord for his love and protection on our trip.

**Bremen, Indiana . . . Marian Ger-**  
**mann:**

Let us love and fruitful be;  
 Love is God's own breath.  
 Love will kindle love and see  
 New life born from death;  
 Nowhere is a heaven more sweet  
 Than where loving spirits meet.

We were grateful for Bro. Walter Rager (Toledo), as he ministered unto us.

God's true love and call unto re-

penitance has touched a couple in our church. We lift our hearts in prayer for Don and Linda Meister, as they follow God's guidance.

Several of our young people were fortunate to spend a week-end in Bay City. They all had a blessed time of fellowship.

We would like to welcome Sis. Alberta Schini (Remington) to Bremen, as she has found work in South Bend. May God bless her richly as she starts her work and fellowships with us.

Love is the Lord. Love casts out fear!

He breaketh all sin's chains,  
The moan of sin-sick hearts He hears,

And feeleth all their pains.  
There is no wrong that men can do

But God's own Lamb must suffer too.

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

#### The Bible

Within this ample volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries.  
Happiest they of human race  
To whom their God has given grace  
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch, to force the way;  
But better they had ne'er been  
born  
That read to doubt or read to  
scorn.

Sis. Pat Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla, Goodfield, was married to Bro. Jon Knapp, son of Bro. and Sis. Mike and Luann, Taylor, on Sunday July 10. Visiting ministers for the occasion were: Bros. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Kenneth Knapp, Taylor; Art Baurer, Princeville; and Dave Wiegand, Champaign.

A baby girl, Kelly Jo, was born to Bro. and Sis. Gale and Jane Wiegand, R. R. Carlock on July 5. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry and Perceda Wiegand, Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser, Morton. Great-grandmothers are Sis. Rosa Wiegand, Eureka Home, and Marie Deal, Oklahoma.

Almost as something that would happen in a beautiful fairy tale was the passing of our dear Sis. Aldene Schurter, on Tuesday, July 19. She simply slept peacefully

away. About six months ago her husband, Bro. Richard, was called to his eternal rest. They were living in Chicago at that time. Sis. Aldene was just now in the process of building a home in Goodfield, where she would be nearer to her sisters and brothers. Most of them live in this area . . . namely, Sis. Freda Grusy and Sis. Perceda (Henry) Wiegand, both of Goodfield; Bro. Ed Grusy—Eureka, Bro. Elmer Grusy—Danvers, and Sis. Bertha (Phil) Wingeier, Alto, Michigan. She is also survived by three sons: Kenneth of Texas, Ron and Leon of California. Our hearts go out to all the relatives, as she was a very dear sister in faith. The ministering brothers from the Chicago church, Bros. Dale Eisenmann, Arnold Gerst. and Lenard Meyer were here to take part in the services.

Elna Bauman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred, R. R. Congerville, was married to Gary Wettstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Art and Donna, R. R. Eureka on June 18 at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall.

Gridley, Illinois . . . Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein: "The use of our Gridley Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall will be limited to wholesome, Christian-like activities and functions compatible with sound Biblical teachings. All our activities will be conducted in a manner honorable unto God." This quote from the statement of policy for our fellowship hall was the theme of the dedication services, which were held on July 3. Bro. Edwin Ringger reminded us that it is not our building, but God's, and it is important that we remember to use it for His glory and honor. Our utmost goal in all things is to further the work of salvation, that souls may be saved.

June 26, we were happy to have Ministering Bros. Vernon Leman from Eureka and Jim Hoerr from Peoria with us. After a blessed day of services, we gathered in the fellowship hall to view slides and hear the brothers tell about the various World Relief activities.

We were privileged to have Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville with us. We were inspired and enriched spiritually, as he expounded on the precious word of life. As the record of Job's afflictions was

read, it was impressive to think that this man in one day was hit with one loss after another, and even the death of all his children . . . And yet he did not complain, despair or charge God foolishly, but fell down upon the ground and worshipped, and said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

The brother exhorted us to not let Satan get us discouraged when it sometimes seems difficult to sense God's nearness and His presence in our lives. He read where Job described a similar experience: "Behold, I go forward, but he is not **there**; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold **him**: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see **him**:" Nevertheless, Job's faithful declaration was, "But he knoweth the way that I take: **when** he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined . . . I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary **food**." How very much we can learn and benefit by Job's example. May our faith increase, that when He hath tried us, we too shall come forth as gold.

Sis. Sally Gramm is home in Gridley, after spending two years of teaching in Japan. We were glad for the opportunity to gather in the fellowship hall, to view her many slides and hear her meaningful presentation about her experiences while she was there. She is planning to return to Japan this fall.

Bro. John Gramm and Kathy Gramm, wife of Bro. Jim Gramm, were both in the hospital recently.

Mansfield, Ohio . . . Lucille Groh:

How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds  
In a believer's ear.  
It soothes his sorrow, Heals his  
wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the troubled breast;  
Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

We all rejoice with our new brother in Christ, Ron LaPoro, who gave his testimony on July 17. The Lord spoke precious peace to His soul, and he can now rejoice in the wonderful love of Jesus and be numbered in the family of God. Our elders, (Bros.) Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were here to prove and baptize Ron.

Other visiting ministers who favored us with visits were (Bros.) Ron Steiner (Rittman), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Joe Kaisner (Forrest) and Merle Kaisner (Fairbury).

Hospitalized was our ministering brother, Robert Beer, and friend, Noah Sauder. Both have been released and are now able to assemble with us again.

The Sunday school enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the residence of Sis. Katherine Oesch and family, when the Sunday School picnic was held on June 26.

Tamera Sue Tucker was born on June 22, and her happy parents are Dan and Sis. Barbara Tucker. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer, and the great-grandmother is Sis. Louise Sabo.

Little Amy Coleman (Frank and Laura) experienced an unpleasant accident and had to have 21 stitches in her hand.

Our community has escaped severe damage from the many electrical storms and tornadoes which have passed through our area. The Bro. Joel Beer family were especially protected, when the tornado which touched down in their area missed their home. We believe the Lord especially watched over his own, as Bro. Joe asked a special prayer with his family that they might be protected, and all around many of the neighbors had severe damage, but they were spared. How wonderful how the Lord does answer prayer.

Our hearts were saddened in the passing of our dear faithful sister, Martha Isley. Martha lived a quiet life, and likewise quietly went to be with her Lord on July 8. She cared for her parents for many years, and later done housework. She always had a pleasant smile when she met you. She was born March 30, 1897, and lived here all her life. She is survived by one sister, Minnie Taube of Castorland.

I would thy boundless love proclaim

With every fleeting breath;  
So shall the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.

**Morris, Minnesota . . . Corrine Schmidgall - Lois Schmidgall:** We have been blessed by messages brought to us through visiting ministers; those with us were: (Bros.) Bob Grimm of Goodfield, Noah Gerber of West Bend, Uriel Gehring of Burlington, Charles Marti of Lamar, Carl Hartman of Sabetha, Albert Aberle of Tremont.

On Sunday, July 10, we had a farewell picnic for Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi and family, who have moved to the Lamar congregation. We will miss them, but wish them God's blessings on their move.

A little bundle from heaven was sent to Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie Nuest, on June 29. They named him Corey J. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Mabel Zeltwanger of Morris, and Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera Nuest of LaCrosse.

Those hospitalized were: Heather Burnham (Allan and Ilene), Sis. Joyce Wulf (Bro. Doug), Sis. Leah Hohulin (who is hospitalized in Illinois), Bro. Dennis Schmidgall, Timothy Schmidgall (Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois). We are happy to have Bro. Don Luthi back home and in church with us, before he returns to the Minneapolis hospital for treatments. Howard Goll, who was injured in a farm accident, was also able to return home.

We enjoyed having all the young brothers and sisters who came to Morris over the July 4 week-end. It is really a wonderful thing to feel the love of God flow from one to another.

Roger and Judy (Joos) Hemming and children have moved from our community to Willcox, Arizona. We will miss them, but hope they will enjoy their new home in Wilcox.

**Morton, Illinois . . . Judy Springer - Lorna Schrock:** On June 25, the marriage of Joyce Yentes and Floyd Winkel took place at our Fellowship Hall. Their parents are Eilene Yentes, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Winkel of Centralia.

On Sunday, July 3, three dear souls were baptized into the fold. They were Randy and Jane Schick and Sara Dietrich. We welcome

them as our brother and sisters in faith. Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, assisted Bro. Joe in this work.

The engagement of our Sis. Barb Kaiser to Bro. Steven Pflederer, Tremont, was made known July 10. Their parents are Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn Kaiser and Bro. Jim and Sis. Lee Pflederer.

Saturday, July 16 was the wedding date of Linda Rapp and Mark Miller. The following day, Sunday July 17, Sis. Pat Pfister and Bro. Loris Knobloch, Princeville, were united in marriage.

We wish to thank our visiting ministers for sharing God's word—they included Bros. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix; Joe Schrock, Congerville; Willis Wiegand, Goodfield; and Dave Kieser, Princeville.

Hospital patients included Sisters Eliza Belsley, Lucille Zimmerman, Lydia Huette, Alice Zimmerman and Mary Jacob, Bro. George Ackerman, and our friends, Gary Roecker and Ray Virkler.

A daughter, Michelle Marie, was born on July 19 to Steve and Sis. Debbie Thannert. She has a brother, Michael, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Thannert and Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Koehl. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Mary Foster, Mackinaw, and Sis. Ruth Domnick.

Sis. Alice Zimmerman wishes to express her thanks to everyone for prayers, cards, gifts and food extended to her at this time . . . "My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts and visits while being hospitalized and since I am at home." Sis. Eliza Belsley . . . "We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the beautiful cards, gifts and flowers received on our 50th anniversary. We thank you for helping make our day so special in so many ways." Bro. Carl and Sis. Ida Huber.

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Morton.

**Washington, Illinois . . . Carole Kellenberger:** Work toward erecting our church building is progressing smoothly. An impressive ground-breaking ceremony was held July 17, with Elder Bros. Roy Sauder, Joe Braker, Leroy Huber and Dave Kieser, and Bros. Ken Hoerr and LeRoy Hartman present along with many from our congregation.

In building a structure, much

care is taken to assure having a strong foundation. One brother reminded us of the even greater importance of a strong spiritual foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Our thanks to Bros. LeRoy Hartman, Art Bauer, Dave Kieser, Joe Stoller, Walter Herrmann, Bruce Leman, Ben Fehr, Chuck Sauder, Al Aberle, Bill Kupferschmid, Everett Hari, Joe Schrock, Roy Ehnle, Jim Ringger, Vernon Leman, Richard Schupbach, Tom Leman, Bob Grimm, and Joe Zimmerman for serving us from the pulpit.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Sally Fritz are the parents of a daughter, Lynette Rose, born June 9. Grandparents are Sis. Martha Fritz of our congregation and Bro. Edward and Sis. Dorothy Witzig of Gridley.

**Wolcott, Indiana . . . Laurel Widmer:** We are very happy to announce the engagement of Bro. Darl Schieler to Sis. Cindy Rager (Latty). They are planning an August wedding.

During the week-end of July 2 and 3, the choir from Wichita was with us. We are glad they made the effort to travel so many miles to share their songs of praise. Visiting ministers were (Bros.) Al Langhofer, George Lambert and Max Reimschisel.

Gary and Debbie (Stoller) Roger, who have been living in Nebraska while Gary finished school, are home again. It's good to see them back, and we welcome them into our congregation.

Our friends, Gary and Marcia Waibel, have been announced to have found peace, and look forward to their day of baptism.

On July 17, we were happy to have Bros. Tom (Elgin) and Bruce (Roanoke) Leman with us for the day.

Hospitalized were Sis. Bev Klopfenstein, after a traffic accident, Walter Kyburz, and Sis. Josephine Farney.

**Children's Home . . . Douglas Kellenberger - David Bertsch:** Debbie and I were pulling weeds in the garden as the storm clouds were rolling in from the west, and along with them were flashes of lightning which made her very concerned. She asked: "Dad, will the lightning strike us? What would happen if it did?" I told her I

didn't think it would, but if it did, it could kill us. She was a little sad to think that if we would be gone when her sister, Mary came home from town with mother, that she wouldn't be able to see her; but I told her we would go to heaven, and that if mother and Mary made it to heaven also, that we would see them there. The threatening lightning could still not convince us of danger, but soon the storm was on us, and the beginning rain sent us inside the house.

We were safe and sound inside the home, secure from any danger, we thought, as we sat and ate at the dinner table. Suddenly Jerry was pounding at the door saying, "Quick, quick, get the fire extinguishers; there is a tree on fire in the woods. Terry's house had gotten a call that smoke was rising from the woods. I couldn't believe my ears, and yet, I knew he was telling the truth. We all went out to investigate, and there was a big tall hickory, belching smoke and flames out of its center. The living tree was actually on fire. It had been struck by lightning, one of the bolts that we thought would never hit us in the garden. We gathered up a ladder, and stretched hoses out to the tree, only to find out this same storm had also put out our electrical power, and therefore our well pump was not operating.

No sooner did we try to call the fire department, than the electricity came back on, and we had water enough to thoroughly drench the tree and put the fire out. Our living God protected us and provided for us. We thank Him.

Jerry and Ronda Krugh are our newest arrivals at the home. They are brother and sister, ages 14 and 13 respectively, and living in Terry's house. We are glad to have them with us. They seem to have a lot of good potential. Ronda helps with the cooking and cleaning, and recently won the worker of the week award in her house. Jerry is quite a good mechanic and a very good help to us outside. He assembled one of the picnic tables, helped put up the tire swing and table ride, and takes an active part in taking care of the chickens. He is a boy that has incentive to want to get out and work.

There is still need for the third houseparents, to have responsibil-

ity for one of the Children's Home, so Bro. Terry can devote more time to overall administrative duties and serve as the alternate houseparents during time off, vacations, illness and emergencies. As a brother and sister would feel through faith a longing to work with and help these children, they should speak to their local elder, and with his support and approval, forward an application letter, complete resume and request for interview to: Apostolic Christian Children's Home Inc., Box 151, Leo, In. 46765: Attention, Terry Farney.

**Bluffton, Indiana . . . Marti Yergler - Becky Gilliom:**

**The believing heart that trusts others, knows no fear, and has faith in a divine Father who watches over His children from the sky . . .** Fifty children from Desse Scott visited families in our area for a week. A special supper and singing was held for them. We enjoyed there special song service for us.

**I will follow all the way, hearing him call, finding Him day to day sweeter than all.** Bro. Dan Koch (Tremont) helped perform the holy rite of the baptisms. Our new brothers and sisters are: Eric and Ronda Tonner, Susan Steffen, Susan Byerly, Emily Moser, Mark Harris, Duane Steffen, Barry Steffen.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Sis. Holly Ringger (Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn) was announced to Bro. Dean Frauhiger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty). Sis. Kristie Kipfer (Bro. Art and Sis. Goldie) was announced to Bro. Mark Meyer (Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn). Both couples plan an October wedding.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" . . . and how fortunate we are to have visiting ministers to share God's word with us. (Bros.) Dave Roberts (Philadelphia), Homer Reineck (Toledo), Elmer Hartter (Milford) were with us.

Bro. Jerry Rauch (Bro. Jerome and Sis. Virginia) and Sis. Kathy Gerber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Bonnie) were united in marriage on June 26.

Hospital patients for the month: Sisters Margarie Ringger,

Nora Gilliom, Sada Gerber, Elizabeth Schaefer, Brothers: Harold Isch, Calvin Rauch, Vern Gerber, Ralph Gerber; and little Kyle Gerber (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Jo).

The marriage of Kendall Ringger (Bro. Bill and Sis. Marge) and Sandra Ramsey was performed on Saturday, July 2.

**I love little children, and it is not a slight thing when they, who are fresh from God, love us.** Bro. Bruce and Sis. Nancy Bedwell; grandparents, Herman and Sis. Phyllis Fiechter are the parents of Corey Lee. Bro. Sam and Sis. Darlene Habegger are the parents of Ben and Sis. Arlene and Bro. Bill Jeni Fay; grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Mildred Neuenschwander . . . Bro. Eric and Sis. Ronda Tonner are the parents of Eric Michael. Grandparents are Harry and Clara and Bro. Godfrey and Sis. Anita Bertsch . . . Leon and Sis. Cindy Kaufman are parents of Jamey Lynn. (Grandmother is Sis. Aldene Moser) . . . Mike and Colleen Richards are parents of Seth Michael. Grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baumgartner . . . Tom and Beck Edington are parents of Rachel Lee. Grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Barb Pfister . . . David and Myra Zoll are parents of Benjamin David. (Grandparents are Bro. Fred and Sis. Margaret Gerber.) Bro. Arlen and Sis. Susie Tonner are the parents of Joanne Sue. Grandparents are Harry and Clara Tonner.

**Ft. Scott, Kansas . . . Don and Aleta Banwart:** Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller welcomed another grandson into their family. Timothy John Lehman (Bro. John and Sis. Connie, Bern Church) was born June 23. Sis. Carrie Massner of our congregation is the maternal great-grandmother.

Bro. Elden Schuter was hospitalized, after sustaining severe lacerations to his right forearm in a mowing accident. We are glad to know his arm is on the mend. Sis. Lydia Hawkin's condition has improved, to where she could be transferred to the Golden Age Lodge.

A group from here joined the Wichita Choir for a trip to Wolcott and Remington. Although the miles were many, much joyful fellowship and singing was enjoyed while traveling in the buses. Sat-

urday afternoon, the choir was treated to a picnic supper at Remington, where we sang that evening. Sunday the choir sang in Wolcott, and enjoyed a lovely dinner at the church. The Ft. Scott group would like to thank the Remington and Wolcott churches for the wonderful hospitality and good food. We received a great blessing and enjoyed our visit.

Bros. Roy Wernli—Lamont and John Lehman, Bern, expounded the teachings of Jesus, the third Sunday in July. A pot-luck supper and fellowship-hour followed in the church diningroom.

**Gridley, Kansas . . . Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr:**

**AS I GO STEP BY STEP, THE WAY SHALL OPEN UP BEFORE ME.**

I know not when or where I go, or whether or not it'll be a familiar scene,  
But He is here, and He is there, and all the way between,  
And when I pass from all I know, even to the vast unknown,  
Though late I stay or soon I go, I shall not go alone.

Hospitalized surgical patients this past month were Bro. Joseph Somerhalder and Sis. Ada (Ivan) Beyer.

**Minneapolis, Minnesota . . . Josephine Esterling:** Visiting ministers include (Bros.) Harold Messner—Winthrop, Joe Stoller—Princeville, Nathan Stoller—Bradford, and Vernon Leman—Eureka. We enjoyed many sermons of encouragement. Bro. Joe left us with a lovely thought in one of his sermons. He likened the family to a rose bush, the father as the strong stem, the mother as the lovely rose, and the children as the buds. He likened the whole bush as the love of God, so necessary for a family to build and grow on, and so necessary to complete the happy godfearing family.

**Pride in the heart makes for easily hurt feelings. Your feelings are hurt because you are self centered—not Christ centered. Your ego is abused. No one is hurt, but by themselves. Hurt feelings can be removed by yielding your pride**

**to God. Pray for forgiveness, and God can give you victory over it. Be silent about your hurt. Speaking about it drives the thorn deeper. Last but not least, make someone happy. Your joy will drive away your hurt.**

Sept. is Silver Lining collection for Maywood.

### Rittman, Ohio

#### Christian Friends

The fellowship of Christian friends,  
A gift the world can't comprehend  
As the spirit moves from heart to heart,  
Peace and mirth does the Lord impart.  
The fellowship in Christ we find,  
Brings precious memories to mind,  
For nowhere else in this wide wicked world  
Can we find such gifts as within God's fold.

On earth, the times must come to part,  
With sad farewells, where tears do start.  
Our hearts unite in one accord,  
And all our thoughts are heavenward,  
So we part for a season-knowing we'll meet,  
If not on earth, then in heaven so sweet.  
And oh! What comfort we all will find,  
True peace and love our hearts do bind.  
Where the joys we've shared as Christian friends  
Will continue in heaven without end!

### Lamar, Missouri

**Who But God Can Heal a Heart**  
When sorrows come, we sometimes feel  
As though our hearts will break,  
And through the long and lonely nights  
We often lie awake.  
The hours pass so slowly that a week seems like a year  
And we feed on thoughts and memories, so precious and so dear.

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How foolish but how human too  
To think our lost must be  
The end of every joy in life; If on-  
ly we could see  
That someone watches over us  
and understands our pain,  
Someone whose Presence  
means we do not weep in vain.  
His strength, His care, His guid-  
ance are a deep and endless  
well;  
His heart is always open to the  
things we need to tell,  
And with His help we find the  
will  
To make a fresh new start,  
For who but God, in His great  
love,  
Can heal a troubled heart!

Leo, Indiana

Song-time is a beautiful blos-

som-time. Reading on a Sunday af-  
ternoon was of being buried with  
Christ . . . baptized into His death  
. . . living His resurrection. The  
gift of God is eternal life through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. At noon,  
we sing from the Gospel Hymns.  
The songs pictured the beauty of  
this chapter. Trellacing roses of  
eternity on time's frame. The first  
was Beautiful morning, day of  
hope, dawn of a better life . . .  
morning of resurrection joy. More  
loveliness was: Sweet Are The  
Promises, Sunshine In My Soul, He  
Whispers Sweet Peace. The last  
song at our opening was **Foot-  
prints of Jesus**. How they make  
the pathway glow.

Ask one of His humble people!  
They do not want anything at all  
that leads away from God. They

will suffer, will spurn lust and love  
of the world. They will keep on.  
The narrow path is the sunshine He  
gives. Glorious light radiates each  
step we take. Vain, profitless, dark  
sin, never comes even close to one  
sweet hour with our Lord.

He with earthly cares entwineth  
Hope and comfort from above,  
Everywhere His glory shineth.  
God is wisdom; God is love.

I'm not going down, but upward,  
And the path is never dim,  
For the day grows ever brighter  
As I journey on with HIM;  
So my eyes are on the hilltops  
Waiting for the sun to rise,  
Waiting for HIS invitation  
To that HOME beyond the skies.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

## INSPIRATION

Henry Souder Jr.

The word of God is tremendous  
treasure, not to be trifled with. It  
is more than a book, far more. Col-  
lege and university courses, doc-  
torates are not to be compared.

What is the word of God? We  
often view printing and sounds,  
something visible. It is this, but  
more. The words of Jesus are spirit  
and life. That's lots, and wonderful  
power. The word is the eternal  
thoughts of God. His own ways.  
It is expressions culminating in the  
descriptive life of the heavenly  
bride in the forever . . . a glorious  
arraying now for that happy day.

It is vastly deep. It is more pow-  
erful than just mental concepts. It  
is the very Spirit of God moving,  
creating, doing. There is the breath  
of God, and Wonderful things hap-  
pen. He breathes, and spirits come  
alive. Sleepers stir from sin's slum-  
ber; the spirit gives spiritual shape  
and form, life-creating for ever-  
lasting ages. That is the word, a  
living word, moving, awakening  
men and women . . . flowing in spir-  
itual life . . . giving awareness of  
a beautiful world, knowing God

and His Son. It is this word that  
shall never pass away.

Paul was very sober-minded. He  
thought of the tremendous respon-  
sibility. Such a wise apostle, yet he  
was in fear and trembling. Errors  
are costly when weighted with  
never-ending souls. God asks an  
accounting. The word of God is  
pure. It needs a free-flowing, clean  
vessel to bring the life-giving  
riches. The impact is in the power  
and demonstration of the Spirit.  
Once He moved on the waters, now  
on the sea of men.

Jesus said of the vivid beautiful  
streams of water flowing from the  
inner rooms of the believer. The  
waters find their form in the word.  
The word flows fully and freely.  
Here is where inspiration comes.  
All Scripture is inspired, meaning  
God-breathed. When God breathes  
in this creation, souls are born  
again. Souls are built up, com-  
forted, encouraged.

That's why it's necessary to  
'empty' the vessel. Not putting a-  
side His wondrous knowledge. No,  
there is need to, as the scriptures

plainly show, to be familiar with  
His thoughts. Like our own home.

Eying, engaging, shuffling notes  
is subtracting from the ways of  
God. Inspiration is free-flowing.  
Anything that gets in the way sub-  
tracts. Someone who is on fire for  
the Lord finds He organizes the  
sermon.

Also hurting, but not as easily  
seen is carrying, even unconscio-  
usly, pre-conceived ideas. A literal  
suitcase of own thoughts is second  
best. Flowing streams from the  
scriptures at hand measure up to  
the way Christ or Paul spoke.  
Men's eyes were fastened and fas-  
cinated.

There is so much sweet nectar  
from a Bible verse. To meander in  
a maze of self thinking loses the  
fullness God wants. Inspiration  
stirs the imagination. It lifts the  
spirit, as the soul tastes the powers  
of the world to come. It brings joy  
to the heart, with the power in the  
presence of the risen Christ.

Inspiration is God Himself giv-  
ing life-bringing streams . . . and  
it is wonderful.