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### LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Counselling Elder Bro. Theo Beer

(Following is the note that accompanied the writing that Bro. Theo sent.)

Dear Brother, I arose early and wrote a few thoughts given to me, I hope, from God. I am no poet or writer, but you asked me to help. In this spirit, I have penned a few lines. Feel free to correct or change. My knowledge is limited.

Love in Him, Theo

The Lord was nearing the end of His earthly pilgrimage when He spoke these words to His disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled." Jn. 14:1. He had been in this world of temptations and trials for thirty-three years; yet, He assured His disciples by telling them not to be afraid. He promised to prepare a home for them. When He will return, He will receive them again. Here we see how little they understood. One of them said that they didn't know where He was going, so how could they know the way? How comforting were the words that He spoke: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Let's believe in this "way" and trust Him. He promised, and He is faithful. If our faith is simple, we will take Him at His word. It is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom, so let's simply be-

lieve that whatever we ask in His name, that will He do.

These lines have brought strength and comfort to me: "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you . . ." Mt. 7:7.

Jesus speaks of another spirit, the Comforter, who will be with us forever. While Jesus was here on earth He kept His followers in His name. Now we are under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit who will lead us and keep us if our hearts are filled by the indwelling of His precious Spirit.

I like the Scripture that says not to grieve the Spirit by which we are sealed. Every morning, pray in the power of the Spirit and in the power of Truth that you will receive your daily bread, both bodily and spiritually. He is faithful who promised that He would not leave us Comfortless, but that He would come to us.

His promises are so precious. Let's embrace them and make them our very own.

"Peace I leave with you." Jn. 14:27. How thankful we are when our hearts do not condemn us. All converted souls are the recipients of the peace which He promises. "Peace I leave with you . . . let not

your heart be troubled . . . neither afraid . . ." Jn. 14:27. We are living in troubled times, and our hearts are fearful at times; but we are in His tender care. He promised to keep us under the shadow of His sheltering wings. What a blessed comfort and hope!

We who have walked in His footsteps most of our adult lives can testify that He who promised is faithful. We are assured of His presence when we come to Jordan's banks. He has promised us that He will help us cross to the promised land where all the redeemed will gather around the throne of God.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I Cor. 2:9.

Then—ONWARD, brethren! Let us hasten thither; 'tis worth the hardship and the pain we bear to climb this path; for, there, shall never wither the blest inheritance which we shall share.

Ed. Note: Dear Elder Brothers, please share your personalities and spiritual insight with us as Bro. Theo has. We need your input so that we may be closer to you and profit from your Spirit-given storehouses.

### THE PRIVILEGE OF OBEDIENCE

Ministering Bro. Gary Maibach

In conversation with an acquaintance about our precious faith, I realized he felt, as he said, our faith was "restrictive." In pondering this situation, I realized again the fact that the world can never appreciate what we have. For we, in God's service, following Him as

dear children, brothers and sisters with His Son Jesus, enjoy the privilege of being obedient to His will.

Restrictive? Of course, anyone not in the Faith cannot grasp the concept of obedience as a privilege. They can only see the evident things we gladly deny ourselves as

restrictive. The fact that all those denials serve us so well is lost to the unbeliever. The fact that we are privileged to travel a well charted, well marked path never occurs to them.

Does it occur often enough to us? Do we accept it as a privilege?

We need only look around us daily to see the havoc of lives with no direction crashing into one another ceaselessly. They go their own way and presume their will is best. The individual is exalted!

Then, apart from all this, we stand united as true believers. For we are, indeed, a peculiar people, a Royal Priesthood, an Holy Nation. With the desire of heart to please God by loving and obeying, we find our heartfelt prayers answered day by day through His Word, through meditation thereon, through prayer, through the inspired sermons of our brothers, and through the kind counsel and admonition of our elder brethren. We experience the joy and peace of being united and in concord in His Will, having the same judgements and speaking the same things. We enjoy our precious fellowship and our work to the exclusion of worldly pursuits and entertainments within and without our homes. We find no "generation gaps" and other problems brought about by lack of common spiritual experience. We reap the benefits of our children seeing us united, respecting us, and desiring what we have. We avoid the pitfalls and snares of the enemy, because we are so aware that each "trumpet warning" given from the "walls of Zion" is given in love because of our collective prayers. In short, we enjoy the privilege of obedience.

As I pondered the view my friend had revealed to me, I realized anew how very blessed we are to be under the care and protection of our loving Heavenly Father. The privilege we have of being totally obedient to His Holy Will insures the "restriction" of our lives and fellowship from the evil encroachment of the enemy. If this, then, constitutes restriction in the eyes of the world, then it is truly a blessing to be so restricted. Perhaps my friend will never understand my Faith—I just hope and pray that I never lose sight of the precious privilege I have of being obedient.

#### HELP FOR THE HAITIANS Sis. Elaine Norr

The Haitian shipment arrived at Albert Schweitzer and Grace Children's Hospitals in Haiti in fine shape: 88 drums of clothing, towels, soap, bandages, etc., and 37 treadle sewing machines.

After the shipment left, a letter

was written to the hospitals so that they would watch for them. We soon received a letter from Dr. Mellon at Albert Schweitzer Hospital. His words were, "Your letter came the day before Christmas. It was a great Christmas present for all of us to hear about the sewing machines and drums of supplies."

We received another letter from him since the shipment arrived. He expressed appreciation. Also, we received a call from a board member of the Grace Hospital telling us that they received their shipment and that they appreciated the items.

Words cannot express the thanks for all of the items that you gave for the Haitian project. Although it was over a year since we sent a shipment, this one was by far the largest ever sent. We appreciate the interest shown by so many of our members and friends, from such a wide area of our churches, who delivered or sent things to us. Also, I would like to express my thanks to all that contributed time and effort in packing the drums, crating the sewing machines, and donating transportation for taking items to the semi, which then went to Miami and were transferred to a freighter destined for Port-au-Prince. Without the many helpers, the project could not have become a reality. It was truly a joy to see the big shipment leave. We feel that many will be blessed and benefitted by the many efforts.

After speaking at the Princeville World Relief meeting, I was asked if some from Illinois could help. That was a wonderful offer. It was decided that anyone living in Illinois, or further West, should take their things to the Wing School, our Apostolic Christian World Relief Distribution Center. There it will be packed and brought to Leo to be put on the semi headed for Miami. Please mark your boxes for "Haiti" when you take them to the Center.

Again, thank you. God Bless each and every one.

#### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME Doug Kellenberger

This morning, we awoke at 5 a.m. so that we could arrive at Parkview Hospital early enough to see Karen before her tonsillectomy. Mark went along, also, because he had an orthodontist appointment.

Our entire morning was occupied. We left our baby and 3-year-old daughter in bed at home, but in good hands. Just yesterday, the Lord safely brought our sister, Jane Kaiser, from Morton, into our midst. She became useful immediately and filled the need for a baby sitter. We have appreciated God's humble and loving Spirit in her already, and look forward to working with her this next week.

Tomorrow, Debbie has her weekly therapy appointment in Ft. Wayne, and her sister, Mary, has an appointment with the doctor. Kevin will also go with us to have his glasses adjusted. This will require one of us to make another trip into Ft. Wayne. In fact a ride is needed every day for Claudia, who is going to summer school.

Despite all the chasing around, the work and chores still have to be done, and Bros. Bruce Knapp and Tim Sauder are responding very cooperatively and enthusiastically to this need. They organize and oversee different groups of children to accomplish the tasks of gardening, mowing, weed pulling, van washing, oil changing, chicken house cleaning, etc. Tim is usually seen with pencil and paper, writing down needs that come to his mind and jobs that should be done. Both brothers had been here, busily working, for two or three weeks and hadn't unpacked. Finally, a few days ago, they did so on a morning off.

Joyfully and contentedly, we report that our job is a continuous one from 7:00 in the morning till 10:00 at night, but that it takes more than a mother and father to

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provide the extra individual attention that each of these children needs. They have all the normal problems of teenagers plus many more due to their unusual backgrounds within the past 10 or 14 years. And these are all accumulated into one lump amount and given to us to decipher. Had we had them as our own children from their early years, a lot of their difficult behavior and problems would have been dealt with in the beginning.

But, as it is, we are faced with deep-seated problems and many needs, all requiring attention at once.

Sister Jane has volunteered to watch our young daughters this week, and leave Sue free to spend individual, personal time with each of the girls. As houseparents, we realize that we need to provide more personal care, love, and encouragement to the children.

To you readers who are concerned for the children, please also pray for us that we may improve. Actually, all parents need prayers that our almighty God would give them the grace and positive love to properly care for their children. Remember, it's by asking in prayer that God answers, so we must pray and not just wish in our minds. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

All the children are in one house now, and the other is vacant except for staff. We are in need of full time houseparents (husband and wife) to be led by God's Spirit to give themselves as a living sacrifice for this work, which is His Holy will. If you feel God's still, small, peaceful, and joyful voice drawing you, it may be much like repentance. Your hardest trial might be to tell someone about it. After that has been done, the task of going ahead will be much easier. So, if you feel the Lord sending you, open up and tell someone—your elder or parents—and see how the love of God will direct you.

May God be with you, dear brethren, and give you strength and His Spirit in these deceptive and materialistic times. May we all be strengthened through true Christian unity, spiritual fellowship, and prayer in our relationship with God and one another; and may the promise of the comfort of the Holy Spirit be realized by all

the true believers.

Thank you, everyone, for being patient and forbearing with us in this project.

#### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Remembering the past cold winter days is an incentive to cherish each beautiful summer day, complete with dawn's dew-drop jewels and bird song to the calm, quieting, thought-inspiring dusk. Sometimes the evening sky is so spectacular that we almost feel the Master Painter is informing us He has finished His day's work by wiping His paint brush off on the sky.

"Nature meets many of man's needs. Among other things, he finds beauty for his soul, healing for his body, knowledge for his inquiring mind, communion with his Creator and peace for his troubled heart."

Esther Baldwin York

Our residents are enjoying these lovely days during their scheduled outdoor activities as well as during their free time, when many go for walks and ride bicycles.

Outdoor landscaping is being done around the new addition. With effort and God's blessing, it will, in time, be beautiful to behold.

We are happy to announce the arrival of three new residents: Carol Fahrni of Alto, Michigan; Anna Eberhard of Oakville, Iowa, and more recently of Phoenix, Arizona; and Richard Allen Becker of Morton, Illinois.

Terry Stoller, son of Eugene and Minerva Stoller of New Haven, Indiana, has again come to be with us for the summer months.

Further introduction of Carol Fahrni includes the following: Her parents are Fred and Jane Coles Fahrni of Clarksville, Michigan. Her father is deceased. One sister, Doris McCaul, one brother, Bruce, six nieces, and two nephews make up Carol's family. Her engaging, cheerful personality has already endeared her to all of us. We look forward to helping her find the things to do that she likes best. Birthday time for Carol is October 5.

#### ALABAMA, ATHENS

Hazel Vibbert

Dewey Perry is home from the hospital but has to go back the 3rd of July for more treatments. Visitors have been: Bro. George Kelly

and family; Phyllis Messner and family (from Oakville); Ruth Reiman (from Burlington); and Jane Stoller, Pat Staller, Helen Knecht, & Melba Mangold (from Eureka).

I would like to thank everyone who has remembered my family since we lost everything by fire.

#### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

"Peace I give unto you." Jody Knochel is very happy as she awaits proving and baptism July 15 and 16.

We enjoyed Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen's sermons as he was our guest minister June 14 and 18. Many attended our monthly potluck and hymn-singing held on Father's Day.

A graduation tea was held for Sis. Deanna Beery, Sis. Liz Martin, Karen Kraft, Dale Mohrman, Jeff Rokey, and Todd Roth. Graduating from the eighth grade were Jim Emch, Kathi and Keith Farney, Jay Fehr, Ted Knochel Jr., Jill Leiman, and Monica Pulfer.

Congratulations go to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Our sympathy is extended to Esther Harmon on the passing of her brother, also, to Sis. Huldah Heinold on the loss of her brother, Jack Gerber, Bluffton.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Ernie DeMille as he is unable to gather with us. We are glad to see Bro. Alvin Laukhauf in our midst again after two months' of illness and convalescence at home.

A thought from Jo Petty, "Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening a door and stepping into the very presence of God."

#### ARIZONA, TUCSON

Caroline Kaufman

We praise the Lord and thank Him for the new ministering brother He has given our congregation. Bro. Loren Knapp has taken the yoke upon him to preach His word. It is truly comforting to know that the Lord will give him the grace and strength to carry out this task. Bro. Loren's wife is Sis. Evelyn.

We were glad to have ministering Brethren Nathan Steffen share an evening with us. We thank him for sharing the Lord's Word with us.

Our weather in Tucson is encour-

aging much activity, now that most are free from schools. Temperatures are usually in the high 90 and 100 degree range.

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Linda Cooper

June 18 was the happy day on which our new Sis. Sandy Aberle was proved and baptized. Her sincere and humble testimony reminded all of us how willing we were to do His will and forsake the world at the time of our conversion. Are we still as zealous and faithful in our daily walk of life today as we were when we were taken into the fold? Are our hearts yet as pure and trusting?

Ministering Bros. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, and Bill Dotterer, Phoenix, put forth their efforts to bring us God's inspired Word.

During the weekend of May 27, we hosted the Arizona church's Sunday School children and young people for a time of fellowship. We're grateful that our guests made the effort to come, as they had to travel a full day's journey to be with us. It seems to all of us that God blesses our times together and strengthens the friendships that have come from our annual visits.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JUNE? The month of June is one of the most beautiful of all months. It is loaded with Nature's best. How could we let it pass without a few comments and words of praise for the rare beauties and loveliness we can enjoy which are really unique in this beautiful month of June.

It happens to be the center of our calendar year; weather is most comfortable, balmy, and especially ideal for vacationers and relaxation. It is also a time for fond memories for the hundreds who will remember their day of graduation. Flowers of every kind and color can be seen in bloom: mountain daisies, roses of so many kinds, and hundreds of others now in bloom, all proclaiming the glory, majesty, and greatness of the Creator God.

Nature itself is a boundless display of beauty. The supremest human achievements are poor and can be described as a vast canvas set in a stupendous frame. In it

we see enclosed the splendor of the heavens, the awesome dome of the sky, the gorgeous spectacles of the dawn and the sunset, the sublimity and the grandeur of the formidable mountains, and the majesty of the sea. Even the depths of the ocean and the hidden nooks of our great forests are not without beautiful forms. One could go on and on praising, as the Psalmist did, the unsearchable wisdom of the One who created the universe—the One and only Omnipotent God.

Births: April 29, a daughter, Sarah Marie, to Bro. James and Sis. Sandra Schneider (they also have a son, Jimmie); May 16, a daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Bro. Daniel and Sis. LuAnn Goric; also, a son, Ryan Abrahamson, to Charlene (Luginbuhl) and Gayland Abrahamson. Grandparents to the above are, respectively: Bro. Albert and Gladys Schneider and Bro. Earl and Sis. Ester Gerber of Forrest, IL; Bro. Melvin and Sis. LuAnn Gerber and Sis. Janet and the late Peter Goric; Bro. Martin and Dorothy Luginbuhl and Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson.

Bro. Harold Lanz and his wife, Sis. Anne extend a deeply sincere note of thanks to all who remembered them so beautifully with many cards, good wishes, and other kindnesses. They said it was overwhelming.

### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

Caroline Akel

Our congregation rejoices as three more souls have been added to our number. Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Joe Waibel were with us to carry this out. We now greet Kim Troxel, Dave Mueller, and Tom Cholak as brothers-in-faith. We realize that this is not the conclusion, but only the beginning of their journey. Just as God provided an exodus for His people who were under bondage in Egypt, He has provided us with an exodus from the slavery of sin and evil. This takes place at the time of conversion. The long journey through the wilderness—towards the Promised Land—then begins. We are glad to have three more fellow-travelers. When the going gets rough, let's not complain or look back to the time of our bondage. Let's hang on to the promises which God gave His people which still apply to us today. He leads us. He protects us. It is His will that we inherit the

Promised Land. Heaven is prepared for us.

The following was submitted by Louise Ella Akel. Bro. Steve Rinkenberger from Illinois preached about fervent prayer. We enjoyed his family and wish them God's blessings.

Caroline is in Europe. She was radiant at the airport because she had high hopes of delivering some song books and hymns for violins. Also tucked in her case was a record album of religious hymns. She intends to meet a group of sisters-in-faith in Austria, and they (God willing) will visit the churches in Hungary. Pray for them, please.

It is always pleasant to witness a lovely marriage. The couple vows to be faithful unto death. Many times it brings tears to our eyes. They seem so sincere. It is a serious promise. Too many times the news of unfaithfulness reaches the wife, or husband, as the case may be. There is shock, humiliation, and disbelief. How could such a thing happen? Things will never be the same. There may be forgiveness, and some love may carry them through.

Our marriage to Christ is even more serious and important. If you are a member, you made vows before witnesses and promised to be true.

Our dear Lord experienced unfaithfulness in part of the Bride (the Church). In Rev. 2:4,5 we read, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

It is a severe warning not to wander or seek out other ways, but to remain true and faithful until death. God has promised the grace for every situation. If we ask for it, we shall receive it. Praise God.

### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-

NORMAL

Holly Stahl

Jean O'Shea

On May 28, Sis. Sue Maurer (Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann of Forrest) was announced to be married to Bro. Mark Hinrichson of Goodfield (Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene). We wish them God's richest blessings during their engagement and in their fu-

ture life as husband and wife.

It is exciting to share the news of three new little boys who recently descended from heaven and came to live with three very happy and thankful families. Little Andrew Beau-James Howell was born on May 31 and is the first child of Bro. Jim and Sis. Eloise Howell. Grandparents are Sis. Lucille Stoller of Gridley and Robert and Catherine Howell of Harvey. Aaron Christopher O'Shea was born to Bro. Tom and Sis. Jean O'Shea on June 6. A sister, Caesy Leigh, 13 months, welcomed him home. On June 23, Lee Mitchell Steffen arrived to fill the hearts and home of Bro. Walt and Sis. Veronica Steffen. Two-year-old J. Benjamin is happy to have a new playmate. Bro. Ben and Sis. Nina Steffen of Fairbury and Bro. Wally and Sis. Roberta Bucher of Francesville, Indiana, are grandparents.

It is such a miracle to behold these little children and to ponder how God has manifested His handiwork in their perfectly created little bodies. Each little heart and soul belongs to the Lord, and, as parents, this thought makes us realize that God has given us our children as a gift. They are only ours for a short span as we live here upon the earth. It is our duty to teach them God's plan of salvation so that someday they will return their hearts and souls to Him. What a simple and beautiful plan!

June 4 we held services at Woodhill Towers, and the following week we held our Vacation Bible School in the evenings. We want to thank all of those who participated. We give a special thank you to visiting ministers Bro. Walt Anliker, Eureka, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, Bro. Bryan Stoller, Gridley, and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, for teaching the Bible Class group.

We held a farewell on June 28 for Sis. Marge Fehr who plans to move to Phoenix, Arizona. We will miss her presence in our congregation, but we are happy that she has felt God's direction and guidance and can be assured of finding the Phoenix church full of the same love and fellowship that we share. May God's blessings abound as she establishes her new home.

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TELL YOUR REPORTER.

## ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Jane Leman

A blessed weekend was spent when Randy Kieser (Bro. George and Sis. Esther) and David Guinrich (Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris) were added to the fold. Elder Bros. Don Sauder (Roanoke) and Dave Kieser (Princeville) and ministering Bro. Walter Rehklau (Toledo) were present. We thank them for their labors.

Elder Bro. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) and Bro. Jerry Kuntz (Oakville) also ministered to us this past month, for which we are grateful.

Princeville Fellowship Hall was the setting for the wedding of Cathy Despain (Mrs. Beatrice Despain) and Mark Ehnle (Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna).

The family of Sis. Julia Ehnle wishes to express their appreciation for the gifts of love sent to their mother on her 88th birthday.

The following poem was written in memory of little Gail Endress by Susie Frank:

You brought a ray of sunshine into our days

When clouds seemed to cover the sun;

You showed us what joy was like When we felt like crying;

Your funny smile and curly blond hair would always make us smile

When we wanted to fall—

But for some reason, my dream-child;

God took you to be with Him.

Now you'll brighten God's bouquet, and when my days are dark and gloomy,

I'll look at your pictures and think of you;

And I'll know my not-quite-two dream-child will be here again—

But this time only in my heart.

## ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

Once a devout Christian man was heard to say: "I have a busy, hectic day ahead. I had better spend an hour in prayer today instead of only half an hour."

Privilege and responsibility are like Siamese twins—irrevocably bonded together. Since we have had the privilege of sitting under the sound of the Gospel numerous times again, we have the solemn responsibility to heed those words and thoughts, to meditate on them, and to continue to walk on the true path. We were so blessed that

Bro. Gary Maibach, Rittman, Ohio, and Bro. Tom Leman, Elgin, IL, were able to be with us June 11. June 25 we felt humbled that Bro. Bill Gudeman, also from Elgin, IL, would lend himself as our sole minister—our home ministers all being gone. May the Lord bless their efforts and those of all who have visited us. Sunday, June 4, was a bright, shiny day, one of precious worship at church all day and special fellowship at our Sunday School picnic in one of the Forest Preserves later that afternoon. The potluck supper was bountiful, the fellowship sweet, and, to the children, the games and prizes were quite a treat. This year our Vacation Bible School met Mon., Wed., and Thurs. evenings for two weeks, beginning June 5 and ending June 15. Parents, once again, made special sacrifices to get their children to Bible School, help the teachers, and provide snacks. And the Lord truly blessed all efforts—children's, parents', and teachers'.

We were sorry to have to say "Farewell" to Jon and Sis. Darlene Cluff and Jon, Brian, and Stacey. But we know that the Bay City, Michigan, congregation is happy to have them return. They take a little bit of our hearts with them and leave enriched lives behind where they have walked.

We pray that Bella Slagel will be returned to good health. The Lord doeth all things well.

It happened so recently, it seems like just yesterday, a fellow believer came to me in Christian love—but hurt. I had not meant to cut one out but only to gather in. Yet I, the younger, had not thought how I would feel, were I the older—and more experienced. So though I had not known, I had made a wound. Only the Lord can heal it, but when one can be sorrowful and the other forgive, then truly the sore can heal and the bond be more tightly knit. Thank you, dear one. But, ah, Lord, please guard and guide my trampling feet and tongue.

God has a tender reason for everything we face.

## ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Marilyn Knapp

Judy Bauer

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest).

We were privileged to hear the

testimonies of Curtis and Elaine Sauder and their daughter, Kim. The way in which they told us how they knew there was something missing in their lives and how things changed was very impressive. On the following day, many friends and relatives were present to witness their baptism. We thank our Elder Bros. Dan Cook (Tremont) and Roy Grimm (Taylor) for their assistance. Also, we wish to thank Bro. Walter Herman (Princeville) for the closing prayer.

We rejoice with Pam Walder, daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Dorothy, who has found peace with God and man. She is looking forward to giving her testimony and being baptized. We are happy to have more souls find their salvation.

We will miss our Sis. Melinda Knapp, daughter of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Sylvia. She has accepted a job in Chicago and will be making the Chicago church her church. We know they will welcome her into their congregation. We wish her God's blessings in her new position.

Our Vacation Bible School completed two weeks of learning more about God. We heard their results on Friday night when they presented us with a short program titled, "Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart."

There were many that enjoyed our church picnic on Sunday. After partaking of delicious food, the Sunday School presented us with a short program. The remaining time was spent singing.

Our surgical patients this month were: Bro. Jake Funk, Sisters Eulalia Eisenman, Carol Waldbeser (Bro. John), and Helen Hoffman (Bro. Harry). All are home again, with the exception of Carol, and we hope she will soon return to her home. Bro. Ed Alt is a medical patient at the Carle Hospital. Bro. Wayne Hauptli is a hospital patient in Waterloo, Iowa, taking tests. Wesley Knapp had a farm accident and was hospitalized for several days.

Jill Hauptli, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nancy, became the bride of Tom Kaeb, son of Ed and Ruth. Bro. Ed Alt performed an outdoor wedding ceremony at the bride's grandparent's home, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Irene Hauptli. We wish them God's blessings.

A baby son, Andrew Wayne, was

born to Bro. John and Sis. Jayne Conrad. The grandparents are Bro. Aaron and Sis. Marguriete Bauer, Bro. Fremon and Sis. Mary Conrad (Bremen).

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Judy Wettstein

Gay Knapp

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers. They were Bros. Art Bahler, Fairbury, Byron Stoller, Gridley; and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley. Our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard spent two Wednesday evenings with us. In addition to having Josh expound "wonderful words of life" to us, we also elected two Sunday School teachers: Bros. Bob McClure and Ken Schrock.

Those who spent some time in the hospital were Margaret Ott and Virgil Funk. Still missed from our congregation are Bros. Chris Miller and Dick Hasty. We are thankful when each one of our dear ones shows improvement. We must give the credit to our Lord.

The Sunday School picnic was held the last Sunday in June. It is always a pleasure to have this gathering, as it is an opportunity to meet with friends whom we do not see as often as we like. It seems like everyone is so busy. May God bless all who took part, especially the teachers for their untiring effort.

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Mary Moser

Summer Bible Class was held here the week of June 18. The ministers who taught the Bible Class this year were: Bro. Herman Kelenberger, Bro. Bruce Leman (from Roanoke), Bro. Duane Kilgus (from Fairbury), and Bro. Uriel Gehring (from Burlington, Iowa). We hope that each one who participated in this received a blessing.

Love of all gifts is the greatest. On June 4, Bro. Les Schambach (Bro. Albert and Sis. Dorothy) and Sis. Alison Brown (Henry and Marion) were united in holy matrimony. Ministering Bro. Morris Frank from Leo, Indiana, was here for the occasion.

Vicki Weiss, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Dena, was united in marriage with Scott Samelson on June 10.

On June 24, Ruth Ann Moser (Bro. Earl and Sis. Jeanette) and Lee Pisarczyk became one in mar-

riage. May God's love and blessings be with them as they start their new life together.

Mathew Curtis was born June 16 to Curtis and Becky Leman. He has a brother, Arthur. Grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman.

Sis. Terry Metzger and Amy Gasser, daughter of Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary, were surgical patients in the hospital. Gail Hallead (Gudeman) and Sis. Ida Steffen were also hospitalized this past month.

Ministering Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman spent a Tuesday evening here. We were richly blessed and thankful for the teachings we received. Bro. Walt Steffen from Milford and Bro. John Lehman from Bern, Kansas, also brought God's Word to us.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

Our sympathy goes to the family of Levi Anliker, whose funeral services were held May 30 by Bro. Leroy Huber. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Della, one son, Bro. Walter, one daughter, Sis. Mildred (Harold) Hodel, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Bros. Noah and Eli of Iowa and Ben of Texas.

Sis. Kathryn Leman has had eye surgery; she is getting along quite well but is waiting for complete recovery. Bro. Eli Somerhalter and Kandy (Lonnie) Kupferschmid have been in the hospital but are both home again.

We give best wishes to Sis. Lorene Fischer and Bro. Wm. Wiegand of Washington whose engagement was announced this month. They are planning an August wedding. Their parents are the late Bro. Eli and Sis. Lydia Fischer and the late Bro. Paul and Sis. Edna Wiegand.

Jeff Christen was born to Bro. Curtis and Sis. Beth Rocke on June 14. Happy to have him home with them are two brothers, Duane and Brad, and one sister, Joyce. Grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline Rocke and Bro. Harold and Sis. Mildred Hodel.

The annual Sunday School Picnic was held on June 25. This is really a time when the whole church is invited to get together for a picnic and enjoy the fellowship of all ages. We have completed the Summer Bible School—two weeks

for all ages up to high school, and the following week for high-school-age students. Roanoke, Congerville, and Goodfield Bible Classes also met with us the last week. Each evening a different visiting minister had the lesson. We hope and pray that the seed fell on good ground.

**ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECOND GRADE TEACHERS**

New teachers' guides and workbooks for children in the second grade Sunday School classes have been completed and are now available from your Apostolic Christian Publishing Company, 610 W. Cruger St., Eureka, Illinois 61530.

**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY  
Joyce Huber**

We rejoice to have Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stoller (Sandy Schieler) and Mrs. Mark Runyon (Julie Walter) take Jesus for their Saviour. They gave their testimonies of their faith and peace with God and were baptized.

Jerry Kaisner, son of Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner, was married to Donna Schwind, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Schwind of Roanoke. The newlyweds will live in Fairbury, where Jerry is employed as a mechanic.

Bro. Herman Kilgus, 74, passed away in Carle Hospital. He was a salesman for Edwards Soil Service. He was a friend of all that knew him and will be greatly missed. He married Sis. Marie Hoffman, who survives him. Their children are: Phyllis Nussbaum, Bro. Richard, and Bro. Duane. Also surviving are: his sister, Sis. Ella VonBergen, two brothers, Albert and William, and 13 grandchildren.

Harry Johnson passed away after telling his wife, Sis. Nancy (Moulton), "I am going to die." He would have been 50 on July 1. Harry had become disabled following an accident Sept. 17, 1967, and his and Nancy's lives were changed. Sis. Nancy and their children, Michael and Tammy Jo, survive.

We enjoyed having Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, and Bro. Herman Kellenberger minister to us recently.

Bro. Warren Fehr is a newly

elected Sunday School teacher. May the Lord give him grace for his new responsibilities.

Sis. Ruth Walter, Sis. Gertie Moser, and Sis. Lydia Zehr have been hospitalized. A surgical team headed by Dr. Bro. John Isch in Indianapolis performed open-heart surgery on Kara Meiss. Kara is the young daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carlos Meiss. She is home and is doing well.

**ILLINOIS, FORREST  
Kathryn Steidinger  
Beverly Eisenmann**

We are experiencing very dry weather in our area; but the windows of heaven were opened, and we received showers of blessings when Bros. Steve Gutwein (Francisville), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), Byron Stoller (Gridley), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit), and Bill Kupferschmid (Bloomington) visited us and brought us God's Word.

Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton) and Josh Broquard (Fairbury) were with us to assist our Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman in serving communion. It was a blessed Wednesday evening spent together in quietness, as a family of God, commemorating Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

Bro. Ray Wenger has spent several weeks in the hospital and is awaiting surgery on his back. Sis. Lou Ida Steffen was a surgical patient and has returned home. Others from our congregation who have spent time in the hospital are Sis. Aldine Wackerle, Bro. Ed Bach, Bro. Frank Honegger, and Theresa Hamilton (Tom and Sis. Earlene).

A welcome addition to the family of Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller is Michael Scott. They have two little girls, Sheila and Sara, and the grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller and Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle of Princeville.

Bro. Sam Maier joined some of his aged friends when he recently moved to Fairview Haven.

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Mary Ann Reiger welcome a new son-in-law into their family circle since the recent wedding of Lori and Warren Cox. The young couple is living in Bloomington.

Sis. Shelly Zimmerman (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Ray Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn) have announced their

engagement with plans for a July wedding.

**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD  
Verna Hartter - Elna Grimm**

Sis. Katie Heinold is back at the A.C. Home in Eureka after having been hospitalized. She has been having lots of trouble with swelling in her legs for quite a few months. She wishes to thank everyone for the food, prayers, and visits while in the hospital and at home.

Bro. and Sis. Bruce Knapp, parents of small daughter April, wish to express their thanks for all prayers, visits, cards, and gifts while April was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Bro. Jim Hohulin was hospitalized after suffering a severe knee injury while on vacation at Kentucky Lake.

Sis. Geraldine Plattner was recently admitted to the hospital for tests.

Erika Hart, three, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill and Terry, submitted to surgery for a tonsillectomy.

What have you given away today?  
A sweet summery bouquet?  
Or just a kind word where needed  
most . . .

What have you given away?

Have you given hope where there  
was pain?  
Have you shared a thought or two  
With someone whose road is rough  
and steep;  
Have you helped someone be true?

Have you spread sunshine along  
the path?  
Have you smiled a smile and then  
Extended a handclasp warm and  
true,  
Restoring cheer again?

It's not what you get, but what you  
give  
That matters so much today.  
Just ask the question when day is  
through,  
"What have I given away?"

Georgia B. Adams

Mr. Kenneth Hartter, son of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Verna was married to Peg Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman of Peoria on June 24.

On May 28, Bro. Mark Hinrichsen, son of Bro. Hans and Sis. Arlene, and Sis. Sue Mauer, daughter

of Bro. Roy and Sis. Ann of Forrest, were announced to be married.

The engagement of Sis. Melinda Meece, daughter of Sis. Eloise Diggelmann, and Bro. Dave Oberle, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Vera of Tremont, was announced on June 25.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"I know not how the Spirit moves Convincing men of sin, Revealing Jesus thro' the Word, Creating faith in Him. But I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day." (Hymns of Zion)

We are rejoicing with the angels in heaven that the Spirit is moving among some of our young friends and has brought them to repentance. May God's work of salvation continue to be greatly manifest as we witness the transformation of lives who were held captive by the clutches of sin and are now free to become a dedicated servant of the most high God. We encourage our new converts to struggle against the power of Satan who seeks to entice them once more into his evil snares. Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) We must follow Him at all costs, rejecting our former lives in which we may have enjoyed the pleasures of sin for a season. Now we can look beyond this short life span here on earth and can enjoy the blessed hope and peace that is reserved for those who are surrendered to the Lord. Nothing this world can offer can even compare with the joy of living a life free from the guilt and frustration of serving self and full of the love and peace of serving God.

June 4, we gathered in the park for our annual Sunday School picnic. The following two weeks were Vacation Bible School for the kindergarten through eighth grade children. During this time the young members and Bible class attended two evening classes which were taught by ministering Bros. Everett Hari of Bloomington and Charles Hemmer of Peoria. Those who attended were deeply impressed with the lessons on the times we are living in and how we stand before God.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Dixie Ringger

are the very happy parents of a precious baby boy, David Earl, born June 20. He is welcomed into the family by his three sisters, Cassie, Peggy, and Stacy. David's grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger and Sis. Lucille Stoller.

Sis. Louise Rich, 90, passed away June 3 and was laid to rest June 5. We are confident she is now asleep in Jesus and can join her departed husband, Bro. Al. Bro. Al and Sis. Louise answered the Saviour's call at the eleventh hour of their lives, and it was not too late. May all who are yet outside the door of grace take courage in the assurance that God is no respecter of age, but whosoever will may come. "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3:15) Our sympathy is extended to her daughter, Shirley Porzelius.

Jody Schlipf, 2½-year-old daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Jill, was in the hospital after falling from a hay mow. We are thankful that she is home again and seems to be fine.

The marriage engagement of Bro. Keith Zimmerman to Sis. Linda Meiss, both of Gridley, was announced.

### ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Deanna Marti

Summer school has now begun, and it is keeping many of the students busy; others are taking a break from school and have chosen to work for the summer.

However everyone is spending their vacation, we are all enjoying the warm summer sunshine. We are even feeling a warmer and more wonderful kind of "Sonshine" when we meet together for our Thursday evening Bible Studies. This month we were blessed by having Bro. Don Sauder, Roanoke; Bro. Everett Hari, Bloomington; Bro. Ron Heiniger, Bloomington; and our own Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville. We so much appreciate the brothers who come and freely give of themselves.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Judy Springer - Lorna Schrock

We congratulate and pray God's blessings upon four couples who were recently married. On June 3, Rhonda Kaufman became the bride of Jim McCool in a ceremony at our Fellowship Hall. Their parents are Lola and Clifford Kaufman and

Mr. and Mrs. George McCool.

Sis. Sarah Neukomm and Bro. Greg Getz were united in holy matrimony on June 4. Bro. Al and Sis. Jerry Neukomm and Bro. Ken and Sis. Ann Getz are their parents. Visiting ministers that day were the bride's grandfather, Elder Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, her two uncles, Bro. Todd Feller, LaCrosse, and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield.

Another ceremony at the Fellowship Hall united Toby Yerby and Jon Hauter in marriage on June 17. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yerby and Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Hauter.

June 18 was the date chosen for the wedding of Barb Herman and Bro. Ed Kaiser. Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman and Bro. Harry and Sis. Laverne Kaiser are the parents of the newlyweds.

Cindy Wulf and Rick Schmidgall have recently announced their engagement. Cindy's parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf of Morris, Minn., and Rick's parents are Ken Schmidgall and Mrs. Jean Schmidgall. Sept. 3 is the date set for the wedding.

We are saddened to report the unexpected death of Ralph Roeker, 50, of Wheaton, Ill., on June 10. Funeral services were held in the Morton church with Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, a former classmate of Ralph's, assisting Bro. Joe Braker. Ralph was the son of Bro. August and Sis. Mary Aupperle Roeker of Morton. He married Gloria Freidinger in 1953. In addition to his wife and mother, survivors include three children, Ross, Jeannie, and Kathy; three sisters, Sis. Ruth Ann (Ben) Hodel, Roanoke; Sis. Milly (Philip) Beer, Milford, Ind.; Dorothy (Robert) Martin; and six brothers, Glenn, Robert, James, Fred, Sam, and Gary, all of Morton.

We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Jr., and Sis. Lois (Marvin) Getz due to the death of their mother, Sis. Anna Zimmerman of Roanoke. She resided at the Restmor Nursing Home in Morton several years before transferring to the A.C. Home in Roanoke, where she died June 11.

Sis. Mona Dennison Stoller, 64, died June 22. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Elmer, and two children, Keith of Morton, and Mrs. Roger (Linda) Mardis of Bloomington. She had been in poor health for a long time.



Benjamin Joseph was born June 13 to Bro. Bob and Sis. Diane Kaiser. Five-year-old Susie welcomed him home. Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Belsley, Eureka, and Bro. Orman and Sis. Kathryn Kaiser are little Benjamin's grandparents.

On the hospital list this month were Lisa Hauter, daughter of Jerry and Jackie Hauter, who had orthopedic surgery in Chicago, and Sis. Nettie (Fred) Huette.

Our Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks for students from age four through high school, and it also included a class for the young members. Visiting ministers teaching the Bible Class were Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Bro. Chuck Hemmer, Peoria; Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley; and Bro. Ken Hoerr, Peoria.

The family of Kathryn Jacob wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to our ministers, friends, and relatives for their prayers, visits, cards, and gifts during their time of bereavement.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin**

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Col. 3:15) Two dear souls have repented and found peace with God. Barb Unsicker (daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Lucille) and Mark Criss (son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Criss) were baptized on June 4. We were privileged to have Bro. Ed Hohulin with us for that weekend.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be 1 flesh." (Eph. 5:31) Bro. Bill Schick (son of Bro. John and Sis. Dolly) and Sis. Joan Hoerr (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy) were united in marriage on June 11. Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester ministered to us in the morning.

Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit had the wedding ceremony of Bro. Dan Waibel (son of Bill and Sis. Joyce) and Sis. Karen Getz (daughter of Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret) on June 18. Bro. Willis Wiegand ministered to us in the morning.

On June 25, Bro. Kevin Plattner (son of Bro. Mel and Sis. Mardell) and Sis. Mary Messner were united in marriage in Winthrop. We welcome Mary to the Peoria church.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Velma Kellen-

berger are the happy grandparents of a new boy, Brent Allen. His parents are Dean and Linda Kellenberger.

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Hulda Plattner, Sis. Hulda Streitmatter, Sis. Mary Hauter, Eldora Young, Marie Wagonbach (widow of Louie), and Bro. George Rauhaus.

Two souls were called to their heavenly home above. Charles Maloon, son of the late Silas Sauder, passed away on June 4. We express our sympathy to his family. Bro. Jim Weyeneth of Roanoke passed away on June 25. He is the father of Sis. Dorothy Hoerr. We express our sympathy to all of his family.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Ruth Ricketts**

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 136.

June has been a month of many blessings, and our cups have been overflowing. We thank our loving Lord and Saviour for these precious blessings.

Bros. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Joe Braker of Morton were with us the evening of May 27 when six young friends gave their testimonies of their conversion and newfound faith. Bro. Joe Stoller, our newly ordained Deacon, assisted Bro. Dave and our two visiting elders in this important task. Dan Maher, the first convert to tell of his experiences, had a stirring testimony. He had been reared in a Christian home and was required to attend church services faithfully. Some school friends invited him to attend our church. He heard of life after death and became convicted. His heart became very heavy, and he had a desire to come closer to the Lord; yet his father wanted him to attend his church, which he obediently did for a while. He realized he had to make a break, which he was able to do by the grace of God; and, after earnest prayer and faith, he was able to receive that peace that passeth understanding.

Erik and Debbie Martin Givens also had stirring testimonies. Erik, too, was invited to church by school friends, where he heard of the precious love of God. Debbie's parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Janet Martin, and they have always been acquainted with our faith. Debbie told Erik she felt that she should

make a change, but Erik was not quite ready. As he was driving down a street, he had a startling experience. It had been snowing, and everything was covered, including a car that was parked along the street. On the bumper, the snow had fallen away, and the words "WHY WAIT" appeared. Not believing his eyes, he drove around the block and saw it again. After thinking about this all day, he and Debbie decided to see Bro. Dave. They surrendered, found peace in their hearts, and enjoyed the blessed love of God.

Brian Elsasser, son of Bro. John and Sis. Lillian; Steve Leuthold, son of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley; and Alan Martin, son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Esther all testified that they needed to repent if they hoped to gain eternal life. They still were desiring the honor and glory that comes through accomplishments and were not quite ready to give up their good times. When burdens became too heavy to carry longer, they surrendered their own self-will; and when they found peace, only then could they realize what true joy is. They felt the love of the members; and that drew them. We were thankful to hear them say that they are satisfied with the church as it is and don't want it to permit a broader way. The narrow path is wide enough for two, Jesus and me. That is sufficient.

Bro. Al Langhofer of Wichita, Kansas, was guest-minister Sunday, May 28, and many blessings were derived from his visit. His text was II Peter 1, and many precious thoughts were brought forth. Bro. Joe Braker used Romans 6 for his text in the afternoon. We thank both of our brothers for their messages. We are fortunate to be a part of this body of believers and experience the love and joy that we share. Joy is from God. Many, we feel, had troubled hearts and were encouraged to turn their backs on the world and its folly, ask for grace to surrender their will to the Lord, and then enjoy the peace of heart and untold joys. Baptismal services followed afternoon services, and many were present to share the blessings with the converts, their families, and friends.

The following weekend, five more souls gave their testimonies, were baptized and were taken into the

fold. Bros. LeRoy Huber of Eureka and Dan Koch, of Tremont came to assist our Bros. Dave and Joe. Nita and Larry Baer, children of Otto and Eleanor Baer; Clark Baurer, Bro. Arthur and Sis. Joy's son; Janet Kieser Weber, Sis. Bertha Kieser's daughter; and Daryl Wagonbach, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Betty, all gave stirring testimonies before their baptism. All had to say that they had a desire to repent but found it difficult to submit to God's will and give up their own will. They found that they were helpless while struggling by themselves, but once they told someone of their desires, things began to fall in place, and God sent angels to minister to them. Their own way of desiring to change the church is by bringing it closer to God. God's presence was truly felt when Bro. LeRoy Huber ministered to us on Sunday with his timely advice and admonitions. We welcome all of our dear new brothers and sisters and wish them the Lord's richest blessings in their new walk of faith.

While many from our congregation were enjoying blessings in Bradford where there were baptisms, the few who remained were also truly blessed as Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington and family spent Sunday with us. Bro. Earl left much food for thought, and we heartily thank him for spending himself on our behalf. Friends were so very kindly invited to partake of the joy, peace, and love that is enjoyed by God's children. So many have spent many years just enjoying their own pleasures, and it is so sad, for they are missing the true joy that only a child of God can have. "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." I Pet. 5:7.

June 17 was a most solemn day. Bro. Perry Zimmerman was here, and the fathers were fittingly honored in the morning. All were uplifted and encouraged. In his soft, quiet way he vividly portrayed the Lord's suffering: being abused; being mocked; being spit upon; having the crown of thorns placed on His head; being struck; being nailed to the cross; being forsaken by God; and, finally, being pierced in His side with blood and water spilling for our redemption.

Following afternoon services, communion was served to young and old alike. It brought all closer

to God and to each other. We were thankful that Sis. Emma Asal, Sis. Bessie Martin, and Bro. Phillip Musselmann, who have been absent for sometime because of bodily afflictions, were able to be present for the communion service. We feel this is most beneficial to all and trust that all were filled with God's blessings.

I have often thought about Bro. Perry's opening remarks in the afternoon: What would we think if all Bibles would disappear from our churches, our homes, and everywhere? Wouldn't it be a confusing experience? Perhaps all could try to remember what we could and put it down on paper; but what a loss since the Bible was written by inspiration from God. It may never be entirely restored.

Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger of Pulaske, Iowa, was our guest minister on the last Sunday of June, and we received many gems for thought. Again the friends were kindly invited to repent and receive God's blessings to the fullest extent, for the mercy of God endureth forever. We thank Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther for their visit. May the Lord bless them.

We were glad to hear that Rod Wagonbach was able to leave the hospital after several weeks' treatment and, while there, was able to find peace with God and man. For that, we rejoice. We trust he will feel the Lord's nearness during his shut-in days. We wish him the Lord's blessings.

Bro. Ervin Martin was recently flown by hospital plane from a hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He is showing satisfactory improvement from a recent heart attack which he suffered while visiting relatives at West Bend, Iowa. We wish him the Lord's nearness while recuperating and hope his hospital stay will soon be ended.

Other hospital patients were Dennis Streitmatter (young son of Bro. Bill and Diane), who had surgery for a hernia; Deann and Blake Graham who had tonsillectomies, and their sister, Darlene, who was hospitalized for tests. They are the children of Bro. Dick and Sis. Jeanette Graham.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel

Our dear Sis. Anna Zimmermann (Bro. Joe's wife) passed away at

the age of 89. Bro. Joe and Sis. Anna celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary, Feb. 11. She is survived by two sons, Bro. Joe (Morton) and Bro. Richard, and two daughters, Sis. Lois Getz (Morton) and Kathryn King (Eureka). She had resided at the Roanoke A.C. Home for the last three years.

June 3 was the wedding of Laurel Fischer (Bro. David and Sis. Frances Fischer) and Randy Ferrero (Frank and Sis. Donna).

Donna Schwind (Bro. Walt and Sis. Mary) and Jerry Kaisner (Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge), Fairbury, were united in holy marriage on June 10.

Wanda Schieber (Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schieber) and William Rassi (Bro. Joe and Sis. Angela) exchanged wedding vows also on June 10.

Sis. Susan Feller (Bro. Don and Sis. Judy), Taylor, and Bro. Herbert Hodel (Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann) were united in Holy Matrimony, June 18. May God richly bless these dear ones as they establish their homes and His presence be welcome in their hearts and homes.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Valarie Wuethrich are parents of their second son, Christopher William. Little Ross is happy to have a little brother with whom to love and play.

We received many blessings from our visiting ministers: Bros. Bob Pohl (Burlington), Jesse Beer (Milford), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Walt Anliker (Eureka), and Elder Bros. Leroy Huber and Edwin Huhlin.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Eugene Bertschi, Sis. Emma Hodel, and Sis. Florence Bucher.

The family of Sis. Anna Zimmerman wishes to thank all for the loving expressions of sympathy and kindness shown to them. May God bless everyone.

Our vacation Bible school had a daily attendance of 125 students. The Bible class gathered at Eureka this year. We thank all the ministers, teachers, and brothers who helped in teaching God's Word.

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Lydia Rassi

Mary Jane Leuthold

God sent a new blessing to the home of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Sinn. David Matthew was born May 9 and is welcomed by brother

Doug and sister Janelle. Grandparents are Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Elsie Sinn, Tremont, and Bro. Danny and Sis. Dorothy Sinn, Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Matthew Phillip is the new little boy who moved into the home of Bro. Dale and Sis. Joan Sauder, since his birth on June 9. He has brothers Paul and David and sister Ann to love and help care for him. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Anna Schmidgall, Elgin, and Sis. Sophia Sauder and the late Bro. John Sauder, Tremont. We wish God's blessings to these happy families.

We enjoyed the messages brought to us by visiting ministers, Bro. Willis Wiegand and Bro. Steve Rinckenberger.

Those of our loved ones who are convalescing are Sis. Esther Schmid and Brad Kaufman, son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane. Brad had a broken wrist. Bro. Dewayne Dill, son of Sis. Barbara, had an emergency appendectomy, and Bro. Arnold Rassi had total hip surgery. Our prayers are with each one for renewed health and strength.

Bro. Arnold Rassi wishes to express thanks for the many deeds of love and kindness shown to him by prayers, visits, cards, and gifts.

From this day forward, a marriage covenant was made between Sis. Susan Huette and Bro. Rick Berchtold, June 4. Parents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn Huette and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Berchtold. Bro. Dan Koch spoke to them of their loving responsibilities to each other and to their God. May the Lord bless them richly.

## ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Valerie Kipfer

Linda Ziegenhorn

"... for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people." (II Cor. 6:16)

Many of us thought we were assembling in a new area, but believer's diaries brought some interesting facts to light. In the 1850's, the first assembly in the county was in the Washington-Metamora area in homes and barns. This was called Partridge Prairie after an Indian Chief, Black Partridge, who was friendly to the white people. The name of the town was later called Hanover, and then changed to Metamora. There

was no particular building provided for worship: and, as the church grew, they met in cleaned barns, because houses were too small.

The diary of Bro. Henry Geistlich states, "Today there was church in Bro. Peter Engle's barn." It was clean and had planks for seats. When chickens got too noisy they were chased out. "There were 53 horse-drawn rigs in the yard." Brethren and friends would cross the river from Peoria on a ferry and walk ten miles to church. Others walked from as far away as Morton and Dillon, some 25 miles, getting up at 2 a.m. Sunday morning to get to church on time. Baptisms were in creeks, sometimes muddy, sometimes icy!

The first elder here was Bro. Benedict Weyeneth who was consecrated by Bro. S. H. Froehlich for this work in America because of his youthful age. He farmed in Dillon in 1853, then moved to Morton, then to the prairie near Roanoke, where the first church there was built in 1864.

God has now blessed us through His Holy Spirit, faithful brethren, and much effort; a new "Inn for Souls" has been built here. It was built mostly by volunteer labor from our own and surrounding congregations. It seemed that every man, woman, and child in our congregation helped in a united effort to build both the physical and the spiritual church. It was with uplifted hearts that we held our Open House on June 18, 1978. Ministering Bros. Ben Maibach, Detroit, Harvey Grimm, Bern, Don Sauder, Roanoke, and our Elder Bro. Roy Sauder, from the Peoria congregation, were present for Open House.

Dedication Services were delivered the following Sunday by Bro. Joe Braker, of Morton. Other very welcome ministering brothers on that blessed day were Leroy Huber, Eureka, Dave Kieser, Princeville, Russell Wuthrich, Pulaski, and Roy Sauder, Peoria. It would be inspirational for all to read Romans 12, which Bro. Joe Braker felt was a very fitting chapter to read for a dedication service. It contains many good teachings for all.

One of the ministers told of the comparisons of the bricks of the building to the members of the church. The bricks are laid with loving hands, and the mortar must hold fast to keep the bricks together to form a strong wall. Likewise,

God created us with loving hands, and everyone must strive to hold together the traditions of our faith to keep the members together to form a strong congregation. Although the styles of the churches built today are much more modern and convenient than the churches of 40 or 50 years ago, we must always strive to keep our faith unchanging, never trying to "update" it, or try to make it "more modern" or "more convenient." We should hold fast to all the traditions and beliefs of the faith of our forefathers, who suffered so much for this precious faith!

"The house that stands on rock secure,  
Will stand through storm and tide,  
The church that builds upon God's word  
Will evermore abide.  
Man builds the house, God builds the Church,  
His spirit must prevail.  
If on the truth we build our faith  
This church will never fail."

Henry Beer

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held June 4, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest, which the spirit does bestow." Hymn No. 37, Zion's Harp. Bro. Bill Wiegand has been directed by the Lord to choose as his wife Sis. Lorene Fischer of the Eureka congregation. We wish them God's richest blessings.

"... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8) One of our visiting ministers told us in his sermon that if we only would follow the teachings in this one verse our lives could be so pleasant for us and for others around us. If we remember this one teaching, our God would find much pleasure in us, also!

## INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Connie Troxel

Teresa Fiechter

There's something in small growing things  
A garden just beginning brings.  
Coaxing beauty from the sod  
Makes a man close kin to God.  
Author Unknown

As we coax our gardens and fields to grow, there is much beauty there. We stand in awe that God planned a small seed to sprout and grow into a young plant so fresh and green. And we can all attest that we feel closer to God while watching this miracle.

Likewise, we feel the same when we watch our children, how they learn and grow and bless our lives; it is a miracle! Many enjoyed the Bible School program the children performed for us and we were instructed and uplifted by the words of different songs and Bible verses. Congratulations to the graduating class. Your song has special meaning:

"I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard. I believe that someone in the great somewhere hears every word. Everytime I hear a newborn baby cry or touch a leaf or see the sky, Then I know why I BELIEVE!"

As we celebrated both Mother's and Father's Day recently, we showed our appreciation for all our parents have done for us. Just as we do not fully appreciate God's love, we will never appreciate them enough!

Two souls, Jack Gerber and Patsy (Walter) Baumgartner, have passed from this life into the next. Deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

Hospital patients are: Sis. Ida (Ray) Gerber, Bro. Herman Drayer, Bro. Roy Reinhard, Sis. Emma Reinhard, Sis. Peg (Herb) Heyerly, Sis. Mary (Ivan) Moser, Sis. Hulda Steffen, Bro. Elmer Steffen, Bro. Carl Fiechter.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Gerber have a new son, Mitchell Joe. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lois Drayer also have a new baby boy, Matthew Jerry. Bro. Rex and Sis. Lavon Gerber are first-time parents as they welcome little Audra Jean into their home. James and Christy Bertsch lovingly welcomed a new son, Andrew James, into their lives.

Friends Carol Blocker and Lester Steffen were united in marriage at our Fellowship Hall on June 24.

On June 3, we were privileged to witness the testimonies of: Jean Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Justine), Joni Gerber (Bro. Harry and Sis. Ada), Gayla Baumgartner (Bro.

Galen and Sis. Joyce), Shelly Ringger (Ked), Sandy Ringger (Kendall), Gene Reinhard (Bro. Alphonie and Sis. Lucille), Martha Habegger (Bro. Ben and Sis. Arleen), and Harold and Betty Compton.

Elder Bros. Ed Lantz from Oakville and Alfred Bahler from Wolcott aided with the proving. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford, Bro. Everett Hari of Bloomington, Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Morton, and Bro. Arthur Baurer of Princeville. In his sermon, Bro. Ed stressed this Bible passage which we can all take to heart: "... Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me... whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:34, 35)

### INDIANA, BREMEN

#### Norma Leman

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. (Luke 12:40)

The Lord tells us in the scripture that He will come very quickly in the near future. We all need to prepare ourselves for the great day, for none of us wants to be left behind.

On June 4, we welcomed our Bro. Al Langhofer from Wichita, Kansas, as he brought the message to us.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Alberta Kaehr have left our Bremen congregation to help at the Huntsville, Alabama, church. We pray that the Holy Spirit will keep them safe and comfort them.

Bro. Louis Gerber and Sis. Pam Johnson were united in marriage on June 11. Louis is the son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Emma Lou Gerber. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Connie Johnson. We pray for God's richest blessings in their new life together.

Unintentionally omitted from the 1978 graduates was Sis. Betsy Zimmer. May God direct her future.

To talk with God, no breath is lost  
—Talk on!

To walk with God, no strength is lost—Walk on!

To wait on God, no time is lost—  
Wait on!

Hindi

### THANK YOU, BRO. HENRY

(Ministering Bro. Henry Souder is the son of the late Elder Bro. Henry Souder and the uncle of the late

Bro. Henry Souder, Silver Lining editor. A special program was presented at the Bremen church on May 28 to commemorate his 90th birthday. Following are some portions of that program.)

It would be hard to visualize the Bremen Church without the service of Bro. Henry Souder. The current church building was built in 1924. Bro. Henry entered the ministry in 1927. That makes 51 years of continuous service—fifty-one years of serving the same congregation in the same building. His sincere, kind, and loving counseling has endeared him to the hearts of the congregation.

The last three verses of Longfellow's poem, "A Psalm of Life," clearly exemplify the life of Bro. Henry:

Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And departing, leave behind us  
Footprints in the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another  
Sailing o'er life's solemn Main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, may take heart again.

Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

Brother Henry's footsteps have often caused many of us to take heart again.

Bro. El Schumacher

When a man lives to be 90 in this world, he deserves a tribute. When a man has lived faithfully for the Lord for 66 years, he deserves a tribute. When a man has preached the gospel for 51 years, as Bro. Henry has, he deserves a tribute. When a man has been married for 63 years to the same wife, he deserves a tribute.

I believe the reason Bro. Henry has been successful in these areas is because he obeyed the Lord Jesus' command to seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt. 6:33)

Bro. Henry has been faithful to the Lord for 66 years—probably one of his favorite hymns expresses well his faith—Hymn 100—"God with us, we need not fear; Jesus crowns with life eternal; faithful let us be while here, till God ends our pilgrim journey; trumpets for

the conflict sound; up, ye valiant, stand your ground."

Bro. Henry has had patience with us, with me, with our youth when we had a desire to change some things. His comment was—"as long as it is Scriptural."

Bro. Henry, we love you. We appreciated your many years of service, your faithfulness, your courage, love, and poems of challenge.

Ministering Bro.  
Earl Zeltwanger

#### A TRIBUTE TO HENRY SOUDER

A boy-child was born on June of '88,  
Reared on a farm, and since that date

He grew and learned to love the grain so well;  
His life was to help the farmer the grain to sell.

But within his heart God placed other seeds:  
The seed of yearning to have God's spirit lead,  
And the seed of learning all the poems and songs his head could hold,  
So he could be a blessing even when his head was old.

Oh, to live four-score and ten is in itself a feat,  
For most of earth, long 'fore, their maker they do meet;  
But to reach that age and still have much to give,  
And much to say, and help, and love, and live,  
Shows our God does bless us with His spirit so;  
From young to old the spirit's seeds to fruit do grow.

Bro. Robert Beebe  
(Bremen's new minister)

One of the things Bro. Henry has given me is a love for the book of Psalms. In his services He often read from the Psalms in the fore-reading, and could find much inspiration from them to share with the congregation.

The six verses in Psalm 23, containing 118 words, have brought more peace, comfort, and encouragement than perhaps any other single chapter of the Bible.

"The Lord is my Shepherd." I believe the Lord has been Bro. Henry's Shepherd down through the years, and his walking with God has been an inspiration. The security that this Psalm gives reminds

me of a story that took place after World War II. The Allied armies gathered up the orphans and homeless children and put them in large camps. These children were given plenty of food and care in the camp, but still the children were restless at night. Finally a psychologist decided that they would put a slice of bread in their hands to hold all night. They could have other slices to eat, but this particular slice was to hold. It produced wonderful results. The assurance of knowing that they would have something to eat tomorrow gave them a calm peaceful rest.

So, too, the Shepherd of our souls knows our needs before we ask and has taken care of all our tomorrows, if we put our trust in Him daily. Thanks, Bro. Henry, for giving me a love for the Book of Psalms.

Ministering Bro.  
Harold Zeltwanger

#### WHAT BRO. HENRY DID FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

People tend to categorize all older people as being set in their ways and opposed to change, feeling that the youth of today should have to do things just the way their grandparents did.

Whenever we wanted to do something new or different in our Sunday School, I would ask Bro. Henry about it. He was only interested in: 1) Is it right in the light of Scripture? 2) Is it a prudent thing to do? 3) Can it be expected to accomplish the desired results?

I believe all of us could learn from this excellent example whatever our age, whether older, middle aged, or younger, in doing what is best for our church.

We would like to dedicate this poem to you, Bro. Henry.

Bro. Gene Sauder, S.S. Supt.

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and grey,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim—

That sullen stream had no fears for him;

But he turned, when he reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting strength in building here.  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old grey head.  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm that has meant naught to me

To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;

Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Will Allen Dromgoole

Bro. Henry spoke some things he remembered from his school days:

#### THREE THOUGHTS ON TIME

1. Time is short (we all fade as the leaf).
2. Time is uncertain (boast not of tomorrow).
3. Time is irrecoverable.

#### A THOUGHT TO LIVE BY

With the Bible on the table  
And the flag upon the wall;  
That's the answer to it all.

#### HOW TO ACHIEVE A GOAL

Drive the nail a-right, boys,  
Hit it on the head;  
Strike with all your might, boys,  
While the iron's red.

When you've work to do, boys,  
Do it with a will;  
Those who reach the top, boys,  
First must climb the hill.

Standing at the foot, boys,  
Gazing at the sky—  
How can you get up, boys,  
If you never try?

Though you stumble off, boys,  
Never be downcast;  
Try and try again, boys,  
You'll succeed at last.

Two songs were sung in German

from the old "long books" by a group led by Henry's "young" brother-in-law, Bro. Lou Gerber, who is also four-score and more.

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

Linda Gutwein  
Sharon Neihouser

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Nola Wuethrich, Sis. Elaine Erb, and Russell Leman (Bro. Larry and Sis. Pam).

Our Sis. Barbara (Pelsy) Wuethrich passed away on June 12. Funeral services were held on June 15. Surviving are: seven daughters, Teresa Von Tobel, Wilma Stewart, Sis. Mildred Huber, Sis. Elizabeth Schambach, Sis. Genevieve Schambach, Sis. Glendoris Huber, Sis. Velda Overmyer; and five sons, Bro. Bob, Bro. Richard, Bro. David, Bro. Chris Lee, and Willis. Also surviving are one brother, Bro. Emil Pelsy, one sister, Louise Pelsy, 67 grandchildren, and 68 great-grandchildren. May God comfort the family in the loss of their loved one.

Fred Yaggie (Bro. Irvin and Sis. Lois) and Jan Walker were united in marriage on June 3. We wish them God's Blessings.

Bro. Bob Pohl (Burlington) spent a Sunday with us, and we thank him for sharing the Word with us.

We enjoyed a blessed week of Vacation Bible School, June 19-23. Monday evening, Bro. Bob Pohl (Burlington) spoke on "What Is Peace." Tuesday evening, Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley) spoke on "Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom." Wednesday evening, Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) spoke on "False Peace of the World versus Peace of the Lord." Thursday evening, Chuck Hemmer (Peoria) spoke on "How Does A Christian Stay Constant In A Changing World." Friday evening, Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton) spoke on "Rewards of Peace." Sunday evening, a program was held, and each class told a little of what they had learned during the week. We thank each visiting minister who so willingly came to share the precious Word of God with us.

We are happy that Parkview Haven is now open, and we hope that each resident will enjoy his new home. At this time, the retirement home is in need of an R.N. More L.P.N.s and Nurses' Aids will be needed in the future. If anyone should feel led toward this work,

please contact Bro. Elmer Bucher, Administrator, Parkview Haven Retirement Home, Francesville, Indiana 47946.

### INDIANA, LA CROSSE

Grace Heinold - Lois Bucher

We are thankful that Bros. John Bahler, Rudolph Graf, Loren Stoller, and Larry Wenninger could be with us, and we appreciate their labors of love and concern.

Vacation Bible School was held in the evenings during the week of June 12-16 and was enjoyed by many. Bro. Rod Huber spoke on "Living Under the Law versus Living Under Grace"; Bro. Bruce Leman talked about "Church Traditions"; Bro. Jesse Beer's talk was on the "Life of Apostle Paul"; and Bro. Ray Sinn spoke about "Christ's Return." The younger Sunday School children told us what they learned on the last evening. We were all given much to think about and ponder in our hearts.

A precious soul, Patricia (Trish) Bucher (Bro. Merle and Sis. Leona), has seen her need of being born again and has surrendered her heart to the Lord. Our prayer is that many more will make this important decision while the door of grace is still open.

David Zeltwanger had the misfortune of breaking his leg in a motorbike accident. Sis. Esther Bucher has had surgery, has recovered nicely, and is home again. Sis. Louise Wittmer has left the hospital and is being cared for in the home of her daughter and husband, Sis. Lucille and Bro. John Heiniger.

### INDIANA, LEO

Mrs. Phil Schlatter  
Mrs. Al Frautschi

The story is told of an old man, who, noted for his wisdom, once said to his neighbor, "I have had a very busy day, and I am tired." The friend inquired what the man had been doing to keep him so busy, and he replied, "I have two eagles to tame, two hares to keep from running away, two hawks to manage, a serpent to confine, a lion to chain, and a sick man to wait upon."

The friend was surprised and said, "I did not know that you had a menagerie to take care of. Where did you get so many creatures?"

The old man smiled as he explained, "The two eagles are my

eyes. I must train them to look only at things that are good and have them watch for chances to be helpful. The two hares are my feet. I must keep them from walking in ways of wrong and selfishness. The two hawks are my hands which are so ready to take and not always so ready to share and help. The serpent is my tongue which I must keep from poisoning anyone by an untrue or unkind word. The lion is my temper which I always keep under control lest it harm someone. The sick man is my body which I must give nourishing food, drink, and exercise. With all these duties to attend to, every day is a busy one for me."

Daily Vacation Bible School, in session from June 12 to 23, concluded with a picnic and a program. One of our kindergarten lessons was of Jesus in the temple at age 12 when Mary and Joseph had gone a day's journey until they missed Him. How many of us have gone a day's journey without missing Him? We trust the seeds sown will blossom into fruit for His glory. We must reach their hearts today—or they'll break our hearts tomorrow.

Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, Ohio, spoke at our Leo Church, June 26, on faith. If you ask Christians, "What is faith?" you will get a variety of answers. The New Testament gives many examples of what faith is. It gives one definition: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1.

We appreciate Bro. Bruce Knapp, Bloomington, Illinois, and Tim Souder, Roanoke, Illinois, who have come to work at the Children's Home this summer.

At this writing, Sis. Ethelyn Schlatter is hospitalized following surgery. Karen Tincher was in the hospital for a tonsillectomy.

Jason William is the name of a fine baby boy born to Tom and Pamela (Bertsch) Brown, June 17. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Marie Bertsch.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Stephanie Sylvester and family in the passing of her father. He was only 44.

Ramas J. Schlatter, brother of my husband, Philip Schlatter, was killed in a farm tractor accident, June 6. For the Christian, sudden death is sudden glory.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

**INDIANA, MILFORD**

**Sandy Beer  
Paula Haab**

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Thus, we began a new Sunday School class in June. We enjoyed a promotion program for the children with lunch and fellowship afterward on the evening of June 4. Sisters Joyce Kaiser and Sue Cockburn and Bros. Lee and Steve Beer began their teaching terms in our Sunday School. Sis. Shelby Beer is helping teach for a few months.

Amanda Elizabeth Beer brought joy into the home of Bro. Ken, Sis. Lynn, Jeremy, and Jonah when she was born on May 31. Her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Aschliman, and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer. June 15 brought happiness to Bro. Stan, Sis. Linda, Brian, and Tricia Wuthrich as Troy David was born. Troy's grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer, and Walter and Martha Wuthrich. Great-grandparents of these little ones are Bro. Ezra and Sis. Luella Beer.

We truly were led beside the still waters and into the green pastures when Bros. Dale Eisenmann, Rod Huber, Wendell Gudeman, and Harold Emsch took time to visit Milford for our Vacation Bible School. It is always a blessed week for the young and the old. We thank our visiting ministers and pray that the Lord will richly bless them.

While attending a funeral in Francesville, Bro. Ezra Beer became ill and had to spend a few days in a hospital near there. We are so glad that the Lord saw fit to spare him and return him to our congregation.

On Father's Day, we were privileged to be fed by the Spirit through visiting ministering Bros. Harold Emsch from Girard, and Ray Sinn from Latty.

We welcome Coleen Leman back home, together with her husband, Don. May God bless them in their establishing of a home in Milford.

Sis. Hulda Graff was taken to the hospital. May it be the Lord's will to heal her so that she can assemble with us again.

**INDIANA, REMINGTON**

**Amelia Schini  
Mildred Clauss**

Psalm 150:6. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

When we review our lives and all that the Lord has done for us, are there any among us who don't have great reason to praise the Lord?

Bros. Ed Alt, Art Ringger, Clarence Kachelmuss, and Vernan Schwab gladdened our hearts and enriched our inner man with their visits this past month.

Joy Lynn has brought joy to the hearts of her parents, Bro. Mark and Sis. Benita Bahler, by becoming their first born child.

Sis. Marie Schini has just returned from a stay in the hospital due to a heart condition. We are glad that we can say she has improved.

Some of our dear ones have recently taken up residency at the Parkview Retirement Home at Francesville. Sisters Lena Knochel and Emma Blume have gone to enjoy their sunset years in the pleasant atmosphere the home affords. Sis. Lillie Frey has been moved from Rensselaer Care Center to the Patient Care at Parkview. We wish them all God's abundant grace and blessings for their daily needs.

We had our V.B.S. during the week of June 12 through 16. The theme was "Jesus, God's Wonderful Gift." Subtitles for each evenings lesson were: "He is Joy"; "He is Truth"; "He is Love"; "He is Hope"; and "He is Life." We had an average attendance of 80 children each evening. Bros. Edwin Bahler, Wayne Anliker, Karl Westphal, Ed Ringger, and Gene Lehman were speakers for the Bible Class. We trust that God will add the increase to the efforts that were put forth.

We are happy to report that we have three dear souls who turned to the Lord several weeks ago. We keep looking for more to "step in" while the waters are troubled.

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**

**Marie Heinold**

Thoughts left with us by this month's visiting ministers: Bro. Merle Bucher, with us Father's Day, read from Prov. 4, "Hear ye children the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding." Also, in his message, he said, "Peace is a joy immeasurable."

Bro. Kenneth Schneider said, "How thankful we should be when we feel the motivation of the Holy Spirit; with our small finite minds we cannot begin to comprehend the

greatness of God and His love."

Such love is inconceivable  
Within the mind of man,  
A love so great, undying, that  
It formed salvation's plan.

Such love cannot be comprehended,  
Fathomed, understood,  
Described or written, said or  
sung. . .

This holy love is God.

Elizabeth Kieke

We are happy to announce the birth of Carolyn May Ames who came to bless the home of Bro. and Sis. Todd and Evelyn Ames on June 7.

Our Sunday School picnic was held in Forest Park June 11, and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

We heartily invite vacationers to come and worship with us if you are near the Valparaiso area.

**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**

**Laurel Widmer**

Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life;  
Hand in hand May love bind us—  
For each others welfare strive.

Zion's Harp (237)

Bro. Bob Gerber (Bluffton) and Sis. Luann Bahler were united in holy matrimony on June 11. Living together, each for the other and both for the Lord, the couple will reside in Bloomington, Illinois. We wish them every joy in their new life. Our visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Orville Ringger and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton) and Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo). Bro. Alfred Bailer performed the marriage service. He is the father of the bride.

Bro. Darl and Sis. Cindy Schieler have moved to Latty, Ohio. We give best wishes to them. We hope that they will visit us often.

Sis. Nancy Christopher has changed her residence to Parkview Haven (Francesville). We will miss her and hope that she is happy in her new home.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 13-17. Attendance by children and adults was good. The children always look forward to this week. The adults often learn as much as the children, and often from the children. Visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Ringger (Gridley), Bro. Carl Westfall (Francesville), and Bro. Wayne Anliker (Forrest). We thank them for

sharing their time with us.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

Mayme Gerst - Judy Gehring

On Sunday, June 4, Bro. Herman Kellenberger ministered to us. He spent the afternoon at Oakville.

This year we had four graduates from Burlington. They were Brad Gehring, Kirk Massner, Rebecca Pohl, and Bruce Scheitlin. We pray that the new graduates will not forget the most important thing in life, repenting and believing the gospel. I'm sure they all know what we as parents and Sunday School teachers have tried to impress and instill in their hearts.

On the second Sunday of each month, we have a singing in the church. How wonderful it is to sing songs to His honor, and praise Him for what He has done for us on the cruel cross at Calvary.

On Father's Day, Bro. Harvey Heiniger was with us. He plans to move to Burlington in the near future. He was with us the Sunday before, too.

I have two fathers, each living  
now. Have you?  
The first, I've called Dad since my  
childhood days,  
Have sought for advice and coun-  
seling, too,  
And from whom I learned of my  
Heavenly Father's ways.  
How often Dad's quiet ways do  
reflect  
Those patient and understanding  
ways of His.  
And though Dad's had trials and  
burdens to bear,  
He's always had love and comfort  
to share.  
Our Heavenly Father is preparing  
a place  
Where we both look forward to  
go,  
Where we hope to see Him face to  
face  
And say, "our Father, with rever-  
ence aglow."

Author Unknown

This Sunday is the "Soldiers' Reunion." It makes us think of the grand reunion we will have some day with our Lord and those who have gone on before. Quite a few of us have lost our dear fathers. I was going over our dinner list and out of 27 families on it, 19 or 20 have lost their fathers. Won't that be a grand reunion when we see them in heaven?

This evening we will have our midweek service and, as we assemble ourselves at church, let us consider that we are entering God's sacred house of worship. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Ps. 19:14.

Let us go to church early and be in our places before the hour announced for the service to begin. Let us go in a reverent spirit, remembering where we are going. It is best to avoid lightness of manner and conversation on worldly topics.

Let us, as we enter, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit. As we take our place, it is good to bow our heads reverently in prayer. Let us resolve that we will be quiet, foster no evil thoughts, fix our eyes on no objects that would distract our thoughts, and utter no word that will divert our minds from the holy purpose for which we have come into the church.

Let us, as the minister enters the pulpit, offer an earnest, silent prayer in his behalf. Let us take an active part as a hearer and worshiper.

Let us, as the close of the service and after a moment of prayerful silence, depart with cheerfulness and good will to all whom we happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is part of Christian worship.

### IOWA, Elgin Eleanor Butikofer

June, month of roses—  
White, yellow, and red ;  
Their fragrance all over  
The garden is spread.

As the poet Lowell has expressed  
it,  
"What is so rare as a day in June;  
Then, if ever, come perfect days."

It is, however, with a tinge of sadness that we write our Silver Lining column for June. Two of our dear friends recently passed from our view. They were Lucy Christen and Sis. Celia Butikofer. Bro.. Noah Gerber from West Bend held the services for Sis. Celia. Both of these were very much interested in the pages of the Silver Lining.

A group of young folks from the

Eureka church spent last weekend with us. It was indeed a pleasure to have them with us. Bro. Wilmer Moore, who is employed by D.M.I., Goodfield, is taking some of his vacation here with his mother, Sis. Elizabeth Moore.

Some of our Sunday school pupils and some of our adult folks attended the Youth Fellowship gathering at Morris, Minn., a few weeks ago. According to the reports, they enjoyed the meeting very much.

The folks who taught our Bible School are to be commended for for their work. It is so interesting to work with children—their eagerness to learn is rewarding.

Anna Butikofer appreciated the cards and visits she received while convalescing in the hospital at West Union. She recently underwent surgery and is now at the home of Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah Butikofer while recuperating. A telephone call this morning revealed that Anna is doing quite well in regaining her strength. We hope to see her and her pleasant smile in our church assembly real soon.

We are very grateful to our Creator for all of the spiritual blessings and material necessities that He gives us. The lovely rains which recently fell in this area were so very welcome. The farmers are busy putting up their hay and caring for their corn rows. Out of the mystery and beauty of the world is born the dream of hope and the certainty of God.

At this moment I hear the song of the wrens, bubbling over with exuberance. They have a nest of fledglings in one of our houses. I hear the twittering of a young Baltimore oriole calling for food; it has left its hammock-like nest and is near-by, still dependent on its parents for sustenance. They have been shuttling back and forth from our fruit-laden mulberry trees, bringing their young something to eat.

We should be thankful for every opportunity God affords us to shine for Jesus in this busy world. Let us be kind, for it seems that that is one virtue that is needed by someone every day.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Twillia Whipple Connie Gerst

Visiting ministers for the month of June were Bros. Earl Banwart



(West Bend), Charles Sauder (Tremont), and Jerry Kuntz (Oakville). How thankful we are that our ministers are willing to travel many miles over the highways to share God's precious Word with us.

The Iowa City group welcomed a new little arrival this past month. Timothy Paul arrived on June 10 to share the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Connie Gerst. This is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva Gerst of Oakville and Bro. Fahey and Sis. Marie Gress of West Bend.

#### IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

It is a blessing when we can enjoy the fellowship of visitors who spend time with us during these vacation months. A sincere group of young members from the Kansas churches were our guests on Memorial Day weekend. At the same time, we were thankful for visiting ministers who were willing to bring us messages that are for our spiritual welfare. With us were Bros. Carl Wyss, Washington, and Floyd Schmidgall, Morris. Other visiting ministers have been Elder Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop, Bros. Clifford Grimm, West Bend, Vernon Wettstein, Congerville, and Simon Wagenbach, Tremont.

Our older Sunday School children enjoyed Youth Fellowship weekend as guests of the Morris Sunday School. We give thanks to the Morris congregation for their hospitality.

Bill and Charlotte Metzger are parents of Kimberly Sue who was born May 29. Grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach.

Suzette, daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger, became the bride of Doug Messner in a beautiful lawn ceremony on June 3. Elder Bro. Harold Messner, Doug's father, was in charge of the service.

It is important to include the sick and infirmed in our prayers. We sometimes forget how long and painful their days can be. Hospital patients have been Sis. Emilie Knobloch, Sis. Carrie Metzger, Bill Moser, and Delbert Knobloch.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Phyllis Siegle

At a recent proving an elder brother said he likes to think, "We

all have a cross and a throne in our heart. We should always remember to have Christ on the throne and self on the cross. It's when we put ourself on the throne and Christ back on the cross that we run into trouble."

Our best wishes to Elaine Ackerman and David Barth, who are engaged. Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman, Morton, Ill., and David, the son of Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Barth from our congregation.

A number of young Sunday School folks from Taylor, Pulaski, Burlington, IA, and Sabetha spent an enjoyable weekend with our Oakville Sunday School pupils. The young folks today have wonderful opportunities by getting together, and we hope they benefit from the untiring efforts of their parents and teachers.

June 24 was the wedding date of Junelle Long and Dan Wyss. Junelle is the daughter of Leland and Alice Long, Mediapolis, and Dan is the son of David and Sis. Kathy Wyss. We wish them God's blessings for a happy married life.

A Ft. Sam Soldier's Reunion was held at Oakville the weekend of June 24-25. We thank all who came to visit us for this occasion. It must have brought to memory many precious Christian ties of love.

We appreciated the visits of Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago, Bros. Charles Hemmer, Peoria, Arthur Baurer, Princeville, Earl Gerber, Forest, and Marvin Stieglitz, Leo. They came for the Ft. Sam Soldier's Reunion. We thank them for their ministry to us.

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Mrs. Raymond Anliker Becky Banwart

Richard Sauder, son of Bro. George and Sis. Emma Sauder, passed away from a massive stroke at the age of 44 years. Funeral services were held on June 18th. He is survived by: his parents; three brothers, Ellis of Fredricksburg, Va., Virgil of Hancock, Minn., and George Jr. of St. Paul MN; & five sisters, Sis. Bertha Kieser and Sis. Mary (Bro. Herman) Baer both of Edelstein, Ill., Mildred (Joe Seipka of Chicago, Ill., Dorothy (Richard) Zaugg of West Bend, Ia., and Sis. Joyce (Bro. Lloyd) Nohl of McAllen, Texas. The family wishes to thank everyone for the acts of

kindness extended to them.

Two sets of parents have been blessed with new babies. Lowell and Sis. Jan Fehr have a new son, Joshua, born on June 15. Sis. Nima Fehr is the grandmother. Louis and Joni Schneider have a little daughter, Tracey Lynn, born on June 21. Tracy's grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella Schneider, and Bill and Florence Mauk of Vancouver, Washington.

On June 19 Elder Bro. Gene Marti and Bro. Dale Moore pleaded with all to "Come, for the Feast is Spread, Hark to the Call." We wish to thank our brothers who share services with us from time to time. May God richly bless them.

Our hospital patients were: Sam Mogler, Sis. Lena (Bro. Eli) Grimm, and Sis. Elizabeth (Bro. Duane) Metzger. May God lend His healing power to our loved ones.

James and Sherry Schmidt wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue, to Patrick Murphy, Jr., of Algona. He is the son of Patrick Murphy, Sr. Wedding plans are being made for September.

Our congregation welcomes Bro. Lyle and Sis. Irene Rick back to West Bend. They have spent the last six years with the Morris congregation.

#### AFTER SUFFERING: THE REWARD

Ministering Bro. Earl Banwart

When we have good health, we sometimes take it for granted and think little about its source, failing to give God the credit. I can say this for myself, being next in age to my oldest sister, Mabel Banwart Zaugg. She was not blessed with good health. When she was a small girl, she developed asthma, a chronic disorder causing extreme difficulty in breathing. Many a night, she wheezed and coughed all night long. Despite her affliction, she grew up, finished grade school and then found employment in town, first doing housework and then working in the overall factory until her marriage.

From time to time, the asthma attacks would strike. She would get choked up, and wheeze and cough until her strength was completely drained from her. Cow hair was one thing to which she was allergic. When she came home, we would leave our chore clothes out

on the porch. If we didn't, she would soon choke up. But in all her suffering, she did not feel sorry for herself or complain. She loved life, and she loved to help others as much as her health would permit.

When she became engaged to Walter Zaugg, Mabel told him of her health problem and what he could expect. He felt a true love for her, and, regardless of the cost, he was willing to take her as his wife. On Feb. 16, 1939, they were married. A few years after they were married, Mabel became converted and became a child of God. They were blessed with one child, a son, Darrel. From time to time during their married life, Mabel's asthma attacks would put her to bed for days or weeks. We would visit her when she was sick, and Mabel always accepted her cross with a smile. Walter stood by her faithfully, never complaining, and helped her carry her cross. A number of times, he came in from the field wondering if she would still be breathing.

Then, again, Mabel would enjoy a fair measure of health for some time. When she was feeling well, she especially enjoyed helping with special occasions such as weddings or funerals. A favorite pastime which she spent much time at was piecing quilt tops, quilting them, and helping others quilt.

As she grew older, her lungs became weaker and other complications began to set in. Through it all, she had a strong faith and always lived for her God. In the last part of January and the first part of February, Mabel had quite a struggle with a bad case of flu. She was in the hospital for three weeks, came home, and regained her strength. By Feb. 12, she was feeling well and was thankful to be able to attend church after missing so many Sundays. On Feb. 16, Walter and Mabel celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary by going out for a meal, which they enjoyed. On Feb. 17, friends came to visit them. Mabel felt well and enjoyed the day. That evening, Darrel, their son, called home—how nice to visit with him! That night they went to bed and went to sleep. The next morning, about 4 a.m., Walter awoke, touched Mabel, and she was cold, in death. She was lying as if asleep. The bed covers were just as they were when she went

to bed. She had many struggles healthwise in her life, but could then depart out of life so peacefully, and go to her reward. Though the shock was great for Walter and the rest of us, he is comforted that her last few days were so joyful, and, now, it almost seems as if she had been saying good-bye.

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

Sally Gramm - Jane Weiss

If any of you have ever studied a foreign language and then tried to communicate in it, you will understand what I mean when I say it's an awfully frustrating feeling when you cannot get your point across, and also a very satisfying feeling when you can. Isn't it refreshing to know that no matter in what language we come to the Lord He hears and understands our prayers? Even when we cannot express our thoughts and feelings in words, we have an intercessor, the Spirit, who expresses it for us. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26. May we always take advantage of the opportunities to go to our God in prayer and to use every opportunity He gives us to share what He has done for us with others.

We trust that God has richly blessed all of you fathers of faith, as we have just completed celebrating Father's Day. Certainly there is so much that you have given us through the years, probably the greatest of these being that we still have a pure and fundamental church where we can seek out our soul's salvation and live out our life of faith as a true family of believers. We appreciate this so much.

Living in beautiful Yamanashi Prefecture I have the privilege of watching the growth and progress of different fruits, mainly peaches and grapes. It makes me think how our Heavenly Father, the planter of the seed of faith in our hearts, must be overjoyed to watch the growth of the fruits of the Spirit in the lives of His Christian children. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . ." Gal. 5:22, 23. I pray that God will bestow an

abundance of grace to each of us who is walking this life of faith.

We are privileged to have our Elder Bro. Akito Inoue and ministering Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki from our Tokyo church come to our country church once every month to share the Word with the believers and friends here. We thank them for their continued, unselfish service.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

We are now having our rainy season. It usually rains everyday. Skies are overcast, & it is generally cool. These rains are very important for the rice crop.

On a recent Friday evening a meeting for our Sunday School teachers of both churches was held.

Available materials, lesson sequence, and handwork ideas were discussed. We are thankful for our teachers and those everywhere who put forth efforts to teach our children.

The end of July is our fellowship meeting near Mt. Fuji, which we look forward to. Our church serves as hosts this year.

#### KANSAS, BERN

Esther and Stella Moser

#### THANK GOD FOR LITTLE THINGS

Thank you, God, for little things that often come our way.  
The things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray.  
The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us in time of sudden need.  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"

from never-dreamed of places.

Helen Steiner Rice

On a recent Sunday, a sweet surprise was the visit of three ministers: Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha), afternoon services; and for evening services, Bros. John Steiner (Oakville) and Mark Bahr (Detroit). Bro. John told us a minister has no room for praise, but encouragement is needed.

Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter have retired from their farm and moved to a new home at 1217 Mea-

dowlark Lane, Sabetha.

Two couples welcomed a first child into their hearts and homes, both born on June 23, a few hours apart. Scott Eric is the new son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Kathy Strahm. Grandparents are Bro. Ephraim, and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Dietrich, Silverton.

Rachel Ann was born to John and Margaret Hundley. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

Jan Kraft

We prayed to God for the addition of a brother to our ministering fold, and He blessed us with two. We are thankful for Bros. Harold Kraft and Charles Sinn who are to assist Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart and Bro. Wayne Miller in ministering the word of God. May we always remember these brothers in our prayers as they labor in their work.

Welcomed with much rejoicing are two new additions to our House of God. Bro. Sam Wheeler has moved from Wichita and is working here. Sis. Brenda Tucker (Kiowa, Ks.), after graduating from Kansas State, is making Fort Scott her home.

June 12-16 was Vacation Bible School week with classes followed by a picnic and a program on Sunday. It's a joy to hear what the children have learned throughout the week.

Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Roy Wernli.

Sis. Karen Sinn was hospitalized for a short time this month, and we're glad she can again join her family at home and us at church.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

We often wonder just what the Lord has in store for us. When we begin our days, we don't know what may happen to us, for as creatures, great and small, we are in the hands of our Almighty God. A lawnmower accident befell Shawn Eldon, 11 year old son of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene Metzger. Major surgical repair was required for his lacerated tendons and broken bones in his right foot. Several years ago the Metzgers were involved in an auto accident which left Shawn with a handicap in his left leg & foot. With great determi-

nation he strengthened his muscles and made the "ball team." Naturally, the current accident, now affecting the good foot, created much discouragement. A great fear of losing the use of the foot was expressed, but Shawn portrayed beautiful acceptance with the words, "I'm glad it was me, Mom, and not my brother Barry." Barry was with him at the time of the accident. Shawn is home now and is recovering well.

The engagement of Bro. Jeff Bahr to Sis. Janice Frieden, Kiowa, was announced. Jeff is the son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen. Janice is the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden. A July 30 wedding is planned.

The engagement of Roberta Rogers to Doug Moore was also announced by her parents, Robert and Mildred. Roberta is the granddaughter of our congregation's oldest brother in faith— Bro. Jacob Beyer. Bro. Jacob has just begun assembling with us again after a long-term illness.

Many thanks go to visiting ministering Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, and our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker for sharing God's Word with us.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

Ed. note: Janice Frieden has been the Kiowa reporter for quite some time, but she did not list her name as the reporter for this month's column, even though she wrote it. Read on and see if you can understand why. I called her aunt—there are two Janice Frieden's—but Kiowa's reporter is the one mentioned in the column. Best wishes, Janice.

Genesis 2:18, 24. And the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

By the light of God's love and direction, the engagement of Sis. Janice Frieden, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden, to Bro. Jeff Bahr, son of Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Eileen Bahr, Gridley, was announced this past month. It is our fervent prayer that God will richly bless them as they are joined in marriage on July

30, and that the home they share may reflect to all that the Lord lives there as the Guide in every decision, and Guest at every meal, the Listener to every conversation.

June was extremely busy with harvest being so late this year. But we were able to have a blessed week of Bible School for the children. Our Sunday School picnic was held in the park the following Sunday. Many times I have to thank the Lord for the privilege of teaching children about Him. In teaching, I learn so much, and the children are so sincere and trusting that it makes me realize why God wants us to become as little children. Our picnic provided wonderful fellowship for old and young alike, and the weather was just beautiful.

It was also our appointed time to hold services at the Rest Home in June, and a great many helped with the singing. It may seem small to worship with those dear elderly people, but the blessings we receive are great when we witness their pleasure.

Sis. Myrtle Rathgeler was hospitalized this month due to heart problems, but we are thankful she is able to be in our midst again.

### KANSAS, LAMONT

Susan Emch

We were blessed this past month with the Word of Life by these visiting ministers: Bros. Ron Alenbach, Kiowa, Kansas, Noah Gerber, West Bend, Iowa, and Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott, Kansas. We thank each one for his labors.

We are thankful that two of our dear converts have found peace in their hearts and are awaiting baptism. They are Jill and Jeri Luthi, daughters of Bro. Lloyd and Joann. We are grateful to God that souls are still being called and granted sufficient grace to turn their backs to Satan.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers during the last two months were Bros. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix; Ben Stavenik, Mansfield; Glen Funk, Wichita; Gene Marti, Lamar; Noah Gerber, West Bend; John Steiner, Oakville; and Mark Bahr, Detroit. We thank all of them for bringing us the Word of Life.

The children of Bro. Phil and Sis. Bertha Metzger held a recep-

tion at the Fellowship Hall in observance of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on May 28. They have ten children, thirty-one grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They were all in attendance from six states—Iowa, Oregon, North Carolina, Illinois, Connecticut, and Kansas.

Julianne Wenger and Frank Krogmann were united in marriage on June 24 by Bro. Gene Marti. The wedding was held at the Fellowship Hall, followed by a reception. We wish them much happiness together in their new home.

In our annual Sunday School election, Sis. Sharlyn Meyer, Sis. Judy Hartter, and Bro. Fred Aberle were selected to serve with Sis. Libby Meyer, Bros. John Aberle, Elmer Strahm, Rodney Grimm, and Gordon Huber. Sis. Cheryl Metzger, Sis. Charlotte Aberle, Bro. Tim Hartter, and Bro. Gerald Grimm will serve as substitutes.

Bro. Willard Bahr was re-elected to the board of the Apostolic Christian Home.

Sis. Louise Hartman is now a patient at the K.U. Medical Center of Kansas City, where she has submitted to surgery. May the Lord be with her and Bro. Carl, and may He aid in her recovery.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO

##### Mrs. Ronald Erismann

We're having beautiful weather in Michigan. It's great to be alive and healthy to enjoy God's creation. Come and join us for Sunday worship services.

We want to thank visiting ministers Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka, and Bro. Phil Wingeier, Sarasota, for sharing God's word with us.

Kathy Steffen (Sis. Helen) has peace with God and man. We're looking forward to her testimony and baptism in the near future.

Our 1978 graduates, Rhonda Rairigh, Tom Oesch, Denise Higgins, and Karen Keho, have our congratulations.

We wish God's blessings to Jeff Oesch (Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva) and Karen Kehoe as they begin their new life as husband and wife. They were married June 17 in the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva.

Hospitalized for surgery but now home recovering and doing well, are Ferd Grawberg and Sis. Loretta Steffen.

Sally Oesch, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva, has left for

Germany for the summer months under the Youth for Understanding program.

Our Sis. Carol Farney has left our congregation to live at the Morton Home. We'll miss her happy disposition and loving manner. She's a special person to the Alto folk.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

##### Patsy Knochel

As the month of June is left behind, many of our high school graduates will be working toward a new future, a new goal. May that goal always lead to the true fulfillment of life! We wish God's blessings to them all.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Knochel who are new parents. Their son, Clint Gary, has brought them a spark of joy. Clint's grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marian Knochel.

Ministering Bro. William Gerst and his wife, Sis. Judy, from the Alto congregation, spent a Sunday with us. We were inspired by "Words of Life" in which the Lord's presence was abundantly supplied to all who gathered.

Through prayers of loved ones, may God restore good health to these who have been hospitalized: Sis. Doris Knochel, Brian Wieland, Nancy Herzberg, and Sis. Leanore Knochel (Bro. Norman). The following words of comfort are offered to them and their families:

#### THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN

Sometimes, it seems, when we're  
burdened with care,  
That the day will never again be  
fair;  
But behind the clouds the sun is  
shining,  
For every cloud has a silver lining.  
And, so, may you have that wonderful gift  
Of faith that trusts 'til the shadows lift,  
Of hope that cheers 'til the moment when  
The sun shines brightly for you  
again.

Author Unknown

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Genesis 2:18. On June 18, Bro. Bob Williams and Sis. Darla Wieland (Bro. Darvle and Sis. Edith) were blessed with

the unity of marriage. Together, may they serve their Lord.

Sis. Anna Magyar wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all who remembered her in prayer and thoughtful acts of kindness while she was ill and recovering..

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

##### Bonnie Popp

Our Open House on June 25 was truly a blessed day. We are grateful that Bros. Don Gudeman (La-Crosse) and Robert Beer (Mansfield) were with us that day. We are also most thankful for the special time when we could share so much with many friends, neighbors, and those who had a part in the planning and building of our new church. As I thought of many friends who worshipped with us in this new church for the first time, I thought of a song: At this time the song speaks of love in God's home.

There is beauty all around  
When there's love at home;  
There is joy in every sound  
When there's love at home.

Peace and plenty here abide,  
Smiling sweet on every side;  
Time doth softly, sweetly glide  
When there's love at home."

"The Christian Home",  
Hymns of Zion

We offer our best wishes and prayers for the marriage of Janice Belsley and David Barta. Their wedding took place on June 3, and their parents are Bro. Willard and Sis. Arlene Belsley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Barta.

Congratulations to our graduates—Sally Belsley; Mary Beth Burgos; Bob Hitz; and Louise Polk. May they find, "New mercies, new happiness, new light on the way, new courage, new hope, and strength for each day."

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

##### Josephine Esterling

Charles and Ella Stoller, son Ed, and Ella's mother, Sis. Sophia Gudeman of Chicago, have made their new home at 2180 Kings Terrace, Woodbury, MN 55119. They are a welcome addition to our congregation.

Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville was with us on Sunday, May 14.

High School graduates for 1978 include: Colleen Schmidt, daughter

of Bro. Ken and Sis. Vera; Rick Virkler, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Carole; Chuck Schmidgall, son of Bro. Ray; and Millie Monica Miller, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine.

We will miss Bro. Don and Sis. Becky Carpenter and their three children, Robert, Kathy, & Diane. They moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma, this week. May the Lord bless them in their new home.

From my youth, I remember a sermon given by Brother Jake Nohl which recalled Jesus' coming to visit Mary and Martha. Martha complained to Jesus about her sister Mary who sat at Jesus' feet to hear His words while she was cumbered with the serving of her Guest. Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things . . . and Mary has chosen that good part." Luke 10:41, 42.

Far better to be a Mary—to sit at the Master's feet and learn and listen—than always to be cumbered with the toil and cares of this life like a Martha.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Pam Sutter - Lili Koehl

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

Hymns of Zion, 125

Our Sunday School was host to the annual five-church youth fellowship weekend on June 10 and 11. Elder Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, was the guest speaker. Elder Bro. Leo Moser and ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt accompanied their Jr. and Sr. Bible classes. We appreciate their giving of themselves in God's service. Many good teachings were given from God's wonderful Word of Life.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

Our Sunday School election of teachers was held. Those elected were Sis. Karen Koehl and Sis. Stella Moser. Substitute teachers are Sis. Joyce Moser and Sis. Pam Sutter. May God's grace and guidance be their's.

Cathy Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet) and Steve Bachman were united in marriage at her

home on June 17. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they journey life's pathway, hand-in-hand.

Wally and Diane Feuchtenberger's home was blessed with a baby girl. Heidi Joy was born on June 11. She has four brothers and three sisters to welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger.

Our sincere thanks to visiting ministers Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, and Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen. We look forward each summer to many visitors and thank each one of you for worshipping and fellowshiping with us.

The devil has two master tricks. One is to get us discouraged; then for a time at least we can be of no service to others, and so are defeated. The other is to make us doubt, thus breaking the faith link by which we are bound to our Father. Look out! Do not be tricked either way. (G.E.M.)

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper

When pure and upright hearts,  
By flames of love ignited,  
Are by the bond of faith  
More firmly yet united,  
The light of hope beams forth  
In radiance far and nigh,  
Invites us to partake  
The blessings from on high.

Zion's Harp

Bro. Cornelius and Sis. Delores Messerli announced the marriage of their son, Arlen and Linda, daughter of Loretta and Herb Schaefer. The young couple will farm the home place, with his parents moving into Winthrop.

Our Elder Brother Harold Messner united Bro. Kevin Plattner and Sis. Mary Messner in holy matrimony. Many prayers were offered in their behalf. Kevin is employed in Peoria, and they will make their home there. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined into his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Eph. 5:31.

We enjoy having Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois Schmidgal and their two young sons, Jeremy and Tim, gather with us. They have moved here from Morris. May God bless them in their new employment.

Voting was held for Sunday School teachers. Bro. Dick Schmidt, Sis. Lois Messner, and Sis. Geri Messner were elected. Sis. Georgia

Messner and Bro. Stan Messner are substitutes. Sis. Mary Ann Thiem was chosen to assist with the Silver Lining. Always perform these tasks in the fear of God.

Last week was cleaning time for our church building. This brings to mind the admonition for Communion: Is our house clean and in order, referring to our spiritual being.

The teachers and youth of our Jr. and Sr. Bible Class wish to extend a sincere thank you to the Morris Congregation for hosting our annual Youth Fellowship. They will be richly rewarded for their effort.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

Janice Braker - Sandra Marti

The Christian's robe and badge of love—

It is the cross of Christ.  
And he who knows the worth  
thereof

Will bear it without sighs.

And should it pain, should it be  
sore,

We still remain in faith;  
We know Whose Name we do  
adore,

What in His word He saith.

We bear it but a little while,  
A pledge of things to come,  
Of garments glorious and white  
In that eternal home.

Zion's Harp

We, again, think of two of our dear Sisters who certainly must find their crosses hard to endure at times. Sis. Emma Lanz and Sis. Marie Stewart have been unable to assemble with us. May God grant them, and all of us (young or old) the grace to bear our crosses so that someday we can reach the eternal home.

We would like to thank Bro. Roy and Sis. Judy Braker and Bro. Ray and Sis. Maryland Luthi for opening their homes for singings this past month. We certainly enjoy this precious fellowship.

As this is the time of year for vacations, we really look forward to seeing the many new faces of those who might be passing through. We certainly do welcome each and every one, and hope that, if you happen to be in the area, you will remember us here at the little Lamar church.

**MISSOURI, TAYLOR****Lena M. Haerr**

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 6:23.

Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends at the Fellowship Hall on June 4. Sis. Joann and Bro. Marvin Wiegand and their children, Steven, Mark, Phillip, and Dan (their daughter and family), had a "surprise" dinner for them. They were married on June 5, 1938. Betty and George had a son, Billy, who died of leukemia on August 22, 1961, when sixteen years old. This was a difficult time for them, but their faith helped them, and they know Billy has gone before and is waiting for them. They are always busy helping others and are interested in flowers and growing things. We all wish for them the best for soul and body and that they may enjoy many more years together.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Nancy Gerber and their children, Dan, Steven, Mark, and Jill, moved to Lester, Iowa on June 5. All of us at Taylor miss them very much and wish them God's blessings always. Their daughter, Stephanie, is a nurse and works at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

Bro. Herb Hodel (Roanoke) and Sis. Susie Feller were married on June 18. A very impressive wedding ceremony was performed by our elder, Roy Grimm. Bros. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park), David Wiegand (Urbana), and Rod Huber (Valpariso) had the faith and love chapters (Hebrews 11 and I Corinthians 13) during the worship service. Sis. Susie will be leaving Taylor church to live at Roanoke. How we will miss her!

Just as Christ the bride doth  
cherish

And provide for all her needs,  
Let us love our wives sincerely,  
With affection shown by deeds.

Bosch

**NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY  
(and Philadelphia, Pa.)****Ed Aeschleman**

Bro. Corbin Bahler and his wife, Sis. Virginia, and others from Rockville visited Union City church Sunday, May 28. The Word was proclaimed in truth and power, and

good fellowship was enjoyed and appreciated throughout the day.

On June 24 we again were blessed with a visiting minister in Union City when Elder Bro. Grimm and his wife, Sis. Donna, and two children came to be with us and serve us with unselfish love. We are grateful that God provides ministers who are willing to spend themselves in small congregations.

We are happy and grateful to God in welcoming Bob and Sis. Deanne Horn to our Union City congregation. The Horns come to us from Dayton, Ohio, and will soon move into a new home in Allendale, New Jersey, where Bob is employed. We look forward to many hours of good fellowship for our small congregation. We have just learned that our dear friends Richard and Helga Diggelman have settled in a new home in Rochester, N.Y., since moving back to the States from Cape Town, South Africa. Their new address is 76 Huxley Way, Fairport, New York.

I thought you would like to know that I've heard a number of good comments about the Silver Lining format. The alphabetical line-up of news by location is especially appreciated. We are grateful to all of you who work so hard to make the Silver Lining possible.

**NEW YORK, CROGHAN****Alice Virkler**

Bro. James Ramseyer and his family from Bay City visited us in June. We are thankful for Bro. Jim's visit and for the many words of warning and encouragement that were spoken through his lips.

Medical patients have been Sis. Irene Farney and Wayne Farney. We are thankful that Sis. Irene and Sis. Hazel Schneider (who underwent surgery last month) have been able to assemble with us again. Sis. Pam Herzig has been unable to assemble with us from time to time. She is surely missed in our congregation as well as in the Sunday School class. May God grant a measure of comfort and healing to each of these loved ones.

A little daughter, Mollie Alice, was welcomed by Cliff and Cathy Lehman and Ryan on June 2. Grandparents are Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois Virkler and Norman and Alice Lehman. Sis. Barbara Bachman, 100, the oldest member in the New York churches, is Ryan &

Mollie's great grandmother.

**NEW YORK, NAUMBURG****Corrine Virkler**

There is beauty all around  
When there's love at home;  
There is joy in every sound  
When there's love at home.  
Peace and plenty here abide,  
Smiling sweet on every side;  
Time doth softly, sweetly glide  
When there's love at home.

J. H. McNaughton

We have again been bereaved by the death of a dear one, Sister Dorothy Herzig, 74, of Castorland. She died May 23 after being in the hospital for one week. She is survived by two brothers, Bro. Arthur and Theodor Herzig of Beaver Falls, and nieces and nephews. A sister, Sis. Lucy Hany, died in 1975, and a brother, Bro. Leon, died in 1976. She was the daughter of Bro. Peter and Sis. Minnie Herzig of Castorland. The funeral was held May 26 in the Naumburg Church, with Bros. Robert Beyer and Leeland Hirschey officiating.

Mid-week services have started for the summer, alternating each week with the Croghan church.

Those hospitalized were Sis. Florence Herzig (after a fall at her home), Bro. Earl Rohr, Sis. Ivah Poling, and Jesse Karcher.

A blessed Sunday was spent on May 28 when the Croghan congregation assembled with us. The Word of God was expounded to us by Bro. James Ramsier of Bay City. We thank him for serving us and pray that he will come again.

**OHIO, AKRON****Gail Spangler**

Congratulations and best wishes for God's richest blessings to our four high school graduates. They are: Mary Fulop (Bro. George and Sis. Katherine), Ed Graf (Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy), Tina Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet), and Brian Pamer (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor). May they ever experience the Lord's leading and guidance in their lives.

We're glad that Bro. Charles Novotny is again able to assemble with us. He was hospitalized with a heart attack.

May the Lord bless our visiting ministers, and also the local ministers, for their untiring efforts in bringing forth the Word of God

in truth and clearness, prompted by the Holy Spirit. We should all pray that God's Word would be brought to us in truth, not according to what the people of this world would want to hear, but according to the will of God. Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville) visited us this past month. We also had visiting ministers during our week of Vacation Bible School. Ministers who led the adult class were Bros. Walter Rager (Toledo), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Ernest Graf (Akron), and Harold Emch (Girard).

Bro. Peter and Sis. Eva Wenhardt's new address is: 2905 Wilbanks Drive, Barberton, Ohio 44203.

#### GROWING OLDER IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN

You can't hold back the dawn,  
Or stop the tides from flowing,  
Or keep a rose from withering,  
Or still a wind that's blowing;  
And time cannot be halted in its  
swift and endless flight.  
For age is sure to follow youth like  
day follows night.  
For He who sets our span of years,  
and watches from above,  
Replaces youth and beauty with  
Peace and truth and love.  
And then our Souls are privileged  
To see a "Hidden Treasure" that in  
Our youth escaped our eyes in our  
Pursuit of pleasure.  
So birthdays are but blessings  
That open the way to the  
Everlasting beauty of God's  
eternal day.

Author Unknown

#### OHIO, GIRARD

Kathryn Emch

We wish to thank our visiting ministers for coming to fill our pulpit so that Harold and I can occasionally get away. Bro. Ronald Steiner from Rittman and Bro. Ernest Graf both deserve our heart-felt thanks.

Bro. Joseph Ramsier came to serve us the Lord's Supper. We all enjoyed having him. We also appreciate the beloved brethren who accompanied him.

Our sympathy goes to our faithful Sister Anna Enyeart and her family on the death of her husband Glen. Glen, in his very last days, realized his need for the Lord. We praise God for His mercies.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

#### OHIO, JUNCTION

Gwen Manz

To break Thy bread we now have  
gathered,

In covenant to drink Thy wine;  
As brethren we unite together,  
That unto death we might be  
Thine.

This promise we, with heart and  
will;

Give grace our promise to fulfill.  
Zion's Harp No. 25

Elder Bro. Orville Ringger, Bluffton, assisted Elder Bro. Loren Stoller in serving communion on June 17. We thank them for also ministering to us the following day.

Rebecca, Alice, and Barbara Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) and Sharon Schlatter (Sis. Esther) have peace with God and man and are awaiting the opportunity to give their testimony of faith.

#### OHIO, LATTY

Karen Klopfenstein - Susie Sinn

On June 10-11 we were richly blessed with visits from Bros. Walter Anliker and Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka). May they be rewarded for the love which was shown unto us. We thank them for their visit.

Chris Stoller, 1½ yr. old son of Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma, was hospitalized for pneumonia. Jason Dunham (Bro. Chuck and Sis. Deb) had a tonsillectomy. Bro. Richard Laukhuf had open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. We are thankful that they are all improving.

#### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

FAITHFUL AND PROMINENT MEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT was the topic for the adult class during Vacation Bible School held June 12 thru June 16. We would like to thank the following ministering brothers who proclaimed the word to us: Bro. Ben Hartzler (Rittman) whose subject was Noah and Abraham; Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Latty) who spoke about the lives of Jacob and Joseph; Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron) who compared the lives of Joshua and Moses; Bro. Don Manz (Junction) who told us about Solomon and Elijah; and Bro. Richard Aberle (Indianapolis) who spoke about Samuel and David. We also want to thank all of the visiting teachers, as well as our lo-

cal ones, for the love and effort put forth to make our week a very blessed one.

On June 18, our graduates were honored and presented with a Bible from the church. Our friends who graduated this year include: Patty Brannno, Leonard Dolce, Mark Masters, Betsy Rose Oesch, Tom Roberts, and Gary Sauder, Bro. Kenneth Sauder read and meditated on Psalm 62. Bro. Richard Sauder made the presentation of the Bibles, and, before offering the closing prayer, Bro. Pete Baltic, our Sunday School Superintendent, told of an experience of his own. Before leaving for college, he thought it wasn't important or necessary to take his own Bible with him. However, his mom and dad had a different idea about that. Upon arriving at college, he opened his suitcase and there on top lay his own Bible, which either mom or dad had placed there. He said he knew that he had not put it there. At first, he didn't need it, but he soon found out that it was the greatest source of comfort he could find away from home and resorted to it often. His advice to young people is to "take God's word with you and never become too big to use it."

Along with our joys, we must report some sadness. Bro. Ed Beer was confined to the hospital with a blood clot after returning home from vacation. He is now home and feeling much better. Bro. Robert Sauder received severe burns when he became the victim of an accident. The radiator of his tractor exploded. At this writing, he is confined to Mansfield General Hospital with first and second degree burns.

Bro. Ed Riggenbach (Rittman) is slowly recovering from an auto accident. He was transferred from Wooster Hospital to Mansfield General Hospital because Wooster has no neuro-surgeon.

Our dear sister, Louise Sabo, is again confined to Mansfield General Hospital. Louise was stricken with a stroke some weeks ago, and we are so sorry to report that she has lost her eyesight. Louise was born in Fairbury, Illinois, on October 13, 1900, and came to Mansfield in December, 1924, as the new bride of Bro. Henry Sabo. Bro. Henry was a faithful minister in our church for many years. The Sabos had six children; two died at

birth, and the other four, Raymond, Ruth, Clara and Dorothy, are all converted. The Sabo home was a true example of Christian hospitality, and we were often invited to their home. It would be interesting to know how many guests they have served in their lifetime. Of course, God does the counting, but I'm sure we would all be amazed at the number, if we knew. Sis. Louise enjoyed company, and I'm sure she would still enjoy receiving mail and hearing from her many friends. If anyone wishes to remember her, please address her mail to Mrs. Henry Sabo, c/o Apostolic Christian Retirement Center, 455 Logan Road, Apt. E-28, Mansfield, Ohio 44907. Although she can only tell the difference between daylight and night, she still has a strong faith and hope that some day, in that better land, she will again see that glorious Light.

Today, in church, we sang the following song in the Zion's Harp, and it seemed so fitting for her:

"God, my hope and consolation,  
Ever Thou my refuge be!  
In Thy care I'll find protection  
Tho no other light I see.  
Oft on rugged road of sadness  
I find comfort, joy and gladness,  
Guided by Thy hand alone—  
Thine and not my will be done."

**OHIO, RITTMAN**  
Mary Jane Winkler  
Margaret Winkler

Meekness is the noblest virtue,  
Every Christian's honor bright;  
It adorns the youthful member  
And the aged with its might.  
Though it does not stand in favor  
With those of a proud behaviour,  
Yet 'tis more than precious gold,  
More than fame and wealth untold.

So I'll strive to be more humble,  
Evermore be meek and kind;  
Humbleness shall rule my actions,  
Meekness dwell in heart and mind.  
In my manner and my being  
All my neighbors may be seeing  
That it is God's Spirit's might  
Leading me in truth and right.

(Zion's Harp, No. 186,  
Verses 1 & 6)

May we all feel as this author so wonderfully expresses it and strive to be humble and submissive to God's will in our lives. We should do this so others who see us will

know by our actions and appearance that we truly are God's child.

We want to congratulate our graduates from high school and college. You are now starting a new chapter of your lives as you go out on your own into this world. May you include Christ in your lives, for He will direct you in all things. You will find that all things are possible through Him, for He gives you the strength and grace to endure and be happy in your walk of life.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Keiser in the loss of her brother.

Our hospital patients for this month are Sis. Ruth Beery (Bro. Karl), Sis. Irma Hilty, Bro. Ed Rigenbach (Sis. Anita), and Adam Uhler (Dale and Marilyn). Ruth has returned home after surgery. Adam fell and has a compression fracture of the back. He is home now but has to have a cast on 'til September. Irma is still hospitalized with a stroke. Ed was in a serious accident about two weeks ago and still remains hospitalized for head injuries. We pray for all these dear ones that the Lord's will might be done in their lives and that they might again receive a measure of health and strength.

Three bundles from heaven have arrived to bless these dear ones. June 6, Myra Lynn was born to Bro. Rich and Sis. Pat Steiner. Little Lisa welcomes her home. Grandparents are Bro. Irvin and Sis. Jane Klotzle and Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Steiner. June 22, Bro. Roger & Sis. Sue Saurer welcomed into their family their second son, Timothy Benjamin. Todd welcomes him home. Grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Freda Rehklau (Toledo) and Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurer. Also on June 22, Paul and Kathy Moore welcomed a little daughter, Michelle Ann, into their family. Andy is her brother. Grandparents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Dorothy Ramsier. May the Lord grant these dear ones, as well as all of us, the wisdom and grace to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord so that when they grow-up they will seek their Lord and find peace of heart.

We want to thank Bro. Kenneth Indermuhle (Sardis) for lending himself in God's service. May the Lord bless him for his efforts.

ADDRESS CHANGED?  
TELL YOUR REPORTER.

**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
Josephine Rehklau

### THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

"And so," I thought, "the anvil of God's Word  
For years skeptics' blows have beat upon,  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The Anvil is unchanged, the Hammers gone."

John Clifford

Diane Hughes is now a graduate nurse having completed the requirements in the School of Nursing at the University of Toledo. She is the daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Josephine Reineck.

Nicole Karen, daughter of Karen and Dennis Labadie, was born June 23. Her grandparents are Sis. Lois and Warren Newman.

Bro. David Beard has been in the hospital for surgery. We are thankful that he is now at home for a period of recuperation.

**OREGON, PORTLAND**  
Connie Steffen

We have so many things to be thankful for: our daily needs, which our dear Heavenly Father provides; strength for our day; Grace to meet our every need; friends and family to share our joys and sorrows; and, going to the beginning of it all, God's wonderful love! Without His love we would have nothing to live for and certainly nothing to die for. Recently we were reminded that the Bible tells us, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thess. 5:18) In "everything" ... do we? A Poem goes like this:



I know, as my life grows older,  
And mine eyes have clearer  
sight,  
That under each rank wrong  
somewhere  
There lies the root of light.

That each sorrow has its purpose,  
By the sorrowing oft unguessed;  
But as sure as the sun brings  
morning,  
Whatever is—is best.

I know that each sinful action,  
As sure as the night brings  
shade,  
Is somewhere, sometime punished,  
Tho' the hour be long delayed.

I know that the soul is aided  
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,  
And to grow means oft to suffer—  
But whatever is—is best.

I know there are no errors,  
In the great Eternal plan,  
And all things work together  
For the final good of man.  
And I know as my soul speeds  
onward,  
In its great Eternal quest,  
I shall say as I look back earthward,  
Whatever is—is best.  
(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

### OREGON, SILVERTON

Mildred Dietrich

As we observe the day set aside  
to honor fathers, let us, on this day  
and always, honor, above all, God,  
our Heavenly Father. Let us be  
thankful for the faith of our fathers  
of old who preserved the way of  
salvation for us. May we, as they,  
also keep the faith for our poster-  
ity.

"Our fathers chained in prisons  
dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience  
free;  
How sweet would be their children's  
fate,  
If they, like them, could die for  
thee!"

Author Unknown

With deep regret, we are sorry  
to report that Bro. Bill Cooper  
(Bro. Ray and Sis. Ginny) will  
surely be missed by our small con-  
gregation as he leaves and returns  
to Altadena, Calif. We wish him the  
Lord's blessings as he seeks a new  
home and employment. May the  
Lord direct and guide him in his  
undertaking.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

## SILVER THREADS

### THE HEART IS A GARDEN

Author Unknown

The heart is a garden  
Where thought flowers grow,  
The thoughts we think  
Are seeds that we sow.

Every kind loving thought  
Bears a kind loving deed,  
While a thought that is selfish  
Is just like a weed.

We must watch what we think  
Each minute all day,  
And pull out the weed-thoughts,  
And throw them away—

And plant loving seed-thoughts  
So thick in a row  
That there will not be room  
For weed-thoughts to grow.

### THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

The church and the world walked  
far apart  
On the changing shore of time,  
The world was singing a giddy song  
And the church a hymn sublime.  
"Come, give me your hand," said  
the merry world  
"And walk with me the way;"  
But the good church hid her snowy  
hand,  
And solemnly answered, "Nay."

"I will not give thee my hand at all,  
And I will not walk with you.  
Your way is the way of eternal  
death,

And your words are all untrue."  
"Nay, walk with me a little space,  
Said the world with a kindly air.  
"THE road I walk is a pleasant  
road,  
And the sun shines always there."

"Your way is narrow, and thorny,  
and rough,  
While mine is flowery and  
smooth;  
Your lot is sad with reproach and  
toil.  
But in rounds of Joy I move.  
My way, you can see, is a broad,  
fair one,  
And my gate is high and wide,  
There is room enough for you and  
me,  
And we'll travel side by side."

Half shyly the church approached  
the world,  
And gave him her hand of snow;  
And the false world grasped it and  
walked along,  
And whispered in accents low;  
Your dress is too simple to please  
my taste;  
I have gold and pearls to wear,  
Rich velvets and silk for your  
graceful form,  
And diamonds to deck your hair.

The church looked down at her  
plain white robes  
And then at the dazzling world.  
And blushed as she saw his hand-  
some lip

With a smile contemptuous  
curled.  
"I will change my dress for a  
costlier one,"  
Said the church with a smile of  
grace;  
Then her pure white garment  
drifted away,  
And the world gave in their place—  
Beautiful satins, and fashionable  
silks,  
And roses and gems and pearls;  
And over her forehead her bright  
hair fell  
Waved in a thousand curls.  
"Your house is too plain," Said the  
proud old world,  
"Let me build you one like mine,  
With kitchen for feasting and par-  
lor for play,  
And furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beauti-  
ful house  
Splendid it was to behold;  
Her sons and her daughters met  
frequently there,  
Shining in purple and gold.  
And fair and festival—frolics  
untold,  
Where held in the place of  
prayer;  
And maidens bewitching as sirens  
of old,  
With world winning graces rare.  
Bedecked with jewels, and hair all  
curls,

Untrammelled by Gospel or laws,  
To beguile and amuse, and win  
from the world  
Some help for the righteous  
cause.

The Angel of Mercy rebuked the  
church,  
And whispered, "I know thy sin,"  
Then the church looked sad and  
anxiously longed  
To gather her children in.

But some were away to the mid-  
night ball,  
And others were at the play,  
And some were drinking in gay  
saloons,  
And the angel went away.  
And then said the world in soothing  
tones.  
Your much loved ones mean no  
harm,  
Merely indulging in innocent  
sports,  
So she leaned still on his pro-  
ffered arm . . .

And smiled and chatted and  
gathered flowers  
And walked along with the  
world,  
While countless millions of precious  
souls  
To the horrible pit were hurled.  
"Your preachers are all too old and  
plain,"  
Said the gay world with a sneer;  
They frighten my children with  
dreadful tales  
Which I do not like them to hear.

They talk of judgement and fire  
and pain,  
And the doom of endless night;  
They warn of a place that should  
not be  
Thus spoken to ears polite!  
I will send you some of a better  
stamp,  
More brilliant and gay and fast,  
Who will show how men may live  
as they list  
And go to Heaven at last.

The Father is merciful and great  
and good,  
Loving and tender and kind;  
Do you think he'd take one child to  
Heaven  
And leave another behind?  
So she called for pleasing and gay  
divines  
Deemed gifted, and great and  
learned,  
And the plain old men who preached  
the cross  
Were out of their pulpits turned.

Then Mammon came in and sup-  
ported the church  
And rented a prominent pew;  
And preaching and singing and  
floral display  
Soon proclaimed a Gospel New.  
"You gave too much to the poor,"  
said the world,  
Far more than you ought to do;  
Though the poor need shelter, food  
and clothes,  
Why should it thus trouble you?

"Go take your money and buy rich  
robes  
And horses and carriages fine,  
And pearls and jewels and dainty  
foods  
The rarest and costliest wine.  
My children, they dote on all such  
things,  
And if you their love would win  
You must do as they do and walk  
in the way,  
The flowery way they're in."

Then the church her purse-strings  
held,  
And gravely lowered her head.  
And simpered, "I've given too much  
away."  
I will do, sir, as you have said.  
So the poor were turned from the  
door in scorn;  
She heard not the orphans cry;  
And she drew her beautiful robes  
aside  
As the widows went weeping by.

And they of the church and they  
of the world  
Journeyed closely hand and  
heart,  
And none but the Master who  
knoweth all,  
Could discern the two apart.  
Then the church sat down at her  
ease and said,  
"I am rich and in goods increased;  
I have need of nothing and nought  
to do.  
But to laugh and dance and  
feast,"

The sly old world heard her, and  
laughed within  
And mockingly said aside,  
"The church has fallen—the  
beautiful church,  
Her shame is her boast and  
pride."  
Thus her witnessing power, alas!  
was lost  
And the perilous times come in;  
The time of the end, so oft foretold  
Of form, and pleasure, and sin.

Then the angel drew near the mercy  
seat  
And whispered in sighs her name.  
And the saints their anthems of  
rapture hushed,  
And covered their heads with  
shame.  
A voice came down from the hush  
of heaven  
From Him that sits on the  
throne,  
"I know thy works, and what thou  
hast said,  
But, alas! thou has not known . . .

"That thou art poor and naked and  
blind,  
With pride and ruin enthralled;  
The expected bride of the Heavenly  
groom  
Is the harlot of the world!  
Thou hast ceased to watch for that  
blessed hope,  
Hast fallen from zeal and grace  
So, now, alas! I must cast thee out,  
And blot thy name from its  
place."

Author Unknown

### The Sermon . . .

Continued from page 28  
In Revelations, in the twenty-  
first chapter, John tells us about  
"a new heaven and a new earth."  
The new people will be there  
and much more. There are so  
many blessings connected with  
it. There will be Jerusalem, of  
course, and "the Lord God  
Almighty and the Lamb are the  
temple of it." They will be the  
Light of it with no need for the  
sun or the moon. The Brightness  
and the Glory will be there to light-  
en and brighten. It's wonderful to  
think about all of that. I can re-  
member our Elder Bro. Dave Man-  
gold telling a dear sister who had  
a broken hip that there will be no  
broken bones in heaven. All is go-  
ing to be so beautiful.

Brothers and sisters, we need to  
labor on in this most precious  
faith. We gain courage when we  
stand solidly upon the Solid Rock.  
When has the need been greater  
than today for us to stand solidly  
upon the Solid Rock? There is a  
need when we say "yes" for peo-  
ple to know for sure that we mean  
"yes." We heard this morning of  
our high officials and how current  
events are working out; how good  
it would be if all mankind would  
come to the place where their "yes"  
would be "yea" and their "no"  
would be "nay." As children of  
God, we need to be careful in this.

Satan comes to us in ways so sly that we might find ourselves distorting this a little, and we need to be careful. We are watched by the world and we have to be careful. They see our walk and our actions, and we have to try to do the best we can, praying for the help and the grace of God to see us through.

James reminds us that the trying of our faith will work patience, and then "let patience have her perfect work." James so kindly instructs that if anyone lacks wisdom, he should "ask of God," and this is so precious. When we see our nothingness, which is all the time, we have the opportunity to go to the One who is the source of strength and help. I often ask myself as we read, "What, really, is man?" Nothing to boast about. No, we are as the sand of the seashore and our Almighty God holds the whole universe in the hollow of His hand. This does not leave us any room to boast. We must continue to recognize, as we heard this morning, that there is a greater Power we need to go to so that we can labor on in God's vineyard and then the reward will be ours in the end.

We have been warned against wavering. "But let him ask in faith," he says, "nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." It is so evident in our fields of grain that there are strong stalks that stand firm and solid to the end, unless there is something unusual like a tornado. But, generally, the very strong ones stand until the end. Brothers and sisters, let us be as those that are very strong, rooted solidly, and that have good growth, with deep roots which gain the ingredients from the ground. Let us become fruitful vessels bearing grain.

Let us search among the Scriptures and send up to God our sincere prayer that He grant us wisdom—heavenly wisdom. James says that God giveth to all men liberally and if we ask "it shall be given." These blessed promises are ours for the asking. We are taught to ask in faith, without wavering, not as the Pharisee of whom we heard this morning. We need to come, pure in heart, certain that God can help us. Beloved, it is not good for us to be as the Pharisees who made a show of their faith and religion. Their hearts were not

right, and our loving Saviour reprimanded them saying, "Oh, you vipers, Unless you bring forth the fruit of repentance, your work is not going to stand." It is the same with us. Unless we build upon the Solid Rock, and unless we are growing firmly, we cannot stand against Satan. We heard of Satan's cunningness in the morning hour. He is always near us. We also heard this morning that it is easier to be a Christian on the Lord's Day than on work days; for instance, tomorrow. Beloved, Satan is always around us, even today, and we have to be careful and prayerful that we are not double-minded or unstable; but that we continue to build upon the Solid Rock, which is Jesus Christ. He did so much for us, and even gave His life and precious blood in our stead to remove our sins.

"Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away." We heard this morning about one who was not rich toward God. How thankful we can be because, for the most part, you, dear ones, are rich toward God in your hearts. You love Him more than you love earthly things and this is what is necessary. We are taught to put first things first in life, and then God will fill our needs so that we are rich in heavenly things. As we continue to grow and recognize our nothingness, we will rejoice more and more because of the blessings of God. This has been our lot and our portion.

As we labor and toil, we sweat. We are taught that we must do this to gain our earthly bread. But, beloved, as we labor, minister, and try to understand how to live according to the Word, we also sweat. We have tears because we are concerned about whether we are doing God's good and holy will as He would want us to do it. We need to be prayerful. We need to watch and pray. We read that man is "as the flowers of the grass;" soon, so soon, it falls "and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth." So also is a rich man who is not rich in God.

The twelfth verse says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that

love him." What a comfort! What a consolation it is to know that this is in store for you and me, that our labors are not in vain. I believe that the Apostle Paul reminds us to stand steadfast and unmoveable. And he really meant it. The Apostle Paul seemed very forceful. "Stand steadfast and unmoveable. You know your work is not in vain." We know it. I have faith to believe it. James said that, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life." He who endures will have his name written in the Book of Life. Oh, what a blessing to have our names written there and to be among those fortunate ones. We are upon the way although we are clothed in flesh and blood.

Last night, as we were singing together, I read the heading of the song of the Harbor Bell. I read about the experience which moved the author to write a song about a pilot coming into a harbor; and, I believe, it said that fog closed in so that they were unable to see the harbor lights or hear the harbor bell. The author was very concerned, as you and I would be in a case of that kind. The pilot ordered the engines to be stopped so that all would be quiet. The engines were shut off and they just drifted for awhile. No doubt, it was very, very quiet. A quiet time, beloved ones, is when we can hear the Holy Spirit best, a time when it is so quiet that we "can hear a pin drop." I believe that it was that quiet on the ship. In fog, with the rocky coastline approaching, they feared that they would be dashed to pieces. Doesn't this remind you of our lives? We are approaching shore, and if we forget the Holy Spirit, or neglect it, how can we come through the straight and narrow gate? Beloved, those on the ship were quiet, and, finally, they heard the bell of the harbor. With its sound ringing out, the pilot directed the ship into the harbor safely.

If we listen to the "small, still voice," we will arrive in our harbor, "safe and sound." Let us trust that God will provide for us by granting us much grace, so that we will quietly listen to and hear His voice. Let us have a faith that will not waver and recognize our nothingness, so that He might work in our hearts and bless us.

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Text: James, Chapter 1

The headings for this chapter are: "Rejoicing under the cross; Of patience; On hearkening to and doing the Word." Beloved, it is humbling to stand before you and bring God's blessed message, and we trust that He will again remind us of our high calling. Surely, at best, we are weak and needy servants but we think of the blessings that are in store for each one of us. As we know, the trials and tests of a Christian are not easy and the cross becomes heavy. But, beloved, the reward is very great.

Do you remember the account that we have in the Scriptures of Ruth, the one who clung to her mother-in-law? Her faith was so strong that she wanted to go with her mother-in-law and worship her mother-in-law's God. That was her time of decision. Many of us were fortunate, too, as we went through a time of decision, in deciding which way we should walk in life. God was so good to us. He showed us our condemned and lost condition, and helped us realize what our loving Saviour had done for us. We then had opportunity for true repentance and made the same decision that Ruth did. Ruth wanted to worship God, not the false gods. It reminds me of how fortunate we are to have been brought up under the sound of the Gospel message, even having been taken to church in our Mother's arms. What we have learned and gained through it all is truly a blessing, since we made the decision to live for Jesus Christ.

The next step is that we have to serve God, just as Ruth did. She wanted to serve God faithfully. When she and her mother-in-law, Naomi, went back to their homeland, she gleaned the fields after the reapers. She had faith and believed that God would provide for her. As you know, Ruth had lost her husband and Naomi had lost hers, but they were still seeking to do the will of God. They had

"crosses," too, even though it was in the Old Testament times. Ruth was working for the Lord and for her mother-in-law that they might have something to eat. I am sure that you are acquainted with the end of the story and their great reward. Ruth's kinsman married her and it all turned out well.

How much it reminds us of our lives. We are trying to serve the Lord as well as we can, but is there a dear brother or sister anywhere who feels he has done all he can or is doing too much? No, we have to confess; we, weak and needy, come far short of doing that which God asks us to do.

So, we pray for His grace and we pray for patience. We have read together, "Let patience have her perfect work," which James wrote to the tribes of Christian Jews who were scattered. "Count it all joy," he says, "when ye fall into divers temptations." As a human looks at this, it is easy to fall into divers temptations, the tests and the trials. But James also said that when a man is tempted, "He is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." So the responsibility falls upon each one of us as individuals, individual brothers or individual sisters in the Lord. This challenges us to put forth all the effort we can.

The question was asked this morning, "How do we know when the Lord is coming?" It may be the first hour . . . the second hour . . . or the third . . . or the sixth . . . or the twelfth . . . or at the cock's crowing. We do not know. It is necessary to watch and pray and do the best we can, with the help and grace of God, every day that we live. Yet, dear ones, how often we come to the end of the day and ask God to forgive us. "I have failed." It's not easy to carry our cross but it is rewarding. Ruth was rewarded for the stand she took for the true and living God. It turned out well. She was rewarded.

God blessed her richly. Boaz even told his servants to leave extra grain for her so they would have plenty. Where is there a brother or a sister who doesn't feel, as he is wending his way to heaven, that the reward is there waiting for him.

There are requirements that go along with serving God and laboring to be good stewards. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows" and we are also told to keep ourselves "unspotted from the world." I ask you, brothers and sisters, do you feel that there are no spots on you? Or on me? We must look at ourselves. We are taught not to judge others, but we need to let the Word Judge us. Perhaps there are spots upon us that we do not realize. The apostle Paul said that every day it is necessary to cut off and to prune. Every day. He didn't say that it is necessary only on Monday or on Sunday; but that it is necessary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and all the days. We have to keep shearing, cutting back, just as we train our evergreens so that they don't grow wildly. We have to work with them carefully as the husbandman does. Beloved, it is the same with Christians. We have to work and labor, letting the Word of God judge us, and be willing to be pruned. What is not good, put away. Get rid of it. At one time we were heavy-laden, and then we were so happy and so very thankful to be free from that heavy, heavy load. Now, we want to be careful to remain that way. Our road has been lightened so that the cross, though heavy, is bearable. As we look further on up the road, we see those crowns waiting there for you and for me. The Apostle Paul said that for all of us who remain true and faithful, there will be crowns awaiting. Oh, what a joyful time that is going to be.

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