

# The Silver Lining

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### CHRIST, THE MORNING STAR

Samuel H. Froehlich

Thursday, October 22, 1846. Revelation 22:16-21.

In the conclusion, as in the beginning, Jesus testifies that He is the originator of the revelation, in order that we believe and deal with it with all reverence.

He calls Himself the Root and the Offspring of David (the God-Man), and the bright Morning Star. As the morning star is the harbinger of day, rising before the sun, so was also Christ in His first appearance the announcer of a new day, which will dawn with His second appearance in glory. As Morning Star, by His Holy Spirit He rises in the hearts of the believers, so that they may have a certain testimony from Him for the future glory; the anchor of their hope would enter into the inner part of the curtain.

As the tabernacle had two sections, divided by two curtains and separated, the first curtain to the Holy Place for the priests, and the other for the All-Holiest or Holy of Holies, for the high priest, so also has the glory of Jesus Christ two revelations, in the spirit and in the future resurrection of the body.

The first revelation is to the

second what the rising of the morning star is to the rising of the sun. Peter says, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

The full day of eternity will reveal this with much greater clearness of fulfillment than we are now in position to comprehend, because of its mystery through the dark glass. (I Corinthians)

There is also the difference between the present and the future, as the difference between a bride and a wife. A veil has already been lifted enabling us to see, in spirit. In the revelation of the glory of Christ, the second veil will be removed.

The prophetic word has been given to the church of believers and saints. The Spirit of Christ calls from earth to heaven, **Come, Lord Jesus!** Then we hear the echo of this cry in and out of the hearts of believers (of the

bride): **Yea, come Lord Jesus!** The answer of the Lord comes from heaven, **Yea, I come soon!**

Whoever belongs to the bride of Christ and through the Holy Spirit is assured of His return from heaven, cannot do otherwise than long and groan thereafter. Not so the godless; they do not say, **Come, Lord Jesus,** although they also would like to be saved. Therefore, it is not merely an outward hearing, when we read, "And let him that heareth say, Come." Whoever would truly be saved, to him the way is shown and opened. Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. That is the Holy Spirit, with Whom Christ adorns His bride and seals to the day of redemption in His coming.

Through Christ's first coming in the flesh and in the Spirit, we become children of God, and through His second advent we are exalted as heirs of God.

God tries man with His Word to see if he will accept and keep it as He has given it; or if he will believe the devil who, as he did in Paradise, would steal God's Word from us so that we may not be saved.

#### THE CASE AGAINST A WORLD CHURCH

(Reprinted from the July, 1964, issue.)

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schrock

Christian churches are preparing to unite as one great world church. This will include the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Protestant churches.

Consider what conditions have resulted where there has been a one (world) church monopoly. By

the 5th or 6th century, the Church at Rome had gained dominion over all others in western Europe. The dark ages settled until the Reformation and the break away of those who protested.

In eastern Europe, it was the Greek Orthodox. The end of this rule over the lives of the people in Russia did not come until the Communist revolution. A primary target of this revolution was against the domination and corruption of this church.

Volumes could be written about one Protestant church or another, where that church was made the state church, resulting in persecution and discrimination.

In Spain it has been the Roman Catholic Church. The police and other government agencies bowed to the will of the big church and did their bidding, arrested pastors, and closed their churches.

The Greeks believe that all should belong to one great Greek Orthodox Church. Because of its

size, and because it is the state religion, the government backs them up in their persecution of other groups.

What will happen if a great, world church is formed?

They say that, with such unity and greatness, they will be able to make themselves heard throughout the world, and thereby be a great power for good to all mankind. We can expect that the will of this world church will not only be suggested, but enforced. Great churches in the past forced even kings to their knees.

Liberty will be threatened the moment a great monopoly is organized. This mammoth church may begin to throw its weight around, and thousands, yes millions, may suffer as a result.

The mind and heart of unconverted man is centered in himself. His supreme desire is to satisfy his personal appetites. He is completely separated from God. His thoughts and ambitions are earthly—not godly.

Christ's prayer for the eleven, and indeed for all who follow, is oneness of heart with God, the Father, and Christ, that their very lives would prove that Christ lived within them.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jn. 17: 20, 21.

The burden of His prayer is for the salvation of those who believe on Him, that they might be with Him forever. God does not depend upon the strength of numbers to accomplish His purposes!

The world is impressed when it sees a person who is genuinely sold out to God, and is truly in oneness with Him. The world seems to sense and know God loves that person.

A tragic mistake is that this great prayer has been misinterpreted by the great majority. The wheels of movement are turning ever faster. The world church is approaching culmination faster than we ever thought possible. Already the Roman church is preparing herself to be more acceptable, so that this can come about.

### Warning! Danger Ahead!

This great world church will dictate in every sphere. The anti-christ will arrive and declare that he is God.

Your children brought up in such a church will soon be going right along with the rest. Your influence on others is vital. In speaking of a great church in Revelation, the message says, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Now is the time to come out of all lukewarm and apostate churches. It's much later than you may think. Come out now, while you can still bring your children and others with you.

It's time to pray. Don't let your church slip. It's time to fight for that which is right. It's time to join ranks with Peter, Paul, and the host of others who contended for the faith, even unto death!

The time of the end is near. Stay awake!

### TO: ALL SILVER LINING SUBSCRIBERS

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With this operating deficit, a request was brought to the elder conference and approved for an increased subscription rate from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year, effective Sept. 1, 1978. This rate should cover the increased printing and mailing cost, and cover purchase of equipment replacement cost.

Counseling Elders

### SERMON GEMS

(Submitted by Kathy Schlatter, the Chicago reporter.)

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:29, 30.

In being yoked with the Lord, thinking of the way oxen were, the load is evened out, but each must pull his own part, do his own task.

A microphone is only an instrument to pick up the sound which comes into it and amplify it so that all may hear. The microphone does not determine what it shall say. Thus are the ministers of the Word of God.

Though we often forget, we must recall that we are children. And our Lord, loving us as His own, does not want to spoil us. Rather, when we are chastened, he is trying to teach us something, trying to cut off, prune, and shape us to His will. We can then thank Him by our own self-denial.

Regarding the church, it is like a ship carrying numerous individuals to a far-away shore. If the ship were broken up on deceptive and unseen rocks, many individuals could probably still get to shore clinging to bits and pieces of the ship. But many would lose their lives. How much better it would be if the ship were not wrecked and all would come safely to their ultimate destination.

"Hold the fort! for I am coming,' Jesus signals still . . ." Gospel Hymns. As a fort is protection against the enemy for those inside, so is the church a guardian of its members. All individuals are of vital importance in waging the battle with the enemy whether they are watchmen on the walls, those with weapons, those carrying messages, those binding the wounded, or those preparing and delivering food and water. Likewise, each member of God's family has an important part in His battle plan.

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## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

The parting hour came for us on Tuesday afternoon when Bro. Terry and his family left for Kansas. It was joyful and filled with love, but also many tears were shed because we knew that we would miss each other. We labored and lived together for two and a half years.

The Apostle Paul went through a similar experience in parting with his beloved in the Lord. (Acts 20) After having commended them to the Word of God's grace, which was able to build them up, he said, "... It is more blessed to give than to receive ... and when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him ..." (Acts 20:35, 36, 37)

We all prayed together that afternoon, and it was touching for me as I heard my brother's voice and realized it would be the last time for a long time. Having had so many difficult decisions to make in times past, we often had to turn to the Lord together and ask for His guidance. Many times we saw His perfect answer, and through it all we learned a tremendous and encouraging lesson about prayer, which has enriched both of our lives. May the Lord show us humility and teach us how to spread our specific problems out before Him in detail and sincerity. We want to open our hearts and minds to accept His invisible will instead of having our minds already made up as to how it should be.

I asked the children what I should write about in this article, and Mark (17) and Jerry (15) gave me some of the following ideas.

Kevin (11) is also leaving us to return to his mother. It seems real good for their whole family, and Kevin is happy. Jerry and Ronda are back from Florida. That makes our number seven.

We went on a family vacation to Turkey Run State Park last week, camping four nights. We stayed the two nights before at Bro. Bruce Knapp's home in Bloomington, Illinois; then we went to his parents' home, and to Sis. Judy Bauer's in Cissna Park. In Cissna, Ronda tried on a Japanese kimono of Judy's. It took Sue and Judy a good half-

hour to wrap it around her, and Ronda enjoyed it. It happened that another sister from Cissna had donated a nice, attractive dress the night before, which provided something for our 15-year-old Karen to try on at the same time. Therefore, no hurt feelings were assured.

On the camping trip while sleeping out one night, Jerry said that a racoon walked over him. He was so frightened that he couldn't move. We had a good time canoeing, bicycling, swimming, and hiking. On the way back one of the girls said, "Thanks, Doug, for taking us!"

We want to thank Sis. Janice Nussbaum for helping us for two weeks. She came to do crafts with the children and ended up doing that and everything else. She cooked meals, picked and "put up" beans, and helped us in many ways. She helped when an emergency came up one morning when Sue had both of our girls with her for a doctor's appointment and needed another person to admit one of our teenagers to the hospital.

We thank all of our volunteers, from home and elsewhere, for their help.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Summer is subtly turning into fall with all its glorious beauty. If earth's beauty causes a reverent gratitude within us, what will we feel when heaven's magnificence is ours to behold?

Until then, each day is a gift, and we pray that we may be good stewards of this gift. Ernestine Cobern Beyer felt this way about it:

My gift was delivered at seven  
Just as I woke where I lay.  
Postmarked explicitly "Heaven". . .  
My gift was this beautiful day.

Mine, this miraculous morning!  
Surrendered in trust to my care.  
It came bearing only this warning,  
"Fragile! Handle with prayer!"

Richard Allen Becker came to live at this Home on June 14, 1978. His parents, Glenn and Kathryn (Herman) Becker, live in Morton, Illinois. Two sisters, Mrs. Jan (Rene) Robert of Arvada, Colorado, and Mrs. Joyce (Paul) Smits of Bellevue, Washington, make up the family.

Richard has made a fine adjustment to life here at the Home,

loves to read, and contributes much as a member of our family. Birthday time for him is May 15.

Summer activities and outings continue. We invite visitors to come, not only to see the facility, but to witness some of the activities and to get acquainted with us and "our family."

Making the most of each day was meaningful to the author, Arnold Bennett, when he wrote:

"You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of the magic tissue of the universe of your life. No one can take it from you. It is unstealable. No one receives more or less than you receive. Waste your infinitely precious commodity as you will, and the supply will never be withheld from you. Moreover, you cannot draw on the future; it's impossible to get into debt. You can only waste the passing moment. You cannot waste tomorrow. It is kept for you."

## ALABAMA, HUNTSVILLE

John and Ann Wagler

We thought the following incident might be of interest and encouragement to the readers of the Silver Lining.

We had a wonderful testimony this week. (Editor's note: It is understandable that we do not usually publish testimonies that are not from members of our faith. However, since the following father had such close contact with our church, we hope you will look for what is good and proper in this report.)

A father of one of the children in the first grade of our school had leukemia. I would often visit with them as they picked up their daughter, Christy, in the afternoon when school was out. The father seemed to be improving, and they had faith to believe that whatever God ordained, they would accept.

This week we read his obituary in the paper and called Mrs. Livingston to offer our sympathy and see what we could do to help. She simply said, "I have something wonderful to tell you," and she related the following:

"On Wednesday night a little after midnight her husband lay dying. He was in a coma, and they were sitting by his bedside, waiting for the end. Suddenly, he spoke and asked for the oxygen mask to be removed. Then he prayed. In a

strong voice, so they all could hear, he prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for his salvation and for the Lord Jesus Christ's dying on the cross for his sin. Then it was quiet for awhile, and he started praying again. This time the prayer was for the loved ones he was leaving behind: his faithful wife, his children, and friends. Again, complete silence filled the room. Then, suddenly, with a strength that he had before his illness, he raised up in bed, raised his arms toward heaven, and and sat up and said, 'It is wonderful, it is wonderful, it is a miracle,' and he lay back down; his soul left his body."

It wasn't anything anyone could see, but, in the twinkling of an eye, he was in the presence of his Master. Mrs. Livingston said it is something that will sustain her all of her life. Her husband was 29.

Work is going forward on the new multiple-use school building. School begins on Aug. 28 with an increased enrollment. Since our rooms are all filled, we will have to enclose at least one room in the new building by the time school starts.

Chris and Alberta Kaehr from Bremen and Barb Thomas from Peoria have moved to Huntsville. Alberta and Barb are both teaching in the elementary school.

We have added the fifth grade to our school this year. Due to increased enrollment, even the library will be used as a classroom until the new building is finished.

Albert and Amelia Schini spent a week visiting their daughters and helping in the work.

Ron and Edie Bollier spent three weeks with us. Ron helped with framing on the school addition. Curt Witzig also spent a week helping with carpenter work.

Our dear friends Brent and Beverly Jacobs moved to Colorado. Brent was discharged from the military.

Chris and Alberta Kaehr are in charge of bringing the neighborhood children to church on the bus. The enrollment is increasing.

Our Sunday School teachers are as follows: Corrine Thomas and Alberta Kaehr, pre-school; Carol Jones and Barbara Glisson, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade; Norma Schini, 4th and 5th grade; Susan Parrucci, teens; Barb Thomas and Peggy Page, junior church.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

## ARIZONA, PHOENIX

### Julie Hoerr

July 23 was a beautiful day for the first wedding in our new church. Sis. Jane Greenbank exchanged wedding vows with Bro. Dave Hodges before Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach. A lovely reception followed in the Congregational Room for our happy couple. Jane's parents are Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank, and Dave is the son of Basil Hodges.

Even in the summer months the Lord blessed us with guest ministers. Lending themselves with many precious teachings for us were Bros. Bob Pohl (Burlington), Glen Hackenjoos (Altadena), Wayne Miller (Ft. Scott), and Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Japan). We truly appreciated their efforts.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to Sis. Bertha Moser and family on the passing of dear Bro. Eli Moser. Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha were a part of our winter family here, and we all looked forward to their arrival each winter.

Little Andrea Sue arrived Aug. 6, daughter of Judy and Ken Clayborn. Grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Alice Baumgardner. Stephanie, age 2, is her big sister.

At this writing, Bro. Roy Farney is doing nicely, though still confined to his home. He and Sis. Minnie are missed very much.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Prov. 15:1

## ARIZONA, TUCSON

### Caroline Kaufman

The Lord is richly blessing us here in the valley, both spiritually and weather-wise. Our water resources are being replenished and our souls renewed. We thank the Lord for the teachings of Bro. Willis Ehnle.

We are anxiously awaiting the return of all those in our congregation who vacation during the summer months. It will be so wonderful for all to worship together again in perfect harmony.

We are pleased to welcome Douglas John Bauer to our congregation. His parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Glo, and his brothers and sisters are Brad, Sis. Lisa, Steve and Angie. We thank the Lord for blessing their home with a healthy babe and giving our church a precious treasure.

## CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

### Linda Cooper

Bros. Wallace Ramsier and Dale Eisenmann ministered to us during their visits here. Bro. Dale helped serve Communion with our Elder Bro. Kinsinger.

Many good wishes and congratulations were extended to Bro. Bill and Sis. Doris Hecker at the time of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Little Ryan Douglas is the first-born son of Doug and Laurie Kinsinger, born July 14. Paternal grandparents are Carl and Margaret Kinsinger. What a happy rejoicing a new baby brings to its family and friends!

Ron Locher has moved to Minnesota, making the Winthrop area his new home. Bro. Glen Greenbank returned to Akron after spending several months here in work-related training. We pray that God will bless these two people and that they can visit us frequently; we're going to miss them. We welcomed Bro. Bill Cooper into our congregation when he moved from Silverton, Ore., in July.

Sis. Helen Klotzle has been hospitalized for observation and testing. We are thankful to God that she suffers no pain, and pray that He will reveal to the physicians the cause for her weakness.

Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner is able to be present again at church and thanks all who remembered her during her illness.

## CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

### Carlton J. Lanz

We had an impressive morning service last Sunday, which I'll summarize. Eternal life is not only a gift of God, but it is a risk we must face. We must fight a battle to gain an eternal reward. God gave sufficient light for us to exercise faith and left enough shadows for us to entertain doubt. Every one must be fully assured in his own mind. It is a personal decision that each one must eventually make.

Our decision will go far towards determining the kind of life we live, but the kind of life we live will go farther towards determining our decision. If we live as though death ended all, we shall easily drift into unbelief: but, if we fight the good fight of faith and are sincerely resolved to keep this great hope, its star will shine out in our sky, we hope in brilliancy.

Impressive testimonies were given by two dear friends. They related how the love of God had enabled them to turn from a life of sin and unhappiness to a life of peace and happiness. They had been to other religious services, but found no relief for their unhappiness or satisfaction for what they felt was needed. They then came to our assemblies and worshipped with us. Recognizing the warmth and love in the lives of our believers, they were convinced that that is what they wanted.

They were baptized, and as they stood in the water, they made their vows to serve their God, life-long. They went their way, joyously. Bro. Rudolph Graf, elder at the Akron, Ohio, church, shared the work with Bro. John Bahler, our elder. These new converts are Bro. Leo LaPlante and his wife, Sis. Sherry.

Bro. Carl Weis, minister at the relatively new church at Washington, Ill., and several brothers from his church, visited us. Bro. Richard Aberle of the Indianapolis church occupied the pulpit with Bro. Weis. We are always grateful to have brothers come to us with inspiring messages and leave the church with blessings.

Death came suddenly to Elmer W. Schneider, 53, on July 23. He had been working on his driveway at his home in South Windsor when, suddenly, he felt what he thought was fatigue. He went into his house to rest. He was found a short time later on the floor, dead from a heart attack.

His father, Bro. William Schneider, who had been handicapped for nearly 20 years because of a stroke, was not aware of his son's death, but died at the age of 84 in a nursing home just six days from the date of his son's death.

Elmer leaves three sons, three daughters, and his wife, Phyllis Posner Schneider. Bro. Will is survived by one daughter, Sis. Lois Schultz, a son, Bro. Roy Schneider, and several nieces and nephews. He had the best possible care, with his children doing what they could for his comfort. In his long ordeal, Bro. Will was very patient. Both funerals, at different times, were held at the church. Burials were in Ellington Center Cemetery.

Several brethren from the Rockville church attended the Brotherhood Conference in Tremont, Ill. Their comments were favorable,

and it was well attended.

Editor's note: Connecticut's state flower is Mountain Laurel and not Mountain Daisies as reported in the July issue. We also apologize for stating that human achievements can be described as a vast canvas set in a stupendous frame. It should have read that human achievements are poor and pitiful. It is nature that is the canvas.

### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

Kathryn Schroeder

This has been the rainy season in Florida. Truly, the rains do fall. The semi-tropical growth is exuberant in brilliant colors.

Psalm 135: 6-7

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

"He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries."

### HOW GRAY THE RAIN

How gray the rain  
And gray the world  
And gray the rainclouds overhead.  
When suddenly  
Some cloud is furled  
And there is gleaming sun instead!

The raindrops drip  
Prismatic light,  
And trees and meadows burn in  
green

And arched in air  
Serene and bright  
The rainbow all at once is seen.

Serene and bright  
The rainbow stands  
That was not anywhere before,  
And so may joy  
Fill empty hands  
When someone enters through a  
door.

Elizabeth Cotsworth  
Five Bushel Farm

Psalm 89:52

"Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen."

Our visiting ministers, Bros. Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, Art Bauer, Princeville, and Floyd Wieland, Detroit, gave us precious words of guidance during their stay here.

George Siladie, St. Petersburg, slipped off his seawall while mowing the lawn. His injured right leg and foot suffered severe bruises. We are happy to report that he is

feeling somewhat better. He has made a decision currently to employ a lawn boy.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Elizabeth Knapp and Bro. Chris and Sis. Viola Leman left together the first of this month for the North. God willing, Chris and Vi plan to attend the Anlicker Reunion in Fairbury, Ill. Fred and Elizabeth will spend a weekend in Rockville, Conn., and then visit for a week in Morris, Ill., with daughter Sis. Eva Jean and Bro. Herman Shaefer. Later they will meet the Lemans in Cissna Park when they hope to leave at the end of August, for their return to Florida.

### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Holly Stahl  
Jean O'Shea

We held our annual Sunday School picnic on July 20 at Ash Park. This concluded a year of classes and marks a break until the fall session begins. After much prayerful consideration, Bros. Kevin Knapp and Charlie Knapp were selected to serve as Sunday School teachers. Bro. Lloyd Zimmerman was selected to serve as trustee. We always feel assured of the Lord's guidance in choosing brothers for matters such as these if we have asked Him to help us pick the right brother for each job.

Services were held at Woodhill Towers on the evening of Aug. 6. Have we been making the special effort to attend this kind of church events? It's so easy to make excuses, isn't it? So often we find ourselves on that speeding ferris wheel of life, and at times it's almost more than we can physically and emotionally handle. Sometimes we would like to scream, "Stop!" and leap off the ferris wheel to catch our breath. We enjoy the ride, but we grow weary of constantly being in motion. So we choose to skip church activities in order to recover from the "dizziness" of that ferris wheel ride and catch up on some rest. If we would spend less time on the "ferris wheel," we would have more energy to do the things that are really important and that can help us to grow spiritually. Let's listen to the Holy Spirit when it reminds us to keep our priorities straight. Surely we will find a blessing in heeding that still small voice.

We were very pleased to hear the Word spoken by Bro. Jim Ramseyer of Bay City and Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo at our Friday evening services on Aug. 18. We also enjoyed having Bro. Art Ringger and his little family from Indianapolis here for the weekend and for Sunday services.

Bro. Ray Haerr was a patient at Mayo Clinic having surgery on his throat. We are so thankful that all went well and that he can assemble with us again.

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Jane Leman

Bro. Willis Ehnle (Japan) blessed us with a Wednesday evening visit. In his sermon he reminded us that Godliness with contentment is great gain."

Marina Elsasser (Bro. Jordan and Sis. Sharon) was hospitalized for eye surgery.

### ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

Charlen Banwart

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122). We appreciate the opportunity for fellowship with students from our various churches as they attend schools of higher learning in our area. We welcome all the students and invite them to worship with us at our church at 702 E. Mumford in Urbana. Sunday services are held at 10:00 and 12:00. A Bible Class is held at the Illini Union on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during the school term. If the Union is unavailable this service is held at church. The presence of each brother, sister, or friend is a source of encouragement to us. Student officers for this year are: President, Bro. Clark Bauer (Princeville); Vice-President, Bro. Brad Gramm (Gridey); and Secretary-Treasurer, Sis. Kay Walder (Cissna Park). May the Lord bless their labors.

It is with great joy that we welcome Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence Leman and their family, who have moved to Charleston from the Elgin area. Their move has added five children to our small Sunday School, and we are grateful that the Lord has led them here.

More than 200 brethren and friends from near and far gathered at our church as former students

and past residents of the area attended a reunion on Aug. 6. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), who has faithfully served this area for more than 20 years, opened our services with a welcome and brief history of the Champaign-Urbana Church. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) ministered to us that day as did Bros. Steve Rinkenberger and Kenny Weerts (Cissna Park) and Bro. Bob Beebee (Bremen). We were advised to "walk humbly with thy God" as we seek to "brighten the corner where we are."

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

God's strength behind us and His arms beneath us are all we need for the task before us. To illustrate, there is the story of a little boy whose father found him one day trying to lift a heavy stone. The lad struggled long, completely unable to budge the boulder. Exhausted, he was ready to give up when his father asked thoughtfully, "Son, are you using all your strength?" "I sure am," he puffed. "No, you aren't," his father answered. "I've been standing here all the time and you haven't asked ME for help!"

Bro. Ed Alt and Ken Weerts, Cissna Park, IL, were our able providers in the Spirit on Wed., July 19. Bro. Wendell Gerber, Bluffton, IN, ministered to us on Sun., July 23, to our benefit. In our indebtedness, we pray that the Lord will be their rewarder. We are always overjoyed when one sheep returns to the fold. Our Hungarian friend, Sarah Adams, has, through interpretation, been able to start on the blessed road to repentance. We are delighted, too, that Bro. Paul and Sis. Millie Leman, their children, Bro. Jeff and Jill, are back home in the Chicago area. We also want to welcome Peggy Thomas from Peoria, IL. She is working as a C.P.A. and living in Arlington Heights.

God will supply that for which we have "knee'd." Bro. Dean, Sis. Jackie, and Sara Knobloch will soon move to Goodfield, IL. The song "Christian Friendship" (No. 91 in Hymns of Zion) was sung as a farewell to them and expresses our feelings about their stay in Chicago. Bro. Dean was an usher and trustee, and Sis. Jackie has given much help in Sunday School and Bible School. We will

miss them very much, but we feel the Lord has a purpose for them in their new area.

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to LeRoy and Elaline Sohn upon the death of his brother, Harry. Prayers and sincere wishes for speedy recoveries go to Sis. Olga Laubscher, whose arm was broken; Sis. Miriam Lockwood, who has suffered stroke damage; and Bro. Frank Fisher and Bela Slagel, who have been hospitalized.

"Hope for the best; prepare for the worst; take what comes with a smile and thanksgiving." (D. Jennings)

It has been said that the best family garden includes rows and rows of squash, turnips and lettuce. I don't care much for turnips and squash, nor do I like all kinds of lettuce. We're still working on bettering our family garden. How's yours?

#### THREE ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash selfishness.
2. Squash criticism.
3. Squash envy.

#### FOUR ROWS OF TURNIPS

1. Turn up for suppertime.
2. Turn up for fun-time.
3. Turn up for work-time.
4. Turn up for bedtime.

#### FIVE ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Let us love one another.
2. Let us trust one another.
3. Let us praise one another.
4. Let us discipline one another.
5. Let us believe in one another.

We sang hymn no. 225 in the Gospel Hymns recently. Reading it, listening to the resounding refrain, "Deliverance will come," was an inspiring antidote to our oft too fearful pessimism in these times.

When a contractor builds a structure, the foundation is laid, but the work is not even done when the last brick is laid. Someone must maintain the plumbing and the electricity, keep the edifice clean, and check its outside appearance periodically. How is our spiritual structure?

Someone once watched a woman with two children walk up to the River Ganges in India. One child was a robustly healthy child; the other pale, sickly, dying. In horror, as this person watched, the mother flung the healthy child into the river. When she was asked why she took such action, the mother

replied proudly, "We give our gods only the best."

We as Christians may be likened to a guided missile, which submits to continual correcting of its course, to keep it in the correct path. So must we submit in humility to Him, willing to be guided.

I have been told that unbelievers see only in black and white. Those who are converted see in color. So much is enhanced: seeing a rainbow takes on precious meaning; Christmas and Easter are alive with a new glow; feelings when a loved one starts repenting are no longer two-fold—it's all joy. When we remember the individuality of each snowflake, of each person's fingerprints, read that laser beams passed through precious diamonds, and that other gems reveal that each has a dot pattern like no other, we rejoice anew. Truly we of God's family may look at our world as through a kaleidoscope. Through sorrow and joy, disappointment and rejoicing in our lives, the center on which we are fixed remains unchanged.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

**Marilyn Knapp  
Judy Bauer**

We are thankful to have had Bros. Frederick Knapp (Congerville), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), and Raymond Roth (Kiowa) share God's Word with us this month.

Sis. Lena Rentsch passed away Aug. 2 at the Fairbury Hospital. Our sympathy goes to her sisters, Hulda Rentsch of Fairbury, Sis. Rose Sauder of Roanoke, and Mary Lawless of Peoria.

Bro. Clarence Rudin and Emily Geyer were surgical patients. We're happy to say that they are home again. Kate and Fred Enz, Immanuel Feller, Bro. Jack Funk, and Bro. John Lackey are medical patients. We pray that the Lord will bless them, even through illness. Bro. Junior Feller lost the tip of a finger at work.

Bros. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Paul Fehr (Morris) were with us to assist in the provings and baptisms of Pam Walder (Bro. Lester and Sis. Dorothy) and Joyce Young (Roland and Mary Ann). We rejoice with them and wish them God's grace to finish this walk they have begun. Bros. Bob Walder (Congerville) and Art Bauerer (Princeville)

were also with us for this important occasion.

Morris and Patty Young are the proud parents of their first child, Nichols Lee, born Aug. 8. The grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Arlene Stock and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young. Sis. Kathryn Martin is the maternal great-grandmother.

Now is the time when students and teachers return to school for a new year. Both have a great responsibility.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

**Judy Wettstein  
Gay Knapp**

We were privileged to have many ministering brothers visit our congregation: Bro. Earl Gerber, Forrest; Bro. Charles Sauder, Tremont; Bro. Harold Schmidgall, Gridley; and our dear Elder Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury. Many good teachings were brought to us. If we could only retain all of what these dear brothers teach us, our understanding would truly be great.

Another precious bundle has arrived to bless the home of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Judy Wettstein. (Editor's note: Congratulations, Judy!) Aug. 2, little Robert Paul was welcomed home by Rhonda, Michele, Peggy, Rachel, and Brian. The grandparents are Bro. John Wettstein, Eureka, and Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach, Tremont.

Hospital patients have been Sis. LuAnn Zobrist and Bro. Richard Hasty. Both had major surgery and are doing well. We are so thankful that they are again able to assemble with us.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

**Ruth Ann Getz**

This new being now arises,  
Having died with Christ before;  
What in Adam's fall had perished  
Christ the Saviour did restore.  
Dearest Child, We bid thee welcome  
In our blessed brotherhood;  
From the wild tree thou art grafted  
On this holy tree and root.

Hymn No. 34, **Zion's Harp**

Our new Sister in Christ, Sue Schifferer (daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Pat), was able to bring her testimony of faith in the redemptive power of our Lord and Saviour before the congregation on July 29. She then submitted herself to baptism and laying on of hands

of the presbytery on July 30, to complete the work of salvation. How gracious our Lord is to still be calling men to recognize their soul's need of a Saviour.

Also on July 29 and 30, Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger and Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Schifferer hosted the soldier reunion, involving our brothers who served in the Armed Forces from 1965 to 1970. Approximately 205, including brothers and their families, were guests for that reunion. Among those sharing in the blessings of that weekend were ministering brethren Gary Maibach (Rittman) and Roy Grimm (Taylor), who brought us teachings from the Holy Scriptures.

Other visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Earl Banwart (West Bend) and Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop).

God saw fit to call our dear Bro. Gerald Kellenberger home Aug. 6 after an extended illness. Our heart-felt sympathy and compassion goes out to Sis. Marilyn and her family in their bereavement. How fortunate a people we are to have a Lord that has promised to comfort. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (St. Matt. 5:4) May that comfort continue to give peace to the heart.

Sis. Marilyn wishes to thank everyone for the many deeds of kindness extended to them during Gerry's illness and during their bereavement. May God bless each and everyone for the many cards, gifts of love, and prayers offered in their behalf.

God has entrusted the care and keeping of new little Jamie Kay, born Aug. 16, to Bro. Roger and Sis. Karen Weiss. Jamie has an older brother, Ryan, to welcome her. The grandparents are Charles and Shirley Joos and Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Weiss.

Sis. Rose Goll would like to thank each one who remembered her with cards, gifts, and prayers while she was in the hospital and rest home. She also would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts she received on her birthday.

Loved ones hospitalized since our last report have been Sis. Lydia Messerschmidt, Sis. Marie Kimball, Sis. Emma Moser, Sis. Marie Foell, and Bro. Herman Haas.

**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE****Louise Ella Akel**

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Jim Hoerr from Peoria. A sprinkling of visiting sisters and brothers in faith made our summer interesting. They provided the fellowship we seek.

Caroline Akel returned from Hungary, as did Mrs. John Hejja (pronounced Hey'-ya') after being married in Budapest to a dear brother in faith. The marriage was a necessary step, taken so that John could be granted a visa. The church ceremony will be performed in the Ft. Lauderdale church after his arrival, which is supposed to be around Christmas time. We are anxious to welcome him.

Bro. Ed Gerber is in the hospital for tests. He was in intensive care and is getting ready to undergo tests to see if he needs surgery for his heart. May God keep watch over him and comfort his family.

Bro. Krent and Bieta's little girl, Amy, had a cast on her leg. Sunday she showed up with a black eye. She was hit on the nose with an object. It reminded me of the time we visited Rockville, Conn. We were living in New Jersey. When we left on our trip, both girls, Caroline and Gloria, had black eyes. One was hit with a swing and the other was the target of a visiting nephew. We never know what tomorrow will bring—perhaps the Lord's return.

A big thank you to all who sent cards to Caroline while she was in Hungary. May God bless each and every one in the whole world who calls upon His Holy name in truth and sincerity. We (the Akel family) want to also thank the elders and ministers who labored in Caroline's behalf.

**ILLINOIS, EUREKA****Melba Mangold**

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Sis. Lorene Fischer and Bro. Wm. Wiegand of Washington were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Leroy Huber. Sis. Lorene had worked at the "Home" for a number of years; we will miss her, as they will be attending the Washington church. We hope that they will have many happy years together.

We have reason to rejoice over our new converts who have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Neil & Lisa Gerber, formerly of Latty, Ohio. His parents are Bro. Roger & Sis. Eunice Gerber of Latty. Neil is employed in Peoria, and they have been assembling with us. We know God will be near those who earnestly seek Him.

Lonny and Kandy Kupferschmid are the parents of a new baby girl, Kylee Sue, born Aug. 12. She has two sisters, Kim and Kayleen, and a brother, Brent, to welcome her home. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura Kupferschmid and Mrs. Caeser Klaus, Jr., all of Eureka, are the grandparents.

On Aug. 13 many friends and relatives witnessed the wedding vows of Bro. Paul Schmidgall and Sis. Chris Rocke. Bro. Leroy had the marriage service. Their parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy Schmidgall and Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke. We wish the new couple God's richest blessings as they begin their new life together. Among the visitors this day were ministering Bros. Andy Virkler, Bay City, Harold Schmidgal, Gridley, Ill., Ed Knecht, Silverton, Oregon, Joe Stoller, Princeville, and Joe Schrock, Congerville. We enjoyed all of the visitors and hope that they will come again.

Being in the area of the church conference in Tremont, we were privileged to have a number of visiting ministers with us on Wednesday evening, Aug. 16; they were Bros. Al Schneider of Rockville, Sam Huber, Sabetha, Loren Strahm, Gridley, Ks., and Wm. Gerst, Alto. Again we wished we could have had time to hear all of of them. In his sermon, Bro. Al stressed that salvation is so simple that many stumble at finding it, and that the Word of God will judge us, either now, when we can still repent and be converted, or at the judgement day when it will be too late. It is up to us.

**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY****Joyce Huber**

Bro. Steve & Sis. Jill Marie Roth are parents of a new daughter, Amy Marie. She has a sister, Erica, and brother Matthew. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth, Arizona, and Bro. and Sis. Roger Isch of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Henry Maurer and Sis. Carrie Roth. We are sorry

that Steve and Jill and their family will be leaving us, for they will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona, Sept. 1.

"Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." Psalm 116:7 was read as Bro. Eli Moser, 75, was suddenly called to his eternal rest. Just a few days previous, his daughter Karen, from Texas, had come to spend some time with her parents. During her visit, Eli mentioned to her that he was at peace with God and was ready to die. He was a well-known and well-loved friend to many. Bro. Roy Wieland and Bro. Alfred Bahler ministered at the funeral. Surviving are: his wife, Sis. Bertha (Stiedinger); one son, Robert; two daughters, Shirley Irion and Karen Wagner; five sisters, Sis. Fannie Maurer, Sis. Gertrude, Sis. Lavina, Sis. Viola and Ollie Stiedinger; three brothers, Bro. Walter, Silas, and Menno; and eight grandchildren.

Sis. Mary Beth Maurer and Sis. Janice Nussbaum returned home from a 17-day trip to Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. They had many interesting experiences, including beholding the midnight sun at the Arctic Circle.

Sis. Mary and Sis. Mary Mae Traub took a trip to Europe, visiting Mary's daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Everett Martin and family. Together they visited a few countries and experienced many interesting things.

Sis. Lorene Broquard, Sis. Lena Broquard, Sis. Edna Stoller, and Sis. Christa Huber were on the Apostolic Christian Heritage tour to Europe and returned from a most enjoyable trip.

Bro. Ezra Miller had surgery, Kathy Walter had knee surgery, and Sam Steffen, son of Bro. Earl Steffen, was hospitalized.

We were happy to have Bro. Gary Maibach present with us and to have him minister to us.

**ILLINOIS, FORREST****Kathryn Steidinger****Beverly Eisenmann**

Friends and relatives gathered with us to share a joyous occasion when Sis. Shelly Zimmerman (Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Ray Steidinger (Bro. Ivan and Sis. Kathryn) were united in marriage. Ministering brothers who were with us were Bros. Merle Kaisner and Art Bahler from Fairbury.



Other brothers who shared the Word with us were Vernon Schwab (Wolcott) and Earl Banwart (West Bend).

Bro. Roy Metz recently observed his 90th birthday. He was quite active before he suffered from a stroke. Even now he gets around quite well, with a little help.

God has sent a precious bundle into the home of our converts, Mark and LaVerne Aberle. They have named him Shane Douglas. Shelly and Jamie are his sister and brother. His grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Jean Aberle.

Kristi Knapp (Bro. Glen and Sis. Laura) was recently hospitalized with pneumonia. Other patients have been Sara Stoller (Bro. Greg & Sis. Jill), Brian Schrof (Vernon and Angela), and Bro. Bill Kupferschmid. Wayne Cox (Sis. Bernice) broke his leg at work. Bro. Ed Bach has been dismissed from the hospital and is now residing at the Roanoke Home.

Our sympathy goes to Sis. Lydia and Sis. Lucille Sohn in the death of their son and brother, Harry, who was called from life at the age of 36. His wife and four young children are residing at Kankakee.

Some of our aged ones must wait until God sees fit to take them Home; then, how thankful we are when He comes so gently and takes them by the hand from their weary journey to the Fatherland. Our own mother (Katie Gerber Schaffer) just recently passed away at the age of 92. Since she made her home with us (your reporter, Kathryn, and husband, Ivan) we really miss her, but we are thankful that she could go home.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter

Be not anxious about tomorrow. Do today's duty, fight today's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things which you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them.

Charles Kingsley

For life seems so little when life is past,  
And the memories of sorrow flee so fast.  
And the woes which were bitter to you and to me,  
Shall vanish as raindrops which fall in the sea;

And all that has hurt us shall be made good,  
And the puzzles which hindered be understood,  
And the long hard march through the wilderness bare  
Seem but a day's journey when once we are there.

Susan Coolidge

Our hospital patients this past month have been Bro. Lynn Fischer; Kristine Rokey, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ken and Phyllis; Nathan Kloter, son of Bro. Barry; Lori Rinkenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe and Irene; and Sis. Katie Heinold.

A baby boy, Joshua David, was born to Dave and Pat Kuntz, R. R., Congerville on June 22. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wilbur and Mildred Heinold, Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kuntz, Congerville.

Bro. and Sis. Don and Peg Heinold, Eureka, had a baby girl on July 29. They have named her Megan Joy, and her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Mary Helen Heinold, Deer Creek, and Bro. and Sis. John and Dorothy Bittner, Eureka.

A baby girl, Janell Elain, was born to Melvin and Marilyn Blunier, Congerville, on Aug. 15. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Underwood, Eureka and Bro. and Sis. Harold and Emma Blunier, Roanoke.

Bob and Marcella Scheiler, Deer Creek, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Steve Clarkson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Clarkson, Mackinaw. A September wedding is being planned.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Gene Metzger, Lester, and Jim Rinkenberger, Bluffton. We thank them for their efforts of love.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. Another dear soul has turned his back on the world and the pleasures of sin which do not last, and instead has embraced the glorious gospel of salvation which promises us unending joy in the presence of our Lord if we remain faithful to Him. Stan Ringger, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary has repented

for his sins and has found peace with God. He gave his testimony of faith and was baptized Aug. 20. We were glad to have ministering Bro. Jim Leman from Roanoke with us for the occasion.

Bro. Jim Sauder (Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis) from Roanoke and Sis. Jennifer Gramm (Bro. Art and Sis. Ruth) from our congregation have become engaged. May God richly bless them in their future lives together.

Fred Hany, 75, passed away on Aug. 3 after being hospitalized for eight days. Our sympathy is extended to his five sons, three daughters, and five brothers who survive and will no doubt miss their father and brother.

Beverly Ringger, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Dorothy, was united in marriage with Dennis Keim on Aug. 12.

Jake Ringger, Bro. Perry Klopfenstein, and Connie Gramm, daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane, were in the hospital.

We were richly blessed by the visits of ministering brothers Robert Miller of Portland, Ore.; Glenn Hackenjos of Altadena, Calif.; and Clarence Dietrich of Silverton, Ore. Our hearts were touched by their messages of truth and love.

It gives us courage to know that, thousands of miles away from us, these brethren of like mind and faith are holding up the banner of righteousness.

### ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Deanna Marti

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14)

Our summer vacation is over, and another school year has begun. We are looking forward to another year of gaining knowledge, but, it is much more important that we look forward to the spiritual growth we receive. We are looking forward to the knowledge we gain when we hear God's Word read on Thursday evenings. We are looking forward to the precious fellowship we have with our brothers and sisters. We are simply looking forward to another year of serving our Lord.

This month we were privileged and thankful to have Bro. Edward

Kloter of Goodfield, Bro. Earl Gerber of Forrest, Bro. Steve Rinkenberger of Cissna Park, and Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley with us.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

#### Joann Roecker

We were blessed and privileged to have the following visiting ministers during the last two months: Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Bremen; Walt Anliker, Eureka; Leroy Huber, Eureka; Richard Schuback, Phoenix; Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski; Ronald Allenbach, Kiowa; and Ben Maibach, Detroit.

Looking over the past two months we can truly see the many blessings we have received. Jason Erik was born July 6 to Bro. Hans and Sis. Cathy Schuon. The grandparents are Bro. Karl and Sis. Elsa Schuon and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fahlberg.

Alan and Sheri Bliss also became parents of Heather Lynn. Seven-year-old Jennifer welcomed her home. Bro. Levi and Sis. Marie Schock and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bliss are Heather's grandparents.

Aug. 4, Nickolaus was born to Keith and Marcie Roeschley. His grandparents are Sis. Mabel Roeschley and the late Ray Roeschley and Mrs. Don Elward and the late Barrett Coddington.

Megan Kay brought joy to Bro. Mike and Sis. Sue Zimmerman on Aug. 14. Her grandparents are Russ and Sis. LaVina Zimmerman and Bro. Earl and Sis. Catherine Steffen of Elgin, Illinois.

Our congratulations go to six couples who were married during July and August. We wish them God's blessings. On July 2, Bro. Paul Plattner and Sis. Susan Hoerr were united in holy matrimony. Bro. Jake and Sis. Bernice Plattner and Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Eldora Hoerr are their parents.

July 8 was chosen by Paul Rapp and Kari Jensen for their marriage. Their parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Deloris Rapp and Mrs. Walter Lenz and the late Arthur Jensen.

Bro. Jon Rocke and Sis. Jolene Steffen were united in holy matrimony on July 9. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Opal and Sis. Eleanor and the late Bro. Elmer Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, are their parents.

Aug. 6 was the marriage of Bro. Scott Schafer and Sis. Gigi Powley. Parents of this couple are Bro. Maurice and Sis. Alice Schafer and

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powley.

David Barth and Elaine Ackerman were united in marriage on Aug. 12. Bro. John and Sis. Ersel of Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman are their parents.

Aug. 13 was chosen by Bro. Ted Hirstein and Sis. Joyce Belsley for their marriage. The couple's parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Mabel Belsley and Harold and Sis. Louise Hirstein.

As we see these young couples begin their new lives together, we take this opportunity to extend our special congratulations to Bro. Harry and Sis. Bert Getz and Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Binkele on their 50th wedding anniversaries.

On July 30, dedication services were held on the lawn for Restmor Nursing Home. Our church acquired Restmor on Apr. 1.

Sis. Kathryn Ackerman, 92, died July 4. Services were July 7. She was the last living member of her family.

We are happy to welcome Bro. Mike and Sis. Michelle Rauch and their daughter, Nicole, to our congregation. They are coming to us from Bluffton, Ind.

On the hospital list for the past two months were: Sis. Milly Zimmerman, Bro. Joe Witzig, Sis. Lois Aberle, Henry Beyer, Sis. Dorothy Witzig, Bro. John Zimmerman, Bro. Frank Bauman, Bro. Sam Staker, Henry Schock, Janet Simpson, Bro. Levi Ricketts, and Paige Kahler, daughter of Roger and Connie Kahler.

We would like to announce that Henry and Sis. Salome Beyer are now residing at Restmor Nursing Home.

Bro. Sam Staker wishes to thank everyone who remembered him with prayers, visits, and cards during his stay in the hospital. He asked God to bless each one of you.

Janet (Kilgus) Simpson also wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with flowers, gifts, cards, and prayers during her stay in hospital.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

#### Mary Sue Rieker - Diane Hohulin

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

It is strengthening to know that God is still calling souls to repentance and that the door of Grace is still open. On July 26 we heard the

testimony and witnessed the baptism of Clara Frank.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (Mark 10:7-9)

Bro. Tom Schmidgall from Morris and Sis. Ruth Hoerr (daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr) were united in marriage on July 23. We were privileged to have two ministers with us that day from Morris. Bro. Harold Gramm preached in the morning and Bro. Floyd Schmidgall in the afternoon.

Joanne Hoerr (daughter of Bro. Oscar and Sis. Mildred Hoerr) was united in marriage to George Hicks on July 23.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Dana Meister are the parents of a little boy, Nickoles John. He is welcomed by Edward Byron.

Two souls were chosen by God to be called out of this world, Bro. Jake Simon and Sis. Lena Fautz. We express our sympathy to their families.

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Emma Leman, Sis. Mary Huter, Sis. Hulda Streitmatter, Sis. Hulda Plattner, Bro. George Rauhaus, and Mark Causey (son of Bro. Rod and Sis. Simon Causey).

We had several visiting ministers with us this month: Bro. Noah Herman, Phoenix; Bro. John Wagler, Huntsville; and Bro. Doug Sabo, Sarasota. We enjoyed the messages that they brought to us.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

#### Ruth Ricketts

Our thoughts and prayers were with our beloved elders and ministers who gathered to share and discuss the concerns and problems of the church. How thankful we are to have concerned brothers who freely give of themselves for the benefit of us all. We should obediently obey the teachings and doctrines set forth that have proven beneficial for so many years. Let us not want to change anything, but cling to that which has been sufficient for all those who have gone before us. We look forward to the visitors who are planning to worship with us.

Our dear Sister, Emma Asal, has needed more eye surgery to try to

alleviate the pressure, but sorry to say, she still has pain. Her sight is not being regained as she had anticipated. Our thoughts and prayers are with her, and we trust that she will look to the Lord from where all her help comes.

The family of Lena Fautz wishes to extend sincere thanks to their friends, neighbors, and relatives for the memorials, flowers, cards, and deeds of kindness shown at the time of her death. All was deeply appreciated.

We extend our sympathy to the Baer families in the passing of their sister.

I previously wrote that the son of Jerry Endress was born July 25. The correct date is July 27.

**ILLINOIS, ROANOKE**

**Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel**

We welcome Sis. Cindy Walker into our fellowship. She gave her testimony and was baptized Wednesday evening, July 12.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 23 at the Eureka 4H Park.

Sis. Julie Hodel (Ed and Helen) and Bro. Daryl Wagenbach (Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty Wagenbach) of Princeville announced their engagement this month. They are planning a November wedding.

Sis. Peggy Zimmerman (Bro. Rich and Sis. Helen) and Bro. Tim Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara) have announced their engagement. They are planning an October wedding.

"It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Gen. 2:18. Bro. John Wiegand (Bro. Morris and Sis. Lena) and Sis. Mary Farney were united in holy marriage, July 23.

Camille Fehr (Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen) and Michael Leary (Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leary) were united as husband and wife in our fellowship hall, July 27. May God bless these two young couples in the future.

Elder Bros. David Bertsch and Ed Hohulin and Bros. Uriel Gehring and Tom Leman were our visiting ministers this month.

Two little babies arrived this month. Rachel Ann Sauder was born to Les and Pam. She has three little sisters, Michille, Candice, and Heather. Pat Rocke and Bro. Curtis and Sis. Edna Sauder are the grandparents.

Matthew Jay was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Jan Sauder. He has two brothers to help care for him and love him, Bradley and Nathan. Bro. Howard and Sis. Edith Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Tino Monge are the grandparents. Sis. Mae Sauder and Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman are the great-grandparents.

Sis. Lena Martin is hospitalized at this time.

Congratulations go to Bro. John Mangold who celebrated his birthday. He is 89.

**ILLINOIS, TREMONT**

**Dorothy Wagenbach  
Lydia Rassi**

If a single fervent prayer  
Of a soul prevailing  
On the tender heart of God  
Brings its fruit unailing,  
How much more, Is in store,  
When whole congregations  
Bring their supplications?

Author Unknown

It was a privilege for our congregation to host the Brotherhood Conference this year. Many brethren from across our nation and Japan were gathered together on Aug. 18. May we always be obedient children so that our elders can feel our prayers and support.

Bro. Dean Beutel (Bro. David and Sis. Eunice) injured his left hand at work, requiring a cast. He also had surgery on his right hand.

Kerri Prather (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carolyn) also fractured two fingers in a fall.

Halo Koch (Bro. Cleo) is a surgical patient at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. May all those that have bodily afflictions feel God's nearness and healing power.

Bro. David Steiner, Jr., and Bro. Bruce Sauder were chosen to be our new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Harlan Bollinger was chosen to be a trustee. May these brothers always look to God for the needed help and grace.

Bro. Bill Dotterer of Phoenix, Arizona, and Bro. Norbert Steiner of Croghan, New York, were our visiting ministers. We were reminded that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We thank the brothers for their visits.

We wish to thank Sis. Mary Jane Leuthold for her efforts and diligence in reporting the Silver Lining News. May God richly bless her efforts.

**ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON**

**Valerie Kipfer  
Linda Ziegenhorn**

The moon reflects light from the sun. Likewise we should be a reflection of our Lord. The more obedient we walk, the brighter our light will be.

All were saddened by the death of Bro. Jacob Simon. He was a brother to Edna Simon, Sis. Emily Simon, Sis. Martha Simon, and Bro. Henry Simon. We offer our deepest sympathy to the family. The Simon family wishes to express their heartfelt and sincere thanks to all who expressed their sympathy and showed love and kindness at the death of their brother.

We are thankful for our many visiting ministers who took time to visit us and deliver God's Word. They are Bros. Kenneth Dietz, Roy Sauder, Kenneth Hoerr, Marvin Schmidgall, Marvin Stieglitz, Joe Schrock, Fred Knapp, Earl Banwart, Byron Stoller, Bill Dotterer, and Walter Anliker.

One need look only a short distance to see the many blessings our Lord has given us this season. The crops are doing well, and all the land is lush and green. We thank God for His goodness.

**INDIANA, BLUFFTON**

**Connie Troxel  
Teresa Fiechter**

Take me and break me and make me, dear God,  
Just what you want me to be—  
Give me the strength to accept what you send  
And eyes with the vision to see  
All the small arrogant ways that I have  
And the vain little things that I do.  
Make me aware that I'm often concerned  
More with myself than with you. . .  
Teach me to humbly start following  
The path that the dear Savior trod  
So I'll find at the end of life's journey  
"A Home in the City of God."  
Helen Steiner Rice

We have had several hospital patients for whom we have been praying: Bro. Ray Gerber, Sis. Lillian Gerber, Sis. Lela Meyer (Robert), Bro. Herman Drayer, Bro. Herman Strahm, Bro. Steve Reinhard, Sis. Esther Geisel (Olen), Janel Frank (three-year-old daugh-

ter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy Frank), Bro. Paul Baumgartner, and Fanny Kipfer.

A couple of weddings were held in our fellowship hall this month. Jackie Gerber (Bro. Lenny and Sis. Nancy) and Rick Jenkins were united in marriage on Aug. 5. On August 12, Ann Herely (Bro. Simon "Pete" and Sis. Delores) and Dick Nowakowski vowed to give their lives to each other. May God bless them as they journey onward together!

We thank the visiting ministers who have shared their fellowship in preaching God's Word with us—Bro. Glen Hackenjos of Altadena, Bro. Bill Dotterer of Tucson, Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale, Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, and Bro. Ken Indermuhle of Sardis.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kathy Rauch have been blessed with a new daughter, their first, Rachel Elon. Randy and Kathy Shriver welcomed home, along with young Josh, a new little girl, Melissa Ann. As we look at these small babies and realize how fast they will grow up, it seems that each is silently saying that he is a promise, or a possibility, or a big bundle of potentiality.

### INDIANA, BREMEN

**Norma Leman  
Laurie Sutter**

"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalms 119:11)

These words were made real to us by Bro. Shandor Bako from Akron, Ohio, during our church meeting on July 21-23. Bro. Shandor spoke on his sufferings that brought him nearer to his heavenly goal. His knowledge and memorization of the Word brought comfort to him.

On July 30, funeral services were held for our dear Bro. Silas Laidig. Our sympathy is extended to his family. We want to thank our visiting ministers for sharing their love and concern with us.

Sis. Minnie Zeltwanger was hospitalized this month for surgery. We pray God's blessings upon her as she recovers.

Many of us from our Bremen congregation attended the wedding of Bro. Doug Suttor from here, and Sis. Brenda Grant of Lexington, Ky. We pray God will direct their future together.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil

speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:31, 32)

### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE

**Linda Gutwein  
Sharon Neihouser**

Our dear Sis. Ella Yaggie passed away on July 30. Funeral services were held by the local ministers on Aug. 1. Surviving is one brother, Bro. Joe Yaggie, and several nieces and nephews. She was born at Eureka, Illinois, on Mar. 15, 1898. She lived in Francesville since 1912. May God comfort the family in the loss of their loved one.

The weekend of Aug. 5-6 was a blessed one for our congregation. We heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of seven dear friends who are now our brothers and sisters in Christ. We welcome into our fellowship Bro. Dick Overmeyer, Bro. Roger Overmeyer and his wife, Sis. Janet, (sons and daughter-in-law of Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda), Bro. Todd Gudeman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois), Sis. Delores Topp (Louise Topp), and Bro. Bob Cook and his wife, Sis. Debbie Cook (son and daughter-in-law of Herb and Sis. Suzanne). That Sunday evening we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion and be reminded again of the price that was paid for our salvation. Visiting us for the weekend were Bros. Joe Schrock (Congerville), Ed Frank (LaCrosse), Edwin Bahler (Remington), Orville Ringger (Bluffton), and Alfred Bahler (Wolcott).

Rick and Judy Wuethrich welcome a baby daughter, Chariti Jo. She has one brother, Brandon. Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola Wuethrich are the grandparents.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Margaret Gudeman and Sis. Priscilla Anliker.

The engagement of Sis. Wendy Gudeman (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella) to Bro. John Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene) was announced. We wish them God's richest blessings.

### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

**Pam Frank - Lynn Klopfenstein**

It seems that the summer goes by so quickly. The school year will soon begin. Sis. Patsy Pfister will

be starting nursing school this fall, and her sister, Joan, has begun work and is living in the Indianapolis area. Bro. Dave Baumgartner will be teaching in Connersville and attending church here.

God has richly blessed us with visitors this summer, and we hope they will visit us again.

### INDIANA, LA CROSSE

**Lois Bucher - Grace Heinold**

On June 25, a sweet baby girl was born to Dale and Mary Ann (Troxel) Fisher. She is their first child, and they have named her Tracy Anne. Grandparents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fisher.

Our Sunday School picnic was held on July 23. Sunday School will be on vacation until after Labor Day.

Sis. Henrietta Heininger is now living at Parkview Haven in Francesville. We wish her much happiness there.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Sam Clauss, Lance Bucher (Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol), and Sis. Esther Hitz. I am glad to report that all are home again and able to be back with us in church.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Andy Virkler, Bill Schlatter, and Marvin Schmidgall (on July 29), and Bros. Bert Butikofer and Wayne Anliker (on Aug. 6). We thank each one for their labors of love.

### INDIANA, LEO

**Mrs. Al Frautschi  
Mrs. Phil Schlatter**

Visiting ministers bringing Words of Life were: Bros. Merrill Laukhuf and Ray Sinn, Latty, and Ernest Graf, Akron.

Returned from a recent hospital stay are Stephanie Frautschi, Claudia Kizer, and Bro. Gary Garman.

Bro. Lester Pulver of this congregation and Sis. Adulah Rinehard, Bluffton, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

Bro. Terry and Sis. Mary Farney with their two small daughters, Amy and Shara, left Aug. 15 to make their home in Kansas. The following few lines entitled "The Pleasant Mile" express our sentiments about their departure. It is printed with apologies to the author, whose name we were unable to locate.

People come into our lives  
 And walk with us a mile,  
 And then because of circumstances  
 They only stay awhile.  
 They serve a need within the days  
 That move so quickly by,  
 And then are gone beyond our  
 reach—  
 We often wonder why.  
 God only knows the reasons that  
 We meet and share a smile—  
 Why some people come into our  
 lives  
 And walk with us a mile.

We can only say thank you for  
 their labor of love and leadership  
 in the opening years of the Child-  
 ren's Home; for God alone is the  
 true Rewarder.

Dear readers, here are a few  
 thoughts which may help you  
 brighten the corner where you are:  
 Happiness is in giving; not in  
 taking.

There are a hundred languages in  
 the world, but a smile speaks all of  
 them.

A cheerful heart makes its own  
 blue sky.

Kindness is the language the  
 deaf can hear and the blind can  
 see.

Every person is worth under-  
 standing.

A small deed well done is far  
 grander than the most sincere in-  
 tention never carried out.

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

Sandy Beer  
 Paula Haab

In God's Word we are instructed  
 not to forsake the assembling of  
 ourselves. We really felt the bless-  
 ing of this when so many visitors  
 felt it worthwhile to assemble with  
 us this past month. The Lord al-  
 lowed His servants, Bros. Cleo  
 Rinkenberger from Pulaski, Kenny  
 Knapp from Taylor, Frederick  
 Knapp from Congerville, and Wil-  
 lis Ehnle from Japan to minister to  
 us. Even though they came from  
 great distances, they all brought  
 the same gospel message (to be  
 born again) and encouraged us to  
 stay true to our faith 'till our life's  
 end.

Bros. Henry Beer and Jess Habb  
 and Sis. Aldene Reimschisel were  
 hospitalized. We are so glad God's  
 will was to restore them to their  
 homes and church.

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#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Amelia Schini  
 Mildred Clauss

Every day the Lord Himself is near  
 me  
 With a special mercy for each  
 hour;  
 All my cares He fain would bear,  
 and cheer me,  
 He whose name is Counselor and  
 Power.

Author Unknown

Surely we petition the Lord's  
 nearness for our loved ones who  
 have been ill. Bro. Harold and Sis.  
 Marie Schieler are patients in Jas-  
 per County Hospital. Sis. Marie  
 spent a few days in cardiac care,  
 but she and Bro. Harold are now  
 sharing a room. Scott Steffen (son  
 of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille) is also  
 a patient in the same hospital. Bro.  
 Harold Waibel recently underwent  
 surgery but is now home and get-  
 ting along well.

Bro. Eldon and Sis. Charlene  
 Getz were blessed with a baby boy,  
 Andrew Philip, on Aug. 3. Mattew  
 and Jason are his happy and help-  
 ful brothers! Sis. Eliza Getz and  
 Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emilie Anliker  
 are his grandparents.

We were thankful for the efforts  
 of Bro. Vernon Schwab, who so  
 kindly brought us the "wonderful  
 words of life" on Sunday after-  
 noon, Aug. 6.

#### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Marie Heinold

Oh, that men would praise the  
 Lord for His goodness, and for His  
 wonderful works to the children of  
 men. Ps. 107: 8, 21,31.

What a great privilege to hear  
 two souls express their love for  
 Jesus—what He has done for them  
 —and make their vows to stay true  
 until life's end. Baptisms of Mrs.  
 Nancy Bunn and Marcia Schmeck-  
 pepper were on Aug. 13 with elders  
 Don Sauder and Ed Frank here for  
 this work. We also partook of the  
 Holy Sacrament, Communion.

We are thankful also for the la-  
 bors of ministering brethren Har-  
 old Zeltwanger and Don Gudeman  
 this past month.

With sad hearts we bid farewell  
 to Bro. John Reinhard as he is  
 giving up his teaching career here  
 in Valparaiso schools to go back  
 to Bluffton where he feels the Lord  
 has led him. He and Sis. Pam Yerg-  
 ler plan to be married Oct. 8. We

will miss Bro. John, but we are  
 thankful for all his love and all he  
 did for the church while he was  
 here.

Kind friend, I wish for you  
 A package of courage  
 A bag of good humor  
 A mountain of wisdom  
 A sea of smiles  
 Quick eyes to see much  
 Soft words to turn away wrath  
 An antidote against the virus of  
 self-love  
 Blocks of steadfastness which  
 bend not  
 Sealed vaults to bury faults of  
 friends  
 An unafraid heart to tell how Christ  
 can save  
 A tongue wherein the law of kind-  
 ness ever dwells—  
 Peace.

Ruby Wagner

#### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel Widmer

#### FAITH

Faith is not merely praying  
 Upon our knees at night,  
 Faith is not merely straying  
 Through darkness into light,  
 Faith is not merely waiting  
 For glory that may be—  
 Faith is the brave endeavor,  
 The strength to serve, whatever  
 Conditions may arise.

Author Unknown

Bro. Sam Furrer, recently in-  
 volved in an accident, wishes to  
 thank everyone for their prayers,  
 cards and visits during his hospital  
 stay. He is home now and on the  
 road to recovery.

On Aug. 6 we rejoiced at the an-  
 nouncement of the engagement of  
 Bro. Jon Schwab and Sis. Wendy  
 Gudeman (Francesville). They plan  
 a December wedding. We wish them  
 Godspeed.

Returning to college this fall  
 will be Neal Widmer, Sis. Susie  
 Lehman, and Sheli Furrer. Sheli  
 will be a freshman at St. Elizabeth  
 Hospital School of Nursing. Sis.  
 Connie Schieler has changed her  
 residence to Lafayette.

Purdue services will begin Aug.  
 31. We hope that many will have  
 the desire and time to be with us.

#### IOWA, BURLINGTON

Mayme Gerst - Judy Gehring

We were very happy to have Bro.  
 Sam Huber, Sabetha, with us. It  
 was a blessed day. May God bless

him richly for bringing us this precious Word.

It was good to see Sis. Beth Reiman back in church again. She had the misfortune of breaking her hip some time ago and has been absent for quite awhile. She still has the walker but is hoping to soon walk without it. We never know who we will see when we go to church. Although we never met before, we do not feel like strangers. May we always have that blessed fellowship and be "of one mind."

It was quite a privilege to be one of the group on the Apostolic Christian Heritage tour. We met in Chicago, and although we hadn't all known each other, we soon got acquainted. We flew directly to Frankfurt, leaving at 6:00 in the evening. With only four hours of darkness and dinner to eat during that time, we had very little sleep. With all of the excitement we forgot about being tired.

We went on to Salsburg and to the church at Hallein on Sunday. The members live close by and go home for lunch, but, hearing of our coming, they prepared a delicious lunch for us. Heinrich Mueller, who suffered much for his faith, is the elder. His son-in-law is studying English and did some translating. The church was filled, and our tour director stayed, enjoying the fellowship, too. He understood German. Everyone could feel the love there.

Another special day was when we went to Froehlich's grave. He was the founder of our church. (We read just recently how much he had to suffer for his faith.) The drizzling rain didn't stop us as we went with umbrellas and rain caps. Elder Bro. Dave Keiser read fitting scriptures in II Cor. 13, 11: "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the love and peace shall be with you. . ." In the prayer it was said that we hope to meet in heaven. There were quite a few young folks on our bus, and there was much beautiful singing as we drove. It would be hard to describe the beauty as we journeyed to the Swiss Alps via St. Gotthard pass, crossing into Lucerne and to Mt. Pilatus. Traveling with loved ones of like mind who believe in God is an experience hard to explain.

#### LIVING BY GRACE

Grace is doing kindnesses for another that he doesn't deserve, has-

n't earned, could not ask for, and can't repay. Its main facets are beauty, kindness, gratitude, charm, favor, and thankfulness. Grace offers man what he cannot do for himself. The unwritten creed of many is that God is under obligation to them, but Grace suggests that we are under obligation to God. To live in that consciousness is to live by Grace. Living by Grace is costly; it means sharing. It has no meaning apart from a spirit of self-sacrifice that prompts the soul to think more of giving than of receiving, of caring for others, rather than for one's self.

#### IOWA, ELGIN

##### Eleanor Butikofer

We have strong hints of the approaching autumn. Already, the roadsides are lined with Queen Anne's lace, and purple asters are rampant. We see small flocks of birds assembling and have kept a wire basket supplied with suet. As a result, we see various species of the woodpecker family every day. We hear the call of the bobwhite coming from the edge of the hay pasture areas, and the wrens are supplying us with sweet music, day in and day out.

Let us learn to be content with what we have. Let us get rid of false estimates and set up higher ideals: A quiet home, vines of our own planting, some friends worthy of being loved who are able to love in return, and a devotion to right that will never swerve.

Anna Elizabeth Butikofer, daughter of Sis. Marie Butikofer and the late Bro. Albert Butikofer, was born on Aug. 1, 1915, near Elgin. She received her education in the rural school near Elgin. With the exception of the six months that she lived in California, she spent her entire life in this vicinity. Anna kept house for several people until her health no longer permitted it, and her last year was spent in and out of the hospital.

Several weeks ago she underwent surgery, and after that she had a heart condition. She entered the hospital on a Monday evening and passed away on Saturday morning. Survivors include her mother, six brothers (who were her pallbearers), and three sisters. Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, conducted her funeral services.

Anna enjoyed many things, and, although she never reached full

stature, she was always busy doing things for others. She made many friends and will be missed by all of them.

The Schneider reunion was held on the 15th of July at the Clermont Park. Our relative who came from the farthest point was Eddie Wander, who lives in Goodman, Missouri. Recalling a mental picture of Grandma and Grandpa Schneider brings to mind a thought expressed by Grandpa. It went something like this: "It is well worth the effort and sweat required to work towards the heavenly goal."

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at Dutton's Cave Park. It was a most pleasurable event, marked with fellowship, food, games, and hymn singing.

It was well attended—both by adults and children.

Everywhere I find the signature, the autograph of God; and He will never deny His own handwriting. God set His tabernacle in the dewdrops as surely as in the sun. No man can create the smallest flower anymore than he can create the greatest world.

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its strength.

#### IOWA, IOWA CITY

Twilla Whipple  
Connie Gerst

#### THE HIGHEST HILL

I've climbed to the top of the highest hill

And I've looked at the world afar,  
I've touched the earth with a trembling hand

And reached for a shining star.  
I've prayed to God in a special way  
Neath the heavens of fairest blue,  
I've shared a faith with a troubled heart

And thrilled to a dream anew.

I've stood at the top of the highest hill

With the wind blowing sharp in my face,

I've marveled at nature so wondrous and grand

At the joy of this quiet place,  
High on the top of a climbing hill  
Close to the shining dawn,  
Morning aglow in the heavens so fair

A treasure to gaze upon.

So often I've climbed to the top of the hill

To look at this world I adore,  
 And here I have found a peace I  
 can keep,  
 A faith that each heart searches  
 for.  
 Life holds so much we can each  
 make our own,  
 A courage and hope to instill,  
 If we'll ever keep climbing and look  
 to the sky  
 Until we reach the top of the hill.  
 Garnett Ann Schultz

Our visiting minister this month  
 was Bro. Jerry Kuntz (Oakville).  
 May his efforts be truly blessed.

#### IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

We have been blest with a season of above normal rainfall. Crops and gardens are flourishing and green. Although we've had some severe weather, we are thankful for the moisture.

We all rejoice with the angels in heaven for three dear souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance. Barbara and Jane Metzger, daughters of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna, and Lois Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Si and Sis. Edith, have grown weary of the sin-sick world and are seeking to live for Jesus.

God has directed into our midst visiting ministers who brought us wonderful words of life. Bro. Bill Gerst, Alto, and Bro. Steve Rinkemberger, Cissna Park, spoke with love and compassion to friends and members.

Bro. Art Knobloch suffered a severe foot injury in an auger accident. He is hospitalized for surgery and grafting. Other hospital patients were Bro. Earl Knobloch, Sis. Emilie Knobloch, Sis. Sheryl Knobloch, and Blake Wysong.

On Aug. 7 a baby boy was born to Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Knobloch. Martin Jay was welcomed home by two brothers, a sister, and grandparents, Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Rumbold, Princeville.

#### IOWA, OAKVILLE Phyllis Siegle

As our annual Brotherhood Conference is upon us may we remember those who have such an important part in this meeting, and all who are traveling to and fro.

What is Brotherhood?

It is the strength of the past builders, and the hope of the future.

It is obeying our Lord in the commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.

It is a rigorous young carpenter giving a lift to a tired old-timer working by his side.

It is a strong young man carrying his brother wherever he goes—because he was born without feet.

It is a dozen or a thousand people working shoulder to shoulder to build and maintain a church.

It is the two mites given by the widow.

It is the great man Paul, saying if meat offend my brother I will not eat meat as long as I live.

It is you and I bound in the mighty cords of Christian love.

Newly elected Sunday School teachers are Bros. Don Schmidgall, Sam Wegman, Gerald Wagenbach, and Sis. Phyllis Massner. May the blessings of God be with them in these important duties.

The marriage of Elaine Ackerman and David Barth was solemnized on Aug. 12. Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman, Morton, Ill., and David, the son of Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Barth.

United in marriage on Aug. 6 were Bro. Gary Schulz and Sis. Karen Lanz. Bro. Gary is the son of Bro. Myron and Sis. Dorothy Schulz, and Sis. Karen is the daughter of Elder Bro. Ed Lanz and Sis. Joan Lanz. We wish, for these newly-married couples, the blessings of God, as, together, they walk the path of life.

Many of us are privileged during the summer months to visit various churches and see beautiful sights while on vacation from our everyday duties. Aren't we thankful that we have such modes of travel that lead us to various places in such a short time? The broad, straight highways are so restful, and one can travel more at ease than on the more winding, hilly roads. Isn't it the same in our spiritual life? How much more peaceful is the straight way than the way that takes in the side roads. "How great are His signs, and how mighty are His wonders!" (Daniel 4:3) We can only imagine in a small way the greatness of God when we view some of His mighty wonders. No matter what we do or where we go, it seems that the most gratifying thing is to meet those of like faith. When we visit our congregations, if we think we don't know anyone,

once inside we are one of them, and all as one. Our Christian fellowship is something to be highly treasured.

Bro. Al and Sis. Martha Wiegand have been blessed with a new baby girl, Rosalie Ann. There are five children at home to welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner and Sis. Edna Wiegand.

NOTE: Our annual subscription renewal for the Silver Lining is September for our Oakville congregation.

We give our humble thanks to our ministering brothers who visited us for the spiritual blessings we received. They were Bros. Henry Grimm, Morton, and Duane Metzger, West Bend.

Jill Schrock and Gerry Marshall became husband and wife. They were married at the home of the bride's parents. Bro. Robert and Sis. Edith Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marshall are parents of these friends. We extend our best wishes to this couple.

#### IOWA, PULASKI Mary Jane Knapp Ginny Wuthrich

In the quiet of the evening on Aug. 6 we were privileged to hear the inspired Word of God brought to us by Bro. Dennis Warner and Elder Bro. Leo Moser, both of Lester. It was brought out how we often let the word of God "slip by" and within a very short time cannot recall the message spoken to us through one of His servants. For this there will be no excuse.

Newly elected Sunday School teachers are Bro. Bill Wuthrich and Sis. Mary Wiegand. Sis. Ginny Wuthrich is to help with the Silver Lining news.

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

Three engagements have been announced. They are Sis. Ellen Zaugg (daughter of Richard and Dorothy) to Bro. Curt Strahm (son of Bro. Alpha, Jr., and Sis. Mamie) of Bern, Kansas; Sis. Lyla Metzger (daughter of Bro. Silas and Sis. Della) to Bro. Curt Frank (son of Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea) of La-Crosse, Indiana; and Debbra Bruellman (daughter of Bro. Harley and Sis. Adele) to Jerry Larson (son of Bervin Larson) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. May God's blessings be with each couple. On July 27

Don and Mona Haverman became the parents of a daughter, Konni Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman. Little babies are so precious.

Carol Banwart and John Fehr (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Sharon) are again home following hospitalization.

We had two weddings this month. Bob Gress, son of Bro. Faye and Sis. Marie, married Sue Dusback. Charles Schneider, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella, married Kay Schutz. We wish them God's blessings as they travel through life together.

We are thankful that Lori (Bruellman) Skogland has found peace with God and man, and now awaits baptism.

What a blessing to have ministering brothers in church every Sunday. We thank Elder Bro. Ed Frank, Bro. Al Langhofer, and Bro. Carl Fuecht for being with us as they labor in God's vineyard.

#### FROM JAPAN

Following God's guidance I came to Japan in July, 1977. I have felt God's continued guidance and presence during my stay here.

I came to Japan to teach kindergarten. Sis. Jane Weiss from Bay City and I teach in our church kindergarten together. We presently have 25 students; God willing, by the end of the year our enrollment will reach our maximum, 30 students. The children are taught a Bible Story every morning. Hopefully the children will remember these teachings when they are older, repent, and become God's children. We have the promise in God's word "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. The remainder of the day we teach regular kindergarten curriculum. We speak to the children in English throughout the day; the children learn English rapidly. I also teach an adult English conversation class once a week.

I can feel the Christian love of the brethren here. There are truly no limitations to God's wonderful love and power. Wherever souls want to truly serve God, He will be with them and bless them.

I have had opportunities to travel in Japan. Through traveling I have seen and learned about different places in Japan and about Japanese culture. I have also visited in

Japanese homes. One can learn much about the people and culture during visits in homes. Visiting and traveling have been beneficial in broadening my knowledge of Japan.

My experience in Japan has been beneficial spiritually. May we all strive to do God's will wherever we are and in whatever we do.

Sis. Jane and I plan to return to the States next summer. At that time there will be a need for two teachers in the church kindergarten. (Note: If a sister is interested in coming to Japan to teach, please contact your local Elder Brother by the end of January, 1979.) Sis. Sally Beutel

#### JAPAN, SHIODA Jane Weiss

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

Precious memories, how they linger,  
How they ever flood my soul;  
In the stillness of the midnight,  
Precious, sacred scenes unfold.

In the stillness of the midnight,  
Echoes from the past I hear;  
Old time singing, gladness bringing,  
From that lovely land  
somewhere.

As I travel on life's pathway, Know  
not what the years may hold;  
As I ponder, hope grows fonder,  
Precious memories flood my  
soul.

Gospel Hymns, J. B. F. Wright

Does it take being half way around the world to realize how precious those memories really are? The beautiful thing about "precious memories" is that you are making them every day. And as long as you have a healthy mind, no one can take them from you.

Some more precious memories were being made here in Japan when we were privileged to have as our guests Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice Beutel, Sally's parents, from Tremont, Illinois. They saw a bit of the Japan countryside, joined our services and fellowship here, and met and were entertained by many of our Japanese brethren. Bro. Dave gave very unselfishly of himself during our church services and Bible Classes, and we thank him for this. I especially enjoyed a

comment made by Dave one time during the midst of our visiting. "You just can't imagine it completely until you get here. You can see pictures of the mountains, but you just can't feel the love of the brothers and sisters here until you come." We're so thankful to the Lord that they could find the same love among the Japanese people.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice also were with us when we held our annual fellowship meeting in the Mt. Fuji area. Members and friends from both the Tokyo and the Shioda churches gathered. There was beautiful hymn singing, Bible Classes, meals, and free-time spent together.

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family have returned to the States for a month to visit their families and to attend the Brotherhood Conference. We pray that God's protection will be with them as they journey. In Bro. Willis' absence, Elder Bro. Akito Inoue and ministering Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki are taking turns rendering their services here at the Shioda Church. We thank them for their unfailing love.

The hot summer days will soon be coming to an end and the cool fall evenings will be beginning. As we watch the seasons pass, may we also take note of the seasons in our lives. Let's be prepared in whatever season Christ might come, to be worthy of going with Him.

Sis. (Toshio) Uchida has been in poor health recently, and she and her family would appreciate your prayers. She suffered from a stroke several years ago and still has draw-backs from it.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

##### Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

It is unusually hot, and we had a typhoon already this summer. However, God is always blessing us here in our church. The end of July we had a blessed fellowship meeting near Mt. Fuji. A goodly number of our members could gather there with their children in the midst of the beauty of nature-green mountains, a lovely lake, and cool weather. Bro. Dave and Sis. Eunice Beutel who are visiting here attended, also. They are Sis. Sally's parents.

We studied about Old Testament history, early churches, Apostle Paul, and Life of Disciples. Our teachers for these lessons were Bros. Toru Saegusa, Toshio Uchida,



Hisato Inous, and Dave Beutel. We believe the Lord guided and blessed their teachings.

Elder Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois and son Tommy left for the U.S. for one month. Our brother will attend our Brotherhood Conference, and we hope he and his family will have a blessed time. We remember them and you all in our prayers.

### KANSAS, BERN

#### Esther and Stella Moser

We are enjoying many summer visitors, especially our guest ministers. The most recent ones were Bros. Al Aberle (Tremont) and Roger Aberle (Sabetha).

Bro. Dean Strahm was selected as a Sunday School teacher. Bro. Galen Rokey advanced to Superintendent. Other teachers are Bros. Leroy Meyer and Stephen Hartter. Sis. Peggy Baumgartner is a new teacher and will work with Sisters Janice Lehman and Shirley Strahm. May the Lord grant much grace and patience as they strive to plant good seed into little minds.

Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected to the position of trustee of the Apostolic Christian Home. Bro. Roy Rokey is our other trustee.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Lois Hartter (Stephen) and Sharon Grimm (Gordon) in the passing of their father, Clarence Mason (Chicago).

Our hospital patient is Sis. Emma Wittmer, with a broken arm due to a fall. Sis. Pearl Stoller (Bro. Harlan) also has a broken arm near the shoulder. Her ladder fell as she was picking peaches. Sis. Mildred Strahm (Bro. Alvin) had dental surgery.

Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie Strahm are rejoicing over their first granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn, born to Bro. Don and Sis. Ada Plattner Aug. 16. Brian and Brandon welcome her home. Paternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Marie.

As I was writing my notes, word was received that Bro. Louis Baumgartner, 80, passed away this evening (Aug. 17). Services will be Sunday, Aug. 20, at Bern. Lou has been in poor health since he had a stroke a year ago. He was married to Sis. Lena Hanni, who survives him. Two sons, Leslie and Bro. Leonard Baumgartner, nine grandchildren, four sisters, Louise Bieri, Alice Livengood, Mamie Abshire,

and Eula Mae Baumgartner, also survive him.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

#### Jan Kraft

"... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the son of man shall come in the glory of his father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the son of man coming in his kingdom." Matthew 16:24-28

Bro. Steven and Sis. Lynne (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lil Fischer) have taken up the cross and are now following Jesus Christ. We rejoiced as we listened to their testimonies on Saturday night, Aug. 12, and were baptized Sunday. We now welcome them into God's fold. How thankful we are they have made this decision. Let's pray that many more will do the same. It truly changes one's life. We thank Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, for assisting Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha), John Lehman (Bern), Loren Strahm (Gridley), and Ron Allenbach (Kiowa).

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. There were only a few of us at Wednesday night services, but God was truly among us as we were blessed with his Word. Our prayers were with those who were absent because they were on their way to the Conference. May God direct each and everyone to keep our church united as one, completely cut off from the world. As we read in I John 2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

#### Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

As time flies on and death draws near, there are some, as "flowers," that seem to be called earlier than others to fill God's specially selected "flower bouquet." We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of three dear souls who passed from this life this past month.

One of our dear brothers, Feldor J. Young, 90, died in his home on Sunday, July 23. Preceding him in death was his wife, Sis. Millie (Kiser) Young and two brothers, Bro. Robert Young, Wichita, and Bro. Andrew Young, Gridley. He is survived by five children.

Emile J. Kaufman, who assembled with us for several years, died Aug. 17 after being hospitalized from a tractor accident which happened on his farm on Aug. 9. He is survived by one sister, Clara Kaufman, and two brothers, William and Ralph Kaufman.

Dear Sis. Elizabeth (Jacob) Beck, 97, died after living her past 17 years in the Sabetha Home. Sis. Elizabeth assembled with us in Gridley for many years after her marriage to Bro. Jacob Beck in 1926. Only nieces and nephews survive her.

We wish to welcome Sis. Janice Frieden Bahr from the Kiowa congregation into our midst. Sis. Janice (daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mildred Frieden) and Bro. Jeff (son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen Bahr) were united in marriage on July 30. May God bless their union of love.

### KANSAS - MISSOURI,

#### KANSAS CITY

#### Paula Bahr

Our small congregation is rejoicing and thanking the Lord that He has directed two young couples into our area.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. April Miller have moved to Olathe from the Phoenix, Ariz., area and Bro. Terry and Sis. Mary Farney and girls have moved to Edgerton from Leo, Ind.

We wish them God's blessings and extend them a warm welcome. We are glad to have them join us.

This addition will double our membership in Kansas City. The strong support of our dear friends from here and the fact that the surrounding churches provide us with ministers allows us the privilege of

having services the first and third Sunday of each month.

Our thanks go to Bro. Gene Marti (Lamar) and Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita) who brought us the Lord's message for the past two services.

Bro. Joe Farney and Bill Rodgers have been struggling with poor health, and several others have had shorter bouts with illness. Our prayers go out for them, as we know the Lord can give them needed strength.

Ed and Louise Wreath have returned from a long visit in California. It surely is nice to have them back and worshipping with us again.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

#### Janice Bahr

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.

This union of our hearts shall stand through grace in Jesus. We walk the path of life, while cheer and trust increases. Where God in truth abides, where two join hands and heart, we find a threefold cord, not lightly rent apart.

#### Zion's Harp, No. 79

Sis. Janice Frieden, daughter of Bro. Joe J. and Sis. Mildred Frieden, and Bro. Jeff Bahr, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Eileen Bahr, Gridley, exchanged their vows and were joined as one in Christ on July 30. Ministering Bro. Ronald Nelson united them in marriage. Adding to the blessings of a beautiful day, several other visiting ministers brought precious words of inspiration and love from God's Holy Word. They were Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Bro. Loren Strahm and Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley; and Bro. Max Reimschisel, Wichita.

We enjoyed the blessed privilege this month of having visiting elders, Bro. Eugene Marti, Lamar, and Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, in our midst. Their words of warning and concern from the Scriptures make us feel so grateful. Satan is always trying to destroy God's Church. We are grateful to know that our precious watchmen are still seeking out and teaching us the truths of the Gospel. That uplifts our hearts and gives us peace. Praise be to God for this precious

gift.

We are thankful that Sis. Linda Ligenstoffer and Sis. Esther Miller, who were hospitalized for short stays this month, are home again and able to be in our midst.

There is a scripture in Proverbs (Chap. 31) which speaks of the qualities of a virtuous woman. There are so many sisters in our precious faith who would fit this description, but the one I wish to speak of now is a dear sister who celebrated her 92nd birthday this past month. She is Sis. Emma Diel, and almost all of her children, grand-children, and great-grand-children, were able to gather with her here to honor her on her birthday. Sis. Emma is one of those lovely people who loves doing things for others and has done so much for others all of her life. She is a shining light to so many because of her deeds of kindness, love and faithfulness to her Lord. We would like to join with her family in saying, "May our precious Lord truly bless you, Sis. Emma, for all you are and have been to your family and friends."

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Janice Bahr wish to thank all who helped make their wedding day such a beautiful day.

### KANSAS, SABETHA

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Gene Marti, Lamar, and Bro. Albert Aberle, Tremont.

Sis. Cornelia and Bro. John Aberle are the parents of a daughter, born Aug. 8. She has been named Myra Joan and is welcomed home by big sisters, Rachel and Jeanne.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle are the happy grandparents of Myra Joan. They also have twin grandsons, Samuel Joseph and Joshua James, born July 18 to Kenneth and Sandra Aberle. Samuel and Joshua have been welcomed home by Brenna, Nicholas, and Christopher.

Sis. Louise Hartman has been transferred from the K.U. Medical Center to the St. Francis Hospital in Topeka where she is still undergoing treatments. May we all offer prayers in her behalf.

### KANSAS, WICHITA

#### Judy Langhofer

Please bear with me as I again fill in for your much loved reporter. Glennis Allenbach, who is back

from vacation but feels her responsibilities are too great at this time to continue writing this column.

For a year we have had several Nigerian male students of Friends University attending our church. They are members of the Apostolic Church of Nigeria.

They have told us many things about their church. I would like to share a few of these with you. The Apostolic Church of Nigeria is the second largest church in Nigeria. It is fast growing and exists in the midst of one of the dark religions of the Eastern World. They must have a profound faith to exist and live among them, because the powers of darkness are openly exercised. We see this becoming more evident in our own country. To them to believe is to practice their belief so much that they are able to overcome worldliness and the powers of darkness around them. They determine that a convert is ready for baptism by opening the Bible at random. If there is something upon the page to indicate he is ready, then the church proceeds to perform its work. They practice many of the same customs that we believe are taught in the Scripture. They mentioned that they were so glad to see that our women did not wear trousers. They appreciated our position of prayer in the church and remarked that they were grateful to see Christians on their knees in prayer.

Hesato Inoue from Japan, husband of Sis. Kathy Huber Inoue, spent a weekend with us. It seems that there is so much to be learned as we hear of spiritual experiences among the brethren there and the problem of blending culture and custom. But the work of the Holy Spirit to convert and multiply is one and the self-same spirit.

LaVoyd Moore and his family from Athens, Alabama, spent a day and a half with us. We benefitted from the Wednesday night ministry. He told of his experiences among the members and friends of the Athens Church who have not been raised in the same Apostolic background as most of us have been. His message was about spiritual gifts working together in a body of believers for the edification of the church. We thought it was very timely and needed, as Bro. Ben Manz from Junction, Ohio, had ministered on the same scripture a few weeks before.

Cindy and Erik Langhofer left with their new daughter Carmen Rochelle to establish their residence in Francesville, Indiana, while he finishes his schooling at Purdue University. We were sorry to see them leave.

Plans are under way for the marriage of Kristen Wullschleger and Howard Plattner from Sabetha, Kansas. The wedding is planned for October 1.

A combined group of voices from Wichita, Kiowa, and Ft. Scott are preparing to travel to Goodfield, Illinois, over Labor Day weekend. This will be the fourth trip these churches have taken together. Without exception they feel it has created a feeling of love and unity that is something a little beyond what they have experienced before, because our churches are so far apart.

Thought for today: He became what we are so that we might become what He is. We are His workmanship. Let us rejoice in it.

#### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON

Cathy Knobloch

The summer months are whizzing by! Only yesterday we said goodbye to spring, and now summer will begin to draw to a close. What a magnificent God to create such a variety of living conditions for us! There were flood warnings on the radio today in Kentucky. Also, today a friend told me of drought conditions in northern Indiana. Such a contrast! Has God forsaken us? No, it is all in His hands. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1.

There has been much activity over the summer months. Earlier in the summer we were privileged to have the Open Door Children's Home attend our services. They presented an excellent medley of inspirational songs to lift the hearts of young and old alike.

One weekend we held a family camp, back in the hills of Kentucky. What a joy it was to fellowship together in God's beautiful natural surroundings. Taught in the woods, Bible stories seemed to come alive. Songs were sung with a deeper reverence, a greater joy, as we lifted praise to God under the twinkling night sky. We extend a heartfelt thanks to the Rod Huber family, and workers from Morton, Illinois, and Latty, Ohio, for helping

to make the weekend of worship possible.

We feel a sense of loss as two members of our congregation are leaving us. Bro. Dan Steffen will begin graduate work at the University of Illinois this fall. We're thankful for the time that he spent with us and pray that his life will be blest. On Aug. 13 another dear Christian left as Sis. Brenda Grant became one-in-Christ with Bro. Doug Suttor of Bremen, Indiana. They are making their home in Lafayette, Indiana, while Doug completes his college degree. So many homes are crumbling today. What a joy to witness a marriage built on the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

On July 30 our congregation had the privilege of partaking in Holy Communion. Can we be reminded enough of the great redemptive work of Christ? We thank Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Dave Bertsch (Leo) for performing the sacrament. After church services Bro. Bertsch related a phenomenal, yet true story to me. Little Matthew Gudeman was standing nearby, listening. Quite jokingly, I looked at Matthew and said, "Do you really believe what Dave said?" Without hesitation, the small boy replied in a serious tone, "Surely I can believe him." What a lesson to me! Is my witness so strong and righteous that those around me would never doubt my word? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Knochel

Our congregation feels enriched to hear the announcements that five souls have found peace within their hearts in their new walk of faith with our Lord. Alice Mehl, Lula Meier, Janet Kober, Diana Jacobs, and Clifford Knochel are waiting in the hope of being baptized soon and becoming part of the family of God. And to our many friends who still stand without, "Oh hear His tender pleading; While Jesus whispers to you, Come, sinner, come!" **Hymns of Zion.** We pray that all will be moved by such tender calling.

Many thanks and thoughts of appreciation go to our visiting ministers. Bro. Arthur Gudeman and his wife and Bro. Donald Gudeman

and his family (both of Lacrosse) each spent a Sunday with us. How encouraging it is to hear God's gift of humble words.

Bro. Darrell and Sis. Sue Steffen were pleased with the birth of another son, Joshua Samuel. Joshua will join another brother and two sisters. (Grandparents: Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delima Steffen, Bluffton, and Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer.)

Mark Michalski and Mary Ann Kaeb (Bro. Alphie and Sis. Hermine) were recently married. We offer congratulations and best wishes to them in their life together.

Our prayers and concerns again turn to those who have been in the hospital: Sis. Ella Wackerle, Sis. Anna Magyar, and Sis. Lorraine Wackerle (Bro. Sam). May God always be at their side, granting them sufficient strength in the time of need.

Again, in the midst of our summer days, the Sunday School had their annual picnic on a Saturday. When I saw so many children enjoying themselves together, it brought to my heart the beautiful words of a hymn that we sing, "And that I might have seen His kind look when He said, 'Let the little ones come unto me.'" "The Sweet Story of Old" **Gospel Hymns.**

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

"With my eyes upon the Saviour  
I can walk the sea of life  
With its waves and billows round  
me

With its tempests, storms and  
strife.

Should I look upon another  
Look at self or turn my gaze  
On life's problems and temptations  
I would sink beneath the waves,  
Saviour, let me walk beside Thee;  
Let me feel my hand in Thine;  
Let me know the joy of walking  
In Thy strength and not in  
mine."

John Sidebotham

With much joy Marsha Albritton was baptized into the fold. May she always walk close to the Saviour, trusting in His guidance and direction. Marsha's parents, Bro. Virgil and Sis. Gladys Koehl (Forrest) and other family members were able to share in this joyous day with us and Marsha.

Our hearts are grateful for the

visits of visiting Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler and Bros. Joseph Kaisner and Eugene Pamer. We pray a special blessing for all of our ministering brethren who give of themselves in service to the Lord.

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

##### Josephine Esterling

Summer brings many visitors to our little church. We really welcome anyone who stops to worship with us on Sunday or during the week. While in the twin-city area, ministering Bro. Bob Fedder of Morton stopped for Wednesday evening services, Aug. 9, and we enjoyed a blessed evening. Other visiting ministers sharing the Good News included Bros. Joe and Ed Stoller of Princeville, and Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest, Ill.

We rejoiced to hear the testimony of Kathy Peasley on Aug. 5. On Sunday, Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris, and Bro. Paul Butikofer assisted in her baptism.

Our rejoicing continued as we learned of Christine Schmidgall's (Bro. and Sis. Ray and Millie) turning her back on a world of sin to live for Jesus. Luke 15:7 says of her, "I say unto you joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

Wade Demar Miller came June 3 to brighten the home of Bro. and Sis. Don and Bernadine Miller. The grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller.

Sandra Marie and Cheri May Heitz of California spent much of their summer with their grandparents, Sis. Ethel and Joe Bednarski. We enjoyed having the girls in our Sunday School and church during this time and wish them God's blessing on their return trip.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 13 at Bro. Don Miller's home. We have recessed for the month of August and will resume classes again on Sept. 3.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

##### Pam Sutter - Lili Koehl

Nothing that is not God's will can come into the life of one who trusts and obeys God. This fact is enough to make our life one of ceaseless thanksgiving and joy. For "God's will is the one hopeful, glad, and glorious thing in the world; and it is working in the omnipotence for us all the time, with nothing to prevent it if we are sur-

rendered and believing. For all things work together for good to us who love God. All the attacks that Satan, through others' sin, can hurl against us are not only powerless to harm us, but turned into blessings on the way."

(H. W. S.)

We were left with much food for thought from our many visiting ministers: Bro. Noah Miller, Minneapolis, Bro. Duane Metzger, West Bend, Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, Bro. Robert Grimm, Goodfield, Bro. John Steiner, Oakville, Bro. Elmer Witzig, Gridley, and Bros. Carrol Gerber and Phil Stettner, Bluffton. Bro. Phil reminded us that we shouldn't read the Bible if we have time or **when** we have time, but that we should read the Bible—period. It should be a part of our everyday life.

First-time parents are Rollyn and Jody Zeltwanger. Jeffrey Jay was born on July 29. The grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna Zeltwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiese of Hancock. A daughter, Carrie D., was born on July 30 to Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel Zeltwanger. Adam, Micah, and Dixie welcome her home. The grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna Zeltwanger and Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger of Congerville.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Pauline Tohm (Bro. Ferd), medical, and Sis. Judi Fehr (Bro. Leroy), surgical.

" . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us . . ." (Heb. 12:1)

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

##### Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper

As we pen this news, many of our brothers are leaving for the Brotherhood Conference. May God bless and enlighten them during this meeting of Christian hearts.

Ministering brother John Steiner was with us for Friday evening services. He told us that being a Christian is a privilege with a battle. We gather together to equip ourselves for this battle. Job said that if God gave him the good things in life, why not accept the bad? Song 89 in the Zion's Harp speaks of the help we have in this dispensation that Job did not enjoy. Let us do as we sang in our youth, "Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone! Dare

to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known." **Gospel Hymns.** "For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth." II Cor. 10:18.

That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination to God. It is a battle for us to stay true Christians, a war to fight, a war of many battles. Go to the Captain of Our Soul for help.

Our Sunday School resumed after a month's vacation. ". . . and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths." Isaiah 2:3.

Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva Messner observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with an open house. We enjoyed the visitors from Lester, Iowa, who were here for the occasion.

The engagement of Keith Howk and Pauline Mackenthun was made known. They plan an October wedding. His parents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

##### Janice Braker - Sandra Marti

Why grieve, my soul, must thou suffer great pain?  
Trust in your dear Jesus, He'll strengthen again.  
Endure, and be still, Endure, and be still,  
Believing it is thy dear Saviour's good will.

Is thy lot to suffer in sickness and pain?  
Let nothing deceive you to murmur in pain.  
Endure, and be still, Endure and be still,  
Believing it is thy dear Saviour's good will.

Though shadows of death should encompass thee here,  
The sure hand of God is thy shelter from fear.  
Endure, and be still, Endure, and be still,  
And say, "Not as I will, but as my God wills.

##### Zion's Harp

For some time our dear Sis. Emma Lanz suffered in pain, and the words of this song oft-times helped to strengthen her. But she no longer must endure this pain. Sis. Emma passed away Aug. 5, and her funeral was held on Aug. 8. May God comfort those who are left behind.

A new bundle of joy came to brighten the lives of Terry and Janel Braker. Chariti Kay is her name, and she arrived on July 31. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Bonnie Braker. May God guide them as they seek to nurture and care for this precious gift from above.

### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Lena M. Haerr**

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15

This month we had an occasion when we could rejoice with those that rejoice when Don Grimm (son of our Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna) and Stephanie Gerber (daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Nancy of Lester) gave their testimonies on Aug. 5. Elder Bros. Ezra Feller, Cissna, and Leo Moser, Lester, helped Bro. Roy hear his son's experience. How thankful and happy we were to meet them as brother and sister in faith after their baptism on Aug. 6.

Then on Aug. 8 we all wept with those that weep when Adair Lynn Knapp (son of ministering Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis) passed away on his 20th birthday at the Center in Columbia, Mo., due to a severe fall while he was at work.

Surviving, besides his parents, are one brother, Kevin, two sisters, Vicki and Kim, and one nephew, Andy, all at home. One grandparent, Mrs. Leola Denler lives at Danvers, Ill. Many people came for visitation and to the funeral, Fri., Aug. 11. Our whole church and community was saddened. Now, may God touch the hearts of many dear souls so that they will not neglect their soul's salvation and will make it sure before the door of Grace is closed.

We have had many visitors. The visiting ministers who brought forth the Word were Elder Bro. Nate Steffen, Elgin, IL, Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Bro. Arnie Gerst, Chicago; Bro. Bert Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; Bro. John Lehman, Bern; and Bro. Roy Ehnle, Bradford.

We are thankful that Bro. Gerald Sutter recovered from surgery on his elbow on July 24. Sis. Marie Butikofer was in the hospital for a few days. We were thankful that she could be helped. Also, I'm so thankful that my son, Bro. Ray-

mond Haerr (Bloomington), had successful surgery for his voice at Rochester, Minn., Aug. 17. We hope and pray it will be a success and stay a success. God will Provide; in Him we trust!

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY

(and Philadelphia, Pa.)

**Ed Aeschleman**

Sis. Nancy Aeschleman suffered rather serious injuries in an auto accident on July 29 and was confined to the hospital for six days. We are all grateful to God that He spared her life and protected her from more serious injuries. She wishes to thank all those who sent cards and letters and called her on the phone, also for the many prayers offered on her behalf. She is at home now and recovering nicely.

Ministering Bro. Carl Weiss of Washington, Ill., visited the Philadelphia church, with his wife and family, and delivered the inspired Word of God. We are thankful for the encouragement we get for our small flock from all who visit us.

Newlyweds Don and Janice Wilt departed Aug. 15 for Pensacola, their home while Don is in flight training with the Coast Guard. While we will miss their presence at our Sunday Services, we pray God will bless them in all of their endeavors. Janice is Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy's daughter.

Our dear friend Artie Cook is convalescing in his home after his hospital stay resulting from his recent heart attack. May the Almighty Healer grant him a quick recovery and spiritual strength and give his dear wife, Sis. Minnie, courage to endure.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN

**Alice Virkler**

Our visiting ministers during the past month were Elder Bro. Loren Stoller of Latty and Bro. Carl Wyss of Washington. We thank these beloved Brothers and God for their visits, love, and messages. We also enjoyed the fellowship that we had with their families and traveling companions.

The annual meeting was held on July 31. We ask God's blessing and guidance upon those who have been elected and re-elected for the coming year.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by young and old at Happy Hollow Picnic Area.

We are glad to hear that Urban

Farney was able to return home after several weeks of hospitalization as the result of a stroke. His wife, Evelyn, was also a patient for a few days. May they be comforted and guided by God's hand in the days ahead. We are also thankful to have Bro. Dave Schamback back in our midst, following hospitalization for pneumonia. Leah Farney (Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice) was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. At this writing, Sis. Vera Virkler is a hospital patient.

Randy and Susan Streeter, Jeremy and Randy, have welcomed a baby daughter and sister, Erin Elizabeth, on Aug. 8. She is a great-granddaughter of Bro. John and Sis. Berdina Widrick.

Matthew Thomas, born July 3, was welcomed home by Stephen and Karen Duflo, Greg and Stephanie. Grandparents are Bro. Howard and Pernal Virkler and Francis and Marion Duflo.

### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

**Corrine Virkler**

The word says a man will be known by his fruits, not by his gifts. (Matt. 12:33) The fruits of the spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22,23. They include love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. If as Christians we have these characteristics of the spirit, we will be the sweet savor of Christ here on earth.

We were so fortunate and blessed to have Elder Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty, preach the Word to us on July 23.

Bro. Carl Wyss, Washington, Ill., gave an inspiring service on a Wednesday evening in July.

Several from here left to attend the Brotherhood Conference at Tremont, Ill. We pray for their safe journey. They will receive a blessing for their efforts.

Sis. Nina Beyer is assembling with us again after being ill at her home for several weeks.

Sis. Rozelka Schultz was in Upstate Medical Center for tests. Sis. Natalie Herzig was hospitalized for surgery. Gale Hirschey was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica for surgery, and additional treatment.

We are happy to report that two dear souls, Ted Herzig and Pearl Colgrove, are repenting and are awaiting baptism. May God be with them and always bless them.

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

We were richly blessed by the visits of ministering brothers Robert Beer (Mansfield) and Art Ringger (Indianapolis). Our ministering brothers and their families surely deserve an extra portion of God's blessings and grace for their untiring efforts in bringing us the Word of God.

Irvin and Evelyn Walker have found peace with God and man and now look forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized. Sherry Bako (Bro. Zoltan and Sis. Bonnie) was hospitalized recently for tests. We're thankful to have Sis. Ella (Bro. Richard) Messner assemble with us again after her recent surgery. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, and love shown her. Although Sis. Ella's surgery was quite serious, she told me she did not have one moment of fear. How wonderful it is that we have this wonderful peace in our hearts; no matter what the test or trial, we need have no fear. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:" I John 4:18.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Charlotte Graf were blessed with a son, Matthew Lee, born Aug. 13. Happy grandparents are Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf and Mr. and Mrs. James Sheffield.

**OHIO, GIRARD****Kathryn Emch**

It was our great pleasure to join the group who went to Europe with the Apostolic Christian Heritage Tour. Great joy was ours as we traveled with our brethren.

We thank Bro. Eugene Pamer and Bro. Ben Hartzler for ministering to our small flock while we were absent. We also thank all who came to worship with them.

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

Our congregation rejoiced as four more souls were added to the fold. Sharon Schlatter (Sis. Esther) and Rebecca, Alice, and Barbara Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) are our new sisters-in-faith. Elder Bros. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Loren Stoller (Latty) and ministering brothers Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield) and Eugene Fetter (Toledo) were present. May the Lord bless them for their labors.

Bros. Gary Maibach (Rittman)

and Ray Sinn (Latty) also shared the Word with us this month.

Bro. Paul Manz was hospitalized recently for surgery.

Sis. Mary Suttor has moved from her home to live with Bro. Henry and Sisters Madeline and Henrietta Manz at 220 N. Main, Paulding.

**OHIO, LATTY****Karen Klopfenstein - Susie Sinn**

We welcome into our congregation Bro. Don and Sis. Karen Steffen from Bluffton. Bro. Don has found employment in our area.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Walter Steffen (Milford), Harry Suttor (Ft. Lauderdale), Art Gudeman (LaCrosse), and Robert Beer (Mansfield). May we always take to heart the teachings that they brought to us, and not only be hearers, but also doers of the Word.

We are thankful that Bro. Lester Laukhuf is home from the hospital after suffering from a heart attack. Bro. Dick Schlatter had the misfortune of breaking his ankle. Bro. Dick Whitman recently submitted to back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Sis. Lydia Wahl who is in the hospital. May the Lord give healing power and strength where he sees fit.

Holly Michelle is the newborn daughter of Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda Grant. Also welcoming her home are Heidi, Brian, and grandparents Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores.

**OHIO, MANSFIELD****Lucille Groh**

Youth Fellowship Day for all Ohio and Michigan churches was held on July 23, here at Mansfield. The campground is nestled among large maple trees. The hillside, where a special service was held in the afternoon, is especially picturesque and a perfect spot to think of our wonderful Creator, Lord Jesus. Somehow, the singing sounds so sweet. The birds seem to join in praise.

The theme for the day was "Two Ways—Two Destinations." We want to thank everyone for coming and sharing the day with us. Even though we had a shower or two in the afternoon and early evening, it did not dampen our spirits. We had about 600 to 700 for the evening service. Ministering brothers who shared the Living Word with us were: Bros. Aaron Steffen (Al-

to), Ben Manz (Junction), Gary Maibach (Rittman), and Ray Sinn (Latty). Our kind elder brothers, Bro. Joe Ramsier and Bro. Rudolph Graf, were also present, as well as other ministering brothers.

A special thanks goes to Bro. Charles Sauder and Sis. Marcella Sauder for all the effort they put forth to co-ordinate the day. It takes a lot of preparation and foresight.

A double blessing was showered from heaven at the home of Bro. Gaylord and Sis. Betty Dotterer in the birth of their twin boys, born Aug. 5. Gale Andrew and Grant Benjamin will also be loved by their grandparents, Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller and Bro. LaVerne and Sis. Christine Dotterer.

Another bundle from heaven was delivered to Dan and Sis. Barbara Tucker. Little Kristina Kay is the second child for the Tuckers, and Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara Zimmer are the proud grandparents.

Hospitalized since last month are Sis. Alice Graszl (surgery), Bro. Robert Sauder, Jerry Roberts, and Dick Durkin. Dick fell from a roof, broke his collar bone, and sustained other injuries. We are thankful to report that all are home again and recuperating.

A dear sister, while lying on her bed of affliction, seemed to see the Lord Jesus hanging on the cross. The thought came to her, "He suffered so much for me, shouldn't I be willing to suffer for him and do His will more perfectly." After that, her illness was easier to bear.

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

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you . . ." St. John 14:27. These precious words of Jesus were spoken to three dear friends. Dalle Gasser (Janet), Karen Riggenbach (Bro. Ed and Sis. Anita), and Dan Rufener (Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna). All felt the forgiveness of God and have peace in their hearts. May the Lord continue to guide and lead them.

We were privileged to visit the soldiers' reunion. We had many visitors from various churches. Among them were ministering Bros. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix), Ron Heininger (Bloomington), and Charlie Sinn (Fort Scott). We pray that all our visitors felt our love, and

we thank all for coming, especially our visiting ministers. May the Lord richly bless them for their deeds of love by serving our congregation.

The dear ones confined to the hospital this month were Sis. Betty Dotterer (Bro. John), Sis. Velma Rufener (Bro. Elton), Sis. Alma Curie, Sis. Josephine Sauder, Bro. Fred Widmer (Sis. Ella), and Jerry Gasser (Ellen). May the Lord comfort and sustain each one in their time of need.

Three bundles from heaven have arrived to gladden three homes. Cynthia Lynn is the newest arrival in Bro. Ken and Sis. Jane Hartzler's home. Three brothers and three sisters welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler and Bro. Bob and Sis. Neva Gasser. Aug. 15 is the date Kelly Rose chose to arrive to happy parents Bro. Dale and Sis. Nancy Bauman. The grandparents are Richard and Gladys Bauman and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler. Bro. Dave and Sis. Connie Maletich are the happy parents of Anita Lynn. The grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Maletich and Bro. Bob and Sis. Inez Ramsier. May the Lord bless these couples as they seek to rear their children for Him.

This is the last time I will be writing for the Silver Lining, as my husband and I feel led to move to Silverton, Oregon. Our address will be Andy Winkler, 319 Welch St., Silverton, Oregon 97381. We want to thank everyone for all of their deeds of love and kindness shown to us. We pray that the Lord will bless all of you, and we earnestly covet your prayers in our new undertaking.

Editor's note: Our counselling elders and staff thank you for your efforts and pray that your presence in Silverton will be the beginning of great growth for the Silverton church.

### OHIO, SARDIS

Joyce Indermuhle

"In days of youth seek ye the Lord." Bro. Henry Beer

**Hymns of Zion**

Our youth have been enlightened to the utmost in the past few weeks. Several from here took part in the Ohio youth day at Mansfield. All who went enjoyed it very much. It was a blessed day of songs, prayers, and meditations—all to the

honor and praise of God.

We also had our first Vacation Bible School. It lasted for three weeks and was held on Wednesday nights. The children divided into two groups and had a different teacher every night. The adults were blessed, too, by brethren who came to share the Word with us. May God richly bless Bros. Eugene Pamer, Ralph Weber, and Ben Hartzler for coming. We wanted to stress the importance of our children and have them enjoy these evenings. We feel God filled our cup until it overflowed. On the fourth Wednesday night the children had a small program of songs and verses and displayed their projects. It is truly wonderful when such works can be wrought in unity between God and men.

### OHIO, TOLEDO

Josephine Rehklau

Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life;  
Hand in hand, O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive.

"Unity," **Zion's Harp**

It is with prayerful hearts that we approach the time for our annual Conference. It is our prayer that God will reveal to our shepherds that which will lead to the preservation of our most precious faith. May we in one accord give them our faithful support. Unity is the cord which binds us together and gives the much needed strength to survive in these deceptive times.

We rejoice, as do the angels in heaven, that we have another soul in our congregation who has come to the Lord in repentance.

Connie Sancriant through repentance and grace from God the Father has found peace in her heart and is looking forward to becoming an heir of His eternal kingdom. Connie is the daughter of Sis. Frances and the late Bro. George Laidig.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 17-21. The children enjoyed hearing the stories and learning the songs centered around our theme, "Jesus, God's Wonderful Gift." We are thankful that our children had another opportunity to fellowship with one another and learn of the love, joy, and peace that Jesus gives.

Sis. Lydia Fetter is confined to her home due to a knee injury. Sis. Clara Beard is in the hospital re-

covering from a recent surgery. We wish them both a good recovery.

### OREGON, SILVERTON

Mildred Dietrich

Greetings be to you our brethren  
To our sisters in the Lord,  
Here from far and near assembled  
Gathered here in one accord.  
Welcome, welcome, all ye loved  
ones,

Greetings in the Saviour's name.

**Hymns of Zion**

What a privilege is ours when we can meet and greet brethren and friends, especially during our summer season, and enjoy the Christian fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

On July 23, a blessed weekend was enjoyed, and we are grateful to Elder Bro. Leo Moser for the inspired Word of God brought forth through the Holy Spirit.

### WEST VIRGINIA, NEW MARTINSVILLE

Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey

The annual Witschey reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27, at the City Park and will be attended by relatives from many distant points. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsier of Marshallville, Ohio, were visitors on Aug. 9 and 10 and spent some time visiting with Miss Della Witschey at the Nursing Home.

Roy Leasure, son of Frank Leasure and the late Minnie Hassig Leasure, passed away on Aug. 9. His father, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two brothers survive. His mother passed away several years ago. His father lives in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle and her mother, Mrs. Berger, were recent guests of Miss Della Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis, O., Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz, and myself (Minnie) visited the A. C. Home at Rittman, O., on Aug. 9. We visited with many relatives and friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saylor and Mrs. Doris Saylor of Girard, O., were visiting with relatives here during the month; they also visited with Della, my co-reporter.

Miss Margaret Witschey has been a hospital patient for several days in the local hospital.

Frank Barth of Parkersburg has returned from a two-week vacation spent with friends at points in Canada.

# SILVER THREADS

## THE TEACHER

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children day by day,  
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them KNOWLEDGE, but  
I know  
How faint they flicker and how low  
The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them POWER to will and  
do,  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness through  
and through.

I teach them LOVE for all mankind  
And all God's creatures, but I find  
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
Oh, let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.  
Leslie Pinchney Hill

## PIERCED BY A THORN

Once I heard a song of sweetness  
As it left the morning air  
Sounding in the blest completeness  
Like a tender pleading prayer.

I sought to find the singer,  
Whence the wondrous song was  
borne  
And I found a bird, sore wounded,  
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,  
While its wings with pain were  
furled,  
Giving hope and cheer and gladness,  
That should bless a weeping world.

And I knew that life of sweetness  
Was of pain and sorrow borne,  
And a stricken soul was singing  
With its heart against a thorn.

Ye are told of one who loved you,  
Of a Saviour crucified,  
Ye are told of nails that pinioned  
And a spear that pierced His side.

Ye are told of cruel scourging,  
Of a Saviour bearing scorn;  
And He died for your salvation  
With His heart against a thorn.

Ye are not above the Master—  
Will you breathe a sweet refrain?  
And His grace will be sufficient  
When your heart is pierced with  
pain.

Will you live to bless His loved ones  
Tho' your life be bruised and torn  
Like the bird that sang so sweetly  
With its heart against a thorn.

Author Unknown

## BLESSINGS FROM ON HIGH

When we talk about the Lord  
And the blessings in reward  
Of a faithful walk with Him,  
It gives a pleasant peace within.

When we talk with Him in prayer  
And bring to Him our every care  
And spend with Him a quiet hour,  
He blesses us with Grace and  
Power.

When we look to Him in love  
He blesses us from up above  
And teaches us to do justly,  
To love mercy, and walk humbly.

When we look upon our nation  
And the Master's great creation—  
The work of His Almighty Hand,  
We thank Him for our peaceful  
land.

By Bro. Tim Hohulin

## THE PRAYER PERFECT

Dear Lord! Kind Lord!  
Gracious Lord! I pray  
Thou wilt look on all I love,  
Tenderly today!  
Weed their hearts of weariness;  
Scatter every care  
Down a wake of angel-wings  
Winnowing the air.  
And with all the needy  
O divide, I pray,  
This vast measure of content  
That is mine today!

James Whitcomb Riley

## A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S PRAYER

So you're leaving, my son—  
(Though you're not really my son—  
No rearing I've done.)  
But I feel I've been part  
Of thoughts that may stay in your  
heart.

I'm not ashamed to say,  
"I'll miss you when you're away,"  
Because I realize  
That the essence of manhood is  
not dry eyes.  
The essence instead is showing  
concern,

Especially through Christ's love—  
remembering you've learned.  
So go on, give that arrogant shake  
of your head.

'Twill come the day you'll toss on  
your bed,  
As you wrestle the question that  
rages:

"Is my name on Christ's pages?"  
Author Unknown

## THE BEULAH RAILWAY

Bro. John Hartzler submitted  
the following poem he found in  
some of his father's possessions,  
his father being Bro. Noah Hartz-  
ler, who passed away a number of  
years ago.

God a great railway to heaven has  
planned;  
He staked out the line with His  
dear, loving hand.

Away back in Eden the grant was  
first given;  
On Calvary's cross the last spike  
was driven.

The road was surveyed with a  
special design,  
For making it a practical holiness  
line.

The grade was thrown up with the  
greatest of care,  
Directly through Canaan, a coun-  
try most fair.

Of fasting and praying the ballast  
was made:

The ties are as solid as when they  
were laid.

The gauge is quite narrow, with  
rails from above.

Salvation's the engine; 'tis driven  
by love.

The crossings are guarded, not a  
curve on the track.

Trains never take sidings, nor ever  
turn back.

The streams are all spanned by  
bridges of faith;

The last one we cross is the river  
of Death.

Vestibule coaches, God's chariots  
they are;

Holiness to the Lord is inscribed on  
each car.

Trains stop at all stations where  
signal is given,

And run to the Grand Central  
Depot in Heaven.

Conviction's the station where  
sinners get in,

Soon reaching repentance, confess-



ing their sin.  
And faith is the office where  
tickets are sold  
And baggage checked through to  
the City of Gold.

. . . Trusting in Jesus and reading  
His Word,  
The all-cleansing fountain is seen  
in the blood.  
By faith we step in, and its waves  
o'er us flow;  
We rise from the pool and are  
whiter than snow.  
What transports of rapture now  
sweep o'er the plain,  
The music of Paradise filling the  
train.  
Oh ecstasy ravishing, sweet  
fountain of bliss!  
Scenery celestial! Is Heaven like  
this?

Jesus, the heavenly bridegroom,  
is near,  
Making perfect in love and casting  
out fear.  
Our hearts are made younger as  
onward we glide;  
Our strength is renewed; our needs  
are supplied.  
All glory to Jesus! Hallelujah!  
Praise God!  
Travel is luxury on the old Buelah  
Road,  
God's railway celestial encircling  
the globe.  
The good of all ages have traveled  
this road.

Elijah and Enoch by official  
request  
Ran in on a special without stop-  
ping at Death.  
No accident has this railway yet  
known.  
The Dispatcher is He who sits on  
the throne.  
Trains only move at Jehovah's  
command;  
He holds the throttle with  
omnipotent hand.  
The Holy Spirit is the headlight so  
clear.  
Revealing the track to the wise  
engineer.

The angels are brakemen, so kind  
and urbane,  
Adding much to the comfort of all  
on the train.  
Dying love is a town in the Valley  
of Fear;  
The backslider's repair shops are  
located here.  
Are your vows broken? have you  
been untrue?

Step into these shops and be  
burnished anew.  
Dear sinners, take passage for  
Heaven today—  
Make haste, there is danger and  
death in delay.

The Spirit is calling, and so is the  
Bride;  
Your train is now coming, and you  
must decide.  
The road you are traveling will  
land you well  
In anguish and torment, with  
demons to dwell;  
The fare is expensive—just think  
of the cost  
When Heaven and Jesus and all  
may be lost!  
So many are taking the "try route"  
to Heaven,  
When God's great Beeline is the  
only route given.

His word is the guide, and its  
teachings are plain;  
You'll surely be lost if you take  
the wrong train.  
Then be not deceived in making  
your choice.  
But follow the word and the Spirit's  
small voice.  
Take the train they advise, and  
then stay on board,  
And you will ride home to eternal  
reward.  
I've a ticket for home; Hallelujah!  
Praise God!  
My baggage is checked; I am now  
on the road.  
I've said to the world and its  
honors good-bye.  
My soul's on the wing; I'm enroute  
to the sky.

This poem was submitted by the  
late Bro. Al Fisher when he lived  
in Peoria.

#### God Needs Your Help

Did you ever sit down in the even-  
tide,  
When all was quiet and still,  
And think of the love of Christ  
who died,  
Because it was God's will?

Did you ever think that He knew  
the joy  
Of a loving mother's care,  
And how it broke her heart to give  
up her boy  
For a world that did not care?

And, then, as your thoughts went  
wandering back

To the suffering on Calvary's hill.  
I wonder did you God's forgiveness  
ask  
And obey His loving will?

O think, my friends, 'twas for you  
and me  
He endured that awful pain.  
O then, let us true disciples be  
That His death be not in vain.

Let us employ the talents with  
which we're blest,  
Though to us they may seem small.  
They'll multiply, if we do our best.  
God needs the help of us all.

#### THE PSALMS

How sweet are the words of the  
Psalmist,  
Consoling, and precious, and pure,  
For there we can read the soul's  
struggles,  
Which saints long ago did endure.  
How oft in my pilgrimage journey.  
When burdened with toil and with  
care,  
I turn to the Psalms for my com-  
fort;  
Our struggles so closely compare.

His tongue was the pen of a  
writer,  
Who wrote not for honor or fee;  
The words which I oft would have  
written,  
The Psalmist his written for me.

He saw in his day the rare beauty,  
Which heaven and earth did dis-  
close;  
For trees, and the fields, and the  
mountains;  
His praise to the Maker arose.

His victories o'er self, and o'er  
evil,  
Inspired the Psalmist to praise;  
The Father oft leads into trials,  
To show us poor mortals His ways.

His conflicts, his struggles and  
trials,  
The Psalmist did truly record.  
Though ages have passed since he  
wrote them,  
They still live as the Word of the  
Lord.

O soul, art thou weary and troubl-  
ed?  
Just turn to your favorite Psalm.  
There your heart, in its strivings  
and longings  
Like the sea will grow peaceful and  
calm.

His counsel will lead thee and guide  
thee

To the rock that is higher than I;  
And afterward take thee to glory.  
For there we shall nevermore die.  
Bro. Henry Beer

Following are the obituaries of those killed in the recent tragic accident in California. It was sent by the Cissna Park reporter and was erroneously omitted in the August issue. This is printed out of sequence because the September Silver Lining was in its final printing before the error was discovered.

Glenn E. Egolf, 55, was born March 26, 1923, in Claytonville, Illinois, the son of Wm. A. Egolf and Anna Wustholz. Mary Jane Egolf, 52, was born August 6, 1925, in Cissna Park, Illinois, the daughter of Joseph Rudin and Anna Markwalder. Ryan W. Egolf, 10, was born December 21, 1967, in Watseka, Illinois, the son of Glenn and Mary Jane Egolf. Carol Mae Bauer, 31, was born May 13, 1947, in Watseka, Illinois, the daughter of Glenn and Mary Jane Egolf. She married Aaron Bauer II in Watseka, Illinois, September 8, 1968. The family is survived by two sons and brothers, Ronald of Claytonville, Illinois, and Russell of Congerville, Illinois. Also surviving are three daughters and sisters, Mrs. Richard (Glenda) Krumwiede of Cissna Park, Illinois, Mrs. David (Beth) Baier of Claytonville, Illinois, and Dawn Egolf of Claytonville. Also surviving Glenn are three sisters (Mrs. Viola Greiner of Claytonville and Mrs. Frieda Hamrick and Mrs. Mary Ann McGrew of Cissna Park) and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Mary Jane is survived by six brothers, Clarence, Willard, and Ben Rudin of Cissna Park, Lester of Hudson, Illinois, Harlan of Ashkum, Illinois, and Alvin of Hoopston, Illinois. Also surviving are three sisters (Margaret Rudin of Cissna Park, Lucille Wagner of El Paso, Illinois, and Anna Marie Reutter of East Lynn, Illinois) and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Aaron Otto Bauer II, 33, was born January 20, 1945, in Watseka, Illinois, the son of Aaron Bauer and Margueritte Schmidt (Bauer). He married Carol Mae Egolf in

Witseka, Illinois, on September 8, 1968. He is survived by his parents, one sister, Mrs. John (Jane) Conrad of Cissna Park, one sister-in-law, Joyce Bauer of Cissna Park, one foster sister, Mrs. Dean (Mary Ann) Landes of Woodburn, Indiana, and one foster brother, Randy Merrill of Watseka, Illinois. He was preceded in death by one brother.

Eric Jon Bauer was born February 6, 1973, in Denver Colorado, and Janice Marie Bauer was born February 16, 1975, also in Denver. Both are survived by the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bauer, of Cissna Park, Illinois.

The Egolf and Bauer families wish to express many, many thanks for the consolation they received at the time of their bereavement. The consideration and generosity of all the dear people was overwhelming. They appreciated so much the prayers in their behalf, the cards, letters, phone calls, visits and food brought to their homes and the church. God gave them the strength to go on with their lives. The love and support of their families and friends was such a comfort. They wish God's blessings to all of you.

### The Sermon . . .

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upon themselves pride. Then, we see our accomplishments and begin to think how much we have done. But, beloved ones, if we are really wise, if we really want to have Godly wisdom, we need to search the Scriptures, word for word, and visualize God as He is, holy, righteous, and true. He calls to you and to me to be like Him.

Beloved, God gives this ability to anyone and everyone who is humble of heart. He does not do as the natural man would. People expected Him to come as a king, and they would have flocked around Him. They thought it would be a great worldly event. It was not so. It is the same, dear friends, with the saving of your souls. Don't expect big and marvelous things. God will not do that. He's not going to do that. When the Lord was on earth, the people became impatient and asked for a sign so that they could believe. Friends, I know that there are many of you who think you ought to have a sign, that some big event

or something special should happen before you can repent, so that you will know that God is calling you, that this is the way of the truth. This is not going to happen. Don't expect it to. The Lord comes in a still small voice, in an unexpected way. He is calling and beckoning to you. I know He comes at night when you go to bed; or when there are quiet hours; or when you are working in the house, dusting or doing the dishes; or at other times during the day. And you stop, and think and wonder about these things. Beloved ones, the Lord is just as close to you as He can be! In those earlier days the Lord was in their very midst and people didn't recognize Him. They didn't want to. They expected something magnificent, not a small quiet birth like His was. What did the Lord say? "Ye shall seek me and ye shall not find me." Those words were very sharp. He said to them that they would seek Him and not find Him. He said that because they would not accept Him when he presented Himself to them. They wouldn't accept Him when He came as a lowly One from Galilee, born in a manger. He was not born in a king's house, so they just couldn't accept it. Could it be possible that a prophet came out of Galilee?

Now, beloved, there is a meaning in this for us. We must be humble. I believe that the reason most people cannot accept the Lord Jesus and His saving power is because they cannot get down on their knees and humble themselves, and recognize that the Lord Jesus is able to take away our sins. It is because the Lord Jesus has preached righteousness and conversion.

I invite you to read the sixth chapter of Isaiah. Read what that prophet wrote. He wrote of the coming of the Lord Jesus when he said, "Make their ears heavy and shut their eyes." There was a reason for this, beloved, and it is because they rejected the Lord Himself.

As we read in Luke 24, two of the disciples, unable to grasp the meaning of the crucifixion and burial, were pondering these things as they walked to Emmaus. They were filled with sadness. They believed that Jesus was the prophet whom God had promised would come. But they did not understand

why God had allowed Him to be slain, and all their hopes were dashed to pieces. Then the Lord came and joined Himself to them and walked with them. He asked them what they were talking about, and why they were so sad. And they said, "Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem and hast not known the things that are come to pass . . . ?" (Verse 18) It was the Lord they were talking to. He was victorious over the grave; He had risen out of it. He was there and they didn't recognize him. They were telling Him their troubles when He full well knew them.

It is the same today—it is no different! The Lord knows our troubles; why, He knows them better than we do. He knows the answer to our problems, if we have problems, whatever they are. He just wants us to recognize them ourselves. We need to become acquainted with ourselves and admit that we need the Lord to help us in our troubles. So, the Lord is right here, and all we need to do is get down on our knees and pray to Him, "Lord, you know what is in my heart. You know that I wish to put away all evil." If there is anyone who has a heavy burden, the Lord knows it. Pour it out.

The Lord said to repent. The Lord said to confess our faults one to the other, so that we may be healed. The Lord said many things that people, in their pride, don't want to accept. They don't want to recognize that the Lord said these things. But this is the way to salvation. He stood for these things, and as we read in the Old Testament scripture, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21. That is why people who are not willing to accept the Lord are those to whom he said, "Ye shall seek me and shall not find me." Those are the ones in this world today who are in trouble and in torment. They go through their life in trouble, and they never find the Lord. They never get any relief. Day in and day out they go through life heavy of heart because they are guilty of sin. They know that they are not worthy of this great righteous God. They know that something needs to be done. They know that they are proud; too proud to bend the knee; too proud to confess the sin.

The Lord is always here. He is

just as near as He can be. When we go home, the Lord will be there. If we really want to see the Lord, He will be there. He does not deny Himself to any who would really love Him and wish to find salvation for their souls, relief for their souls. Beloved, there is not one who cannot find Him, for He said, "Seek and ye shall find." Luke 11:9 Those are positive words, very positive. "Seek and ye shall find." But we must seek. It isn't going to just come and fall into our laps. The Lord is not going to allow some great thing to happen. And would you want it that way? Would you want to be in a car accident for example, with your father or mother or husband or wife killed, or maybe be half dead before you repent? Would you want it that way? I ask you? Or would we rather accept the Lord for what He is. He is that humble Man who came from Galilee. Let us all admit that none of us is good, not one. One called to the Lord, "Good Master," but the Lord wouldn't admit or accept that. He said, ". . . none is good, save one, that is God." Luke 18:18, 19. If the Lord can say that, it really ought to bring tears to the eyes of all of us. Who, then, are we? What do we have to brag about? What have we to be proud of? If we would confess our faults one to another, we would have to hang our heads in shame, saying that I have done this, or I have done that, for which I am very ashamed.

Only this week, we were talking together and saying how we can go out into the world and sin, and the Lord will forgive. He has opened the way so that we can repent; true. The Lord has said that He will come into our hearts and we can be forgiven; true. But, beloved ones, the sins that we have committed we cannot undo. They are done. That is why we must say that there is not one of us who is not guilty; the Lord had to die on the cross for every one of us.

I know that there are a lot of people on this earth whom we classify as good people. They have not gone out into the world and gotten into some great sin. We know that there are some among us who came to the Lord in their youth with weeping and tears, repenting. And they were not guilty of some great evil such as stealing, lying, lasciviousness, or whatever you want to say. Yet, they came with

tears of sorrow. Why is that? It is because they recognized that their hearts were perverse against the Lord. The apostle Paul, himself, thought he was doing so much good for the Lord. But the Lord struck him down, and He said, "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." Acts 9:5. This can apply to anyone who can classify himself as a pretty good person, but who still has a perverse nature and will argue with mom or dad; who has the nature of Adam, and not the goodness of the Lord. So beloved ones, there is no one who is not guilty of the nature of Adam. We need to recognize that lowly Jesus of Galilee.

This is what was the matter in the chapter which we read today. Some believed and accepted; others didn't. It is still the same. Beloved, the Man from Galilee invites you to be like Him. That is all there is to it. He says to follow Him. "I am the door," and "He that entereth not by the door . . . , but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1,7. If anyone thinks in his heart that he's going to get to heaven any other way, he is wrong. When that day comes, God the Father will ask where you come from and where your wedding garment is. And you will stand there speechless. We must be clothed with the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour. We must have the nature of humility and obedience, subject to the Father.

The Lord did not preach His own Word. He said clearly and plainly that He had not preached anything He had learned of men. He had not preached anything of Himself. "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." John 7:16.

It is still the same today. If we wish to enter into the sheepfold, we must go through the door, and that door is the Lord Jesus. Narrow is the Way and few there be that find it. Oh, it is so sad, but it is the truth. The Bible is the Truth. This is not my word, either. I have not written this Book. I only yearn, and yearn, in my own heart, that I could be more like Him.

Beloved, the Lord says, "Follow me." "I am the door," and the key to it is obedience and humility. We do not have to be one of those whom the Lord says will seek and not find. So, beloved ones, search, and look, and find.

## SERMON SPOKEN BY BRO. LEROY HUBER OF EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Taken from St. John Chapter 7

We give thanks to God that we have learned to know the Lord from our youth, and that this gospel is not a new gospel, but an old one which we recognize as the true gospel of God. It will save our souls and deliver us from eternal Hell and torment, yielding and giving eternal life.

As we read these verses, we perceived the unbelief of some of the people, but some recognized Him and said, "This is the Christ." The officers themselves, whom the rulers had expected to take Him captive, did not dare lay hands on Him. They said, "Never man spake like this man." (Verse 46) They stood in fear of Him and did not touch Him, and let Him go free because His time was not yet fulfilled. There were more things that He needed to teach the disciples, so that they could be fortified in the days to come.

From this chapter, we discern that the Pharisees, the Scribes, the learned people were not expecting God to send the deliverer in the way He did, because it says, "And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" (Verse 15) It shows, dear ones, that they went to school to learn the old law. We read in the Bible that Gamaliel was one of the most respected among those who taught the law. They put emphasis upon learning the old law and they thought that surely God would send a deliverer who had been taught in the traditional way. They did not understand that even though they knew the law, they fell short of it and transgressed the law. We're not keepers of that law. We also are guilty of trying to kill Him, and without a cause.

When we analyze it, Christ was there, suddenly, as was prophesied by the Spirit of God many years before; He was in their midst and they didn't know it or recognize Him. They disputed with

each other about Him. Some thought that surely this had to be the Christ and recognized Him. Others were stubborn and blinded by their own thoughts, and couldn't accept Him. And they were even guilty of transgressing the law; Jesus told them that they had transgressed the law. Those who were supposed to teach others, knowing the law so well, would be expected to recognize Him when He came. But, beloved ones, even though they knew the law well, they did not understand what they were teaching, or they would have believed and would have recognized the Saviour as God sent Him.

When the Lord Jesus spoke, it was as the officer said, "Never man spake like this man." Beloved, the first Sermon on the Mount was the first message that Jesus spoke. We also say that never had anyone spoken like this before. "Judge not that ye be not judged." Mt. 7,1 Many, many teachings are in that sermon, which the Lord spoke with authority.

The officers said, "Never man spake like this man." He had the authority from God Himself to speak righteousness. Was it right that these people were trying to kill Him? It was not, as was even pointed out here by one of them. Nicodemus asked if it were right by the law to kill a man unless he had first been judged, so that the accused would have a chance to speak. They were at fault in that point.

Also, they were at fault because they despised Him. Twice during the past week I read in the scriptures in two different places that if you despise your neighbor, you sin. These Pharisees despised the Lord Jesus. Why? What had He done to them? Nothing. They had no reason to kill Him. He hadn't hurt them, or taken anything away from them, or mistreated them. He merely spoke the gospel truth

to them. Repent for your sins and be converted is what He preached. He was in the temple teaching the people to repent and be converted.

Beloved, it aroused envy in the so-called teachers of that day that this "unlearned" person was getting so much attention. The people were flocking to Him because the Lord was preaching the love of God, not an eye for an eye, or a tooth for a tooth. He was preaching forgiveness of sin. He said that if your brother sins against you, you should forgive him not seven times, but "seventy times seven." He was preaching a different gospel, the Gospel of God Himself. The Lord was telling how God deals with you and me. Beloved brothers, sisters, and friends, don't we all have to admit that this is the way God deals with us?

If we try to justify ourselves, as the Pharisees did, we will say that we have done this good thing or that good thing, or that we have not done this evil or that evil. This is not the proper way for us to analyze ourselves. Because God is holy, righteous, pure, and true, we should humble ourselves. Rather than bragging or thinking that we know so much, we should smite ourselves upon the breast and say, "God be merciful to me." To this day, even though we have repented, God gives us His spirit, and will forgive seven times seventy. If God would give us our due reward, we would not be called a Child of God. Not one of us. This is because we have been born with a perverse spirit; one that is always antagonistic, one that is always, according to the Word, striving against good. That's what it amounts to. We have been born into this world with the nature of Adam. It is a nature to sin. God has placed in us a living soul, and has given us freedom; and because He has done this, we begin to take

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