

# The Silver Lining

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### REGARDING THE RESURRECTION

(Reprinted from the March, 1963, issue) Bro. Sam Aeschliman

Regarding the resurrection from the dead, we read in the Holy Scriptures, in John 11: 25-26, that Christ said to the sister of the dead Lazarus, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live . . ." He continued, ". . . whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." After these words were spoken by our Lord, He proceeded to prove them by resurrecting his friend Lazarus from the dead after corruption had set in; for as Martha had told the Lord, her brother had already been dead four days. This act of resurrection proved to all the almighty power of the Son of God.

Men of God believed in the resurrection of the dead many centuries before Christ came to earth. We read in Job 14:14: "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job also said, after he had gone through

fiery trials, ". . . I know that my redeemer liveth . . . And though after the skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job. 19: 25-26.

To Daniel, the faithful prophet of the Lord, it was revealed that (and we read it in the book of Daniel, chap. 12, verse 2), ". . . many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." In the 13th verse of the same chapter, Daniel heard the comforting words, "But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Let us carefully consider the words of our Saviour in John 5:28-29: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

It seems that if we believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, we should also believe that we should live as we are taught in the Word: make preparation for the hereafter while there is opportunity, for as surely as night follows day, judgment follows death. Then all of us shall hear what our lot will be in all eternity. If we have spent our time in the service of our God, we can rest assured we shall hear "Go ye into life eternal." If we have served the prince of this world, we can likewise be assured we shall hear, "Go ye into eternal punishment."

Dear reader, very soon even nature will reveal to us the mighty power of our God. We will behold grass, trees, and flowers come to life. Their drab colors will be replaced by the glorious hues which a wonderful Creator created. This demonstrates the mighty resurrecting power of our God, for at His appointed time all nature will put forth new life.

### RESURRECTION

(Reprinted from the April, 1964, issue) Bro. Paul Butikofer

According to Scripture, the resurrection is the chief method by which God will harvest or garner the precious souls of believers into His realm.

The first resurrection, as in a harvest, is made up of the choicest fruit, of which Christ was the most elegant; those who gave their lives for Him are also of the select. I Thessalonians 4, verse 16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in

Christ shall rise first . . ." This completes the first resurrection.

The general resurrection, which no man will escape unless he has been worthy to have part in the first, will follow the thousand year reign of Christ, just prior to the great white throne judgment. Revelation 20:11-15.

The resurrection of Christ was foretold in Psalm 16:10: "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Also, it was told by Himself, announced by an-

gels, declared by Peter, and preached by Paul.

The resurrection gives us hope, as recorded in I Peter 1:3. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . ."

Also, "But if the Spirit of him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his

Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:11.

The world cannot understand

this, but the true believer can derive such peace of heart and mind by believing in the resurrection of

our Lord and Saviour, that it can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

(Reprinted from the March, 1963 issue) Bro. Sam Anliker

We are nearing the time of year when all Christian nations will celebrate Easter.

It is of great importance for every true believer, and for everyone who would consider earnestly the eternal significance connected with this holy day, to be concerned with the resurrection of the body of Jesus Christ. That is the most remarkable manifestation and declaration of the power of God.

Many of His deeds and words revealed His power, but when God raised the body of Jesus Christ from the grave, after they made it secure, God showed the exceeding greatness of His almighty power. (Ephesians 1:19-20)

He not only raised Christ from the dead, but He also set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, as a mediator between God and man. Christ "was crucified

through weakness, yet He liveth by the power of God." (II Cor. 13:4)

How many in this world know Him? Perhaps many in the manner of the Apostle Paul on the way to Damascus, or as children who are taught by their parents that Jesus is the son of God. But when the Apostle Paul was called by the Lord, he had this to say (in regard to knowing the Lord): To know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, we must be made conformable unto His death. (Phil. 3:10)

We know the Lord through repentance and confession of our sins; we have had the fellowship of His sufferings, and the experience of His resurrection through baptism, the burying of the old man and arising to newness of life.

Let us never forget that we have

this precious treasure in earthen vessels, and that God is always ready and willing to give us the fullness of His power for our daily life and labor. Without this we will surely fail.

Oh, if only you dear unsaved friends would let your hearts cry out for His mercy, grace and truth, which comes through Jesus Christ. Are you willing to go with Him to Calvary's hill where He died and shed His precious blood as a ransom for all those who acknowledge that they are sinners? You must humbly beg for grace to be able to go through true repentance, with a purging of worldly things and a cleansing of the heart by the shed blood of Christ. Then, by a confession of your faith in this crucified Christ, you can experience spiritual resurrection with great joy and the hope of eternal life.

## YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

(continued)

Reprinted from the Apostolic Church publication, "Ye Must Be Born Again."

### WRESTLING WITH GOD (cont.)

It is while the fruits of repentance are being developed and ripened that this struggle must go on. The length and fierceness of the struggle does not depend nearly so much upon the degree of our sinfulness, (for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross is sufficient to atone for all sins, though they be as scarlet) as upon the stubbornness of our will and the tenacity with which we cling to our old life.

Repentance, then, is not merely remorse for past wrongdoing but a struggle within ourselves, a struggle in which our will plays an important, but not the decisive, part. Our own will unsupported could never overcome the evil in our nature, not only for lack of strength, but because it, itself, is not perfectly pure.

As the struggle goes on, the soul becomes more conscious of its need,

of its complete dependence upon the grace of God, in short, of its lost condition without Christ. It wrestles with God, pleading to be forgiven, pleading for strength and victory, pleading for peace, and vowing over and over to God, to obey and serve Him unto death if He will only help and receive us.

The soul becomes more and more ready and willing to yield itself to Christ and to believe and accept God's way of salvation; to believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and to believe in His atonement for sin through His death upon the cross and in the shedding of His blood, as a blameless, perfect Lamb of God, for the atonement and the forgiveness of the sins of all men who believe and accept His salvation.

### APOLOGIES

When a repentant person becomes convicted in his conscience, of wrong doing against another person it is essential to confess and apologize and where possible make restitution to that person. Sometimes this is not so easy because it involves personal pride. In such cases it is all the more necessary and wholesome that it be done. Not only is it very helpful and healing to the confessor but it gives the very best kind of testimony to the

wronged person of the change which the Grace of God is accomplishing in the repenting person. There have been cases where a person to whom the apology is made by a repenting person was so struck and impressed by the humble and penitent attitude of the confessor that it caused that person also to turn to repentance and thereby became the direct means of saving a soul.

But there are sins which are against God and His law only and involve no other person. In fact, all

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sins are primarily against God and only secondarily against our fellow men. The truly repentant person will feel the need of confessing these also. While such confessions are usually made to elders and ministers of the church, that is not absolutely essential. Such confession can be made to any mature believing person in Christ toward whom the confessor has a feeling of confidence that he or she will understand and sympathize and will know how to counsel the confessor, and will keep such confession confidential. Of course, such a confession is always to be made in sincerity and uprightness.

That confession of sins is an essential fruit of true repentance is evident in many places of the Scriptures. Even of John the Baptist it is written, the people "were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Mt. 3:6) When the gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to the Ephesians and accepted by them we also find that confession was the fruit of repentance. We read: "And many that believed came and confessed, and shewed their deeds." (Acts 19:18)

When unrepentant people came to John the Baptist for baptism, he refused them with these cutting words: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth fruits meet for repentance." (Mt. 3:7-8) Undoubtedly an essential part of the fruit consistent with repentance which John missed in these insincere candidates for baptism was a readiness and willingness to confess their sins as the others had done, to whom John's baptism was administered.

That confession is an essential part of the cleansing of the heart, not only in the original cleansing during repentance, but also through unwatchfulness commit sin, is shown by the following Scripture texts: "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed." (James 5:16) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I Jn. 1:19)

#### ACCEPTED BY THE SAVIOUR

But the climax comes, not when we accept Him, but when He accepts us. When He sees the fruit of repentance ripened, the heart purified, the will subdued into obedi-

ence to Him, then he changes our hope and belief that He can and will forgive our sins and accept us, into a conviction, into an assurance that He has accepted and forgiven us. Thus the struggle ends. Peace and joy fill the heart. An all-consuming love fills and overwhelms the soul. This love knows no bounds. It embraces all men—friend and foe—and burns with a desire to tell all men of the life-giving, soul-saving, healing, and liberating power of God in Jesus Christ.

That soul is converted!

#### BAPTISM

The man of sin has perished in the heart, has been nailed to the cross with Christ; "old things are passed away; behold all things are become new!" (II Cor. 5:17)

The man of sin, the Adam nature, being now slain, crucified with Christ, that soul may now be baptised into the death of Jesus Christ and arise with him to "walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4)

Thus baptism is not the means of obtaining forgiveness of sins, but is the ensembling of an established fact, of a conversion that has gone before. By immersion into water, the burial of the Adam nature is symbolized; by arising out of the water the resurrection to a new life of godliness and holiness is symbolized. The bath in water symbolizes the cleansing of the heart, which cleansing, however, is not done with water, but by the atonement in the blood of Christ.

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now, the heart, being cleansed, is prepared to receive the Holy Ghost as a permanent tenant. He shall be, and is needed as a comforter, as a guide through life, to guide us into all truth. (Jn. 16:13) Jesus said, "He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." (Jn. 14:26)

The anointing of the Holy Ghost is an essential part, without which no converted soul is fully furnished and equipped for the journey and battle of life. A solemn rite is ordained in the Word of God which when accepted in obedience and faith, and after proper preparation, becomes the means by which this precious gift is received, namely by the laying on of hands, with prayer, after immersion.

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews includes this rite, along

with repentance and baptism as among the principles of the doctrine of Christ when he says, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgement." (Heb. 6:1, 2)

Also we find that the Apostles Peter and John when they went to Samaria had received the Word of God through the preaching of Philip, practiced the laying on of hands for the giving of the Holy Ghost upon those who believed and were baptized. We read: "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts 8:17)

While this rite is ignored or neglected by most denominations of nominal Christianity, it is well established in the Holy Scripture and should be gladly embraced by all true believers who desire to accept the whole counsel of God.

#### WHAT A BLESSING

What a wonderful experience, to be lead out of darkness into light! To be lead by God's goodness into repentance; in repentance to be lead to faith in the Son of God; by Him to be freed from the power of sin; by Him to be washed and cleansed of our sins that are past, to receive forgiveness of sins and peace with God; to be clothed with the white garment of justification through Jesus Christ; to receive baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by the laying on of hands to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; to have the love of God richly poured out into our hearts!

#### WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY

What an experience! What a blessing! Also what a responsibility!

Henceforth we are no more our own, but are betrothed as the bride of the Lamb, to Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, the heavenly Bridegroom.

Henceforth we may no more live unto ourselves but unto Him who lived and died for us.

Blessed are we if we continue in this faith and in the love all our days, being faithful unto death, bearing fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), serving God and our fellow



men in love, keeping the commandments of Christ, growing rich in good works, done in the Lord. "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (II Pet. 1:11)

But woe unto us, if, after being saved, and having vowed to serve God and to keep the Commandments of Christ, we fail to do so; if we content ourselves, merely because we no longer live in sin, and neglect to labor in Christ's vineyard and harvest field; if after having said, "I go, sir," when the Lord called us to labor for Him, we neglect to go and neglect to labor.

Woe unto us and double death, if after we have been "once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if we shall again fall away, and crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame." (Heb. 6:4, 5) There is no second regeneration for such. "But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." (Heb. 6:9)

—Ben Sommer

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

We are growing and improving, thanks to the provisions of our Heavenly Father. Our new house-parents arrived exhausted from their move, but safe and sound and ready to work. They are Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda Wieland from Bay City, MI. They have a little boy named Jaret who fits in well with the household of six children they so rapidly acquired. Helen and Jane, who had been parenting those children, stayed on for a week to give them an opportunity to adjust and observe the family routine. Now for the past two weeks, Brace and Brenda have been on their own and are doing very well. We surely welcome and appreciate them. We believe that as the children realize their new parents' desire to be fair and sensitive to them, that they will also love and appreciate them.

This new move frees our sisters Helen and Jane to assist in both houses as extra helpers. The children need all the help they can get. They are worthy human beings

who deserve a fair chance, just as we expect for ourselves. They have a number of strikes against them and a lot of catching up to do.

Snow has been sparse this winter, but the few times when it was present, we enjoyed sledding and tobogganing.

We also enjoyed having the Champaign-Urbana young group here for a weekend. They spent an entire Saturday afternoon giving our children individual attention and did very well. We thank them very much.

Easter comes in the spring, and appropriately so. The beginning of new life in nature coincides with Christ's resurrection. What an appropriate time to remind us to bring some of those old forgotten good values back into our life-style. For example, we should spend more time with our families.

To all fathers in this capitalistic society: We are very conscious of concepts pertaining to prudent speculation, adequate interest returns, and high dividends. With our "profit concept awareness" and foreseeing that today's children are tomorrow's future, doesn't it make sense that spending more time in teaching them good values is a good investment?

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

It is common practice for those who are actively involved with the residents and the facilities at the Home for the Handicapped to refer to it as "ours." Though this is done, it is said with the understanding that "ours" includes all of the brethren and friends across the land who have become a part of the Home by sharing its responsibilities, by sending material help, by interceding in prayer for a Father blessing and for wisdom, and by giving of their precious time as volunteers. Sir Ramakrishna once wrote, "The compassion that you see in the kindhearted is God's compassion. . ."

Deep, heartfelt gratefulness is often felt, first to our Heavenly Father through whose inspiration all good comes about, and then to those who feel led to share their material blessings and their time. Only One who understands all things knows the humble thankfulness which we experience when badly needed help arrives. For this reason, it is entirely appropriate

for you dear ones to use the expression, "our Home for the Handicapped," even though many miles separate you from the facility.

A new resident, Cheryl May, arrived to make her home here on Jan. 22. Her parents are Wayne and Geraldine May of Peoria. Favorite foods for Cheri are popcorn and pancakes. Daily attendance at PARC in Peoria occupies most of her time. In her free time, she enjoys listening to her record player. Birthday time is Nov. 14. Sixty-nine residents now live at this Home.

Days are lengthening, and with that Nature's peaceful silence, which began with the last scratchy note of the katydids last fall, will soon give place to flowers pushing miraculously through the late winter snows, ducks flying, the first robin's chirping and a resurgence of inspiration for man's soul. Then the perennial message of Easter will again re-echo its treasures to mankind. "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalms 117.

### ALABAMA, ATHENS

Judy Haggmaker - Hazel Vibbert

The holiday season was one to remember. We always have God and our family with us.

Sis. Taresa Haggmaker is now going to college in South Carolina. We all miss her. Her parents are Sis. Irean and Ed Haggmaker.

Vickie Vibbert had hand surgery Jan. 15 in Birmingham, AL. She has to go back every two weeks for a while. Her mother is Sis. Hazel Vibbert.

This past week, Bro. David Bertsch was with us. We were blessed with the communion service.

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." I Cor. 10:21.

We all fall short so many times, but we always have to remind ourselves that we are one of God's children. He will never let us down as long as we call upon Him.

### ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Julie Hoerr

"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou

shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ. . ." I Tim. 4:6. And truly we were reminded of the way of God, as we were blessed with ten visiting ministers this month. Our visitors were Bros. Cleo Rinkenberg (Pulaski), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka), Todd Feller (La Crosse), Mark Bahr (Detroit), Leroy Messner (Winthrop), Elder Edwin Ringger (Gridley, IL), Elder Ed Lanz (Oakville), Elder Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Ken Hoerr (Peoria), and Duane Metzger (West Bend).

Two new infants were lovingly welcomed this month. Feb. 5, Adam Keith was born to Steve and Dora (Kaufman) Cassidy. His grandparents are Bro. John Kaufman, Phoenix, Betty Kaufman, Peoria, and Shirley Cassidy, Peoria.

Crystal Evonne Beery arrived six weeks early on Feb. 7, weighing only four and a half pounds. Rob and Vicki were able to welcome Crystal home nine days later, as did grandparents Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Beery. Her maternal grandparents are Carl and Evonne Yates. (Ohio).

The weekend of Feb. 16 and 17, we enjoyed some California company as the storms and floods left only two roads open which joined the metropolitan Phoenix area and closed the freeway to Tucson. Some were able to continue to Tucson Sunday morning to enjoy the weekend of planned fellowship. (The Phoenix, Tucson, and California Youth Fellowship was to be in Tucson on the 16th and 17th.)

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

#### Carolyn Kaufman-Kathy Woodruff

Truly, this month has been full of rich blessings from the Lord. We've been visited by many servants who were working for the Lord. Ministering Bros. Cleo Rinkenberg of Pulaski, IA; Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka; Ken Hoerr of Peoria; and Leroy Messner of Winthrop, MN, have all visited our small congregation this month and have given of themselves for the glory of our Lord. Our cup runneth over because of their meditations on the Lord's Word. Elder Bro. Roy Sauder and his wife, Gertrude, arrived this month to spend the remaining winter months with us. We look forward to their arrival every winter and are much richer because they are with us.

We've had many dinners this

month. They enabled us to fellowship with our brethren and sing songs of praise to our Savior and Lord. Our annual chili supper was this month, as was our annual fellowship supper for the elderly. Our third fellowship dinner this month was held in conjunction with our communion services which were served to us by Bro. Noah Herman and Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix. It was the first communion service for many of our new converts. All of us were moved and renewed in strength as we felt the presence and power of our Savior at this, His Supper.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

#### Carlton J. Lanz

#### The Lost Sheep

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that  
went astray  
In the parable Jesus told;  
'Twas a grown up sheep that wandered away  
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

And out on the hilltops, and out in the cold

'Twas a sheep that the good shepherd sought,  
And back to the flock, safe into the fold,

'Twas a sheep that the good shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed

And cared for still today?  
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,

They will lead the lambs astray.

For, the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever they wander, wherever they go;

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long

Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,

For the sake of the lambs today;  
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost

Some sheep will have to pay.

C. D. Miller

The Kupferschmids, Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 16 at her bedside in the Rockville hospi-

tal. It just so happened that Clara was a patient for a Pace-Maker insertion at the time. Because their children and others were present, it made the occasion a most pleasant event. They have our best wishes.

Bro. Walter Hany has been discharged as a patient from the hospital where he underwent surgery. It is always good to hear when patients return to their homes, improved.

Death came suddenly and peacefully to our dear Sis. Elizabeth (Mueiler) Lanz, 88, of Ellington Snipsic Village on Feb. 5. Her husband, Bro. Ernest Lanz, preceded her in death, leaving one son, Robert Lanz; a daughter, Sis. Evelyn Luginbuhl of Ellington; and four grandchildren. Lizzie, as we knew her, was not of the complaining type, but rather was an agreeable, pleasant person. When asked how she was, her answer was always, "Fine"—with a smile. Her funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Albert Schneider. Burial was at Ellington.

Having been in the Ohio and Indianapolis areas for about four years, Bro. Richard Aberle and his wife, Sis. LaNae, and children, have come back to Rockville, where he hopes to make his home and carry on his business enterprise. He felt it was essential to make this move. They have our good wishes and a warm welcome.

We think of two meaningful days which we will soon celebrate. Good Friday and Easter are only a few days before us. The Christian world will relive the darkest days and hours of the Lord and Savior and also will relive His beautiful and glorious resurrection. This great event meant so very much to us when our parents, in our early childhood years, explained in picture-stories the love of the Savior and His purpose in coming, being born in far away Bethlehem. They are lovely stories that we will never forget.

We can read where He speaks to men as God, demands divine worship from men, and declares that He will judge the world. At the time of His crucifixion, the Bible tells us that the Roman soldier, when seeing what took place, said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

MOVING? LET US KNOW.



**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE****John and Caroline Hejja**

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. . ." I Corinthians 15:3 and 4.

We rejoice in the fact that we are saved, because Christ, in His love, took our sins upon Him, died for us, and arose again the third day. But, what should this belief in Christ's death and resurrection bring forth in the life of a saved believer?

First, it should provide a power. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8: 11.

Furthermore, it should encourage a Christ-likeness in our lives. "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." II Corinthians 4:10.

It should cause a devotion to our master. "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." II Corinthians 5:15.

It should give us a heavenly ambition. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Col. 3:1.

It should cause affection for the heavenly things. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Colossians 3:2 and 3.

Furthermore, it should bring about an exaltation to heavenly places. "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:5 and 6.

This Easter season, let us certainly be thankful for our salvation. Let us also be thankful for the many privileges and blessings made available in our everyday life through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ.

The Fort Lauderdale congregation was thankful to have the following visiting ministering brothers in our midst this month. Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, IN; Bro. Nathan Stoller, Bradford, IL; Bro. Joseph Stoller, Princeville, IL; Bro. Art Gudeman, LaCrosse, IN; Bro. Larry Wenninger, Latty, OH; Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, IL; and Elder Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, IL.

**FLORIDA,  
CHARLOTTE HARBOR****Elda Martin**

The first Sunday in Feb. we noticed an increase in our number. Perhaps that was due to the colder weather in the North. There were 71 here today (Feb. 17). We welcome all visitors to Port Charlotte. Visitors are almost as good as a letter from home! Our attendance generally fluctuates between 50 and 70, so there is room for more. Bro. Ben Maibach served as minister for both services today. Feb. 10 was the largest crowd ever for the Port Charlotte church. 141 came to worship with us. We had a capacity crowd, but everyone was richly blessed with the Word being proclaimed by Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville in the forenoon and with Bro. Nathan Stoller of Bradford giving the closing meditation. Bro. Art Gudeman of Port Charlotte and LaCrosse, IN, and Bro. Carroll Gerber ministered in the afternoon. Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville and Bro. Henry Beer were also present.

Bro. Art and Sis. Mary Gudeman have moved into their new home in North Port. We wish them God's blessings and welcome them to the area, hopefully soon, as full-time residents.

Sis. Anna Roach of Princeville, IL, has been visiting Bro. Ben and Sis. Betty Rassi of Ft. Myers, FL, for the past month. She returned to her home Feb. 8. Bro. Roland and Sis. Vi Kellar are still giving generously of their time in the opening and maintaining of this new place of worship.

Bro. Ben Maibach reminisced about the forming of the Ft. Lauderdale and Sarasota churches approximately 25 years ago. At that time there were only a few that gathered together for worship, and now the Sarasota church is full and overflowing. Surely God must be pleased to know souls thirst for the knowledge of Him in these days

filled with unrest. They can still find a fountain flowing to satisfy their thirst for true peace of mind.

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA****Elda Martin**

Our winter months have brought many Christian blessings into our congregation with all our visitors. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Larry Weiniger, Latty, OH; Bro. Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, IN; Bro. Joe Stoller, Princeville, IL; Bro. Nate Stoller, Bradford, IL; Bro. Ken Lawson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Bro. Ben Wysong, Sabetha, KS; Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, IL; Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, IL; Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, IN; Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, KS; Elder Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park, IL; and our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach.

While Bro. Ben was here, we had our annual business meeting. Bro. Jeff Streitmatter had the support for Sunday School Superintendent and Bro. Mike Siladie for Sunday School teacher, as Bro. Bob Blunier's term expired. We appreciate the service Bro. Bob has given to the children. Our new trustees are Bro. Orville Rocke and Bro. Bill Roescher. Sis. Beth Schlatter is the secretary.

Many tears were shed when we heard the testimony of Tammy Huff. She was brought to realize the need for her soul's salvation through the death of her believing grandmother. We welcome her as our new sister in faith.

We welcome Sis. Janice Lehman from Bern, KS, to our congregation and wish her God's richest blessings.

**HAWAII, HONOLULU**

We were blessed from Jan. 12 to Jan. 26 when our parents came from the mainland to visit us. They are Bro. Bob and Sis. Bonnie Gerber from the Bluffton, IN, congregation. Also, Bro. Keith and Sis. Sharon Kellenberger from the Elgin, IL, congregation joined us for a couple of days. The weather was beautiful, and the temperature was in the 80's. We enjoyed church services together by listening to a tape and singing a few hymns. Bro. Keith had the closing prayer. We had a wonderful day together, and we are thankful that the Lord has blessed us again.

It is rather lonely here, and we miss the fellowship of our brothers

and sisters in faith. Anyone coming to Hawaii should, please, look us up and spend a little time with us. Our address is 3324-D Orlando Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. Our telephone number is (808) 422-1041.

This was submitted by Michael and Sis. Janet Campbell, originally from the Bluffton congregation. They are stationed at Pearl Harbor with the United States Navy.

**ILLINOIS  
BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL  
Dixie Knapp - Jean O'Shea**

On Jan. 26 and 27, we enjoyed having several couples from the Valparaiso congregation with us, including ministering Bro. Rod Huber and his family. On Saturday we had a supper at the church and afterwards shared an evening of singing together. We thank the Peoria choir for being our special guests and for their inspiring selection of songs. It was such a blessing to see our small assembly room filled. Surely it must please the Lord to see so many choose a worthwhile activity when there are so many outside pleasures offered in the world. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him." (Psalms 95:1-2)

On Sunday, we appreciated hearing the message of salvation brought forth by Bro. Rod as he labored for the Lord. Surely many hearts were pricked as they heard the urgent plea to "Come, and taste, and see." After a final supper at the church, we could once again feel the joy of having spent a wonderful weekend with those of like mind and faith and having a little more insight into the real joys awaiting us in heaven.

We held our annual business meeting on Jan. 30 and then on Feb. 6 had Elder Bros. Dan Koch and Dave Kieser with us for the reading of the memorandum. How fortunate we are to have a wise elder body to set forth these guidelines for our churches! God's plan for all of us is so very perfect; we need to be lovingly reminded and urged to walk more perfectly in His sight. As David wrote in Psalms 101:2: "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." Certainly this

is what each of us longs to do each and every day in our own lives.

Our new brother in faith, Brent Nussbaum, was able to tell of his conversion and his desires to serve the Lord as he gave his testimony on Saturday evening, Feb. 9. What a joy to witness his baptism on Sunday and to share in the special joy of Sis. Tillie as she now has seen each of her children find the precious gift of salvation. We know they must look forward to a joyous family reunion in heaven. We thank Bros. Dan Koch and Al Aberle from the Tremont church for being with us for the day.

The engagement of Bro. Larry Mariani (Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mariani) and Sis. Connie Bahler (Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bahler) of Fairbury was announced on Feb. 17. We wish them both the wonderful blessings of God as they prepare for their journey down life's pathway together. "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." (John 15:9)

On Feb. 18, Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kachelmuss received a belated valentine when their new little son arrived. Little Ryan James will be a special playmate for Craig who is five. We wish them Godly wisdom in bringing up this new little addition to their family.

**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD  
Evelyn Endress**

Elder Bro. Dave Kieser and Bro. Walt Herrmann, both of the Princeville congregation, visited us recently and shared, with us, God's precious Word, which we are certainly in need of daily.

Sue Frank (daughter of Bro. Dick), Sharlene Kieser (daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Shirley), and Sharon Bruell (wife of Clarence) felt a need in their lives for help and guidance and have turned to God in repentance. We wish them God's grace in their new walk of life.

At our annual business meeting, the following were elected: Bro. George Kieser, treasurer; Bro. Elwin Rumbold, trustee; and Bros. Dennis Endress and Dan Guingrich, ushers.

**ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK  
Judy Bauer - Mary Anderson**

We were thankful to have Bro. Kenneth Dietz (Bradford) as a visiting minister. We wish him God's

richest blessings for yielding himself to this work.

Bro. Albert Steiner (81) passed away Jan. 23 at the Fairview Haven Nursing Home in Fairbury. His sister, Mary Steiner, survives.

We rejoice with two couples whose engagements were announced. They were Bro. Jon Anderson (Sis. Mary and the late Loren) to Sis. Cyndee Rocke (Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge) of Eureka and Sis. Annette Reutter (Sis. Anna Marie and Bill) to Bro. Kevin Fischer (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge) of Ranoke. We wish both couples God's blessings as they approach their new lives together.

Hospital patients were Tal Kaufman (son of Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys), Gladys Winger, Sis. Clara Kaufmann, and Valerie Kaufmann (daughter of Bro. Sid and Sis. Sandy). Sis. Anna Kaufman has been a shut-in. We're thankful that she is able to assemble with us again.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

When life brings pain and sorrow  
Which you feel too weak to bear,  
There's strength in God's abiding  
love

And in the power of prayer . . .  
For when your heart turns heaven-  
ward

You find a sweet release,  
And you understand the meaning  
Of "His Mercies Never Cease."

Author Unknown

We're thankful that Sis. Blanche Steffen is recuperating nicely and is able to assemble with us again. She wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many kindnesses done for her and her family during her hospital stay and since being home. She says, "Do we really appreciate the love of God which comes from His children? Our faith means so much to us, and also the prayers of those we love, in time of sickness or sorrow. The peace we can feel is such a comfort when we pray 'Thy Will Be Done,' and we know His grace is sufficient for each day anew. May we all love one another to the extent that we pray for each other."

I needed the quiet, No prison my  
bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings  
instead—

A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide;  
I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.

Alice Mortenson

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Mardell Ott - Pat Rinkenberger

Where will you be one million years from now? Will you be happy? Will you be singing? Bro. Dale Eisenmaner (Chicago) asked the congregation these questions as he fed us from the Word. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Josh Broquard. As they presented the conference conclusions to us, it seemed to strengthen our bond of unity and gave us all a greater appreciation of our precious faith.

We wish to extend our sympathy to our dear Sis. Mary Sides in the loss of her brother, Gerstel Smith of Chattanooga, TN. Sis. Mary was also hospitalized this month.

On Feb. 14, our Sis. Kathryn Miller passed away after being ill for many months. We give our sympathy to her family in their loss. We also will miss having her among us.

At Home 'tis well!  
With God in close relation  
The soul forgets the sorrow it has borne,  
With pains o'ercome on that bright golden morn,  
Rejoices in our God's sublime salvation.      Zion's Harp

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Ruth Ann Getz

The advent of spring is a refreshing reflection for the soul after the dead of winter. In our mind's eye we look upon the springtime as new life when the earth again brings forth her bud. Somehow, it gives new hope and courage that God is still with us.

We still see the evidence of God's presence when souls continue to come out of a lost and sinful state and commit their hearts to serving Him. Bill and Nancy Strackany have turned their backs to the world and have expressed their desire to serve the Lord.

Sis. Alma Schmidt wishes to express thankfulness for the love shown her through cards, gifts, flowers, and prayers during her hospitalization at Rochester, MN, and convalescence at home. She especially mentioned appreciation

for those who visited her during her stay in Rochester.

At this time, we find we have brethren and friends that have experienced illness. We are grateful the Lord has granted a measure of returning health. Bro. Earl Moser, Sis. Anna Holliday, and Sis. Mabel Anliker all underwent surgery and are recuperating. Roger Sauder and Bro. John Schambach were confined to their homes for a time with physical problems. Janice (Kellenberger) Straugh is presently hospitalized, awaiting surgery.

A number of brethren visited us from other communities, sharing, with us, the Word of God. These brethren were Virgil Metzger (Urbana), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), and Wayne Anliker (Forrest).

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

We appreciated the visits of Bros. Leroy Hartman of Peoria and Duane Kilgus of Fairbury, who, along with their wives, spent a Sunday with us. We thank them for their teachings from God's Word.

Sis. Mary Meister, another dear old sister at the home, was able to go to her rest. She was one of the first ones to live at the Home. Funeral services and burial were held in Fairbury on Feb. 3. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Sis. Emma Somerhalder is very grateful for all of the expressions of sympathy at the passing of Bro. Eli. Being remembered by friends from so many different churches was a real comfort to her.

On Sunday Feb. 3, we heard of three young couples who feel that God has led them to walk together through life. We wish them much happiness. Sis. Cyndee Rocke is to become the bride of Bro. Jon Anderson of Cissna Park. Their parents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Rocke of Eureka and Sis. Mary Anderson of Cissna Park. Sis. Theresa Martin and Bro. Brian Schieler of Goodfield are also planning a spring wedding. Their parents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Areleta Martin of Eureka and Bro. Bob and Sis. Marci Schieler of Goodfield. Sis. Mary Davis of Peoria and Bro. Merle Weyeneth are planning a May wedding. Their parents are Wayne and Verla Davis of Fairbury and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Leona Weyeneth of Eureka.

We have enjoyed the visit of Bro.

Ed Knecht and his wife who now live in Silverton, OR. They came to be here for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of his parents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma. We thank Bro. Ed for his labors of love on our behalf. He mentioned on Wednesday evening that, as he sat and watched the members file into the church, he was reminded of how someday all of us must stand before the judgment throne. Are we ready and prepared for that day?

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

The engagement of Sis. Lydia Maier and Bro. John Wiedman, both of here, was announced, and the wedding is being planned for Feb. 20. We wish them the best as they make their home together.

It was announced that Sis. Mary Gail Davis is to be married to Bro. Merle Weyeneth of Eureka. Mary Gail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis, and Merle is the son of Bro. and Sis. Melvin Weyeneth.

It was also announced that Sis. Connie Bahler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bahler, is to be married to Bro. Larry Mariani of Bloomington. May the Lord bless them.

On Jan. 26, Mark and Julie Hall were blessed with a bundle from heaven, Andrew Kenneth. He is the first grandchild of Sis. Louise Furrer and the late Bro. Kenneth Furrer, and the first great-grandchild of Bro. Sam and Sis. Anna Steffen. He also has two other great-grandmothers: Sis. Emma Furrer of Wolcott and Mrs. Herman Huber. He is the sixth generation to be raised on the late Andrew Steffen homestead.

Sis. Mary (Frey) Meister, 94, of the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home, formerly of Fairbury, passed away. Her funeral was here, with Bro. Leroy Huber ministering. She had married Bro. John Meister who preceded her in death. Surviving are: a son, Emil; a daughter, Sis. Bertha Leman; a brother, Bro. Henry; four sisters, Sis. Kathryn Gudeman, Sis. Julia Frey, Sis. Sallie Steitmatter, and Rose Bahler; seven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. We were glad to have visiting minister Bro. Henry Grimm here the Sunday of the funeral.

Both Bro. George and Sis. Salo-



me Zimmerman were hospitalized and are now at home. Sis. Ruth Walter is home after having surgery. Sis. Ida Bahler is in the hospital's intensive care unit, and Sis. Tillie Maier is in the hospital. Sis. Joan Stoller slipped on the ice, twisting her ankle. Fred Ifft had wrist surgery at the hospital in Bloomington.

Bro. Albert Steiner, 81, a resident of Fairview Haven, passed away. As he lived most of his life at Cissna Park, he was taken to Cissna Park for the funeral.

We were blessed by having Bro. Earl Kilgus, Bro. Dale Eisenman, and Bro. Ed Knecht of Oregon minister to us recently.

Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman, Sis. Elsie Bachtold, Sis. Dorothy Bachtold, Bro. and Sis. Vernon Leman (Vernon is treasurer of World Relief), and Bro. and Sis. Richard Barth made a trip to Honduras, and one of the group submitted the following: We were privileged to be a part of the group of eight who went to Honduras to evaluate the efforts of the church's World Relief work being done for this impoverished country and to consider how best to put to use the generous donation by a dear sister in faith. We noted the orphans were happy and well cared for by Dr. Youngberg and his staff. We wish every one could experience the joy reflected on the faces of the children when we distributed the stuffed toys and the clothing donated by the Eureka and Morton World Relief groups and the clothing that we from Fairbury donated. They were put to immediate use. We also noticed quilts being used that our church groups made and sent to them. We feel that we in our country have so many blessings that it should renew our efforts to share them in ever greater abundance.

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

**Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman**

We were encouraged and uplifted by the messages brought to us one Wednesday evening by our Elder Bros. Joe Braker (Morton), Dan Koch (Tremont), and Josh Broquard (Fairbury). May these willing servants of the Lord always be encouraged to bring forth the Word in its truth and sincerity, and may we always remember them in our prayers.

Our hospital patients this month have been Sisters Martha Honegger

and Aldine Wackerle and Bro. Chris Metz. We are thankful that they have all been dismissed and are on the road to recovery.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Janny Schneider (Bro. Duane) in the death of her father, Ben Miller of Wolcott, IN. Many of us got acquainted with Ben during the times he stayed with Duane and Janny. We offer our sympathy also to Wayne Cox (Sis. Bernice) in the passing of his mother, Ethel Cox, who was a resident of Fairview Haven.

We rejoice with Bro. Keith Ifft (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma) and Diana Wiegand (Bro. Albert and Sis. Martha) of Oakville, whose engagement was recently announced. Sis. Diana is currently living in Peoria. May God be their guide as they make plans for a June wedding.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid a fond farewell to Ron and Sis. Linda Kinder and sons, Tory, Aaron, and Seth as they move to Hudson, IL. We wish them God's blessings and will look forward to having them visit us often.

Sis. Carrie Wiegand wishes to extend a big thank you to her family and friends for remembering her on her 90th birthday and asks God to bless each one. She resides at Fairview Haven and assembles with us on Sunday.

Sis. Kathryn Schneider (Bro. Oscar) also wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the many friends and relatives for the lovely cards, gifts, visits, and prayers while she was confined to her home. She prays that God will reward and richly bless each one.

#### EASTER

Against a sky of blue and gray,  
The dawn of Easter greets the day;  
The lilies raise their heads up high  
To kiss the early morning sky.  
In bright array upon the hills,  
The tulips and the daffodils,  
With flaming colors warm and fair,  
Tell us God is everywhere.  
And that is why the Easter birth  
Brings hope and peace across the  
earth;

For all things whisper God is true  
As Easter morning comes to view.

Patricia Emme

#### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

**Verna Hartter**

Jesus Loves Me! this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so!

Anna B. Warner

God sent a little angel, April Joy Knapp, into our midst almost six years ago. To know her was to love her! She was weak, but God is strong, and He took her back into His beautiful heaven on Jan. 28. We miss her very much, but we have wonderful memories of her love. Surviving are her parents, Bro. Bruce and Sis. Mary, and her grandparents, Wilma Knapp, and Paul and Janice Zook of Washburn.

Bro. Sam Heiniger was hospitalized two weeks for a virus chest cold, but he is now resting well at home. Sis. Laura Hohulin was in the hospital a short time, and we are glad to see her back in our midst. Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Phyllis Rokey and some of their family have suffered a hepatitis infection. Sis. Lorene Kloter (Bro. Edmund) was hospitalized and has now returned home, as has Mariane Hoffman (Floyd and Evelyn) who is also recuperating at home. We pray that God will be near and bless these loved ones with good health again.

Two marriage engagements have been made known to us: Bro. Brian Schieler (Bro. Bob and Sis. Marci) to Sis. Teresa Martin (Bro. Lewis and Sis. Arletta) of Eureka, and Bro. Rod Steffen (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene) to Sis. Beth Feucht (Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha) of Lester, IA. May the love of God that has brought these dear ones to this faith to live their lives together remain therein and be a pillar of strength all their days.

We thank Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, for his message of encouragement brought to us on Jan. 20.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to: Sis. Vi Hohulin in the passing of her sister, Ida Crabtree, of Phoenix, AZ; Sis. Mildred Knapp in the passing of her grandmother, Sis. Bertha Frank, Morton, IL; Sis. Fern Knapp, whose father, Bob Goetzinger, of Florida recently passed away; and Bro. Bruce and Sis. Mary Knapp in the death of their little daughter, April.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Mary Knapp wish to thank everyone for the many kind acts of love and sympathy shown to them at the time of the loss of April.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Who am I that a King should  
bleed and die for?  
Who am I that He should pray not  
My will but Thine for?  
The answer I will never know,  
Why He ever loved me so,  
That to an old rugged cross He'd  
go . . . Who am I?"

We were touched by these words that visiting Elder Bro. Ron Nelson of Kiowa, KS, recited at the close of his inspiring message. He reminded us of the great debt of love we owe our Savior, a debt we can never repay. We can only walk in humble appreciation and gratitude for our deliverance as we seek to please Him through obedience. Bro. Ron also meditated on some New Testament teachings of the end time, and noted that as the world situation deteriorates and there seems to be evidence that such prophecies are nearing fulfillment, it should cause a believer's faith in God to grow stronger as he realizes how immutable and absolute God's Word is. His supreme control reigns over us all.

We are glad to have a new sister in the family of believers. Jackie Gramm testified of her repentance toward God and her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized on Feb. 10. Ministering Bro. Floyd Schmidgall of Morris, MN, was with us for the occasion.

We were also privileged to have ministering Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson with us this month.

Dec. 29 was the marriage ceremony for Rodney Ringger (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Dorothy) and Laura Marx.

Duane and Linda Krug are the happy parents of Melissa Sue who was born Feb. 5. She has a brother, Michael, and a sister, Michelle. Melissa's grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Betty Schmidgall of Gridley, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Krug of El Paso.

Bro. George Stoller and Sis. Esther Yergler have been hospital patients.

"Faith draws the poison from every grief, takes the sting from every loss, and quenches the fire of very pain; and only faith can do it."

Josiah Gilbert Holland

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Doris Bachtold

A little boy climbed into his daddy's lap and put his arms around him. The father knew he was going to be "worked," so, after a while, he asked what he could do for his son. The boy asked if he would buy something for him. The father replied he would if he could and asked what it was. The boy insisted his daddy promise first that he would buy, and then he would tell. Well, the father said he couldn't do that. Then, the boy revealed that it was something that he knew his daddy wouldn't buy. The father told him that maybe he'd better know what it was. "Well, you know we're playing cowboys and Indians. Daddy, if you would just buy me a gun with a real bullet . . ." (Paris Reidhead)

How many times have we approached our Heavenly Father just like that with petitions about as dangerous as this young boy's? We don't usually think they're that dangerous, and we really don't want to go outside of God's will. For safety, we often add at the end . . . "but only if it is Thy will." What would happen if we first prayed until we were sure that our Father wanted it for us? How about asking if it is His will before we request it? When we have the certainty that it is the right time and that it will be to our good and His glory, then we can with surety know that He will grant it. We won't have to wonder if we are praying amiss. (James 4:3) It would be great if we had an intimate relationship with our Father so that we would know what He wanted in our lives.

On George Mueller's way to Canada from England for an important mission, fog surrounded the ship, and it couldn't move. Mr. Mueller knew he had to be there, so he asked the captain of the ship to pray with him for the fog to lift. The captain wasn't really sure they should pray about fog. After George Mueller prayed, he said to the captain, "It's all right. I know you don't believe God's doing it. But He has already lifted the fog. You just go up and get the crew ready. Our prayer is already answered." And it was. That's the kind of sureness that we all desire. (Beyond Petition-Paris Reidhead)

At our meetings on Thursday evenings we have been having Bible discussion in our group about particular topics. We are grateful

for answers and direction that brothers in Christ offer in this changing and uncertain world. Our thanks go to Bros. Bob Pflederer (Morton), Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Chuck Sauder (Tremont), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), and Ron Nelson (Kiowa) for presenting the Truth.

March 29-30 are the designated dates for College Weekend here at Illinois State. The theme for the weekend is "Stewardship." We would appreciate your support through prayer.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

Joann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Geiger family upon the passing of their brother, Elmer Geiger, and to Sis. Bertie Le-man (Eli) upon the passing of her mother, Sis. Mary Meister. May the Lord bless and comfort them.

Bro. Greg and Sis. Christine (Baer) Kaiser give sincere thanks to all who offered thoughts, deeds of kindness, and prayers in the recent loss of their son. Clint was a special boy who touched many people in many ways during his seven years with us. Knowing that children as special as him are in heaven makes us strive just a little harder to reach that heavenly home. Clint's suffering is over, and he is "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus." Isn't that what we all strive for? The family will always remember the Christian love shown them and asks God to bless each one of you.

Sis. Bertha Frank has gone to be "Forever With The Lord." She was a resident of the Peoria Apostolic Christian Home. Her smiling face will be missed by many at the home and by her many visitors. Her funeral was held on Feb. 3 at the Morton Apostolic Christian Church. May the Lord comfort and bless her family and friends.

Sis. Frieda Schambach is home and improving from surgery. She wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to all who have remembered her with prayers, visits, flowers and food. She asks God to bless each one and expresses that all thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

We have those who have been in the hospital. They were Mrs. Madeline (Barth) McCartney, Eli Wuthrich, Bro. Jeff Witzig, Amy Martin (little daughter of Bro. Jim and Sis. Pam), Mary Wuthrich, Sis.

Lynn Garber and Sis. Mary Aberle. May we remember our loved ones who are ill and shut-in and cannot go in and out as we do. May God bless and be near to them. Let us remember them in prayer.

The Family of Bro. Frank Bauman wishes to express it's thanks and appreciation to the relatives, friends, and neighbors for the many prayers, cards, flowers and deeds of kindness received during the illness and death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather. They shall never be forgotten. They pray that God will bless all who were so kind.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

#### Mary Sue Rieker - Diana Hohulin

Babies are so precious, and this month we were blessed with two baby boys. On Jan. 21, Bro. Bob and Sis. Jill Gangloff were blessed with a darling son, Luke Patrick. His happy grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger and Beatrice Gangloff. On Jan. 25, Jeremy Schweigert was happy to welcome his new brother, Shaun Alan. His parents are Bro. Alan and Sis. Betty Schweigert from Tremont and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Anna Knobloch from Bradford.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Cor. 13:13. And as it says, the greatest of these is love. We should always try to show our love and let our light shine to everyone with whom we come in contact. Truly, love has been demonstrated in our congregation. On Dec. 30, Sis. Birdie Farney from Peoria and Bro. Rog Reimschisel from Wichita announced their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney from Wichita, and Dave and Sis. Marge Reimschisel from Bluffton. They are planning to be married June 15. On Feb. 3, the engagement of Sis. Diana Wiegand, daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Martha of Oakville, and Bro. Keith Ifft of Champaign, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean of Forrest, was announced. They are planning a June 8 wedding. Also the engagement of Sis. Mary Gail Davis, daughter of Wayne and Verla from Fairbury, and Bro. Merle Weyeneth from Eureka, son of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Leona, was announced. They are planning a May 18 wedding. Also on Feb. 3, Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson had the wedding ser-

vice for Bro. Larry Herman and Sis. Susan Hunziker. Their parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Nancy Herman and Bro. Dale and Sis. Barb Hunziker. We wish these couples God's richest blessings.

This month, we had several visiting ministers. They were Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson, Bro. Dave Kieser from Princeville, and Bro. Carl Wyss from Washington. May God bless each one, abundantly, with His love.

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Lois Hamann, Al Suttor, Ben Huber, Frank Ferrero, Sis. Gertrude Kiefer, Sis. Louise Baurer, Karl Pfaffman, Sis. Emma Leman, and Danny Geyer. We pray that God will restore each one to a reasonable measure of good health.

"Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 7:15,17. On Jan. 29, Sis. Lavina Meister passed away. We extend sympathy to her son, Jim Meister. We express our sympathy to Bro. Reuben and Barbara Herman upon the passing away of Barbara's mother, Sis. Bertha Frank on Feb. 2. Also on Feb. 2, Sis. Matilda Hoerr was called to her heavenly rest. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Bro. Rudy, and her two children, Bro. Don Hoerr and Sis. Marjorie Powers and their families. Bro. Rod Causey's father, Tom Causey, passed away Feb. 4. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Rod and his family.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

#### Arlene and Arlys Martin

Love has no value unless it is shared. Bro. Bob Meyer from Bluffton, IN, shared his love by delivering two messages to us on Feb. 10. We are always happy when Bro. Bob and his wife, Sis. Lela, visit us.

On Jan. 27, Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have five sons, two daughters, and 21 grandchildren. Their family celebrated this event with them.

Jan. 26 was the date of Randy and Lisa Rumbold's wedding. Randy is the son of Raymond and Joan Rumbold of our congregation, and

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Mahnesmith of Kewanee, IL.

Herbert and Sis. Helen Schick have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hilda Marie, to Philip Edward Carper, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Carper of Seymour, IL. They will be married on Mar. 22.

Peggy Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Frances Knobloch, fell and broke her ankle in school. Even though she has a cast on her foot, she moves around easily. We are thankful for that.

Sis. Marie Seidel, wife of Bro. Richard, had surgery on her feet and is getting along fine at this time.

Sis. Julia Dapper, wife of Bro. John, had gallbladder surgery on Feb. 11. She is improving each day.

Sis. Bessie Martin had another skin grafting on her foot on Feb. 11. She is recovering very well and is thankful for all the prayers offered in her behalf and for the cards and gifts she received.

The pilgrim journey for Sis. Ida Huber is finished. Sis. Ida passed away on Jan. 16. She was 86 years old and lived at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Peoria, IL, since 1975. Sis. Ida was a member of our church for 69 years. She was born in Edelstein, IL, on Sept 25, 1893, a daughter of Henry and Katherine Streitmatter Wieland, Sr. She married Bro. William Huber (who passed away on Nov. 4, 1974) on May 25, 1919. Surviving are on daughter, Mrs. Don (Wilma) Baughman of Princeville; one grandson; one brother, Henry Wieland of Dunlap; one sister, Mrs. Katherine Baer of Princeville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Farewell, Farewell my morning  
dawns,

Farewell, my rest I see.

The strife is o'er, my morning  
dawns,

The Master calleth me.

Farewell, Farewell, let me go on  
That endless rest to share,

Be faithful till the Saviour calls,  
Farewell, till we meet there.

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In closing, we'd like to thank Sis. Ruth Ricketts for writing The Silver Lining news for 40 years. She dedicated many hours of her time writing the articles. We thank Sis. Ruth for doing her job so well.



**ILLINOIS, ROANOKE**  
**Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel**

Life itself cannot give you joy  
 Unless you really will it.  
 Life just gives you time and  
 space—  
 It's up to you to fill it.

(Unknown)

We offer congratulations to Bro. Harry and Sis. Millie (Anliker) Leman on their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless their future years together.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Jeanne Leman are happy parents of a little daughter, Natalie Jeanne. Andrew (Drew) welcomed her as a little playmate. Bro. Bill and Sis. Helen Leman and Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Grimm of Taylor are the grandparents.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Charlene Monk are the happy parents of their first son, Dustin James. The grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Jean Kuperschmidt and Mrs. Emma Monk.

The Goodfield junior and adult choirs were our guests at our family sing in January. It's a great blessing to sing and listen to beautiful hymns. "Because music has to do with the molding of character, it is necessary that we teach it to our children." Aristotle, 320 B.C. Even today it is important that our children memorize hymns, because the importance of the words may sustain them in an hour of great need.

Mary Wiedman (Elmer and Virginia) and Jeffry Miller (Mr. and Mrs. Billy Miller) of Benson are planning a June 28 wedding.

Tammy Blunier (Bro. Wally and Sis. Olene) and Rod Wagenbach (Bro. Si and Sis. Louise) of Tremont are planning to be married on April 27.

Sis. Joyce Getz (Bro. Dick and Sis. Mabel) and Bro. Steve Hodel (Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann) have announced their engagement and are planning an April 13 wedding.

Sis. Annette Reutter (Earl and Sis. Anna Marie, Cissna Park) and Bro. Kevin Fischer (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge) are also making wedding plans. May God's love ever direct all these dear couples as they choose to walk life's pathway together.

Bro. Herman Luginbuhl and Sis. Ruth Scherer are home from the hospital. They both are assembling

with us again. We were very happy to see Bro. Jim Byrd in church again. He will have to have some skin grafting in the near future.

The Roanoke Bible Class hosted the ACYF groups from all the surrounding churches in Illinois. Our youth of today have a big challenge ahead of them: to make the right choice at the right time. Bro. Paul Leman gave the inspirational message. Bro. Paul and his Bible Class from Chicago spent the day here. We thank all for coming!

Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor) and Bro. Arnold Gerst (Chicago) were our visiting ministers this month. We thank them for sharing God's precious Word with us.

**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**  
**Kathy Schlatter**

As we approach the Easter season, with its commemoration of our Lord's suffering and agony as well as the triumph of His victory over sin and the grave, we need to examine ourselves. As I heard recently in a sermon, all will be well when in our own hearts and lives Christ is on the throne and our own self-will is crucified upon the cross. We are not appropriately following His way, however, if we leave Christ on the cross and our self-will enthroned in our hearts.

While we were singing one day in church, I was reminded of the role of a song leader. He can best lead well when there is a group closely clustered around him, waiting only for the pitch and his voice. It is his prerogative to go faster or slower in leading, to add meaning to the song. In fact, we can best be in step with our song leader if we watch and sing with every word that falls from his lips. Can we not see how this earthly role compares to Him, whom all of us would like to have lead the songs of our lives?

Bro. Dave Wiegand, Champaign, IL, was a blessed visitor Wednesday evening, Jan. 30. We are so appreciative that he would allow himself to be used by the Lord in the humbleness of His ministry. May Bro. Dave be eternally rewarded.

Little Kent Kellenberger, son of Bro. Rick and Sis. Karen Kellenberger, was briefly hospitalized. We are glad he is home again with his parents, now in good health. Bro. Earl Feller suffered a massive heart attack just recently. He is recovering slowly. Our prayers are

continually with him and his family.

When we were finally able to hear that Bro. Earl was slowly getting stronger, I shared the news with my family. Our five-year-old daughter exclaimed, "Oh, Mommy, God heard our prayers, and He's saying 'Yes!'" Thinking of Easter in the light of her remark, I realized that man for 2000 years prayed for the promised Savior. With Christ's birth came the promise, but at His resurrection God gave the triumphant Yes to which we all have access.

**ILLINOIS, TREMONT**  
**Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach**

**There is a Time to Speak**

There is a time to speak and silent to remain,

There is a time to sow, and also to refrain.

There is a time to laugh, also a time for tears,

Thus Solomon has said, as the good Book infers.

This is a noble art, to it I would attain—

To know just when to speak, when silent to remain.

Bro. Henry Beer

We were pleasantly surprised one Wednesday evening when Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson) visited our congregation. We received many good teachings and warnings. Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) assisted Bro. Dan Koch with the reading of the church conference teachings. We wish to thank the brothers for their labor of love. May we all be more obedient to the Word.

Bro. Fred A. Beutel was hospitalized for surgery on his knee. We are happy to see him recuperating and back in church. Sis. Royaldne Hodel was also hospitalized for a short time but has been back in church again. Greg Martin (Bro. Dean and Sis. Judy) fell out of a tree breaking several bones in his foot, requiring a cast.

A sweet, little baby girl, Jodi Lyn, has come to bless the household of Simon and Sis. LaVonne Wagenbach. She was born Feb. 6 and has brothers Simon III, Jeff, Jonathan, Kurt, Daniel and Timothy to welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig (Gridley).

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of little Brandon Lee Kaiser, infant son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marcia. The grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser and Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha Kieser (Bradford). May God comfort and be ever near them.

The engagement of Elaine Wagenbach to Myron Blunier (Eureka) was recently announced. The parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier (Eureka). A May 18 wedding is planned. We wish them God's blessing.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Hannah Pflederer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 9. Thy wish to thank friends, relatives and all who remembered them with cards and gifts.

Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach wishes to thank all those who visited her, offered prayers, and sent cards, gifts, flowers, and food while she was ill. She wishes all God's rich blessings for every kind deed.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Valerie Kipfer

##### THE BIBLE

The BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Author Unknown

We are thankful that Bro. Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, and Bro. Bill Hodel, Roanoke, were with us recently and delivered God's Word. May they be richly blessed for their deeds.

As spring is just around the corner, we are reminded how all of God's creation awakens and bursts forth with new life during this new season. Likewise, a repentant sinner also bursts forth upon the awakening of the soul unto a new life.

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON Darlene Isch - Lisa Shively

On Jan. 19, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of five dear souls: Lori Gerber (daughter of Bro. Carroll and Sis. Louise), Becky Meyer (daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet), Lora Meyer (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Carolyn), Twila Gerber (daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Pauline), and Kathy Gerber (wife of Bro. Keith). Sunday, we rejoiced with them as they buried their old life and rose to a new life in Christ.

Rejoice, O World! for He who came  
Is in Himself the life for you.  
Rejoice, believe, accept His name,  
And rise from death to life anew.  
Author Unknown

We are happy to have more souls seeking the way of the Lord.

We were thankful to have Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (Gridley) help with testimonies and baptisms and bring us an inspiring message on repentance.

Hospital patients were Bros. Ted Kipfer and Howard Habegger, Sisters Sylvia Hackenjoes, Bernice Maller, and Aldine Heyerly, Lisa Schladenhauffen (daughter of Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy), Andrew Yergler (son of Bro. Kim and Sis. Susie), Todd Steffen (son of Bro. John and Sis. Etta), and LeAnn Gerber (daughter of Bro. Lee and Sis. Jenny).

Bro. Stan and Sis. Cindy Bertsch welcome Nicholas J. who was born Jan. 13. Matthew and Teresa Jo. are excited about the arrival of their new brother.

Two of our dear sisters were relieved of their suffering and went to their blessed rest. Sis. Minnie Aeschliman (wife of retired Elder Bro. Sam) passed away on Jan. 21. Surviving are three sons, Bro. Ervin, Bro. Walter, and Bill; a daughter,

Sis. Violet (Sylvan) Ringger; and a sister, Sis. Della Manz.

Sis. Aldine Heyerly entered into eternal life on Feb. 6. Survivors include: six sons, Herman, Bros. Raymond, Lester, Homer, Simon, and Clifford; seven daughters, Sisters Ada (Henry) Gerber, Alice (Gauis) Gerber, Bernice (Melvin) Maller, Jeanette (Curtis) Tonner, Rosella (Floyd) Gerber, Dula and Gladys Heyerly; three sisters, Sis. Mary Ann Fiechter, Sis. Aldula Gerber, and Sis. Sylvia (Joe) Isch; and one brother, Noah Aschliman.

#### INDIANA, BREMEN Norma Lehman

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life. (Prov. 22:1,4)

Our thanks go to ministering Bro. Aaron Stephen (Alto), Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford), Bro. Rod Huber (Valparaiso) and their wives and companions for their visits this month.

Our prayers have gone out to Sis. Elizabeth Yackley as she is in the hospital.

The announcement of the engagement of Sis. Norma Lehman and Bro. Eric Aeschliman (Milford) was made in our congregation. Sis. Norma is the daughter of Bro. Verne and Sis. Leona. Bro. Eric is the son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Jean Aeschliman (Bluffton). A June wedding is planned.

#### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Wendy Gutwein Jacki Huber

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? The blood of Jesus whispers peace within! We rejoice with nine souls. It was recently announced that they have peace with God and are looking forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized in the near future. We sometimes go through discouraging times or face problems we don't understand, but how wonderful it is when we can go to sleep at the end of each day and feel at peace with God, despite our own shortcomings!

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Wendy Gutwein gave birth to a precious baby girl, Allysa Jean, on Jan. 31. Allysa is heartily welcomed home by a brother, Ryan Jeffrey.

Recently, our Bro. Dave Huber

was involved in a farming accident, falling some 20 feet. He was hospitalized with a broken wrist and crushed vertebrae. We're so happy to say he is home again and is getting along fine. Alex Gutwein, son of Bro. Edison and Sis. Chrisann, was also hospitalized and has returned home.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Sara Anliker who is hospitalized at this time. Sis. Lydia Pelsy and Bro. Ben Anliker were both hospitalized recently. We're thankful that Sis. Lydia and Bro. Ben have been able to return "home" to Parkview Haven and pray that God will grant them grace and strength for each new day.

We sympathize with Bro. Ron Hendershot and Larry and Connie Linback in the death of their grandmother.

At our annual business meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, we were all encouraged to peacefully consider brothers to assume various duties of the church. With the sincere prayers of every church member, God can't help but be glorified by decisions made. The following brothers will assume positions: Sunday School teachers, Bros Phil Gutwein, John Huber, Wayne Huber and Harry Yaggie; Trustee, Bro. Ron Vogt; Ushers, Bros. Jerry Overmyer and Eldon Gutwein; Missionary Committee, Bro. Earl Anliker; and Parkview Haven Board, Bros. Rich Wuethrich and Fred Gutwein.

As I was looking through a book of poems and verses, this one stood out to me:

#### Regret

I have wept in the night  
For the shortness of sight  
That to somebody's need made me  
blind,

But I never have yet  
Felt a tinge of regret  
For being a little too kind.

Author Unknown

It's so easy to feel regret for being a little too hasty, harsh or unloving, but if we pray for grace to exercise more of the fruits of the spirit daily, we won't have to regret what we've done.

#### INDIANA, LA CROSSE Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller

God's almighty arms are round me,  
peace, peace is mine;

Judgment scenes need not confound  
me, peace, peace is mine.

Jesus came Himself and sought me!  
Sold to death, He found and bought  
me!

Then my blessed freedom taught  
me, peace, peace is mine.

No. 342, Gospel Hymns

After having the privilege of hearing the testimony of faith of Alice Heinold and daughter, Dorothy Stewart, on Jan. 26, the following day we witnessed their baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They arose new creatures. We welcome them into our fellowship as sisters in the Lord.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Tim. 4:2.

We also were blessed by having the memorandum of the recent conference read and explained. Elder Bros. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park) and Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) assisted Elder Bro. Edward Frank in this important work. May the Lord be their rewarder. Let us all take heed to the warnings and walk close to the Lord so we all will be ready to meet the Lord with rejoicing.

Sis. Carolyn Levy was able to worship with us again after an absence due to surgery.

Elder Bro. Edward Frank underwent hip surgery on Feb. 12. May God lend His healing power so that he can soon assemble with us.

#### INDIANA, LEO Mrs. Phil Schlatter Mrs. Al Frautschi

Cheer up! After all, you got through February, didn't you, and it had an extra day! We need winter to appreciate spring.

We welcome Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda Wieland, houseparents in the Children's Home, to our Leo congregation. It's hoped they and their little son, Jaret, will feel a warm welcome.

Sis. Ruth Garman had eye surgery a second time. She is thankful for the blessing of better sight again.

Bro. Maurice and Sis. Lucile Frank announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Pamela, to Bro. Ron Messner, Indianapolis, son of Bro. Lee and Sis. Georgia Messner, Winthrop, MN. Their wedding date is May 11. May His love and guidance ever bless their lives. To

all couples, engaged or married, have you ever noticed that in the word, "wedding," we comes before I?

We appreciate and thank Bro. Philip Stettner for his ministry on Feb. 3.

Bros. Lynn Stieglitz and Loren Klopfenstein and Sisters Helen, Elaine, and Katherine Norr, and Ethelyn Schlatter returned from a couple weeks in Jamaica and Haiti. In the latter place, they checked on the distribution of the shipment of World Relief goods.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. David Bertsch in the passing of his father, Bro. Aaron Bertsch. Earthly partings are always hard; however, a living faith and a living hope sustain.

#### EASTER

A joy different from any other joy,  
New life bursting forth in nature—  
Tulips, crocuses, green foliage,  
White lily-scented rooms,  
Great anthems ringing

"Hallelujah,"

Wondrous happiness and peace in  
the heart,

The knowledge that Jesus Christ  
lives—

And because He lives, we shall live  
also!

All this is Easter!

Ella May Miller

May yours be blessed.

#### THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay His  
head

When Christ the Lord came  
down;

They borrowed the ass in the  
mountain pass

For Him to ride to town;

But the crown He wore

And the cross He bore  
Were His own.

He borrowed the bread when the  
crowd He fed

On the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken  
fish

With which He satisfied;

But the crown He wore

And the cross He bore  
Were His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to  
sit

To teach the multitude;

He borrowed the nest in which to  
rest,

He had never a home so rude;



But the crown He wore  
And the cross He bore  
Were His own.

He borrowed a room on the way  
to the tomb  
The passover lamb to eat;  
They borrowed the cave;  
for Him a grave;  
They borrowed the winding sheet,  
But the crown He wore  
And the cross He bore  
Were His own.

The thorns on His head were worn  
in my stead,  
For me the Saviour died.  
For the guilt of my sin the nails  
drove in  
When Him they crucified;  
Though the crown He wore  
And the cross He bore  
Were His own—  
They were rightly mine.  
Selected  
Author Unknown

#### INDIANA, MILFORD Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

"He has made everything beautiful in his time . . ." Eccl. 3:11.  
It's February, and our long awaited Winter Wonderland has finally arrived. The sparkling white snow blankets our area. We've been blessed with a very mild winter thus far, and spring should be just around the corner.

Prayer for the month of cleansing winds:

Lord, This is the month when You use the wind as a cleaning rag to polish the dappled sky. And sometimes when You do, high up there against the burnished blue, the young-in-heart fly kites. I love to watch them dip and soar, colorful as confetti, saucy as swallows, climbing, swaying, tugging, darting, praising the unseen force that holds them up. And I—oh, I'm like them too, Lord, I must have Your sustaining presence under me if I'm to soar above the muddy fields and muddled hours. Breathe on me, Lord. Hold me up high, not just today—every day.

Author Unknown  
Our annual singspiration was held on Feb. 17. We surely enjoyed listening to the different groups who participated. Everyone there received a blessing.

"...faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13. The Lord has

led two lives into one. Feb. 17, Bro. Eric Aeschliman (Bro. Walter and Sis. Jean, Bluffton) and Sis. Norma Lehman (Bro. Vern and Sis. Leona, Bremen) announced their engagement. We wish them many blessings.

The past few Wednesday evenings, we have received many rich blessings by listening to the conference tapes.

Sis. Lorene Sorg (Bro. Earl) and Sis. Sandy Beer (Bro. Lee) have returned home from the hospital. We wish Sis. Sandy God's nearness and blessings as she faces recuperation for the next several months at home. (Ed. Note: Pray for your reporter.)

#### THE WORTH OF A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but it gives much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give it. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it may last forever. None is so wealthy that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the trademark of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, hope to the discouraged, and help to the sorrowing.

A smile is nature's best antidote for trouble. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for a smile is of no value until it is given away. When you meet a person who has no smile, give him one of yours. No one needs a smile so much as he who has none to give.

Author Unknown

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

"For we are all laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9. We wish to thank the ministers who visited us this month, Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) and Bro. Andrew Virkler (Bay City).

All welcome a new little boy who was born Jan. 18 to Bro. Stan and Sis. Beth Virkler. Paul Ryan is their first child. The grandparents are Bro. Andrew and Sis. Maxine Virkler of Bay City and Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler of Remington. May God stay with his tiny footsteps to manhood and beyond.

There is a great blessing in laboring together, even as a group of ladies is making and sending supplies to the needy this month. We

learn we each have our separate gifts to offer to the Lord.

"One morning long before the carpenter was to appear in His shop, the carpenter's tools decided that they needed to have a conference to settle some of the problems which were steadily arising in their work. The first tool called to take the chair was Brother Hammer. The meeting informed him that he was to leave because he was too noisy with his work. 'But,' he said, 'if I am to leave this carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go too. He is so insignificant that he makes very little impression.'

"Little Brother Gimlet rose to his feet and said, 'All right, but Brother Screw must go too; you have to turn him around and around again and again to get him anywhere.'

"Brother Screw then said, 'If you wish, I will go, but Brother Plane must leave as well; all his work is on the surface. There is no depth to it!' To this, Brother Plane replied, 'Well, Brother Rule will have to withdraw, if I do, for he is always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right!'

"Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper, and said, 'I just don't care, he is rougher than he ought to be, and he is always rubbing people the wrong way.'

"In the midst of this discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in earlier than they expected. He had come to perform His day's work. He first put on His apron and then went gimlet, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane, and all the other tools. After the day's work was over, and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, 'Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers together with God!'

#### INDIANA, VALPARISO Claudia Thomas - Mary Huber

##### Think About This

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say, "my."  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and not include another.  
And you cannot ask for daily bread, and not include your brother.  
For others are included in each and every plea,

And from the start to finish it never once says "me."

Author Unknown

One of the blessings we have in our fellowship is the constant flow of visitors from church to church. This helps to bring us closer and unites our hearts in love. Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Ken Schneider, Remington, Don Gudman, LaCrosse, and Gene Lehman, Wolcott. We appreciate their love.

Clark Thomas realizes how we need the fellowship of other believers. He has been assembling with us for some time and has made known his desire to become a member of our church. We know God's grace is sufficient.

At our annual meeting in January, we decided to have a singing the last Wednesday of each month. The children especially seem to enjoy singing and making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Irene Neust has had foot surgery and is now home again and doing well.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
INDIANA, LAFAYETTE  
Candy Wuethrich**

It seems only yesterday that I sat down to write a few lines for last month's Silver Lining. Time passes so swiftly. Soon Easter will be here with spring following close behind. What a blessing to continually feel a peaceful calmness as the Holy Spirit dwells within us. The world scurries here and there, faster and faster at a pace that leaves no room for God. We must strive to set aside time, daily, in quietness with God so that we may walk closely with Him.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman spoke recently concerning the condition of our heart's door. What kind of shape is your door in? Is it thick and heavy, weighted down with the cares and sins of this world? In our young life our doors are paper-thin, and when Jesus knocks our whole being shudders at His presence. Do you remember? As His calling is ignored time after time, our door becomes thicker and soon it is so thick that His knocking becomes almost inaudible. Soon the knock gets so faint that hardly a sound echoes throughout our being, and it is easily ignored. Then we busy ourselves with unimportant earthly goals thinking that He'll call again.

What if your door gets too thick? What if He tires of your procrastination? What then? If you can still hear Him tapping so lovingly on your heart's door, give Him your life today. Lay all your cares and burdens at the cross.

The Purdue Group wishes to express their appreciation to Bro. Robert Beebe (Bremen) and Bro. Merle Bucher (LaCrosse) for lending of themselves to come and share God's Word with us during this past month.

It has been a blessing to have a group of farmers with us during the past eight weeks as they attended the agricultural winter short course at Purdue. They were Tim Bahler (Remington), Bro. Tim Fliechter (Bluffton), Bro. Brad Fiechter (Bluffton), Chris Pfister (Bluffton), Roy Klopfenstein (Latty), and Bro. Curt Roger (Latty). May God richly bless the fruits of their labor as they toil with His majestic handiwork.

I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20.

**INDIANA, WOLCOTT  
Laurel, Susie, and Chris Widmer  
AFER THE WINTER . . . GOD  
SENDS THE SPRING**

Easter is a season  
Of hope and joy and cheer;  
There's beauty all around us  
To see and touch and hear.  
So, no matter how downhearted  
And discouraged we may be,  
New hope is born when we behold  
Leaves budding on a tree . . .  
Or when we see a timid flower  
Push through the frozen sod  
And open wide in glad surprise  
Its petaled eyes to God.  
For this is just God saying,  
"Lift up your eyes to Me,  
And the bleakness of your spirit,  
Like the budding springtime tree,  
Will lose its wintery darkness,  
And your heavy heart will sing"—  
For God never sends the winter  
Without the joy of spring.

Helen Steiner Rice

Funeral services were held for Ben Miller at the Wolcott Church on Feb. 2. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Sis. Anna Furrer has taken up residence at the Parkview Haven retirement Home in Francesville.

We will miss her, but we wish her much happiness and many new friends in her new home. We were glad to have Bro. Sam Furrer worship with us again after his illness.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you . . ." John 14:27.

It was announced that Marcia Furrer and Patsy Buhler have found peace with God and man. How beautiful it is when the Spirit of God can fill a heart with joy and peace.

**IOWA, BURLINGTON  
Judy Gehring - Kim Salek**

As some may have noticed, we have a new Silver Lining reporter, Sis. Kim Salek, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosella Massner Oberman. Sis. Kim was brought up in our Burlington, IA, Sunday School. Bro. Harvey Heiniger married Laverne and Kim in '73. Kim repented and became converted in 1974. They were blessed with three daughters, Cari, Erika, and Jamie. Laverne found the need for repentance and conversion and was baptized a year ago. Some of you may recall the poem Kim wrote about her grandmother (Sis. Rose Massner) years ago.

We have been richly blessed with visiting ministers. Bro. Jon Schmidgall from Oakville spent a Sunday afternoon with us. He preached on Luke 14 and 15. A few thoughts he left were that we have been purged from our old sins, pride of life, etc. He called the world an enchanted playground. We are the salt of the earth. Did you know that salt crystals are square and uniform in shape? We must conform to the proper pattern if we are going to salt the earth today. Christ had compassion on us, and we should have compassion one for another. Bro. Uriel had the closing comments.

Bro. John Steiner spent a Wednesday evening service with us. He mentioned that we should become more diligent, sincere and upright so we may overcome the temptations, tests and trials that we are confronted with day by day.

Bros. Kenneth and Fred Knapp spent a Lord's Day with us. Bro. Ken conducted the morning service. He read in I Kings and in Matt. 5. He said that God must come first. We should put forth all our effort to follow Him. In the after-



noon service, Bro. Fred meditated on John 19:19. He asked us a question. How do we act and then how do we react so we can endure to the end? How thankful we can be that we can repent and come to the mercy seat.

Bro. Jerry Kuntz was our guest minister last Wednesday evening. I visited with a sister afterward, and she mentioned how he brought out that we should love and tolerate each other.

Sis. Karen Knobloch wishes to express her sincere thanks to all who remembered her during her stay in the hospital, and at home, with cards, prayers, and thoughts.

**25 YEARS FOR ED AND JOAN**  
(Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan Lanz)

Composed by Bro. Uriel Gehring  
In January of '33

Ed and Anna had their first baby;  
As he lay asleep in his tiny bed,  
They decided to call him Ed.

He was reared on a farm on an  
Oakville site;  
He did some things wrong and some  
things right.

He grew up as young ones do,  
Making his parents sometimes  
happy, sometimes blue.

When he reached the zestful age of  
nineteen,  
He felt the need of being spiritually  
clean;  
He called on the Lord, as penitents  
do,  
And acknowledged that with sin  
he was through.

The Lord was gracious to the young  
lad,  
And forgave him for things he had  
done that were bad.  
In the baptismal waters in May of  
'52,  
He promised to be faithful; he  
promised to be true.

In '55, a year of great change in  
his life,  
He felt the need of a companion, a  
helpmate, a wife.  
He asked the Lord to help in his  
plan;  
He gave him a sister—her name,  
Joan.

They then became husband and  
wife  
And determined to work together  
the rest of their life;

They lived, they loved, they worked  
together,  
Sharing the bright, the stormy, and  
the fair weather.

In time they were blessed with  
bundles from heaven,  
One set of twins and five singles—  
in all there were seven;  
Kathy, Karen and Kenny, that  
really wasn't too many,  
Then Keith, Joanie, Tom, and  
Ron. . .  
they stopped there, they didn't  
go on.

The family is growing as all  
families do;  
Sometimes they are happy, and  
sometimes they are blue.  
That's the way of life in this world  
here below;  
We accept today, but tomorrow we  
don't know.

In '64 Ed was called to proclaim  
God's Word  
So that through preaching God's  
voice could be heard.  
He has been diligent with the gift  
he's received,  
And through preaching the Word  
many souls have believed.

And now Ed and Joan are in a new  
phase of their lives;  
Their children are taking husbands  
and wives.  
They have become grandfather and  
grandmother,  
And we are assured they all love  
each other.

Thus, 25 years for the Lanz's have  
come to an end,  
But the pathway of life we still all  
must wend;  
Let us trust in the Lord as we have  
in the past.  
And so, to the Lanz's first 25 years,  
we bid an affectionate "Adieu"  
And wish for God's richest  
blessings on you.

#### IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butikofer

We are leaving mid-winter weath-  
er. The sun rises and sets on snow  
bedecked horizons. Yes, our land-  
scape is really pretty since our  
snow cover has arrived. We have  
experienced some boisterous winds  
which moved all items not attached.

As we gaze up into our maple  
tree near to our house, we only see,  
besides its branches, one neatly  
woven hammock, placed there by a

pair of Baltimore orioles. By this,  
we are reminded that, if time still  
is, after a few more weeks we once  
again will witness the miracle of a  
new springtime with green grass,  
leaves and flocks of wild birds re-  
turning to us with beauty and song.

A couple of days ago, we were  
thrilled to spy a cock pheasant lei-  
surely walking on our sidewalk,  
picking up what he could find of  
sun flower seed coverings. Our Cre-  
ator has truly given us many gifts  
to enjoy, both for body and soul.

Sis. Becky Banwart, daughter of  
Bro. Albert and Sis. Betty Banwart  
of West Bend, is pursuing a nurs-  
ing course at Calmar, IA, and plans  
to graduate as an R.N. sometime  
during the month of June. She at-  
tends our church services, and we  
enjoy having her with us whenever  
she spends the weekends here.

Make a pearl. Most of us can af-  
ford to take a lesson from the oy-  
ster. The most extraordinary thing  
about the oyster is this. Irritation  
gets into his shell. He does not like  
them; he tries to get rid of them.  
But when he cannot get rid of  
them, he settles down to make of  
them one of the most beautiful  
things in the world. He uses the  
irritation to do the loveliest thing  
that an oyster ever has a chance to  
do. If there are irritations in our  
lives today, there is only one pre-  
scription: make a pearl. It may have  
to be a pearl of patience, but, any-  
how, make a pearl. And it takes  
faith and love to do it.

For a period of a few weeks, our  
mid-week services, during our win-  
ter season, are cancelled. In their  
stead, we are urged to visit our  
fellow brethren in their homes  
sometime during the week to  
strengthen ties and so forth. Lord,  
grant us brotherhood not only for  
this day but for all our years, a  
brotherhood not of words, but of  
words and deeds. Blessed are those  
who can give without remembering,  
and take without forgetting.

I made an error in reporting the  
names of our Sunday School teach-  
ers. I named Sis. Jan Frieden. It  
should have been Sis. Jan Moglar.  
I apologize.

Doing little things with a strong  
desire to please God makes them  
really great.

#### IOWA, IOWA CITY Bonita Frank

When our burdens get heavy and  
it seems that there is no way out



of our problems in our human lives, may we always remember that our dear Savior will be by our side and never, never leave us.

We are ever thankful that He continues to provide for our small flock here with both visitors and visiting ministers. This month, our visiting ministers were: Bro. Ralph Garber, Morton; Bro. Jerry Kuntz, Oakville; and Bro. Byron Stoller, Gridley. These brothers made efforts that we pray the Lord will richly bless.

We are also reminded of the elder brethren that so lovingly, yet firmly, exhort us in our walk of life to stay close to His teachings. We are in the process of hearing the Brotherhood Conference tapes and are humbled by the elders' deep concern for us. We pray that we can follow their exhortations, by His grace, for we know He will richly bless us for doing so, not only with His precious peace and bountiful blessings here on earth, but with a reward in heaven forever.

#### **IOWA, LESTER** **Alice Metzger**

Our lives are touched by God every day in many ways. It gives us a feeling of peace to know He loves us. If only the world could feel this peace instead of the strife, hatred and fighting which are so prevalent in so many places. We have so much to be thankful for.

The engagement of Sis. Beth Feucht, daughter of Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha, and Bro. Rod Steffen, Goodfield, was announced.

On Jan. 21, a sweet baby girl was born to Bro. Butch and Sis. Marlys Doorneweerd. Betsy Rose has a brother and a sister. The grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann Metzger and Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd. Jessica D'Nae was born to Greg and Wanda Gerber on Jan. 24. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Donna Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Van Beek.

Sid Meyer, son of Bro. George and Sis. Charlyn, had the misfortune of breaking his leg in a farm accident and will be on crutches for some time. Other hospital patients were Bro. Carl Feucht, Judy Marten, and Quinn Leuthold, son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Sue.

#### **IOWA, OAKVILLE** **Jerilyn Wagenbach**

Be trustful, be steadfast, whatever betide thee,

Only one thing do thou ask of the Lord,—

Grace to go forward wherever He guide thee,

Simply believing the truth of His Word.

Author Unknown

We are thankful to have ministers who are willing to lend themselves to speak God's Word and remind us of our duties as His children. Visiting ministers have been Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, IL; Bro. Bill Hodel, Roanoke, IL; and Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA.

Several families, as well as our congregation, have been blessed with the arrival of new babies. Bro. Kenny and Sis. Janet Lanz are the happy parents of little David Edward, their first child, born Jan. 20. The grandparents are Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Joan Lanz, and Bro. Hartzell and Sis. arian Schmidgall.

On Jan. 28, Bro. Dale and Sis. Tina Frank and "big brother" Danny welcomed Brent Allen into their home. Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara Frank, and Bro. Ed and Sis. Jenny Schambach (Elgin, IL) are the grandparents.

Gerry and Jill Marshall are also happy first-time parents. Jera Jill was born on Feb. 2. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marshall (West Burlington, IA) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith Schrock.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Jean Lanz announce the engagement of their daughter, Lora, to Jeff White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren White of Carmen, IL. Sherlyn Holsteen, niece of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marian Pflum, is engaged to Randy Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beckman of Sperry, IA. Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Diana Wiegand to Bro. Keith Ifft of Forrest, IL. Sis. Diana (Bro. Al and Sis. Martha Wiegand) has been living and working in Peoria, IL. Bro. Keith's parents are Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Jean Ifft of Forrest.

Feb. 14 was the wedding day for Kevin Holsteen, nephew of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marian Pflum, and Deb Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker of Mediapolis, IA. Our best wishes go to all of these new couples.

We were greatly saddened when Kermit Eland, a long-time resident of our community, suddenly passed away. He was the father of Bro.

Bradley Eland of Iowa City. Bro. Brad's wife, Sis. Joyce, is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Clara Frank, Oakville. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Bro. Joe Siegle has also recently left us and we trust has gone to his heavenly home. Survivors include his dear wife, Sis. Minnie; two daughters, Marie Fisher (West Bend) and Sis. Evelyn (Bro. Dale) Massner (Burlington); three brothers, Andrew (Wapello, IA) and Bros Fred and Ernest (Oakville); one sister, Sis. Lena Siegle (Oakville); and five grandchildren. May the Lord comfort these loved ones in their loss.

At our annual business meeting, new positions were filled on our church committees. The ones filling those positions are: Bro. Conrad Gerst, Trustee; Sis. Edith Schrock, Kitchen Committee; and Bro. Kenny Grimm, Cemetery Committee. Those of us who do not have a duty spelled out as such, are also reminded that each is an important part of the church—each has the duty of upholding and attempting to strengthen our faith.

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

A bundle of joy was welcomed to the home of Sis. Billie and Lowell Cruikshank. Little Jill Laura was born on Jan. 17 and has two older sisters for playmates.

We were thankful that Bro. Don Wagenbach of Washington, IL, ministered the good Word to us. He read from St. John 21 and reminded the unconverted that by having their life on the wrong side of the boat they cannot reap the benefits of having a net full of blessings and joy.

As all must surely be looking forward to spring, may we have a prayer on our hearts for the many friends that they, too, may bud and bloom into a new life with Him.

#### **IOWA, WEST BEND** **Mrs. Ervin Mogler** **Mrs. Dennis Fehr**

Sometime ago our congregation had the opportunity to lean on God's revelation in selecting a sincere brother who would be a pillar and an asset in preaching God's Word to His people. Only last Sunday it was revealed to our congregation that Bro. Wayne Fehr is to fulfill these important duties. It

was felt that Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy would enjoy the support of all our congregation. Let us pray that God will stand mightily by them while they continue on the straight and narrow path with their new duties.

Visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, and Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer and Bro. Bert Butikofer, Elgin, IA. They were here on the weekend of Feb. 9-10. We heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptism of four dear souls. We welcomed into the fold Bro. Larry and Sis. Teresa Bruellman (Bro. and Sis. Harley), Bro. Kent Banwart (Bro. and Sis. Alvin), and Sis. Lois Metzger (Bro. and Sis. Arnold). Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to grant each of them grace as they begin a new life in Him.

It was a short time ago when Sis. Elizabeth Marti, who was in frail health, spent several weeks with her daughters, Sis. Frances Zaugg and Sis. Evelyn Benninger and their families, who are part of our congregation. We enjoyed having her worship with us. God has now called her home to be with Him, and we extend our sympathy to her loved ones.

Sis. Sarah Kropf, who had been a resident at the West Bend Care Center for about eight years, following a stroke passed through the valley of death to meet her maker on Jan. 30. She has taught all of us who knew and loved her much patience and endurance. She was unable to converse verbally since being at the care center. During our church services held at the care center, we could tell by the expression on her face that the Word had reached her heart. It was wonderful that she could at last leave this world behind.

God has blessed our congregation with two new babies this month. Allen and Joni Grimm have a new baby boy, David Allen. They have one other son. His grandparents are Arlo and Marilyn Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schumacher. Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Ellen Dahlhauser became parents of a new son, Quinn Alan. This is their second son, and they also have a daughter. The grandparents are Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dahlhauser.

Hospital patients this past month have been Dick Schmidt, Connie (Mrs. Bill) Zaugg and Bro. Ed

Zaugg. May God's healing blessing rest on these souls as they recover.

"Blessed be the tie that binds," we sing in a familiar hymn, and what a wonderful blessing it is when two can walk the path of life together for 65 years. On Jan. 21, 1915, Frank Dogotch and Katherina Falb took a horse and buggy to the train in a small nearby town to be married at the county seat, fifteen miles away. They went by train to Minnesota to visit relatives and friends for their honeymoon. But that wasn't the beginning.

Frank was born Mar. 3, 1887, in Vienna, Austria. Frank's father had two sisters who migrated from Austria to South Bend, IN. The sisters repeatedly invited their brother to visit them in the U.S., but war broke out and the father sent Frank over here instead at the age of 15! This was the last time he ever saw his parents. He came to South Bend and worked drilling holes in the Studebaker factory, ten hours a day, six days a week, for seventy-five cents a day! From there he went to work for the Singer sewing machine factory. There he varnished sewing machines. He then "roamed around" for awhile, including a stay at St. Paul, MN, where he worked in a foundry. Later through acquaintances he came to West Bend. Many times he worked for room and board which was considered a fortunate thing to be able to do. During this time he would occasionally work for Sis. Katie's parents on the farm.

Sis. Katie was born July 13, 1894, in the West Bend area. Her father had a butcher shop for two years and later farmed. She was fourteen when Frank first came to work for her father.

Through the course of time they started seeing more of each other, and in those days it meant traveling many miles by horse and buggy to other friends' homes for singings. They recall the many good times they had, in particular with the Reinharts and the Banwarts.

Another well-remembered event was getting ready for "besuch" (company). Sis. Katie recalls it was nothing unusual to get ready for unexpected company. If there was no meat available, they would go out and kill a chicken or two and quickly bake a cake. Visitors were always welcomed.

Frank recalls when shoes were a dollar and chili was a new dish. He

bought his first tractor before the war. Back in Austria, farms were very small, and they hoed their crops by hand.

Sis. Katie sought her salvation in her early married life.

God blessed their marriage with four sons, Bro. Leo of Morris, MN, Lewis, now deceased, and Delbert and Frank, Jr., of Whittemore, IA. They found it a real blessing to make a home for a six-month-old baby girl, Dorothy, whose mother had passed away. Sis. Katie is the only mother she ever knew.

One of the hardest times for Frank and Sis. Katie was when the three oldest sons had to leave for the service within a seven month period during World War II. They all were on different fronts. Their son Lewis was severely wounded in action, and the worry and the anguish is something they will never forget. The time came for the fourth son to register, but the war was nearly over, and he wasn't needed. It was really a trying time, but God helped them through.

Frank and Sis. Katie have walked many miles on the path of life together, through hard times and good times. He is 93 and she is 85. He still drives his car, and she manages to entertain guests for visits and meals despite the fact that she has been lame for as long as we have known her. They have 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. "It wouldn't be life without our family," says Sis. Katie. God has truly blessed them.

David Schneider (son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella) and Joan Marine (daughter of Vernon Marine, Cassville, MO, and the late Virginit Marine) were married Feb. 2 with a reception following at the Fellowship Center. We wish them God's blessings as they walk down the path of life together.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

##### Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

We give thanks to God that He always accepts our prayers, even for the little things, if we really ask and pray from the bottom of our hearts. Last Sunday, one of the ladies who comes regularly to morning church and brings three of her children to Sunday School told us, "My children have improved since they started coming to this Sunday School. They pray very earnestly. Sometimes they embarrass us parents when we forget to pray. I ap-



preciate this Sunday School and thank God for it. I am proud of my children." Her words encouraged us to work harder for the Lord. A recent newspaper reported that young children are becoming much worse than before, and we should think how we should educate them. Something is wrong. I agreed with the article, and at the same time the Lord showed me to reread Romans, chapter 1, over and over.

We especially enjoyed the visits of Sis. Dori and Marge Blunier of Eureka, IL. They also went sight-seeing for a few days while visiting their sister, Sis. Evie Blunier, who serves in the Shioda kindergarten.

### KANSAS, BERN

Esther Moser - Stella Moser

### THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Darkness settles over all—  
Lightning scars the sky,  
Looking up, my eyes behold  
My Jesus, and I cry.

Drained, beaten, He hangs upon  
A cross of Infamy,  
Executed for His love—  
A piteous sight to see.

His body writhes against the nails;  
I shudder at such pain.  
The thorn-crowned head is bowed  
so low;  
My tears are mixed with rain.

The straining stops. His spent  
frame  
Slumps bleeding against the tree,  
A moaning cry escapes His lips,  
My God has died for me.

E. Mickelson

Sis. Janice Lehman is leaving Bern to make her home in Sarasota. We are sorry to have her go. She will be greatly missed in our congregation. May the Lord bless her as she continues her chosen profession as an X-ray technician.

As though to part forever,  
We press each others hands;  
And yet no power can sever  
Our loves eternal bands.

Zion's Harp, No. 155

We have a new baby to report. Kevin James was born Feb. 7 to Bro. Morris and Sis. Arlinda Rokey. Michelle, Trenton and Eric welcome baby Kevin. His grandparents are Bro. Joseph and Sis. Lila, and Bro. Walter and Sis. Mildred Strahm

(Sabetha).

Several have been hospitalized and all are able to be out again: Arlene Bauman and Sis. Lena Wenger for tests, Bro. Will Meyer also for tests, and Bro. Melvin Rokey for hernia surgery.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Here's a little quotation I recently heard and felt worthwhile to pass along.

"The hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than the hardening of the arteries."

How true it seems to be! We so often take such great care in preserving our physical and mortal bodies from aging; and yet our true underlying "aging process" is so very, very often left until the very last to seek it's healing from the heavenly father and physician.

Hospitalized this month have been Sis. Kathy (Scott) Strahm; Sis. Dorothy (Ephriam) Young; and Sis. Anna Raaf.

Many thanks go to our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, as he spent a Sunday with us to preside over our annual election. Those newly elected to fill positions were Bro. Albert Edelman, board of trustees; Bro. Ephriam Young, building aid board; Bro. Ivan Beyrer, personal property aid; Bro. Rudy Bahr, cemetery board; Bro. Phil Strahm and Bro. Doug Kraft, Sr. High Bible Class; Bro. Eldon Metzger, Sunday School superintendent; Sis. Julie Strahm, intermediate class; Sis. Doris Bahr, assistant Silver Lining reporter; Bro. Rudy Bahr, usher; and Bro. Roy Bahr, song leader.

### KANSAS - MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY

Paula Bahr

### Remembering Good Days

Tell of the woes you've missed;  
Tell not of pains you've borne;  
Tell of the good days spent  
But not of days forlorn.  
For thoughts of happy days  
Will prove to be refreshing,  
And wise, indeed, is he  
Who daily counts his blessings.  
Tell not of dismal days  
In pessimistic tone;  
Great strength rewards those who  
Recount good days they've known.  
—Perry Tanksley

We recall as "good days" the

Sundays Bros. Joe Aberle and Sam Huber, Sabetha, and Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott, were here to share God's Word with us. We wish to extend our appreciation to them.

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Judy Bahr

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalms 122:1

We are indeed grateful when we can assemble together and hear God's teachings. We thank visiting Bros. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, and Al Langhofer, Wichita, for their willingness to share God's Word and love with us.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr

God, in His own perfect reasoning, has not granted everyone the ability to see into the future. But Christ, His Son, was granted this foreknowledge. Our Savior knew every step He was going to have to take, and everything He was going to suffer at the hands of men. As a human being, the instinct of self-preservation must have been tremendous, but Christ Jesus didn't run away because the going got tough. He turned to His Father in heaven for strength, and then took on Himself the death that should have been ours. As we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord this Easter season, may we remember always: when the going gets tough, the mountain too tall, the load too heavy, God, our strength, is there to hear our prayer. And will we pray "I can't go on!" or as Christ did, "Thy will be done?"

We are truly joyous to relate that Sis. Bea Diel is out of the hospital and now residing at the Manor here in Kiowa. It is nice to have her here close to all of us.

### KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

Our first snow of the winter came on Feb. 7 and 8, a total of 16 inches. It is a beautiful white carpet with, fortunately, very little drifting. As I look out at the white carpet, I think of the song "Whiter Than Snow." Have we been washed in the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb that we may be whiter than snow? Yes, the Saviour says that though your sins be as scarlet, He will make them like snow.



Little Justin Isch was a hospital patient this month with bronchitis. We are thankful that he is again home with his family.

We appreciate the efforts of visiting minister Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha. We thank him for his labor of love. May he be richly blessed.

### THE WAY FOR ME

I must cross a desert wilderness  
To reach the promised land,  
And climb the mount of sacrifice  
To view the golden strand.

Many are told there's an easy way  
That will to glory lead.  
And those who take this broad  
way  
Will be misled, indeed!

I'll take the rugged narrow way;  
It's the path my Saviour trod.  
There's nothing I would rather do  
Than follow Him and God.

There's a Hand that leads me daily,  
Outstretched from heaven  
above;  
And a wing that shelters me  
From a Saviour full of love.

The heat and burden of the day  
Are sure to follow me.  
Why should I give up in despair  
When a victory I see?  
Henry Kipfer

### KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

We are always grateful for our visiting ministers and do appreciate their time and effort in bringing us the Word of Life. This month our visitors were Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend; Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; and Elder Bro. Leo Moser, Lester. We thank them.

Hospitalized this month were Bro. Aaron Moser, Bro. Joe Steiner (surgical), and Wanda Grimm (tonsillectomy). Wanda is the young daughter of Sis. Arlene and Bro. Rodney Grimm.

### KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

We have from time to time discussed Okon Essien with you. We told you of the industrial accident which severed all the fingers except his thumb on his right hand and left only the first knuckles on his left hand intact. We have also told you of his great determination

and will to surmount his problem, and of the support he has received from the congregation.

Efforts were made when this accident first occurred to bring his wife, Emeh, immediately from Nigeria, but all initial efforts failed. Now at last on Friday, Feb. 15, she arrived, very weary from three hard days of travel, to face a new situation. She was to stand by her husband and assist him in household chores and wifely duties until he could finish his degree and they could go back to Nigeria.

At first she was overtaken with much grief upon seeing his hands. Being maimed was a new issue to face for her, a condition not easily accepted in an underdeveloped country where so much depends on basic skills. Emeh shed many tears until Okon faced her and said, "Emeh, you must not discourage me. We have gone to much trouble to bring you here. You are to help me."

Okon has often said, "I am thankful for this experience (referring to the loss of his fingers)." This took much thought until the Scripture in Romans 5:3-5 came to mind, and the mind of God expressed itself in this manner: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

It would seem that sympathy and tears would only take away from the work that God is doing, for hope bringeth joy and encouragement. The law of Christ is fulfilled when the law of love is exercised or when we are exercised in it and by it. We are to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2. Certainly an adversity could be a great temptation not to trust God to see us through and provide.

The Apostle Paul suffered great adversity when he was struck down by the blinding light on the road to Damascus, but the Lord told him an amazing thing. "But rise, stand upon your feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things

in the which I will appear unto thee . . ." Acts 26:16.

Sis. Wyanetta Mahaffey was much sorrowed by the sudden death of her mother. Her mother was driving home after work on snowy roads and lost control of her car on a slippery hill. She was suddenly swept into eternity. The minister mentioned that her friends will remember her as being friendly and trustworthy. His closing remark was, "What an honor to wrap up a life in those two word."

On Friday, Feb. 22, the children of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Augusta Wullschleger will honor them on their fortieth anniversary with an open house. They are the parents of seven sons and six daughters. Two sons are still living at home, one is in England, a son and daughter are in California, a son is in Texas, and five daughters are residing in Wichita. I would like at a future date to share with you some of the joys, disappointments, and trials they have experienced that have bound them together in a close family relationship.

The Wichita, Ft. Scott, and Kiowa combined choir is back again rehearsing for an anticipated song ministry in the spring of the year. Today, Feb. 21, with sixty-degree weather, the choir should begin to thaw out, but our director wonders. The flue bug has surely had its heyday here in our assembly this winter, but we can say spring is on its way. I saw a robin today, and strangely enough I was equally sure I heard a bob-white. The adversity of winter is leaving and the hope of spring is here. Let us all say, "Hallelujah."

### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Penny Erismann

We need love's tender lessons  
taught

As only weakness can;  
God hath His small interpreters;  
The child must teach the man.  
Whittier

Little Anna Marie Oesch was born to Bro. Fred and Sis. Donna. Anna has a big brother, Freddy, and sister, Jenny, to play with at home.

We thank Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka), Bro. Bob Walder (Connerville), Bro. Jim Ramsayer (Bay City), and their wives for their

visits and services.

The Sunday School presented our annual Christmas Program, "The Wonder of Christmas," Dec. 16.

So Long as There Are Homes  
So long as there are homes to  
which men turn  
At close of day;  
So long as there are homes where  
children are,  
Where women stay—  
If love and loyalty and faith be  
found  
Across those sills—  
A stricken nation can recover from  
Its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where  
fires burn  
And there is bread;  
So long as there are homes where  
lamps are lit  
And prayers are said;  
Although people falter through the  
dark  
And nations grope—  
With God himself back of these  
little homes  
We have sure hope. Crowell

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Patsy Bragiel

The engagement was announced of Sis. Corrine Wieland (Bro. Howard) and Bro. Ray Schlatter (Junction). We wish them God's richest blessings and guidance as they plan to begin their life together.

Sis. Florence Wieland was hospitalized for surgery. She is now home and recovering quite well.

After ninety years of walking the road of life, Bro. John Bolf passed away. It was only a short time that he worshipped with the Bay City congregation. Funeral services were Feb. 11.

"I saw a Father and His child upon a road. The child was about three. The Father held the hand of the child. They walked slowly on. The child didn't want to go. The child was kicking, screaming and dragging his feet. The Father walked on undisturbed. He took the rebellious child with Him.

"Days passed. I again saw the Father and child. They were on the same road. The Father had released the hand of the child, but He kept His eye on him. The child was now perhaps twelve. He was in a hurry. He ran on ahead. The Father walked calmly at an even

pace. The child was running more slowly. He took his hand. They arrived at the same place at the same time.

"More days passed. Again I saw the Father and the child on the road. The child was now a young man. He was walking tall and strong by his Father's side. They were conversing. Now and then they would laugh together. The child had grown to maturity. He was no more rebellious on the path of life. Neither was he hurried, worried, or distressed. He had learned to trust his Father. They were friends. He walked with God." by H. Mallicoat.

It is so uplifting to have several souls begin to change their lives and start to walk the path of life with their God. We hope they trust in Him, too, as they grow in grace.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Nella Varga

Young Diane Kaisner has undergone surgery but is now recuperating very well. Diane is the daughter of Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Mary Kaisner. We wish her God's strength and blessings.

#### A LOVELY DAY

Actually, I couldn't say  
What made this such a lovely day.  
The air was chill, the clouds hung  
low,

Yet it was lovely—that I know.  
Perhaps it was because someone  
Smiled my way and brought the  
sun;

Maybe it was only that  
A friend stopped for a little chat;  
Or that a neighbor passing by  
Called a warm and friendly "Hi!"  
Possibly its special glow  
Came from helping one I know—  
Not much really—just a hand  
To let him know I understand.  
Nothing happened, actually,  
To set this day apart for me.  
Things went along the usual way—  
But oh, it's been a lovely day!

Helen Lowrie Marshall

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

As I sit here writing, the sun is shining brightly on the newly fallen snow. The chickadees, a cardinal and a bluejay are feeding near the window. There is so much beauty all around us—whatever the season of the year. God gives us so many wonderful things to enjoy.

WHAT EACH DAY BRINGS  
God gives us so many wonderful things—

The joy and the challenge that  
each new day brings,  
The song of the meadowlark, the  
kiss of the sun,

The rich satisfaction of a job  
well done,  
The beauty of nature, the wisdom  
of years,

The blessing of friendship that  
brightens and cheers,  
The warmth of remembrance, the  
comfort of prayer,  
And the dearest of blessings—His  
own loving care.

Barbara Plumb

We truly appreciated the ministering of Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop on Jan. 27 and Bro. Eugene Metzger of Lester on Feb. 10. May the Lord richly bless them for coming to visit and share the Word of God with us.

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS Pam Sutter - Lili Koehl

"Children are an heritage of the Lord." Psalm 127:3

First-born to Bro. Randy and Sis. Shirley Koehl is Mitchell Ray, on Jan. 18. Mitchell's grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf and Bro. Chuck and Sis. Esther Koehl. Bro. Ernest and Sis. Gladys Koehl are happy first-time grandparents with the birth of Terry Wayne on Jan. 19. Terry's parents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary Koehl. On Jan. 20, Roy and Ginger Nohl welcomed their first child, a daughter, Terri Jo. Terri's grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Shirley Nohl. Little Michele will be pleased when her new little sister, Lanette Jean, will be big enough to play with her. Lanette's birthday was Jan. 31. Her parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Gwen Feuchtenberger, and her grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger.

On Feb. 11, Gary Allen brought joy to the family of Bro. DeWayne, Sis. Janice, Jon and Cindy Nohl. Gary's grandparents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Minnie Nohl and Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia Mogler of Lester.

We had a blessed weekend on Jan. 26 and 27 as we were able to hear the testimony and witness the baptism of Kay Koehl. Sis. Kay's parents are Bro. Eddie and Sis.



Lois Koehl. Bro. Don Sauder was present to assist Bro. Leo Moser in this work.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Ila Gramm, Bro. Richard Schmidgall, Ben Messer (Bro. Beirne, Sis. Joyce) and Esther Spohr.

There is no burden which, if we lift it cheerfully and bear it with love in our hearts, will not become a blessing to us. God means our tasks to be our helpers. To refuse to bend our shoulders to receive a load is to decline a new opportunity for growth.

J. R. Miller

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

Delores Messerli - Mary Thiem

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour,

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Saviour;

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord.

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Saviour;

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a Victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with is saints to reign.

He arose, He arose, Hallelujah,  
Christ arose.

Gospel Hymns, No. 323

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25.

What precious promises the believers have because of our Saviour's victory over death and the grave. It should behoove us all to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Bro. Ron Messner and Sis. Pam Frank of Indianapolis, IN. The parents of the couple are Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia Messner of Winthrop, MN, and Bro. Maurice and Sis. Lucile Frank of Leo, IN. A May 11 wedding is planned.

Hospital patients for the month are Sis. Gerry Messner (Bro. Harold) who had foot surgery and is again able to assemble with us, and Sis. Carrie Messner who at

his time is in the hospital.

#### MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY (See Kansas, Kansas City)

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR Vera Luthi - Elaine Braker

The wind is cold and the skies are gray as we experience winter here in Missouri. We rejoice that the weather can't change the warmth and sunshine God has put in our hearts; may we always be the light He asks of us, spreading the love and peace we feel to those we live and work with. Just a gentle word, an encouraging smile, a helping hand . . . can say so much.

We extend our sympathy to our Elder Bro. Eugene Marti and his family in the death of his mother, Sis. Elizabeth Marti, Sabetha. We're thankful she is now with the Lord, but we know she will often be missed.

With much joy, Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda Banwart have welcomed little Jason Rawlin into their home. Born Jan. 29, Jason also has an older brother, Gary, who's delighted to have him.

It was a blessed evening Sat., Feb. 2, as we gathered to hear the reading of the memorandum. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was here to assist Elder Bro. Gene. We thank them both for their love and concern; the untiring efforts of our elders to help us stay on the straight and narrow way and to preserve our faith are much appreciated.

The following day we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, following our regular services. Surely all of us left with a strong desire to serve our Lord more fully after being so vividly reminded of the great price that was paid for our salvation. We thank Bro. Sam for coming to spend the weekend with us, and we pray the Lord will bless him for his labors.

With joy we heard the news that Janelle Braker (Terry) and Becky Marti (Ken) are repenting. We wish them much grace and the Lord's guidance and direction with each new day.

Sis. Fern Braker (Bro. Lester) remains hospitalized following a stroke. The hours must often grow long; we trust that she can feel the nearness of God in this time, and hope her strength will continue to return.

#### MISSOURI, TAYLOR Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber

#### Love is a Gift of God

Love is a gift of God. It is far more precious than any material thing one could ever hope to possess. It can't be purchased, for along with all of the best things in life, it is free. Its "magic" can change a dreary world into a heaven on earth. Its radiance is beyond human power of description. It is not restricted by race, creed or public opinion and has nothing to do with physical appearance, for "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." There is no fault or shortcoming that love cannot overcome with charity and understanding. It does not imprison, but rather, in loving, one is set free. There is no limit to what love can accomplish, for its depth finds qualities that would otherwise remain undiscovered. It is the most beautiful, the most absorbing, and the most rewarding thing in life, and by far the most important. For love is truly a gift of God.

D. Elfstrom

Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord. Psalm 127:3. We share joy with our Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Dona Grimm on the arrival of two little granddaughters. Natalie Jean was born to Bro. Bill and Sis. Jeanie Leman, Roanoke, on Jan. 23. Alyssa Jean was born to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Wendy Gutwein, Francesville, IN, on Jan. 31. We also share joy with Sis. Clara Yackley because a little girl, Katherine, was born to her daughter, Karen Rule (Rick), Springfield, on Feb. 4.

We're glad to have Steve Scheitlin from Elgin, IL, assemble with us while he is working in our area. We are especially happy to add that Steve has felt his need of repentance and has answered God's loving call.

Little Tonya Cottrell (Tom and Theresa) is home and improving after ten days in the hospital with a seige of pneumonia.

"There are many things we cannot understand,

But we must trust God's wisdom  
And be guided by His hand."

Helen Steiner Rice

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Rodney and Sis. Barb Heimer in the loss of their little daughter, Amanda Jo, who was stillborn Jan.



29. The grandparents are Bro. Albert and Edith Joos, Morris, MN, and Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser, Wapello, IA. No greater comfort can be had than to know that this dear little girl is "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and that they can look forward with anticipation to being together in heaven someday. "For of such is the Kingdom of God." St. Luke 18:16.

**NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA  
Ed Aeschleman**

We were richly blessed on Sunday, Feb. 3, with two visiting ministers in Philadelphia. Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington (Sis. Lois) and Bro. Corbin Bahler from Rockville (Sis. Virginia), along with other visiting brethren and friends, spent the Sunday with us. It was a cold day and the furnace in the old Grange Hall we rent was not working properly. But in spite of the cold, we enjoyed a heart-warming day and were well fed through the efforts of God's willing servants.

Sis. Minnie Cook of Union City recently broke her arm which is mending satisfactorily. Sis. Minnie is presently spending several weeks in Rockville with relatives.

When we arrived in church at Union City last Sunday, we learned that one of the colored glass windows in the assembly room had been broken by a baseball. The church is quite old (built in the 1890's) and the glass could not be matched. Fortunately, a window in another part of the building could be switched with the broken one so the beauty of the quaint old room could be preserved.

We were thankful that we could welcome ministering Bro. Wallace Ramsier of Mansfield to our Philadelphia congregation on February 17. Bro. Wallace and his wife, Sis. Helen, had spent a week in Baltimore where he attended a seminar, then were kind enough to spend a weekend with us. We were blessed with good teachings and good fellowship.

**NEW YORK, CROGHAN  
Alice Virkler**

We enjoyed an evening of blessed fellowship together when we assembled with the Naumburg congregation for a covered dish supper and song service.

Sis. Barb Virkler has returned home from the University of Iowa Clinic in Iowa City where she was a patient for two weeks, undergoing tests. Bro. Floyd Graves remains a patient after submitting to hip surgery four weeks ago. He is improving, and we hope he will be able to return home soon. We look forward to the time when he can assemble with us and minister to us again. Our thoughts and prayers have been with him during his hospital stay.

Sis. Lucy Wooschlager is a patient at Lewis County General Hospital and Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard) is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Sis. Berdena Widrick (Bro. John) was a hospital patient for a few days, as was Fred Ebersol. We are thankful that Loren Virkler was not more seriously injured when he was hit by a falling tree. He underwent surgery for broken bones in his cheek and has been able to return home.

Our Sisters Lydia Virkler and Minnie Virkler are both patients at the Extended Care of Lewis County General Hospital. We pray that they can both find a measure of strength and comfort in their new surroundings.

**NEW YORK, NAUMBURG  
Rachel Snyder**

Our congregation has been very concerned because of the accident of Benjamin Herzig, son of Bro. Theodore and Gertrude. He is in his teens and had the misfortune of having an accident with his motorcycle. He has been living in the Richmond, VA, area with his sister, Linda Shute. He is in serious condition at this time. May the Lord look in mercy upon him that if it could be His will He will help him to recover.

Bro. Jesse Karcher has now been able to return home. His wife, Ethel, will have some outside help to help care for him.

Andrew Virkler from Bender's Home for the Aged has been taken to the Lowville General Hospital.

Fredrick Ebersol was taken to Lowville Hospital and transferred to Watertown but is back home now and doing quite well.

**OHIO, AKRON  
Lynell Palitto**

We are happy to report the birth of a baby girl, Mary Beth, born on

Jan. 31. First-time parents are Bro. John and Sis. Emily Rufener. The grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz, Junction, and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nina Rufener, Mansfield.

Esther Bako, daughter of Bro. Sandor and Sis. Kathy, is out and about again after being a surgical patient. Paul Ritzman (Pam), son of Sis. Marie, is recovering after being involved in an auto accident. Sisters Anna Von Gunten and Bonnie Bako have spent time in the hospital. Bro. Charles Novotny is hospitalized at this time. May the Lord bless these dear ones with returned health and strength.

During our annual business meeting, Bro. Randy Miller was chosen to be an usher. Sis. Lynell Palitto was chosen for kitchen help.

**OHIO, JUNCTION  
Lester Manz**

We are so thankful that the Lord is still calling our friends unto repentance and that they are answering his call. Our dear friend, Sue Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn), has made a beginning in the Lord.

May God be in the planning of our Bro. Ray Schlatter (Sis. Esther) as his engagement has been made known to Sis. Corrine Wieland (Bro. Howard) from Bay City.

We were thankful to have Bro. Roy Ehle (Bradford) here with us to minister the Holy Word of God. May the Lord bless him for his efforts.

Sis. Madeline Manz spent some time in the hospital but is again home and feeling better.

**OHIO, LATTY  
Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn**

We welcome, to our community and fellowship, Roger and Kay Miller and Matthew. Kay is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther Stoller. They have moved here from the Goshen, IN, area as Roger has found employment here. We extend a hearty welcome to them.

Several from our congregation have been hospitalized: Sis. Nellie Sinn (Bro. Dan), Bro. Kenneth Laukhuf (Sis. Marge), Sis. Helen Schlatter (Bro. Ben), Sis. Mildred Stoller (Bro. Louis), and Cindy Laukhuf (Larry and Charlotte). May God grant them healing and strength as He sees fit.

Bro. Craig and Sis. Ruth Stoller welcome little Blane Alan into their home. Also to share in this joyous event are his brothers Neil, Trent, and Ross, and grandparents, Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvene Stoller, and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen Klopfenstein.

Austin Michael is the newborn son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Alice Wenninger. Welcoming him into the family is brother Ashley and grandparents Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine Wenninger and Cletus and Alice Coomer.

On February 16-17, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Bro. Bill Hodel (Roanoke) shared a blessed weekend with us. We pray that the Lord will bless these brothers as only He can.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

Holy Spirit, faithful guide, ever near the Christian's side. What a wonderful comfort this wonderful spirit brings when we are so in need of help. A sister once had gone through a very deep spiritual trial and dreamed that she was on a ship and the waters were tossing the ship to and fro. In her dream, she saw the ship's furniture flying around, and finally her mother said, "The captain of the ship said if we sit at table No. 1 where the Bible and the hymn book is, we will be safe." As the storm raged and they slowly made their way to the table, they saw the Bible and the Zion's Harp, just as the captain had instructed. How comforting the Bible and the hymn book were. Soon the storm began to cease, and the sun began to shine. As she looked toward the sun, in her dream, she saw a hand pointing to heaven and a beautiful peace filled her heart and soul. She then knew that God was with her, even in the storm. We too can pray for the comfort of that wonderful Holy Spirit to guide our ship of faith to a blessed end.

Bro. Robert Beer has been hospitalized and is now at home. He is not able to have much company, but a few words of encouragement through a card or letter would be of comfort to him as well as to Sis. Catherine who so willingly cares for him. He has been a diligent servant in the Lord's vineyard and has often shared words of comfort to many. His address is

2750 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44906.

Sis. Barbara Bricker is now released from the hospital and is back at the Hillcrest Rest Home. Her address is Painter Road, Rt. 3, Fredricktown, OH.

Also hospitalized was dear Carol Went Kovach. We are pleased to report that she is now home again with her family.

Two precious babies have been born this past month. Bro. Gaylord and Sis. Betty Dotterer have a new son named Matthew David who was born January 17. He will have two playmates, his twin brothers, Gayle and Grant.

Bro. Mike and Carolyn (Domka) Batten have a new little daughter whom they named Tracy Lynn. Tracy was born on Feb. 3 and has a little brother, Andy.

Four precious souls have answered the Master's call and on Feb. 10 were added to the family of God. Our new sisters are Donna Beard, Francis Gage and Joanne Garrison, and our new brother is Donald Garrison. Here for the joyous occasion were Bros. Robert Walders (Congerville), Aaron Steffen (Alto), Rudolph Graf (Akron), and Joseph Ramsier (Rittman).

The same weekend it was announced that three more souls have found peace with God and man. They are Susan (Zimmer) Masters and Mark Masters. What a joy to know that the waters are troubled and that anyone who wishes may come to the Saviour who so lovingly is calling.

Callest Thou thus, O Master, Callest Thou thus to me?  
I am weary and heavy laden, and longing to come to Thee;  
And out in the distant darkness Thy dear voice sounds so sweet,  
But I am not worthy, not worthy, O Master, to kiss Thy feet.

"Child!" said the gracious Master, "why turnest thou thus away, When I came through the darkness seeking my sheep that have gone astray?  
I know thou art heavy laden, I know thou hast need of me, And the feet of thy loving Master are weary with seeking thee."

Callest Thou thus, O Master, callest Thou thus to me?

When my untrimmed lamp is dying and my heart is not meet for Thee;

For Thou art so great and holy, and mine is so poor a home.

And I am not worthy, not worthy, O Master, that thou shouldst come.

"Child," said the tender Shepherd—and His voice was very sweet—

"I only ask for a welcome, and rest for my weary feet."

Then over my lonely threshold, though weak and defiled by sin,

Though I am not worthy, O Master, I pray Thee, enter in.

Helen Burnsidess

### OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." St. John 3:7. The little ones in Sunday School can remember this verse, and the older ones are seeking to be born again. We rejoice with our new convert, Donna Walder, as she is following the Lord.

We were richly blessed recently with two visiting ministers, and we want to thank Bro. Earl Gerber, Forrest, and Bro. Bill Brake, Sardis, for bringing us the gospel of peace and Word of Life.

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1. As David said many years ago, it seems we call upon God, too, for help. We are so thankful our convert Neil Gasser felt the healing power of our Lord. After being so very sick, he is slowly on the way to recovery. We believe many prayers are offered for those who are ill. We want to mention those who had surgery. They are Bro. Ron Steiner, Bro. Ed Riegenbach, Bro. Dave Maletich, and Frank Weber. All are able to be back in church again.

When Jesus was on earth, He took a little child and set it in the midst of His followers. He told them that unless they became as that little child, they could not enter the kingdom of heaven. Little children are God's blessings, and some of our dear ones have these little blessings with the arrival of babies to complete their family circle. A son was born to Ed and Joan Gasser, making this their second son. The grandparents are Bro.



Joe and Sis. Nina Gasser. A little girl, Dawn Janee, was born to Bro. Bruce and Sis. Lois Maibach. Faith and Ann welcome her home as do grandparents Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach and Sis. Esther Schlatter, Junction. A son was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Sue Saurers and is named Andrew Luke. At home to welcome a new brother are Todd and Tim along with grandparents Bro. Harry and Sis. Esther Saurers, and Bro. Walter and Sis. Freda Rehklau, Toledo. A second daughter was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Nancy Bauman with the arrival of Julie Marie. Kelly is glad for a playmate, and the grandparents are glad for a new grandchild. They are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler, and Richard and Gladys Bauman.

As Thy Days So Shall Thy  
Strength Be

God broke the years to hours and days,  
That hour by hour  
And day by day,  
Just going on a little way  
We might be able all along  
To keep quite strong.  
Should all the weights of life  
Be laid across our shoulders,  
And the future, rife  
With woe and struggle,  
Meet us face to face  
At just one place,  
We could not go;  
Our feet would stop. And so  
God lays a little on us every day,  
And never, I believe, on all the way,  
Will burdens bear so deep,  
Or pathways lie so steep,  
But we can go, if by God's power  
We only bear the burden of the hour.

Georgiana Holmes

**OHIO, SARDIS**  
Joyce Indermuhle

"Who hath believed our report?  
And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs,

and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his strips we are healed." Isaiah 53:1-5.

Think back to the time when you felt you were condemned to die. Remember the lost, pitiful state you were in. Now multiply that condemned feeling by all the people that have lived in the past and all those that will live in the future and you will have the condemnation that Christ bore. It was you and I that drove the nails into his hands and feet. It was you and I that pierced his side. It was you and I that caused him to cry "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me."

In the coming time which we set aside to commemorate His cruel death and glorious resurrection, let us search our souls to see if we are living in a way that is pleasing to our Lord.

**OHIO, TOLEDO**  
Josephine Rehklau

GOD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU

If it's ever so small the part you take,  
God has a place for you.  
Be it big or little the effort you make,  
God has a place for you.  
If it's only a thought you gave by the way,  
If it's only love's word you pause to say,  
It's a part that nobody else can play—  
God has a place for you.  
By your smile you can change another's life; by a word you can bring peace out of strife;  
Then look up to whence all help comes;  
Count you blessings, stop every sigh,  
Get busy . . . don't let a chance slip by,  
God has a place for you.  
Author Unknown

At our annual members meeting, Bro. Ben Schlatter was re-elected as treasurer and Bro. Al Weigele was re-elected as a trustee.

In the Sunday School, Bro. Richard Fetter is superintendent and

teacher of the Bible Class, and Sis. Joyce Rehklau is the teacher of the Primary Class. We pray that God's blessings will be with them in their service.

**OREGON, SILVERTON**

Andy Winkler  
Mary Jane Winkler

Our children studied verse 18 in I Thess. in Sunday School, which is, "In everything give thanks." It made me think how we need to be reminded that we should appreciate the many blessings that we have. It seems the evil one is trying so hard to draw God's people away from the straight and narrow way. We need to be thankful for a loving Father in heaven who cares for us.

Sis. Terry Zollinger (Bro. Gary) has been having back pain and is in the hospital in traction. We wish her God's speedy recovery.

Our daughter, Rachel, has returned home after corrective surgery for a hair lip. We are thankful to have her back home again.

We were privileged and thankful to hear the tapes from the conference. We pray that God will continue with His shepherds as we truly need to be guided in these latter times.

**PENNSYLVANIA,  
PHILADELPHIA**

(See New Jersey, Union City)

**TEXAS, ZAPATA**  
Tillie Kellenberger

God's blessings again have been showered on one of our young couples through the birth of a son, Shane Coxey, born to Rich and Sandra Norman on Jan. 16. His grandparents are Charles and Pat Norman of Weslaco and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Joyce Nahd of McAllen.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Sis. Della are spending several months here this winter and spring.

Bro. Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, IL, and Sis. Dorothy are spending several weeks with us. We are so happy to see such a miracle of improvement in him since his stroke.

Elder Bro. Edwin Hohulin and Sis. Elsie have left the Zapata congregation for an unspecified time in answer to a request to serve the Alabama churches. We will miss them.

Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Burling-



ton, IA, and Bro. William Funk, Garden Grove, IA, gave of themselves to proclaim God's Holy Word to the edification of us all.

Bro. Leland Plattner has been on the sick list and in the hospital at San Antonio, but is home again. He is slowly improving. We wish him a speedy recovery.

### The Sermon . . .

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working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." Satan has great power; the Antichrist will use great signs and lying wonders. The apostle revealed that when he wrote this letter.

We believe, beloved ones, that Satan is working harder now than when the apostle wrote to the Thessalonians. It gives us even more reason to fully prepare our hearts to keep them clean and pure; we should have nothing in our hearts that would condemn us. We want to stand firmly upon the foundation which we had when we became followers of our Lord. It is so necessary to be firmly grounded and founded upon the solid rock. Then, when the storms of life come over us, we have something to hold fast to; and we can stand amid the trials and temptations of life which still come over God's children today.

Paul also said, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." II Thess. 2:13. He was thankful that God had chosen these followers of the Lord.

Beloved ones, we have reason to thank God today for those who turn to the Lord in spirit and truth. Working out their souls' salvation in truth and sincerity is of great importance. If we would consider our salvation lightly, not complying with the Word of God, we would be found wanting. Possibly we would have a hope that we could live by, but not a hope to die by.

That has often been expressed by converts, dear ones. They felt that they could live successfully; but when they considered dying, they had no hope within their hearts. What we should seek while

we are in this earthly life is the way to eternal life. Many, we believe, have made a beginning but went, as the Saviour Himself said, through a different door into the sheepfold. How will they then face the Lord when He comes? The apostle said that the "son of perdition" will be destroyed with the brightness of His coming. Where would we stand then, if we were still serving the enemy of our soul? If our hearts were not cleansed and purified? Would we be standing before Him in peace? That is what is important. We want to stand before Him with peaceful hearts.

"Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistles." II Thess. 2:14, 15. Paul told the Thessalonians not to waver from what they had been taught, and to hold fast until the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus.

It is important for you and me, beloved ones, not to drift away from the Word of God, seeking a hope and promise in any other way.

I often think of the hymn that we sing together which says, "Tho baptized, yet our hope is vain, if we his Word don't heed." Baptism alone does not save the soul. The Word teaches us that it is necessary to become converted and newborn. In baptism the old sinful life is buried in Christ's death, and we arise and come forth in newness of life. That is the teaching that we have in the Word, beloved ones, the way that does save the soul if we then live faithfully until the end of our days. Unless we follow those teachings, we cannot find a living hope that we can have eternal life.

We would fear standing before the just and righteous One if we felt within our hearts that we had not complied with the Word. How freely the Word of God is given to us! We all have Bibles in our homes and can read the Word over and over again; if we do not read it, it is our own fault. When we stand before our Lord and Saviour, if we have to say that we have neglected to read the Word, have neglected to go to church, and have

neglected to comply with the teachings which we received from His Word, there will be no help for us.

How will it be on that Great day? The Lord says in His Word that out of a thousand questions we will not be able to answer one, if we have neglected this important work. Dear ones, would it not be far better to give heed to the Word today while we hear it spoken to us? It is offered free of charge, without price. It is not only for the rich nor is it only for the poor; it is for everyone who becomes willing to submit to the ways of the Lord.

I often think of the example of the poor man and the rich man. Both died; poor Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man went to hell where he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and pleaded, saying, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:24.

What was the answer, dear ones? There was no relief given. It was too late. When the rich man thought of his five brothers who were still on this side of the grave, he pleaded with Abraham to send one from the dead to preach to them so that they would not come to the place of torment. Not even that much was granted him. Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets; if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:29, 31.

So, we can see what it will mean for those who neglect this important work until it is too late. It would be regretted forever and ever. Abraham told the rich man, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." Luke 16:25.

That is the great difference, beloved ones. Those who are submissive and humble themselves before the Lord will be comforted on that great day. Those who neglect their salvation will suffer without end. There is no end to eternity; it is time without end. We will be in one place or the other, so today let us choose to come to the Saviour. Let us not harden our hearts.

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Text: II Thess. 2

When we turn to the pages of God's living Word, is it not true that we always find many instructions given to us? Those who lived many years ago felt a duty to instruct future generations in the ways of our Lord.

Our Lord and Saviour Himself gave us many teachings and instructions concerning how we might be fitted and prepared to inherit our eternal resting place. When the Lord Jesus left this earthly life, He instructed that others should continue the work; that they should point out the necessity of following His teachings. There were those who carried on this duty, and were deeply concerned that the followers of the Lord might not come short of their eternal inheritance.

The Apostle Paul was truly diligent in this work even though he walked in the ways of this world and committed great sin before his conversion. He thought that he was pleasing God (according to the old law) when he persecuted the church of Christ. However, when it pleased God to call Paul to go forth and proclaim His Word, he willingly obeyed.

Paul wrote many letters of instruction to the various churches. In today's reading, Paul wrote to the Thessalonians out of concern for them. "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." II Thess. 2:1, 2. Paul warned them, beloved ones, so that they would not be misled, and it is also a warning for us today.

God gives each one of us a free and open way to become a child of His. When we become a child of God, dear ones, we have duties to carry out. The Word teaches us that we should not be shaken in our mind or be troubled. Truly, we

have an enemy of our soul who seeks to misdirect the very elect of God. It is for that reason, dear ones, that we must often be reminded of our high and heavenly calling. We should seek to be obedient to that calling.

If we become children of God and then do not walk in His ways, will it profit us anything? Not according to His Word. The teaching in the Word is that if we become children of God and remain true and faithful to the teachings which are outlined for us, then we can expect to inherit that eternal resting place. Otherwise, beloved ones, if we become disobedient to the Word, our promise is cut off unless we repent for our sin. Therefore, we must be careful how we live so that we retain our hope and promise of salvation.

Don't we all have a desire to inherit a heavenly home? Who would not wish to? We see plainly and clearly through the Word that there are two ways we can walk. We are either upon the broad way that leads to doom and destruction, or we are on the way that leads to life eternal. There is no middle way, beloved ones. We are either on one path or on the other.

It is very important to be on the narrow path. If we become negligent in our duties, careless and unwilling to submit to the teachings in the Word, we have no promise. How sad it would be if we came to the end of our journey and found nothing prepared for us. That would be a condition we could scarcely imagine!

Today we have the privilege and opportunity to gather together unhindered and unmolested by the outside world, even protected by our government. We can come here in quietness and we can hear the Word of God; we find therein how we can gain an eternal resting place.

The apostle warned the Thessalonians to "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day

shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." II Thess. 2:3, 4.

At that time already, dear ones, there were many who sought to deceive mankind and show other ways in which man could become saved. But, beloved ones, there is only one way that man can be saved. The Saviour Himself said that anyone who enters the door of the sheepfold in any way except through Him is a thief and a robber; and we know that no thief or robber will have any part in heaven (unless he fully repents in this life). We must go through that one Door if we want to become a child of God. We must go through the straight gate and enter the narrow way.

Paul says further, "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." II Thess. 2:6, 7.

Paul continues, "... then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;" (verse eight). The apostle said that the Lord will consume the Antichrist with the Spirit of His mouth and destroy him with the brightness of His coming. Those who do not love the Lord will also be destroyed. That is the word of God, beloved ones, and we cannot change the Word.

It is so plain and so clear that those who love and follow the teachings of the Lord are those who will inherit eternal life, and those who neglect this important duty will be forever cast out.

Paul says, in verse nine, "Even him, whose coming is after the  
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