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HARD HIKING

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnlé

Mr. Kajiwara, a young engineer who is studying oral English in one of my classes, entitled his speech "Hard Hiking." During his high school days he was required to participate in an annual marathon hiking contest in competition with his fellow students, mostly young men but some young women. The length of the boy's course was 100 kilometers or a little over 60 miles, while the length of the girl's course was much shorter. Of the 1,350 boys participating, only 80 to 90 were able to complete the course. Along the course an old man and an old woman gave him a good apple to eat. When he and several other boys were very thirsty, they found a sign directing them to a spring of water on the mountain side. When they reached the end of the course, they went back home by train, removing their shoes and going barefoot because of the blisters on their feet. Mr. Kajiwara couldn't climb up the stairs at the train station because of the pain in his legs. He pulled himself up by the handrail. His concluding remark was, "I didn't know I could walk so long."

As a little boy, I sat in our Princeville church beside my dad swinging two imaginary babies in a hammock made of my dad's handkerchief. I heard the congregation sing, "Steep and Thorny is the Way," and I imagined an Illinois hill covered with hazel brush and blackberry vines, such as grew in our neighbor's cow pasture. I thought it must be difficult walking on such a way, but evidently worthwhile. Had I been living in Japan I might have thought of climbing Mt. Fuji or the Japan Alps, but inasmuch as I was reared in Illinois my mind did the best it could with that which was familiar.

Also, as a young boy, I often heard the minister say that as long as you are having trials you know that you are still on the right way. I thought that was a dismal approach and decided to emphasize the joy which is taught in the Bible, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4. This is not to say that the minister was not correct, but it is possible to have joy in spite of trials. "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have

peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

For whatever reason, Mr. Kajiwara's speech on "Hard Hiking" rang a bell with me, and I began to consider how closely it parallels the life of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Along the way we need someone to show us kindness like the old man and woman who gave Mr. Kajiwara an apple. Along the way we need to be refreshed with a cool drink of spiritual water as Mr. Kajiwara was refreshed by the spring which gave out delicious water from the mountain-side. When we near the end of our course, we may not have the spiritual strength to carry ourselves up the last stairway to heaven with much grandeur, but we will, I trust, be able to pull ourselves up by grasping eagerly the Lord Jesus Christ, who is represented by the handrail on the stairways at the train station. There is one big difference, however. The handrail is passive, while Christ is active and reaches out to us.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

Life is full of paradoxes. The already busy man is the one able to get even more done. The over-tired learns the art of resting while still remaining productive. The hard-pressed eventually becomes the most gentle. And the sorely-tempted have the greatest opportunity to show their love to the Lord by having more to which to say "no."

In all difficult situations, success does not come from removing oneself to a more convenient circum-

stance, but from learning to adapt with the proper attitude. This explains why the seemingly insurmountable circumstances in your life and ours at the Children's Home have compelled us to develop, in a spiritual way, more than what we would have, had we been allowed to be in a less demanding position. The trial of our faith has only strengthened it.

Yes, working with people 24 hours a day, six days a week, becomes very taxing. But that pressure can direct us to realize our great resource of strength, if we

are God-seeking people.

The understanding of our covenant relationship with God is essential for our success in overcoming sin and life's pressures. Our part of the covenant is to give God our will and heart; but it is in His part to provide the strength and protection. I Peter 1:5 says we are "kept by the power of God." We are not kept by our own power. When there is a need in our life, the responsibility to provide is His; our's is to be submitted in our will and be trusting in His. He expects us to understand His responsibility and

to claim it boldly (Hebrews 4:6) because he said, "Casting all your care upon me for I care for you." I Peter 5:7.

We struggle, fail, and become frustrated so often because we try so hard to reach God with our own strength. We try to obtain the strength from our side of the covenant. But strength was never intended to come from us—only a confession of need and a desire to do His will. Provision and strength are our wonderful God's responsibility. Matt. 6, 24-33, Psalm 29:11. Let us look for our overcoming power from His side of the covenant, and there we will find the strength to overcome that He has promised those who give Him their heart.

I write these things to encourage any prospective couple or single person being burdened in heart to apply for a job at our Children's Home. Please trust God's covenant promise to provide and submit your application or letter of interest. There is coming a time when vacant positions will have to be filled and also new ones created. Your services are needed.

We need to think of the future. The Children's Home program has improved immensely, even from a year ago, and those closely associated with its operation are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to add on. More children will have an opportunity to be helped and blessed by God. More of God's servants will have an opportunity to be used. But God wants you! And now is the time to be preparing for future service. You and all of us will need grace to do that; and the only access to that grace is by faith. Romans 5:2.

Preparations are being made for our ever growing and successful Quilt Sale. Remember, the date is September 20.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The significance of each word and deed cannot be overemphasized. It is written ". . . every idle word" (Mt. 12:36) will be evaluated. Life is made up of little thought and actions. In Isaiah 28:10 it is written, "here a little, there a little," explaining that bit by bit we progress through life. Tiny drops of water make up the sea; small acorns dot the earth with oaks; minute grains of sand can

form a bar which will disable a huge vessel; an author writes a book word by word; a sweater is knitted stitch by stitch. May we agree then that patience is a necessary Christian virtue recommended in the Bible. Patient, persistent effort among us here at the Home for the Handicapped, often results in only minimal progress, but with it we learn many important aspects applicable to life in general. Appreciation of small blessings, tolerance, kindness and perhaps even an insight into our Heavenly Father's patience with mankind are among them.

"Things have a way of working out."

My father used to say.

"Don't force the issue. Do your best And work and wait and pray."

How many times those words return

When life's a tangled thread—

"Just do your best today, and leave To God the days ahead."

Somewhere a Master Planner works,

Though how we may not know, But in due time things will work out—

The years have proved it so.

—Helen Lowrie Marshall

SPECIAL REMINDER: It is time to mark our calendars on November 14, 1980, for the annual Benefit Day, the hours being from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Because of a depleted supply, our need for items to sell is greater this year than ever. Knitted items, hand-made articles, quilts, pillowcases, children's clothing and toys are a few suggestions. However, you do not need to limit yourselves to these ideas only. The cooperation we have received in previous years is so very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help at that time may phone the Home at Morton by November 1. Our number is 309-266-9781. The items which you wish to contribute for the sale may be brought any time, but it is to good advantage if they are brought in by Nov. 8, with the suggested price marked on it. If early delivery is not possible, we will still accept your items up to the day of the sale. Baked goods should be brought in on the morning of the sale.

It is always with special eagerness that we announce the arrival

of a new resident. On June 24, we were happy to welcome Alan Unsicker, formerly of Edwards, IL. His parents are Leslie and Eunice Sinn Unsicker. One brother, Gary, and four sisters, Mary, Ann, Beth, and Sara, two nieces and three nephews make up his family. His favorite food is pork tenderloin; his favorite pastimes are reading the newspaper and playing exercise games, such as volleyball. Birthday time for Alan is November 15.

Many residents enjoyed seeing family members who came to the Home for the annual potluck picnic on July 4. It was an enjoyable time in our picnic area located in the trees. A program by the residents followed the dinner. Parents of residents find they have a common bond and do enjoy visiting.

Summertime activities are necessarily being adjusted a bit because of the extreme temperatures. However, there still have been many nice outings, giving us happy memories to enjoy in the coming winter when we must be confined more of the time.

Until next time, let us remember: Patience is the ability to let your light shine after your fuse is blown.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX Julie Hoerr

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Titus 2:1. Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Arnold Gerst (Chicago), John Kraft (Altadena), Joe Aberle (Sabetha), and Homer Reineck (Toledo). We thank them for so freely giving of themselves that God could use them for the spread-

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ing of His Word.

On June 29, the engagement of ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley to Sis. Linda Messner (Winthrop) was announced. We wish them God's blessings. An August wedding is planned.

Leslie Eggleston has found the needed grace to turn to our dear Lord and Saviour in repentance. We trust God's grace will abound as she continues to walk the straight and narrow path to life everlasting.

Our monthly potluck dinner was held June 29, with a singing following.

Surgery patient this month was Jacob Hoerr.

Thought: Sin is not in things but in the wrong use of things! "Wings of Silver" by Jo Petty

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE John and Caroline Hejja ARE YOU HAPPY?

We are in a world of happiness-seeking people. People spend a lot of time, money, and energy seeking happiness where it does not really exist. The Bible tells us of the circumstances that make a happy man and gives us guidelines for happiness in the Christian life:

"Happy is the man that feareth alway; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." Proverbs 28:14.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." Proverbs 3:13.

"Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Romans 14:22.

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold we count them happy which endure. . ." James 5:10-11.

"Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." Job 5:17.

"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; . . ." I Peter 4:14.

Christians find their greatest happiness in the love which they receive from their Lord and Saviour. This love is expressed in the little, simple things we do for each other. Maybe it is just a kind word, an encouraging letter in the mailbox, or a helping hand in a difficult situation. These simple things can touch a heart, and give more hap-

piness than we realize.

We were very glad to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker, Morton, IL; and Bro. Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, IL, in our midst. We appreciate their efforts and service on our behalf.

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Elda Martin

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sis. Lydia Virkler, who has passed away. Sis. Lydia was the first soul baptized in our Sarasota church.

The Lord has had His healing hand on our congregation. Sis. Viola Leman is recovering from recent surgery, and Sis. Elizabeth Knapp is convalescing from a recent accident. We trust they soon will both be able to assemble with us again.

Visiting ministers have again shared God's Word with us. They were Elder Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, IL; Bro. Art Baurer, Princeville, IL; and Bro. Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL, who came with several from their congregations to fellowship with us a few days. We thank these brothers for their efforts. May the Lord bless them richly.

HAWAII, HONOLULU

Michael and Janet Campbell

Another month has passed, and once again God blessed us by providing more company. On the evening of June 5, we joined Bro. Bruce and Sis. Donna Wyss from the Eureka, IL, congregation at their hotel room. We enjoyed a very pleasant evening of fellowship together. It was a very short visit, but nevertheless, it was very much appreciated.

On Sunday, June 8, Bro. Paul and Sis. Anne Rumbold and their two granddaughters from the Portland, OR, congregation were visiting in Hawaii. After meeting them at their hotel, we brought them to our home and enjoyed listening to a tape. We had a wonderful hour of fellowship. Later, we took them on a tour of the island and then enjoyed dinner before returning them to their hotel. On Friday, June 13, we once again enjoyed fellowship together in their hotel before their departure. Then on Saturday, the 14th, we saw them off at the airport.

The Lord blessed us again when we had a wonderful telephone conversation with Sis. Elizabeth Schaefer from our home congrega-

tion in Bluffton, IN. Sis. Elizabeth was visiting relatives in Hawaii.

We so very much appreciate our visits with dear ones of like mind and faith. They are most uplifting and encouraging. We also appreciate letters and cards from our brothers, sisters and friends from the various churches, so please do not hesitate to write us. We are at home at 3324-D Orlando Place, Honolulu, Hawaii. Our telephone number is (808) 422-1041. Hawaii is truly a beautiful land. The weather is always warm; the temperature is in the 80's. Perhaps you would like to visit the Hawaiian Islands. We would love to see you.

ILLINOIS

BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL

Dixie Knapp - Jean O'Shea

So many things in the Bible amaze me, and every time I get an answer to one of those questions, it is really exciting. Just this week I experienced a deeper understanding which drew me closer to Christ.

The second chapter of Mark tells the story of the paralytic let down by four men through a hole in the roof so that he could see Jesus who was talking to the group that had gathered. Jesus saw the man on the bed and was touched by their faith. Jesus then spoke. He did not say, as I would expect, "Your body is well" or "Your bones are healed." Instead, he said, "Your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5). There is a reason Jesus first said this, and it may open the door to a better understanding of the gift of prayer.

In Rev. 3:20 it says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." To pray is to lift the "eye of prayer" to Jesus who stands and knocks, waiting to sup with us, waiting to help us with our need.

What is prayer? It is deeper than mere words. It is present before the words are ever formulated. It lasts within us after the words have been spoken. Prayer is an attitude of our heart. It is an appeal from our heart to His heart.

I think I am most awestruck by the simplicity of prayer. It's like stepping into the sunshine and feeling the warmth penetrate our bodies. Prayer is stepping out into the sunshine of His Presence and knowing His Power penetrates our

lives. Prayer requires no strength. It involves only a question of our will. Do we through prayer want to expose ourselves to the wonder-working rays of the Son? The sick man on the bed wholly had a prayer in his heart. He was brought there to be healed. He had a greater need though—the need to be forgiven of his sins. Jesus answered the man's need for forgiveness first. Then Jesus accomplished the man's physical healing.

This may explain why Jesus spoke of the forgiveness of sins before He spoke of the healing of the man's body. Jesus knew the man's heart. He was probably offering prayers that went beyond the mere verbalization of words—prayers that "opened the door" to Jesus. Perhaps his faith could be considered prayer.

On July 6, Shawn, Erika, and April were able to see their mom and dad baptized. Even though they may forget what they saw, the fruit of the Spirit of Christ will continue to be seen in their parents. Bro. Alan and Sis. Laura Nussbaum gave their testimonies of God's power on the Saturday evening before their baptisms. They pointed out that they had always thought they had a good marriage, but they said, "We discovered that we never really loved each other until we knew the love of the Lord." Beautiful, isn't it? We are free to love each other because of Jesus.

Benjie and Lee are busy taking turns at their house—taking turns holding their new little brother, Michael Wallace Steffen. Michael was born July 2 to Bro. Walt and Sis. Veronica Steffen. Good things must come in threes!

After a week of testing in the hospital, Bro. Clarence Vogel is home and feeling really well. Also, Bro. Melvin Sorg is doing great after his successful surgery.

We give thanks to Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Elsa Hartman from Peora for joining us for the baptisms. Also, we thank Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judith Gehring from Burlington, IA, for gathering with us on July 13.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Evelyn Endress

Newly-elected Sunday School teachers are Sis. Gladys Klumpp, and Bros. Larry Endress and Du-

ane Elsasser. Bro. Verle Kieser will serve as superintendent for the coming year.

We will surely miss Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy Knobloch and their children, as they have moved to Gridley, IL. May God be with them always.

It was a blessed weekend on July 5 and 6 as we gathered to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of our new sisters in faith, Sharon Bruell (wife of Clarence), Sue Frank (daughter of Bro. Dick), and Charlene Kieser (daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Shirley). Elder Bro. Leroy Huber (Eureka) and Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville) assisted Elder Bro. Dave Kieser in these labors of love. Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Walt Herrmann (Princeville) and Simon Wagenbach (Tremont).

It is good to see Mark Ehnle in church again. He was hospitalized for a time with a virus.

The family of Sis. Julia Ehnle wishes to express their thanks to everyone who sent cards on her 90th birthday.

ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

Charlen Banwart

"Now I have vowed to fear and love Thee And to obey Thee, Lord, alone; I feel Thy Holy Spirit move me And freely pledge myself Thine own, Renouncing sin to keep the faith. And war with evil unto death."

"The Baptismal Covenant" (Zion's Harp No. 41) was sung during the baptismal service of Bro. John Wiegand, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Ethel. In his testimony, John told of a frightening experience he had which led him to repentance. One evening he went to the home of a neighbor, where he had a babysitting job. However, upon his arrival, he found no one was at home. So he went back to his home and found no one was home there either. His parents were out-of-town for the evening, and had left instructions with his brothers and sister that no one was to leave the house. Therefore, John was surprised to find his house empty and assumed that the Rapture had taken place since the other house was empty, also. He turned on the radio, hoping to find out if this was true, but the radio didn't seem to work. John then prayed that it would not be too late for him, and his prayers

were answered. He is thankful that he was not "someone who knocked when the door was shut." (Hymns of Zion, "Shall You, Shall I?")

Our Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin was here for John's testimony and baptism, as was Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park). Ministering Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington) was another recent visitor.

Seth Richard was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Joyce Fischer on July 10. His birth made Bro. Rich and Sis. Dorothy Fischer grandparents for the first time. Bro. Richard and Sis. Lyla Schock of Elgin, IL, are Seth's maternal grandparents.

We also welcome Sis. Jackie (Getz) Pflederer who was united in marriage with Bro. Ben Pflederer in Morton on June 29. They are making their first home in Champaign-Urbana while Ben is a student at the University of Illinois.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

"Remember, we're the salt," said one brother to another as they left their college apartment at the beginning of another day. Each day as we leave our bed of rest, we show our saltiness (closeness to His likeness and His Word), or we show our (hopefully momentary) loss of savor, depending upon our actions and reactions to the people and circumstances around us. Oh, dear Lord, grant us Thy grace, Thy increase, Thy forgiveness, for we are so weak.

To our beloved Bro. Bob Pflederer, his wife and family, and our many precious visitors, we say, "Thank you so much for your efforts in coming: we have gained much from your visits. May the Lord bless and keep you." In my humble opinion each time we travel to another church, it is an effort; likewise, each time we welcome others to our own church and home, we must put forth an effort. But do we not derive much benefit from such energy expenditure, through fellowship, receiving others' hospitality, and extending our own warm welcome to others? The Lord bountifully gives the blessing upon our small efforts. May we realize how He smiles on our give-and-take of hospitality and fellowship with one another.

Sis. Margaret Fisher has been much blessed in recovery. She has had remembrances, prayers, cards,

and visits from many and has asked that her warm thanks and appreciation be extended to all. Gene and LaVirra Lehman have our sincere sympathy, for her mother, Esther Edmark, passed away recently. Their nephew, Bro. Gene Lehman from Wolcott, IN, held services in the funeral home. The death of a loved one always gives us pangs of sorrow. But through knowledge of our Lord and Savior, we and they can be comforted by faith that His way and His time are best.

"If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God. . . "

Genesis 28:20, 21.

We were reminded that we are to make our choices by faith and not by sight. Always we must pray diligently, for many of our choices are difficult. Our examples are clear. Abraham allowed Lot to choose first. Never should he have done that, for Abraham was his elder and like a father to him. Yet through the lust of the eye, he chose the lush green pastures and sparkling waters and pitched his tent toward Sodom. He was saved from utter destruction, but he lost his wife and all earthly belongings. Abraham, who lived by faith, who interceded for Lot before God, was blessed. Eve first, and then Adam were deceived by the serpent because they chose through fleshly eyes. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Balaam asked for a message more pleasing to those who were interested (the monetary interests), relying on earthly desires instead of God's heavenly will.

On the other hand, Noah built an ark at a time when it had not rained and believed God. Joseph believed despite his earthly circumstances. Christ chose earth and Calvary. But He was crucified by men without faith. Their choices were wrong because their hearts were not right. Today many look with sight and see Christ, a figure of history, while denying the Redeemer of the heart whom we can only recognize by faith.

I am not much of a swimmer, and my kick is particularly ineffective. However, this summer I came to an astonishing realization: if I relax completely, my whole

body will sink only a bit more in the water, except for my feet which will rise and allow me to kick in a much more beneficial manner. The "letting go" of myself in the water puts me in a better-balanced position to propel myself effectively through the water. Thus it is in my Christian life. I need to consciously leave all the burdens at His feet, so that as I rest upon Him, I may, by His grace, more effectively move as His representative in the sphere in which He's placed me.

Those against the ERA argue that the U.S. Constitution already safeguards the political rights of women; therefore we do not need another amendment with its attending opportunities for new court interpretations. Be that as it may, we certainly have available to us a book which makes our roles as women clear. It's called the Bible.

I heard a funeral sermon for which the title might have been "Death Can Be Beautiful." 'Twas not at the funeral of a baby, nor of an older person, but at the funeral of one a few years younger than I. The minister was moved to tell us God's answer to our question, "Why did this happen to him?" He spoke of the witness of the couple, their gradual acceptance of God's will, even in its most far-reaching effects. And then a second brother told of this Christian's death: how he was able to sleep while mother held his hand, his beloved wife stroked his forehead. It seemed as though a mother was rocking her child to sleep, for this soul breathed, then the breathing stopped a bit as though he were drifting off, and then this life was over, peacefully, blissfully. Dying had not always been that way for him, but death was beautiful, marking less of an end than a new beginning. You see, as a small child with boundless energy runs on ahead of its parents, this beloved brother has just run on ahead.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge (Arrowsmith) Gerst recently passed a milestone along life's way, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on July 3. Since they are an integral part of our Chicago congregation, I thought perhaps we could get to know each other bet-

ter. When I think of this dear couple, their Christian good will and ability to laugh stand out. They are certainly serious and concerned about all, but theirs is a joyous love.

Bro. Arnie's home church was Oakville, IA; Sis. Marge was from Taylor, MO. Bro. Arnie repented and was baptized shortly after his eighteenth birthday. Sis. Marge also early chose the path of the righteous. Married in 1955, they had \$80 with which to travel to the Wisconsin Dells from Taylor—plus the \$20 Marge's father slipped her on the side. They were married on the 3rd to take advantage of the holiday on the 4th, so that Bro. Arnie, at a fairly recent job, didn't have to take as much extra time off. I've heard them tell tales of their early married experiences, having guests, with more love than money or room, each couple sharing what they had. What blessed memories those are!

The Gersts seem to come from travelling stock. Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge have lived in Oklahoma (they attended Lamar, MO, church most often); Minneapolis, MN; Taylor, MO; and Chicago. Their transportation choice was predominantly Volkswagen, or so it has seemed to us in Chicago. A special memory of their enthusiasm, which probably happened on the way to Lamar, is of Bro. Arnie honking the horn, to young Mark and Jennie's delight, as they came over the top of the hill until they reached the home where they would spend the night and attend church from in the morning.

Bro. Arnie works for Gardner-Denver, a large company which sells air compressors. Sis. Marge works in the nurse's office at their junior high school. Bro. Arnie has always enjoyed learning more about this fascinating world the Lord created. He has often taken advantage of classes in the various places they lived. Natural history and photography are special interests of his. Sis. Marge, in her gregarious way, has been involved in these pursuits, as well as in sharing her time with many. Their three children have added to their joys, memories, interests. Jenny, graduated from ISU, is working in our Chicago area and lives at home. Bro. Mark and Sis. Joe Roth Gerst are in the process of buying a home in Goodfield, IL. He works for DMI.

John, their third but by no means their least child, will be a sophomore at Hinsdale South High School in the fall.

Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge have given so much in time, in love and caring to our Chicago congregation. We're sure that those congregations they have left and hearts they have touched still retain the fragrance of Christian joy and memory they left behind. Here in Chicago, Bro. Arnie was called from Sunday School to the ministry shortly after his thirty-fourth birthday. He has been in charge of the charity fund and ever since has been an asset to the unity of our Chicago ministers. Often, as he lends himself for the Master's use, the Lord uses both his knowledge of scientific material and of the Word to present facts and analogies which give us much spiritual food for thought. We are thankful to the Lord our God for our dearly beloved Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge and wish them many more happy years of Christian togetherness. "... Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever." Revelation 7:12

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

Mary Anderson - Melba Funk

Our visiting ministers recently have been Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago, Bro. Frederick Knapp, Congerville, and Bro. Roy Grimm, Taylor. We greatly enjoyed each and every one as they brought us inspiring messages.

Shally Beer and Bill Combs were united in marriage at a lawn wedding on June 20. Shally is the daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Twylla (Farney) Beer. Bill is the son of Mrs. David Newell of Paxton.

Our hospital patients have been Sis. Ida Rocke, Bro. Harry Bauer, Sis. Anna Wieland and Mrs. Alvin (Dorothy) Rudin. All were medical patients and are home again, for which we are thankful.

Larry Walder, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Walder, was in a motorcycle accident recently and injured his foot. He has had to return to the hospital for further surgery.

Phil Waldbeser, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Joan (Feller) Waldbeser, was in a farm accident on June 30. He got his foot caught in an auger and lost three toes and part of his

foot. He had surgery but has returned to Carle Hospital for more skin grafting. On Sunday, July 13, the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School classes went to Phil's home to have Sunday School with him.

On June 29, the engagement of Sis. Shirley Knapp (Sis. Helen) to Bro. Roy Wyss (Bro. Ed and Sis. Julie) was announced. We are very happy for them and wish them many blessings in the Lord.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

Mardell Ott - Pat Rinckenberger

The family of God continues to grow as Beth Knapp (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy) and Janet Walder (Bro. Bob and Sis. Gloria) surrender their lives to the Lord. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over every sinner that comes to the Lord in repentance.

We were also thankful to have ministering Bros. Noah Herman and Loren Knapp (Tucson) and Bill Gudeman (Elgin, IL) with us. May the Lord bless them for their labor in bringing forth the Word.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN

Ruth Ann Getz

Now that the summer is well upon us we again experience the blessings of the earth bringing forth the growth of the early springtime plantings. We, indeed, have already experienced some of the early harvest. How we expect every year that this will be so and give little thought of thankfulness. In so many ways the Lord bountifully supplies us each day, and we hurry on our way scarcely noticing. If all of us could attend to the Lord more each day, how we would find an uplifting of the spirit among us.

Each month it seems there are again loved ones who meet with illness or misfortune and who need special consideration and prayer. We mention especially at this time John Feucht who has undergone major surgery and is still hospitalized. We greatly rejoice that he has been able to come to the Lord in repentance. We cannot but feel confident that the Lord, too, rejoices over every soul who brings forth fruit meet for repentance.

Also hospitalized at this time are Sis. Nina Willaert (who also had major surgery), Margaret Gould, and Anna Edlund.

We are thankful that Bro. Adrian Kellenberger is home again

after being hospitalized for an accident in which his ear was severely cut.

The John Schambach family wishes to thank everyone for the many expressions of love and sympathy shared with them during the passing of their dear husband and father.

Many dear brethren from our various churches across the land have visited us this past month. Among them have been ministering brethren Larry Wenninger (Latty), Harry Sutter (Fort Lauderdale), Maurice Frank (Leo), Clarence Yackley (Phoenix), Walt Steffen (Milford), and Willis Wiegand (Goodfield).

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Melba Mangold

Among our guests on Sunday, June 22, were ministering Bros. Art Bahler of Fairbury and Jim Byrd of Roanoke. We appreciated their labors of love in our behalf. Bro. Loren Knapp of Tucson, along with his wife, Sis. Evelyn, visited us on a Wednesday evening. We enjoy all our visitors, and especially thank the brothers for serving us.

Sunday, June 29, was our annual Sunday School Picnic. This is always an occasion for the youth and their parents to fellowship together.

Bro. Elmer Ginzel has had surgery but is home again. Sis. Reka Hoerr of the Home was in the hospital for tests. We are thankful we haven't many sick folks now.

Bro. Curtis and Sis. Beth Rocke are the happy parents of their fifth child, Julie Kay, who was born on July 8. Her brothers and sister are Dwayne, Joyce, Brad and Jeff. Her grandparents are Bro. Virgil and Sis. Pauline Rocke and Bro. Harold and Sis. Mildred Hodel.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber

Katharine Fehr

We rejoice for the three who gave their testimonies of their faith in Jesus Christ, and of their salvation. They were Bonnie Moser, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser; Marie Bahler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art Bahler; and Diane Walter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jim Walter. Bro. Joe Waibel assisted Bro. Josh Broquard on this occasion.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Kay Steffen were blessed with a baby girl born July 1, and they named her Shay Marie. She has two sisters, Jennifer and Jodi, and two brothers, Bryan and Clinton. The grandparents are Bro. Alf and Fannie Steffen and Bro. and Sis. Wayne Honegger. Her great grandparents are Sis. Ruth Walter and Bro. and Sis. Paul Honegger.

Bro. Lloyd Moser has been elected to be a Sunday School teacher. We know the Lord will give him the grace for the responsibility.

A committee to take charge of dinners for funerals, baptisms, etc., has been elected in view of the fact that Sis. Louise Sohn and Sis. Anna Steffen have expressed a desire to resign. They have done a very, very excellent job of managing the dinners for many years. They have spent many, many hours in handling the responsibility and preparing food for the various dinner occasions. The new committee is Sis. Louise Bach, Sis. Pat Hartman, Sis. Thelma Slagel, and Sis. Dolores Zehr.

Bro. John Broquard, 16, passed away with sweet peace in his heart. God had given him assurance that he would be with Jesus in heaven. John recently had given his testimony and was baptized by his grandfather, Bro. Sam Anliker. We all admired his loving personality. We know it leaves a vacancy with his family and friends. His parents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard. He has a brother, Bro. Sam, and four sisters, Sis. Nancy Zimmerman, Sis. Jane, Diane, and Crystal. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Broquard and Bro. and Sis. Sam Anliker.

We were blessed with visiting ministers who gave us inspiring messages recently: Bro. Paul Gasser, Bro. Rudy Graf, and Bro. Wendell Gudeman.

We welcome Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen to worship with us at Fairbury. Bro. Rod was from Congerville and was married to Sis. Beth Feucht of Lester, IA, on June 15. Bro. Rod is employed at Honegg & Co., Inc., and we are happy to have them come to Fairbury.

Sis. Dorothy Steffen had surgery in Chicago, and Bro. Walter Moser had surgery in Peoria. We pray for God's healing power for their recoveries.

Moving? Let Us Know.

ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Ron Steiner, Rittman, OH, Bro. Don Gudeman, LaCrosse, IN, and Bro. Steve Gutwein, Francisville, IN. What a privilege we have to gather and listen to God's precious Word.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er-shaded,
Sweetly, my soul shall rest."

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the World's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there."

Hymns of Zion, 218

This song was sung at the funeral of Sis. Miriam Wenger (Bro. Ray) on July 12. She died in her home after an illness of about three months. Bro. Harold Schmidgtall from Gridley, IL, conducted the funeral service. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Ray; three daughters, Sis. Mattie Wenger, Bloomington, IL, Sis. Dorothy Virkler, Rockville, CT, and Sis. Anne Wenger, at home; one brother, Bro. Herbert Ramseyer, Bay City, MI; and one sister, Sis. Dorothy Bachtold (Carl), Forrest.

Sorrow has also come to Sis. Nancy Zimmerman (Bro. Wayne) in the loss of her brother, Bro. John Broquard, Fairbury. They can be thankful to God that he turned to the Lord and could be baptized into the fold before his death. How sweet to be safe in the arms of Jesus.

In the hospital at this time are Bro. Oscar Schneider and Bro. Bill Kupferschmidt. Looking to God can be their help in time of sickness. In the hospital and home again are Sis. Viola Metz (Bro. Chris), Gretchen Ebach (Bro. Lyle and Gloria), and Bro. Leroy Koehl.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10) Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Loren Knapp, Tucson, AZ, Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville, and Bro. Don Manz, Junction, OH. We thank God for their labors of love.

We have two new brothers in

faith—Bro. Keith Hinrichsen (Bro. Hans and Arlene) and Bro. Tony Monfre. It is always so refreshing to listen to testimonies and really appreciate the wonderful faith we have. As one of these converts stated, "It was just like a dream come true."

"Be present, Holy Spirit, to bless them as they kneel,
As thou, for Christ the Bridegroom, The heavenly bride dost seal:

O spread thy pure wing o'er them,
Let no ill pow'r find place,
While onward to thy presence,
their hallowed path they trace."

Hymns of Zion, 196

July 13 was the wedding day for Sis. Debra Hohulin and Bro. Roger Bertschi of Roanoke. Their parents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Lydia and Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy. This ceremony was at the Roanoke Church, due to the remodeling project at our church. We pray God will richly bless them with His love.

Scott Hohulin (Bro. Sam and Sis. Sandy) met with an auto accident while returning home from church one evening. Although he still feels some of the side effects, he appears to be without serious injury. We feel very thankful to God for this. We also feel it was the hand of God that spared Bro. Larry and Sis. Laurie Wiegand and two small children when their car became stalled on a railroad track. They were able to leave the car before it was struck by an oncoming train!

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY

Carol Klopfenstein

"Study to show thyself approved unto God." 2 Tim. 2:15.

Our elder brother taught us much about spiritual growth and what it is as we gathered together recently on a Wednesday evening. We can all agree that it is beneficial for us as believers to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3:18. But as we strive for this growth we should beware "lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." 2 Cor. 11:3. When the apostle wrote that we should study, he also explained what the objective of

such study should be "to show ourselves approved unto God." If study of the Bible would just be for knowledge that puffeth up, such study would not be edifying, and though one would even be able to understand all mysteries and all knowledge, if he lacked charity, he would be nothing and surely he would not be growing spiritually. So we should "study" and concentrate on possessing charity and the other fruits of the Spirit if we desire to be approved unto God.

The Bible exhorts us to have fervant charity among ourselves. Part of such love is brotherly esteem. As the elder brother mentioned, anyone who feels he is growing spiritually and lacks this esteem for his brother, which in honor prefers one another and does not think of oneself more highly than he ought to think, cannot be growing in grace, but is deceived. God gives grace only to the humble.

Therefore, true spiritual growth can only be measured in terms of acquiring the fruits of the Spirit. For if we lack these Godly virtues, the Apostle Peter tells us that we are "blind, and cannot see afar off. 2 Pet. 1:9.

Kathleen Gilmore, daughter of Don and Sis. Alice Gilmore, is engaged to be married to Daniel Kin-kade.

Sis. Setta Klopfenstein and Sis. Fannie Wiegand were in the hospital.

We were glad for the visits of Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and ministering Bro. Ken Schneider of Remington.

Bro. Bob and Sis. LuAnne Gerber and their daughter, Bobbi, are moving to Wolcott, IN. We will miss them but wish them God's continued guidance and care as they resettle.

ILLINOIS, MORTON

Joann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

June 21 was the wedding day of Kathryn Domnick and James Ritthaler. Their parents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Joyce Domnick and Dale and Pat Ritthaler. We wish Kathryn and James God's blessings as they will now walk life's pathway together.

Wednesday evening, June 25, found us rejoicing with Helen Hermann. She gave her testimony of faith and was baptized and became

our precious sister-in-faith. May God richly bless her in her new walk of life.

Sunday, June 29, found us rejoicing with Bro. Ben Pflederer and Sis. Jackie Getz as they "Twain became one in Christ." May our Heavenly Father richly bless their walk of life together. Their parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Eleanor Pflederer and Roy and Phyllis Getz.

We would like to wish our three dear sisters-in-faith, Sarah Dietrich, Beth Feucht and Barbara Getz God's grace and blessings as they were given the responsibility of becoming Sunday School teachers. This is such an important duty, teaching our little children and young people about the plan of Salvation and Jesus Christ and Him crucified. These dear ones are our church of tomorrow. May our Heavenly Father grant the increase as the "Good Seed" is planted into these young and tender hearts.

We were thankful that Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, AZ, Bro. Glenn Dill, Tremont, IL, and Bro. Art Bauer, Princeville, IL, ministered God's precious and holy Word to us. We thank them for their visit, and may the Lord bless them for their labors of love.

May God bless, heal and strengthen our dear loved ones who are shut-in or who have spent time in the hospital. Those who have recently spent time in the hospital are Sis. Frieda Schambach, Emma Schmidgall, Mary Zimmerman (daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Millie Zimmerman), Louis Weishaupt, Bro. William E. Aupperle and Bro. Bruce Schmidgall.

ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner

Baptized into Thy name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host. Immersed with Christ, I'm dead to sin; Thy Spirit now shall live within.

Zion's Harp, 41

We were privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of six beloved souls on July 12 and 13. They were Debbie and Becky Feucht, daughters of Bro. Walter and the late Sis. Iola Feucht, Margaret Weber, daughter of Bro. Peter and Sis. Mabel Weber, Gail

Stickling, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Sharon Stickling, Becky Stoller, daughter of Bro. Elsworth and Sis. Evelyn Stoller, and Karen Dunbar, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Perceda Eberhardt. We are thankful that these dear souls have turned from satan and have chosen to walk a new life with the Lord.

We have been blessed this month with visiting ministers. They were Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman, OH, who had our monthly services at our Apostolic Christian Home, Elder Bros. Richard Schupbach from Phoenix, AZ, Ed Lanz from Oakville, IA, Edwin Ringger from Gridley, IL, and Bro. Don Wagenbach from Washington, IL. We wish to thank them for their labors of love.

During our week of Bible study at church, we were blessed with several ministers who shared their thoughts and inspirations. They were Bros. Jim Byrd from Roanoke and William Kupferschmidt from Bloomington, and Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield and Edwin Ringger from Gridley.

Among the hospital patients this month were Bro. Ben Stickling, Sis. Lillian Schrock, Joe Thomas, Sr., Mark Causey, Sis. Rosa Kroos, Sis. Lois Hammen, Sis. Catherine Lubitz, June Buttrick, Sis. Dorothy Haefli, and Jason Kinney. May the Lord restore good health to each one, according to His will.

The engagement was announced of Sis. Sandy Hunziker to Bro. Brad Bauer of Tucson, AZ. The parents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Gloria Hunziker of Peoria and Bro. Donald and Sis. Gloria Bauer of Tucson, AZ. The couple plans to be married on Sept. 21.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

Arlene and Arlys Martin

We all gain spiritually by talking more about the triumphs in Jesus Christ and less about the trials of the flesh. Visiting ministers these past weeks who have told us about victory in Jesus have been Bros. Benjamin Hartzler of Rittman, OH; Wallace Ramsier of Mansfield, OH; Kenneth Hoerr of Peoria, IL; Rudolph Graf of Akron, OH; Walter Anliker of Eurekai, IL; Nathan Stoller of Bradford, IL; and Kenneth Dietz of Bradford, IL.

June 24 was a happy day for Sis. Jackie and Bro. Ronald Rumbold. That is the birth date of their daughter, Taunya Sue. Taunya's

four brothers welcome a little sister.

Eugene Rapp was involved in a car accident several weeks ago. He is still in the hospital. Your prayers for him are appreciated.

Jill Baurer, youngest daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Carol Baurer, is now wearing a cast. She broke two bones in her right arm. Her arm is healing, and she is still an active girl.

We have another new Sunday School teacher. Sis. Evalyn Herrmann will teach for one year. She is replacing Sis. Margaret Feucht.

June 22 was the wedding date of Sis. Barb and Bro. Phil Ehnle. Sis. Barb's parents are Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Streitmatter, and Bro. Phil's parents are Bro. David and Sis. Beulah Ehnle.

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE
Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel

One of our neighbors recently commented on the beautiful hymn, The Christian Home (Hymns of Zion). It's such an inspiration to him when this is sung on the prairie with so many voices blending together. Indeed,

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

We wish three young couples this blessing of God's great gift of love. Mary Wiedman (Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiedman) and Jeff Miller (Mr. and Mrs. Billy Miller) exchanged wedding vows June 28. Lorna Getz (Bro. Merlyn and Sis. Jan) and Walter Robinson were married July 5.

Bro. Roger Bertschi (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Dorothy) and Sis. Deborah Hohulin (Bro. William and Sis. Lydia), Goodfield, were united in holy matrimony July 13 in our church as their church is being added onto and remodeled at this time. Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Gene Bertschi performed the ceremony for their granddaughter and son. "Where God in truth abides; Where two join hand and heart, We find a threefold cord; Not lightly rent apart." (Zion's Harp) We welcome Sis. Debbie to

our congregation.

The engagement of Bro. Randy Koehler (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Koehler) and Sis. Lucy Hodel (Bro. Glen and Sis. Margaret) was announced. They are planning a November wedding. May God bless them in this important step.

Carl Hodel is in intensive care at this time. We are happy to hear that he is seeking his soul's salvation.

Our added spiritual blessings this month were provided by our visiting ministers, Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, and Elder Bros. Roy Grimm, Taylor, David Bertsch, Leo, IN, and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield.

Our Bible class attended youth fellowship day at the ISU Union Auditorium in Bloomington, July 13. The text, "Take heed that ye be not deceived:" (Luke 21:8), was the theme for this year's program.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach

Stephanie Renee, a precious baby girl, was born June 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pflederer of Rockford, IL. Stephanie has a sister Angela, 9, and a brother Christopher, 4. The grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Helen Laidig, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lennox of Louisville.

Our Sunday School picnic was held on June 29 at the Tremont Park. Many dear ones enjoyed both blessed fellowship and the fruits of the earth. We especially thank our teachers for the effort and time given in teaching our youth about God's infinite love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

Sis. Amy Beutel, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol, was hospitalized for surgery. She has recuperated and is assembling with us again for which we are thankful.

We thank Bro. Joe Braker for his loving visit and kind teachings.

Glenn and Dorothy Stuber have sought the Lord's will for them and are now our brother and sister in faith. May the Lord bless them richly.

"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Psalm 146:

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON
Valerie Kipfer

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
and He shall sustain thee. . ."
Psalms 55:22

On June 22, we added four dear souls to the fold after hearing the testimonies of their faith the previous evening. We rejoiced as we witnessed the baptisms of Mike Dreste, Evie Heinold, and Dennis and Debbie Wells.

July 16 was another joyous occasion, as we gathered to witness the testimony and baptism of Ray Streitmatter. It is wonderful to know the Lord still calls those who are no longer young; our new Bro. Ray is 84 years old.

We are glad to have Bro. John Schick back with us so quickly following his hospitalization.

EXTRA PRAYER

When the world falls down around you
And a prayer will see you through,
Say an extra prayer for someone
Who may need it more than you.
For who knows what hearts are breaking
In the silence of the night?
Just that extra prayer you whisper
May help someone see the light!
Every time you help a stranger
With an extra prayer—or two—
You are building secret blessings
That will all come back to you!
Nick Kenny

INDIANA, BLUFFTON

Tami Fiechter - Gayla Baumgartner

God's Unchanging Word

For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel
condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my
heart,
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging
Word
Till soul and body sever:
For, though all things shall pass
away,
His Word shall stand forever.

Martin Luther

Over many miles, the Lord brought the Bluffton congregation many ministers to proclaim God's unchanging Word: Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Bro. Vern Weitstein (Congerville), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville), Bro. Ben Manz (Junction), Bro. Elmer Harter (Milford), Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford), Elder Bro. Andrew Virkler (Bay City), Bro. Simon Wagenbach (Tremont), Bro. Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Bro. Bill Hodel (Ronoke), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest), and Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin, IA). We heartily thank them for their efforts.

On the weekend of June 28 and 29, we felt privileged to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of eleven dear souls. Added to the family of God were: Sis. Tammy Gerber (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Pauline), Sis. Becky Baumgartner (Bro. Harry and Sis. Luella), Sis. Fawn Moser (Bro. Gene and Sis. Edna), Bro. David Bertsch (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Frances), Sis. Kim Aeschliman (Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene), Sis. Brenda Steffen (Bro. Raymond's), Sis. Cindy Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary), Bro. Alan Gerber (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary), Sis. Jenny Baumgartner (Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn), Sis. Verna Myers (daughter of Bro. Dwight and Sis. Bev Troxel), and Sis. Karren Kaehr (wife of Scott). We wish them God's richest blessings as they continue on their heavenly journey.

We are thankful that the waters have been troubled and that more souls are seeking to walk the narrow way.

Hospital patients this month were Kim Gerber (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Jo), Bro. Glen Graber, Bro. John Moser, Sis. Min Isch, and Sis. Sarah Schwartz. Our prayers are with these loved ones.

We were host church to all the Indiana churches for Youth Fellowship on June 21 and 22. It was a blessed privilege to have them in our midst.

Brent Moser (son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Janet) was married to Penelope Meyer on June 28. We wish the Lord's blessings upon this union.

Sis. Lori Steffen (Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty) and Bro. Todd Reimschisel (Bro. Richard and Sis. Elaine) became one in the Lord on July 6. We wish them a happy life

together.

God is providing for Sis. Lori Clark and Bro. Stan Fiechter as they plan to begin their life together on Nov. 2. Sis. Lori is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Beulah, and Bro. Stan is the son of Herman and Sis. Phyllis.

Believing it is the Lord's will, Sis. Vicki Isch (daughter of Bro. Al and Sis. Carole) and Bro. Tim Fiechter (son of Bro. John and Sis. Shirley) have announced their engagement. They are planning an Oct. 5 wedding.

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Rosemary Mounsey are the happy parents of Rebekah Rose. First-time parents are Dale and Sis. Beth Aeschliman. Their son, Benjamin D., was born on July 3. The home of Bro. Gary and Sis. Barb Schwartz has been blessed with a little boy, Bryon Lynn. Older sister Melissa welcomes her new brother. Brittany Dawn was the name given to Bro. Ed and Sis. Rhonda Maller's third child. We wish these parents God's guidance as they raise their children in the Lord.

INDIANA, BREMEN (See South Bend)

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Wendy Gutwein - Jacki Huber

We read in Rev. 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." The last week in June was our Vacation Bible School, and our theme this year was on the Book of Revelation. The ministering brothers who prayerfully considered this book with us were Bro. Kent Heimer, Elder Bro. Joe Braker, Bro. Ken Hoerr, Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann, and Bro. Rod Huber. One of the brothers told us that the key verse to remember, for all of us, when studying the prophecies is Luke 21:36. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sunday evening, following our week of Bible School, we had our program with the little children giving us verses and songs they learned throughout the week. Eld-

er Bro. LeVoyd Moore was here that Sunday, also. We appreciated his ministry and also his words of encouragement after the program to parents for bringing their children around the Word and for teaching them in the home the "Way of Life" at a young age.

Bro. Loren Strahm also ministered to us on the weekend that all who went on the Europe trip last year visited here. We surely enjoyed the fellowship of all the brothers and sisters and received a blessing from Bro. Loren's ministry.

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Joe Yaggie, as he passed from this life on July 1. We are always saddened by the loss of our older brothers and sisters, but just hope to meet them all someday in a much better place.

Laurel Erb (Bro. George, Sis. Elaine), Randy Leman (Bro. Denny and Sis. Linda), Bro. Don Vogt, and Sis. Peg Bucher were hospital patients last month. We are thankful to be able to say that all of these are home again.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. . ." We sang this hymn together on the last Sunday that Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy Langhofer and Carmen spent with us as their home church. Erik has taken employment in Bloomington, IL, where they plan to establish their new home. It is a joy to know the love of Christ can bind our hearts with those we love, wherever they are. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

INDIANA, LA CROSSE Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller

The home of Bro. Curt and Sis. Lila Frank was blest with a daughter, Molly Ann, born May 10. The paternal grandparents are Elder Bro. Edward and Sis. Leah, and the maternal grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Della Metzger, West Bend, IA.

We enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School. The following topics were discussed: "Differences Between Knowing God and About God," by Bro. Steve Gutwein of Francesville; "Origin of the Apostolic Christian Church," by Bro. Jim Rinkerberger, Bluffton; "Discern the Spirits from Whence They Come," by Bro. Joe Braker, Morton; "Spiritual Life and Death," by Bro. Ken Wertz, Cissna Park; and

"Program and Proof of God According to the Apostle John," by Bro. Arthur Gudeman, LaCrosse.

Bro. Stephen Rinkenberger, Cissna Park, spent Sunday, July 6 with us. May God ever bless our ministering brothers for their service in this important work of feeding the flocks.

Sis. Alice Heinold was a medical patient. Bro. Vernon Bucher had major surgery on July 1. We are happy to report that he is showing improvement and should be released from the hospital this week. Douglas Germann fractured a bone in his ankle. May God continue to be the Healer Divine.

Douglas Germann has found his need to seek his salvation by the way of true repentance.

The engagement was announced of Bro. Roger Levy (Bro. Ralph ant Sis. Carolyn) and Sis. Sue Mayer (Bro. John and Sis. Edith) of Indianapolis.

INDIANA, LEO
Mrs. Phil Schlatter
Mrs. Al Frautschi

This little thought was on a youth's 4-H poster: "If you need a smile, look in a mirror." Smiles do somehow return as one gives them away.

Bro. Philip Bollier and Sis. Stephanie Sylvester were married June 29. What a wonderful advantage when a newly-wed couple establishes their home with Christ as the head of that home!

A dear baby girl was born into the Doug Aberle home, July 7. A brother, Jeffrey, adds an enthusiastic welcome.

The congregation was blessed with the ministry of Bros. Ed Ringger, Gridley, IL, and Nathan Steffen, Elgin, IL.

A Sunday School teacher asked a six year old pupil to say the Twenty-third Psalm as the class had learned it. She replied, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I want."

INDIANA, MILFORD

Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

"TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD . . ." Ps. 27:11. Each day our petition goes up to God that He will reveal His will to us. Oh how we want to obey, but Satan often is able to draw us away from God. To fight Satan, a good verse to keep ever present in our mind is "Let the mind of Christ be in you. . ."

Phil. 2:5. We know we can not be perfect as Christ was, but what a job we have in striving for "the mind of Christ!" He was compassionate, kind, thinking of others before Himself. Each day we rub elbows with other people. Do we show Christ's love to them? Do they see we are honest in our dealings? Do they see we are not critical of others but show kindness? Do they see we represent Christ as His ambassador? ". . . We are ambassadors for Christ." II Cor. 5:20. We must die to self and yield as clay in His hands. May He not only be our Saviour but the Lord of our life. May every word and action be done because He is Lord of our life, and may they give God glory.

TO THE MASTER GARDENER

I am like a garden, Lord,
A garden filled with weeds.
Gently, with Your loving hands,
Plant in me the seeds
Of love and joy and kindness,
Of faith and hope and trust.
Pull out the choking weeds of self,
And those of pride and lust.
With Your Spirit water me
Till I have life anew
And all who see this well-worked
ground
Will know it's kept by You.
Janet Garibaldi

We wish Bro. Eric Aeschliman and Sis. Norma Lehman both of the South Bend congregation God's nearness and blessings in their married life. They were married in our Milford Church on June 21. The parents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Nora Lehman (South Bend) and Bro. Walt and Sis. Imogene Aeschliman (Bluffton).

We thank Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Bob Bebe (South Bend), Merle Bucher (LaCrosse), and Bob Meyer (Bluffton) for bringing us spiritual food for our growth. May the Lord bless them.

Bro. Lee and Sis. Sandy Beer are the parents of their second son, Marc Allen, born June 24. Chad, 21 months, is happy for a playmate. The grandparents are Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer and Bro. Morris and Sis. Ida Mae Barth (Roanoke). Our prayers are with Lee and Sandy concerning the health problems of their little boys and the possible surgery awaiting Sandy. May they feel God's nearness.

We offer our sympathy to Bro.

Steve Kaiser and Jean Branson in the passing of their father, Bob Kaiser. We also sympathize with Sis. Eleanor Beer, Bob's sister, and his wife, the former Carol Weisser. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

Bro. Henry Beer submitted to surgery. We are thankful that he is home again and doing well.

Work for the Lord. The pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world. Author unknown.

INDIANA, REMINGTON
Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

I sought my soul but my soul I
could not see.
I sought my God but my God
eluded me.
I sought my brother and then I
found all three.
(Author Unknown)

The Word of Truth was brought to us this month by Bro. Tom Leman (Elgin, IL).

The funeral of Bro. Alva Clauss was on June 21. He was the oldest brother in our congregation (89). His wife (Sis. Emma Eisenmann) preceded him in death, in 1930, along with one son, Bro. Marvin, in 1978. His other two sons, Bro. Bob and Paul, reside near Remington.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 29, and a special program was given by the children. Each class was promoted. It's a joy to see the excitement on their faces as the children look forward to a different class and more teachings of Jesus.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND
Gayle Bucher

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

On June 22 Bro. Eric Aeschliman, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Jean, and Sis. Norma Lehman, daughter of Bro. Vern and Sis. Leona, were united in holy matrimony. May they feel the Lord's presence in their marriage and enjoy many blessed years together.

Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer are rejoicing with the birth of

a new grandchild. On May 31, their son, Denny, and his wife, Debbie, welcomed a precious baby boy, Devin James.

We extend our congratulations to Nancy Lehman daughter of Bro. Vern and Sis. Leona. She graduated from Indiana University at South Bend as a Dental Assistant.

Our visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman and Bro. Carl Westfall. We deeply appreciate their time and efforts on our behalf.

Sis. Mildred Meister is recovering from open-heart surgery. We are hopeful that she will soon be restored to good health.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38, 39.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT Laurel and Kris Widmer Suzanne Lehman

Bro. Jerry Kyburz suffered injuries to his hand at work. Walter Kyburz (husband of Sis. Josephine) is seriously ill in Home Hospital at Lafayette. Sis. Josephine Farney broke her hip and is presently at Mayos Clinic. We wish them God's healing touch as they suffer the discomforts of poor health. We pray that God will give them peace in their hearts to lighten their load, for as the Bible says in Prov. 18:14 "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?"

On Wednesday, July 2, Bros. Frederick Knapp, Congerville, and Loren Knapp, Tucson, shared the Word with us. It is always refreshing at midweek to drink from the well of water springing up into everlasting life. We were again refreshed on a Sunday afternoon when Elder Bros. Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL, and Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, filled our cups with the Living Water.

IOWA, BURLINGTON Judy Gehring - Kim Salek

We have had several visiting ministers this month. Bros. John Steiner and Jerry Kuntz from the Oakville congregation helped our

ministering brothers. It is comforting to feel that we have each other to call upon when the need arises. This is especially so with our ministering brothers and their wives, in that they are willing to share themselves for the Lord's work. Also, Bro. Roy Wernli and his wife, Sis. Betty, from the Lamont, KS, congregation spent a blessed weekend with us. Do we often think of the love and blessings we receive when we travel from one congregation to another and spend time with our brothers and sisters in faith whom we may not have known before? Do we appreciate the fact that we feel the love and closeness that comes from the common bond of being children of God? The fellowship we enjoy is certainly something quite precious and constantly a source of strength and comfort.

Many of us traveled to the Oakville church on the evening of July 9 to witness the marriage of our dear Sis. Phyllis Massner of the Oakville congregation to Bro. Ben Knobloch of Elgin, IL. We wish them God's richest blessings and nearness.

In meditating on St. John 21, one of our ministering brothers brought out an interesting correlation. When we are weary, Jesus is standing on the shore saying "Come," just as He did then. But sometimes, like the disciples, we don't recognize Him. How many times do we fail to recognize Him and His nearness to us until we see the results of our prayers, just as His disciples recognized Him after they caught the fish? Just as Peter was ashamed that he had not recognized Him and jumped into the sea, we too are often ashamed that we have not recognized His nearness.

We also were told of the futility of our efforts unless they are guided by the Spirit of God. The disciples caught nothing until Jesus told them to cast their nets on the right side. If we obey His command, we too will be filled to overflowing.

The Word of God has many useful teachings for us. If we will apply ourselves and learn from it, then we need not fear our being able to recognize our Saviour when He comes for us.

Moving? Let Us Know.

IOWA, ELGIN Eleanor Butikofer

This morning many birds are filling the air with their songs. At the moment we can hear a chipping sparrow, a wren, a cuckoo, a cardinal, and many swallows are twittering about. Speaking about swallows, they are certainly the best acrobats of bird life; it's interesting to watch as they skim about, almost turning somersaults as they catch mosquitos and the like above our garden area.

Our one-half mile lane affords us many lovely pictures; already Queen Ann's lace is prominent, the sumac is showing its red clusters, and some lavender phlox is "prettifying up" the sides of the road. Due to sufficient moisture and sunshine the fields of corn are beautiful. Many stalks have tasselled and will soon be showing the start of ears. God is indeed very gracious; may we always be thankful for His plan of salvation and for the many lovely gifts which He has given to us here on earth.

We are grateful to our visiting ministers. They were Bros. Don Souder of Roanoke, IL, Edwin Bahler of Remington, IN, and Bill Emch of Lamont, KS. May God bless them for their efforts in furthering the work of salvation. Bro. Don assisted in our communion service. This is such a sacred remembrance of our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary's brow.

My sister, Sis. Marie Schneider, is not feeling as well as usual, but we are praying that the medication which was prescribed at the Mayo Clinic will restore her health.

Father, we thank Thee for love to
serve our fellow men;
For light, the goal ahead to see;
For life to use alone for Thee;
Father, we thank Thee
For plenty from Thy bounteous
hand.

IOWA, IOWA CITY Bonita Frank

As the summer heat becomes its hottest, tempers get shorter and shorter. It's now that we need to be reminded of the hymn **Angry Words** (Hymns of Zion, No. 65) Life's relationships are too precious to desolate and mar with some hasty, ill-spoken words.

We are thankful for the summer months, though, since it is a time for traveling to visit loved ones in other areas without having to worry about snow and ice and a lot of extra clothing. How soon we forget the prayers about winter traveling. We still need His protection in the hot weather.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Elder Bro. Ed Lanz, Oakville, Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington, IN, and Bro. James Byrd and Bro. Bill Hodel, both of Roanoke, IL. We appreciate these brothers' and their families' special efforts to drive many miles to help our Bro. Joe Gerst. We are so thankful for him when he is not alone on a Sunday.

We are looking forward to having communion soon. The self-purging and self-assessment beforehand is something we always seem to need. Unless we routinely take a look at ourselves, things may creep in that we need to notice and pray for Him to remove.

IOWA, LESTER

Alice Metzger

Along with much of the mid-west region, we have been experiencing a hot, dry summer. Many times we look to the skies for signs of relief, and we are thankful for a small shower now and then.

We were blest by having visiting ministers who proclaimed God's Word in recent weeks. Those who gave of themselves for our benefit were Bros. Leland Plattner, Zapata, Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, Walter Anliker, Eureka, Virgil Metzger, Champaign, and Roger Aberle, Sabetha. Bros. Virgil and Roger were in attendance for the wedding of Bro. Glen Metzger and Sis. Joyce Rumbold Knobloch on July 29. We rejoice that God has drawn these loved ones together.

On June 21 the wedding of Kristi Stickling, daughter of Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn, and Ron Klinkenborg took place at the home of the bride's parents. We welcome Sis. Loretta (Luthi) Moser to our congregation from Lamar since her marriage to Bro. Rick Moser. May God bless all the newlyweds.

New Sunday School teachers have been chosen to replace those whose terms have expired. They are Bros. Wes Moser, Tom Metz-

ger, and Dennis Kellenberger.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Emma Feucht are the happy grandparents of little Jeffrey Allen, born on June 21 to Darrell and Lori Feucht. He has a sister, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cor Kooger. Sis. Emma is a busy grandma in spite of a cast on her foot as a result of a broken bone suffered in a fall.

Recent hospital patients have been Sis. Alice Wulf and Dave Moser. May the Great Physician add His healing touch.

The engagement of Bro. Tom Knobloch, son of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene, and Sis. Jeri Leuthe, Lamont, was announced.

We miss having Sis. Jan Dogtch in our midst, as she has moved to Morris where her family lives.

IOWA, OAKVILLE

Jerilyn Wagenbach

Sharing in the Lord's Supper is a privilege we greatly enjoy, although without the Lord's help we know we can never be worthy to partake of it. Elder Bro. Rudy Graf (Akron, Ohio) willingly assisted our own elder, Bro. Edward Lanz, as this precious sacrament was served to us on Sunday, June 22. The individual soul-searching which we do before communion should continue throughout our daily life, as we strive to "... lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." Therefore, "... let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1.

Those who minister God's Word have a duty and a responsibility which most of us can probably never fully appreciate. We thank ministering Bro. Uriel Gehring (Burlington, IA) for his recent visit to Oakville.

June 28 and 29 was a special weekend for Kathryn Massner (Bro. Virgil and Sis. Barbara) as she gave the testimony of her conversion and was baptized before the cloud of witnesses. We welcome our new sister-in-faith.

Sis. Phyllis Massner and Bro. Ben Knobloch (Elgin, IL) were united in marriage on July 9. May the Lord bless them and their children as they begin this new life together.

Sis. Dolly Stoller (Bro. Walter) wishes to express her thanks to

all who remembered her with prayers, cards, letters, and many tokens of love while she was in the hospital after knee surgery.

Reminder: September is Oakville's collection month for the Silver Lining dues.

IOWA, PULASKI

Mary Jane Knapp

Ginny Wuthrich

Once again the Lord has provided the way for a number of ministering brothers to be in our midst: June 22, Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest) and Bro. Bill Gudeman (Elgin); June 29, Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington); July 6, Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester); and July 13, Bro. Gerald Sutter. Many are the blessings we receive when they humbly submit themselves to God's service, and He is able to direct their work. May they all be richly blest for the effort it takes on their part to travel and be spent on our behalf.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger announced their retirement from the ministry. We thank them for their years of service and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them as they walk with Him.

Hospitalized this month were little Jill Cruikshank (medical) and Sis. Elizabeth Wuthrich (surgical). Both are home again and making rapid progress.

IOWA, WEST BEND

Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (Mark 10:9) Three couples were joined together this past month. We pray that God will grant His blessings to them as they walk the path of life together.

On June 13, Darrell Zaugg and Julie Biddle of Urbandale, IA, were married. Their parents are Walter and the late Sis. Mable Zaugg and DeLas and Julie Biddle.

David Gerber and Diane Montag were united as one on June 20. Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Montag are their parents.

The weekend of June 29 was a special one for Bro. Dean Messner (Winthrop) and Sis. Wanda Metzger as they became one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva Messner

and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger. We were privileged to have with us for the occasion Elder Bros. Leo Moser (Lester) and Harold Messner (Winthrop), as well as Bro. Leroy Messner (Winthrop).

Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City) was with us recently and ministered to us. We should be humbled when brothers are willing to be used in order that we may be fed with the Holy Word—the Bread for Life.

Ed. Note: In last month's issue we erroneously omitted the name of Jon Lee Schmidt (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Judy) as a high school graduate. We apologize and congratulate Jon.

JAPAN, SHIODA

Jane Weiss - Evie Blunier

The climb began with the excitement and anticipation of reaching the top. Our hearts were enthusiastic and our bodies fresh and energetic. The first stretch was easy—our load was light. Toward the end of the first station, though, it became a little more difficult, and we tired of the climb to which our bodies were not yet accustomed. With hope we continued on, resting occasionally and obtaining food for needed energy.

After the next two stations, we became a little more accustomed to caution, steadiness, and a light to guide our way in the dark night. We could look above, not being able to see the top, but only the light of the next station and place to rest. It was peaceful, only the chiming of the bells on our sticks of support and our own five voices could be heard. The stars were magnificently shining, and it seemed that at that height we could almost reach out and touch them. God seemed so close. On we climbed, and for some the road became more difficult. When they needed rest, we all rested. Alone, we might not have made it, but we encouraged each other on.

We reached the eighth station where we thought our place of longer rest was—but, not yet. Too early the guard had been let down, and we had relaxed. In spite of tiredness, aching legs and sleepiness the climb had to be continued. Not yet! Not yet! Not yet! On the climb went.

Finally we could lay down and

sleep a little. When I awake, will I be able to move, can I make it? Worry about it later—have faith. A few hours later, refreshed, we began again. More difficult than ever, one stumbled, but with endurance continued on. Sometimes being passed, sometimes passing others, climbing and resting, the road continued. Dawn was approaching, and now we could see many travellers on the road. We couldn't see the next station—where was it? How much farther to the top?

Two, too exhausted to go on, decided to go back. Three went on, just a little further, and there it was. Realizing it, one went back to tell them to keep going, but in the meantime, a stranger, one who had stumbled there before, said, "You're just resting, aren't you? Don't quit, you'll regret it all your life. It's just a little further to the top. Look, it's right there!" Convinced, they went on and, oh, the exultation of all five standing together at the top!

It was a climb to the Top of Mt. Fuji, but doesn't it sound like the climb to our goal in this Christian walk of life?

If we see one stumble by the way, may we be the one to say, "Don't turn back, you'll regret it all eternity!" Alone it may be very difficult, but together we can encourage each other. It's more difficult for some than others, and we may not all reach our goal at the same time. but let's meet there, at the top!

We say farewell to our dear Sis. Sally Gramm after five years of service here at our Shioda church. Besides teaching Ehnles' children in the elementary school and the Japanese children in our kindergarten for one year each, for four years she has diligently served as a gifted and inspiring teacher of our Kindergarten Sunday School Class. We had our first Sunday School Picnic this year, July 13. As that was Sis. Sally's last Sunday here, the church bade her farewell at that time. We wished her safe travels and God's blessings and guidance in her future. Having enjoyed many hours of fellowship with her, we will miss

her very much.

We have once again been richly blessed to have a guest here from the U.S. Sis. Vicki Ramseyer, Bay City, MI, has arrived and will be with us for about three weeks. "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Ps. 121:8.

JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

One Sunday my Sunday School became small, and most of the children did not come. It was very surprising to me, so I asked one of the girls, "Maki-chan, do you know why so many our friends are not coming lately?" She answered, "As far as I know they watch TV because the children's TV programs are from 9 to 10 every Sunday morning. I also wished to watch it but I picked to come Sunday School because I love it." Isn't that wonderful? She is very cute and faithful to come most every Sunday morning, even on a rainy day. It really encourages us to work much more for the Lord. Now I have a pretty good number of Sunday School children.

We had many things to happen inside and outside the country recently, and we really felt that the Bible prophesy that the end of the world is at hand is true. Matt. 24:3-31.

It is really wonderful that the Lord picked us from the sinful world and that we are saved through Jesus Christ and His dying on the cross.

Soon our summer fellowship meeting will be held and we look forward to several visitors. We pray God's blessings on this meeting, and also for our Brotherhood Conference in Eureka, IL, as brethren gather for the spiritual welfare of our souls.

KANSAS, BERN

Esther Moser - Stella Moser
PERFECT

I like the sun of morning,
The shining glow of noon
And the dark of evening
When the stars do shine.

I like the flowers of springtime
And the heat of summer,

And the golden autumn,
And the snows of winter.

I like the way God made the
seasons,
And the time of day and night.
For He made just everything,
As perfect as Himself.
Annette Singelbach

We have three little joy bundles to report, perfect gifts from God. Terry and Nanette Farwell have a new daughter born June 22, Dana Jan. Ericka is happy for a playmate. The grandparents are Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer.

Bro. Franklin and Sis. Ruth Hertzell are rejoicing over their first grandchild, Erik Franklin, born July 6 to Gerry and Ellen Hertzell. Sis. Lydia Meyer is the maternal great-grandmother.

Happiness is: having a new baby brother, the first one for Sherri, Staci, Mandi, Gail and Jody Hartter. Mark Alan was born July 5 to Bro. Stephen and Sis. Lois Hartter. Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella are Mark's grandparents.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Rodney Strahm and Sis. Cynthia Meyer (Sabetha) upon their engagement. We wish them many blessings as they plan an October wedding. Rod's parents are Bro. Alphonse and Sis. Mamie. Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois are Cynthia's parents.

Sis. Leola (Bro. Edward) Lehman was hospitalized a short time for tests. Dan Esslinger (Bro. Martin, Sis. Arlene) caught his hand in a grain auger and stitches were required on several fingers.

Sis. Tillie Stoller and son Sean are new residents at the Home.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

It's easy to show love when somebody is nice. But real Christian love goes on even when no love comes back. The Bible says that love never stops. These words were the kind advice given to a young son by his father. How well this advice coincides with God's instruction given to us in Romans 12:9-21.

Our area has been experiencing many weeks of drouth and intense heat, even to the extent that people have lost their lives because of it. Can we continue to show Christian love and offer to share

our "less bountiful" blessings with one another, even as we did when things were plentiful? "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink . . ." Rom. 12:20.

Carol (Sammy) Kraft and Sis. Dorene (Bro. Eldon) Metzger were hospitalized for surgery.

We deeply appreciated and wish to thank our visiting ministers, Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson, AZ), Bro. Kenny Knapp (Taylor), and Bro. Francis Rother (Morton). May God's blessings dwell within their happy hearts.

August is Silver Lining Collection month for Gridley, KS. See your Silver Lining reporter, Sis. Julie Strahm.

KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr

But godliness with contentment is great gain. I Tim. 6:6

To me this Scripture is so very true, for when we live a life in Christ, His peace fills our soul with a love and joy that goes beyond expression. And when we worship together with our loved ones of like faith on the Lord's Day, sometimes our cups are not only filled, but overflowing, with love for God. Such was our joy when Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, and his dear wife and family were in our midst on July 6. Praise be to God for the uplifting messages we were inspired with on that blessed occasion.

It was our appointed time to hold services at the Kiowa Manor this month, and though only a small number were able to make it, this time, may God bless the effort put forth.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Esther Miller at the passing of her sister, Mrs. Hilda Carrithers of Mulvane. As Sis. Esther is in the hospital at the present time suffering from pneumonia, we not only pray God's comfort in her sorrow, but also His healing power in her illness.

KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100

The engagement of Sis. Jeri Luthi and Bro. Tom Knoblock, Lester, has been announced. We wish them God's rich blessings in this second most important step in life. We are happy that they will make Lamont their home church. The wedding date is Sept. 28. This will be the first wedding in our new church and the first in the Lamont congregation for twenty years.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

We enjoyed the visit of the Bloomington-Normal choir. Accompanying the choir were ministering Bros. William Kupferschmid and Ronald Heiniger. Also present was Bro. Mark Bahr. We thank them all for their visit, and especially the brothers for bringing us the Word.

Kay Banwart (daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis) of West Bend and Steve Meyer of Sabetha are planning a September wedding. Sis. Cynthia Meyer and Bro. Rodney Strahm (son of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mayme) of Bern are planning an October wedding. Sis. Lois and Bro. Eli Meyer are the parents of both Steve and Sis. Cynthia. We wish both couples the blessings of God as they begin their new lives together.

Hospitalized this month was Sis. Dena Fechter.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Judy Langhofer

Many of us in the Wichita congregation were not well acquainted with Sis. Hilda Carrithers until she returned to the church of her father and mother just a few short years ago, being drawn back to the loves that were instilled in her as a child. She gave her confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in 1972 at the age of 64. To most of us we would consider that

our youthful days had already been spent and most of our desires would have been accomplished. It was counted truly a blessing from God that she could still find grace and confess her faith while she was able to do so for it was not long that the infirmities of the flesh captured her and her freedom of choice was gone. Her devoted husband and friend, Howard, cared for her and supported her until extra help was needed. She was confined to a nursing home for several years where she was finally released by the mercy of God from her earthly prison and set free to return to her maker and Lord.

Sis. Hilda was born in 1903 in Harper, Kansas to Elder Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary Gleichman. She was one of twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Harper Church, being located between Wichita and Kiowa, was the recipient of many visitors. I am told that Bro. Ernest and Sis. Mary were very hospitable people and provided many meals and fellowship for traveling brothers and sisters of the church. Hilda grew up with good training in the art of homemaking and in later years seemed to long to entertain again and have fellowship as she had when she was growing up.

She married Sheriff Howard Carrithers in 1937 and spent the first years of her married life in living quarters within the jail. She used her culinary arts by cooking for the prisoners at the local jail. Howard and Sis. Hilda were blessed with one daughter, Karen, and one beloved granddaughter, Kristie.

We all rejoiced when Sis. Hilda was drawn back to the church of her childhood and found grace to testify of her faith; perhaps something she had always desired to do. Perhaps the first few verses in Psalm 16 would express her thoughts and desires in her later years:

Preserve me, O God, for in thee do
I put my trust
Oh my soul, thou has said unto
the Lord, Thou art my Lord;
my goodness extendeth not to
thee;
But to the saints who are in the
earth, and to the excellent, in
whom is all my delight.

She was laid to rest in Anthony, KS, on July 14, 1980.

Bro. Godfrey Miller and Sis. Emma Miller, who are experienced campers, planned the annual camping activities held on July 13th weekend for our young people at Lake Toronto close to Yates Center, KS. Despite the very hot weather a record attendance of seventy-one was reported. Sister Emma commented that the honey bees were so thirsty that they perched on the lips of the cups containing lemonade and the kitchen committee had to stop serving sweetened drinks. One stand-ard evening meal each year is beans and corn bread which is cooked at camp on an open fire. Regular services were held for the campers as is usual on Sunday morning with good Christian fellowship and sharing. The campers all returned without serious injuries and in one accord.

On July 5th Curtis Wheeler, son of Sister Karlene Wheeler and Jody Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Olson, of Mulvane, KS, repeated their wedding vows. Out of town guests included Jerry Farney and family from Perryton, TX, and Bro. Terry Farney and family from Overland Park, KS. Also present were newlyweds Bro. Roger and Sis. Bertie Reimschisel who were welcomed into our congregation by a reception given by family and friends of the newlywed couple. Both couples will be residing in the Wichita area.

We are badly in need of rain in Kansas and many will suffer from the heat and drought. It is time to remember God gives rain and with holds it in that in the end nothing will be left over; and herein is the manifold wisdom of God.

MICHIGAN, ALTO Penny Erismann

We give our thanks to ministering Bro. Merrill Laukhuf (Lat-ty) for his services.

MONEY WILL BUY

A bed but not sleep,
Books but not brains,
Food but not appetite,
Finery but not beauty,
A house but not a home
Medicine but not health,
Luxuries but not culture,
Fun but not happiness,
Religion but not salvation.

Author Unknown

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiel - Linda Ramseyer

On June 22, a surprise open house was held for Elder Bro. Joe and Sis. Elizabeth Waibel in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends, neighbors, and family shared this day with them. May God's blessings continue to be with them in these joyous years of their life.

Our visiting ministers in the last month were Bros. Aaron Stefan of Alto, and Ernest Graf of Akron. We appreciate their coming to our congregation and ministering God's Word.

We were sorry to hear of those who were hospitalized. Sis. Esther Meister, Bro. Paul Waibel, and Bro. Glenn Ruessegger were surgical patients. We are glad to hear that Bro. Paul and Sis. Esther have both returned home, and that Sis. Esther is once again able to assemble with us. Sis. Mae Guenzel also had the misfortune of breaking her arm.

A son was born to Mark and Lynn Kuch on June 11. Mark Robert II should bring joy into their home as their first child. First-time grandparents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Lena Wieland.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity . . ." I Corinthians 13:13. It is through faith that Bro. Regan Wieland and Sis. Tammy Pashak have had their engagement announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edith Wieland, and Bro. Dean and Sis. Connie Pashak.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT Nella Varga

This surely has been a time of sorrow for us here in Detroit. Three people passed away this month: Donna Weber, wife of Joe Weber, daughter of Sis. Lucille Maibach, and sister of Bro. Ben Maibach and Sis. Fran Bertsch; Sis. Ethel Varga, wife of Louis Varga; and Bro. Paul Sabados, husband of Maria Sabados. Our sympathy goes out to the immediate family, friends and loved ones.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Ps. 23:4

We would like to thank minister-

ing Bros. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Eugene Fetter (Toledo, OH), and Gary Maibach (Rittman, OH) for their labor of love and for visiting with us.

We wish God's blessing and traveling mercies upon our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his family—wife Lorene, and children Sis. Sheryl and Doug—as they travel through Europe, visiting our churches there.

We were reminded last Sunday of how Jesus taught the Lord's prayer to the multitudes. It is encouraging to know that we should pray to our heavenly Father daily and look to Him for all things.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

We were richly blessed with the Word of God in the past month. Visiting with us were ministering Bros. Alhai Moser and Harold Gramm of Morris, Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend, Bro. Leroy Messner of Winthrop, Bro. Nate Stoller of Bradford and Bro. Joe Stoller of Princeville. We thank them for coming and giving of themselves for the Lord. We enjoyed their fellowship and that of their families.

We are sorry that Sis. Sophia Gudeman broke her arm and was hospitalized. God has granted his healing touch, as she is again able to assemble with us.

Our congregation has been blessed with another new family. Bro. Paul and Sis. Susan Plattner and their little son Luke, have moved from Peoria to Rochester, MN. We extend a hearty welcome to them.

We are also enjoying the fellowship of Bro. Len and Sis. Bev. Minke and their children Jessica, Christopher and Alison of Morris. They are spending the summer in Minneapolis where Bro. Len has employment.

MINNESOTA, MORRIS Jan Schock - Pam Sutter THE GREATEST FORCE

When God wants a great work done in the world or a great wrong righted, he goes about it in a very unusual way. He doesn't stir up his earthquakes or send forth his thunderbolts. Instead he has a helpless baby born, perhaps in a simple home and of some obscure mother. And then God puts the

idea into the mothers heart, and she puts it into the baby's mind. And then God waits. The greatest forces in the world are not the earthquakes and the thunderbolts. The greatest forces in the world are babies.

E. T. Sullivan

April Alyssa was born to Bro. Jim and Sis. Rowena Fuhrer, and Brandi Jill is the new daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Jacki Schmidgall. May God's infinite love be instilled in each new baby's mind by their God-fearing parents.

The 4th of July weekend brought us many visitors as two big family reunions were held (Messner and Koehl). We also enjoyed visiting ministers and give our thanks to Bros. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS), Harvey Heiniger (Oakville, IA), Bill Funk (Garden Grove, IA), John Leman (Bern, KS), Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA), and Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL).

We miss Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy Knoblock as they have moved to Lamar, MO. We wish them God's blessings.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Carol Messner - Mary Thiem

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us. Bro. Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, Bro. Art Nohl, Morris, and Elder Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, traveled to be with us the weekend of our Sunday School fellowship gathering held at Winthrop. We thank these dear brethren for sharing God's precious Word, love, and fellowship with us. Two examples of repentance were presented to us. One dear soul on his death bed was given the grace and strength to work out his soul's salvation. The other soul on her death bed told her friends she had waited one week too long. She met her Maker in that condition.

The first weekend in June, we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of two precious souls. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz of Oakville assisted Bro. Harold with this important work. Janice and Verl Schmidt, daughter-in-law and son of Gene and Sis. Ella Mae, were welcomed into the family of God.

On Sunday after baptism we were privileged to take part in

the sacrament of communion. ". . . Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. I Cor. 11:24, 25.

A reception was held in honor of Bro. Ron and Sis. Pam Messner of Indianapolis on June 27. Bro. Ron's parents are Bro. Leo and Sis. Georgia Messner of here. Sis. Pam's parents are Bro. Morris and Sis. Lucille Frank of Leo, IN.

We welcome Sis. Wanda Messner (Metzger) to our church at Winthrop. Sis. Wanda and Bro. Dean were united in marriage at West Bend on June 29. A reception was held for them on July 19. Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger are Sis. Wanda's parents. Bro. Dean's parents are Bro. Roland and Sis. Melva Messner.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Linda Messner to Bro. Clarence Yackley (Phoenix) was announced. They plan to be married Aug. 17. We extend best wishes and God's blessings to them both.

New Sunday School teachers Bro. Dennis Messner and Sis. Audrey Messner. Substitute teachers are Bro. Dean Messner and Sis. Georgia Messner. May the Lord be near them as they undertake these important duties.

We congratulate our high school graduates: Monica Stresemann (Shirley), Jolene Messner (Bro. James and Sis. Julia), Faye Messner (Bro. Mike and Sis. Joyce), Carol Messner (Bro. Don and Sis. Viola), Sis. Patti Dapper (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marcella), and Todd Messner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Carol). They all plan on furthering their education. May they all remember our Lord as they journey on the road of life.

Sis. Carrie Messner wishes to convey her appreciation to all those who remembered her 80th birthday.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Vera Luthi - Elaine Braker

June 29 was a special day for us as we had several visitors here for our open house. We especially appreciated the efforts of our visiting ministers who were: Bros. Sam Huber and Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Bro. Ronald Nelson, Kiowa; Bro. Al Aberle, Tremont; and Bro.

Raymond Banwart, Ft. Scott.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . ." (Ps. 23). Sis. Lori Luthi and Bro. Rick Moser from Lester chose July 13 for their wedding day. Their parents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn Luthi and Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna Moser. We will miss Lori here in Lamar but wish them a blessed life together and much happiness in their home in Lester.

Deidra Marti (Kent), Linda Marti (Stan), and little Teague Braker (Tim and Terri) have all home again. Terry Braker is presently hospitalized after surgery and is doing well.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber

Almost two-thirds of 1980 is over already! The older we become the faster time flies. The following writing tells it as it is and has much food for thought.

"TIME"

My name is "Time". I haven't always been, and I won't always be, but right now I'm on the move measuring out life. Men wait for me, submit to me, fear me, but no one can stop me, except God. He is in control, and He says I am running out. Most men could care less. They think I'm on the move forever, but I'm not. When I stop, Eternity will keep right on going, and it will be too late for repentance; too late for getting right with God through Jesus Christ His Son; too late for faith, with just forever left, for tears, anguish and regrets. Now is the day of salvation. Is it that day for you? My name is "Time" and I'm on the move, I'm nearing the end—and I'm taking you with me into Eternity. God says, "Now is the accepted time."

Author Unknown

We enjoyed visits from a number of ministering brothers and their families this month. They were Bros. Loren Knapp, Tucson, AZ, Bert Butikofer, Elgin, IA, Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, MN, Arnie Gerst, Chicago, IL, Rod Huber, Valparaiso, IN, and Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin, IL. Almost all of these brothers have relatives living here which proves to be a benefit to all of us. May God bless each one for his service.

Sis. Ruth Cottrell (Bro. William) is home again after spending several days in the hospital for tests.

"The way to be happy is to make others happy." Apples of Gold. On July 6, a surprise reception was given at our Fellowship Hall in honor of Bro. Arnie and Sis. Marge Gerst's 25th wedding anniversary. We wish these dear ones from Chicago many more years together.

"God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him." I John 4:16.

"Love is the language that every heart speaks
For love is the one thing that every heart seeks!
And where there is Love, God too will abide,
And bless the couple residing inside."

Helen S. Rice

On June 28, Jimmy Sutter (Bro. James and Sis. Lois) and Kris Myles were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Roy Grimm in the Taylor Fellowship Hall. We're happy to have this young couple reside in our area and welcome them as a new family to our "Little White Church on the Levee."

Our annual Sunday School picnic and program was enjoyed by one and all on June 28. May God bless the children, our future church, and their teachers for all the efforts that they put into making this a special day.

Do we sing—"Serve the Lord with gladness," and spend the rest of the time complaining about all we have to do?

Mary Jess

NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA Ed Aeschleman

Richard Diggelman and his wife, Helga, are presently visiting his parents, Bro. John and Sis. Mary Diggelman, in Union City. Richard has been assigned a tour of duty with Eastman Kodak in South Korea. It was a God-given blessing and joy to Richard's parents and to all of us to worship and fellowship with them once again.

Summer vacation time is again bringing many of our dear brethren and friends to the east coast,

and we have enjoyed the presence of each one who has come, often times far out of their way, to worship with us. We certainly invite everyone who comes into the area of Philadelphia or Union City to join our services.

NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

Our souls have been united in sweet union.
And many precious hours have gone by,
Our thought arose to Christ, our Lord and Savior
And He our hearts with love did sanctify,
We sang our songs of praise unto the Father,
For He is worthy of our praise and honor.
Zion's Harp, Hymn No. 114

This beautiful hymn was sung together on Sunday evening, June 29, after our evening service at the close of a beautiful day together. During the day we assembled with the Naumburg congregation where we were ministered to by Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Corbin Bahler. After the afternoon service we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion which was served by Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rober Beyer and Norbert Steiner. Our hearts and minds were filled with thoughts of the death and suffering of Christ and the atonement He made for our souls' welfare. It is our hope that these thoughts will remain with us throughout the coming days. A covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by all. We thank our visiting brothers and their wives for their love and concern for us.

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

At this writing our hospital patients are Pernel Virkler (Bro. Howard), and Bro. Arthur Virkler, who are both medical patients in our local hospitals. Sis. Barb Virkler is a medical patient at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic in Iowa City. She has been a patient for several weeks and is awaiting possible surgery in the near future. Sis. Eleanor (Bro. Ronald) Herzig and Sis. Alice Virkler were also patients for a

week at the University of Iowa Clinic. Sis. Celia Virkler broke a bone in her leg when she fell while on vacation.

Sis. Lydia Virkler has been called home from this earthly life. Services were held by Bro. John Widrick and Bro. Norbert Steiner at the Croghan church on July 14. As the words of the beautiful hymn, **The Best Refuge** were sung we can say that the following words pertain to our departed sister: "In patience then bear all trial and care; Above streams of bliss will refresh thee." We can say that she did bear all that was her lot in this life, and we can be assured that she is now "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Our deepest sympathy is extended to her loved ones.

NEW YORK, NAUMBURG

Rachel Snyder

The group from Naumburg and Croghan church visited Andrew Virkler on his birthday and sang for him.

Our hospital patients are Bro. Jess Karcher and Emma Virkler. Also, we are glad to have Bro. Raymond Stockberger with us again since being in the hospital.

June 29 marked a blessed day when Croghan and Naumburg churches assembled together to partake of communion. It was so nice of Bros. John and Corbin Bahler to be with us for that occasion. A covered-dish dinner was served afterward.

I would like to make a correction of the name of Julia Virkler, mentioned in the last couple months' news. It should have been Julia Karcher.

OHIO, AKRON

Carolyn Miller

On June 29, Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman ministered to us from Luke 17. We were reminded that we have only one life to live and that we should take thought on how we are going to live it.

Bro. Stanley Francis was hospitalized again this month for surgery. Sis. Bonnie Bako (Bro. Zoltan) is also in the hospital for tests.

Bro. Richard Messner and his family, Bro. Irvin and Sis. Evelyn Walker and Sis. Margaret Gruening, wish to express their thanks for prayers, visits, cards, gifts,

and food brought to them during the time of their sorrow in the passing of Sis. Ella Messner.

OHIO, JUNCTION

Lester Manz

Bro. Dale Eisenmann of Chicago assisted Bro. Loren Stoller in serving us the Lord's Supper. Before communion was served we were reminded of the commandment God had given to the children of Israel to tell their children during the feast of the Passover how the Lord had delivered them from bondage. We were then exhorted to also tell our children and loved ones how God has delivered us from the bondage of sin when they ask us questions about Holy Communion.

We thank Bro. Dale and Bro. Loren for being with us to share God's Word with us. Also ministering to us was Bro. Marshall Heindold from the Washington congregation.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale spent a few weeks with us. We appreciate the time we had together. They have now returned to their Florida home.

Sis. Connie Manz and Sis. Esther Schlatter both had short stays in the hospital but are already worshipping with us again.

"Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." Mat. 7:14.

As our Shepherds assemble together for the annual conference, surely our prayers are with them as they make their decisions to help us, because we want to be among the few who find life.

A Child's Faith—"I didn't know that. I'll have to start praying for him!" This expression came from a young child after his mother told him about the health condition of his uncle. Certainly, this is an exhibition of true faith. The young lad did not consider himself to be helpless in this situation. Instead, he realized that his prayers could be of value to his loved one.

OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn

Welcoming little Joni Kaye into their home are Bro. Keith and Sis. Jo Anne Klopfenstein. Glad for another playmate are her brother, Jay, and her sister, Jaymee.

The grandparents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Klopfenstein, and Mrs. Kathryn Waltz. May they seek God's guidance and strength in raising this precious little soul.

On July 13, we were privileged to have Bro. Phillip Stettner (Bluffton), Bro. Walter Rager, (Toledo), and Bro. Arthur Gudeman (La Crosse) share the day with us. Truly, our cups were filled to overflowing as the Holy Spirit through these beloved brethren was felt in our congregation. It is our prayer that these brothers will continue to rely upon this good Spirit so that the truth will always be spoken.

I have a companion; it's God's Holy Word
Revealing from Heaven the mind of my Lord;
My Rock and my Refuge when danger is nigh,
We've blessings eternal, my Bible and I.

Author Unknown

OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass. Psa. 37:5

The hymn writer, Adelaide A. Pollard, wrote: "Have thine own way, Lord, Have thine own way; Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still." Recently, this song came to my mind as I stood and watched a glass blower mold and make a beautiful vase. Much time was taken to shape the piece of material into that beautiful final product. The glass was put into a very hot oven and heated until it was a red ball of fire. Then the artist pulled it from the heat and started to mold and shape it again and again. Many times the vase was put back into the oven until it became more lovely and shaped to the artist's liking. The Heavenly Artist lovingly molds each child in His own way and, after trials, the cleansed and purified child becomes more like the Master.

It is not His cross that is heavy;
It is those that our hands have made

That hinder us on our journey,
On our aching shoulders laid.
There is strength for the load He gives us,

And balm for the thorn He sends,
But none for the needless burdens
And none for our selfish ends.

Author Unknown

Loving sympathy is extended to Bro. Mark Masters in the recent death and great loss of his mother.

Loved ones experiencing injury this past month are: Sis. Nina Ruefner, who fell off a ladder and broke or cracked several ribs.; Frank Graszl, Jr., who fell from a roof and sustained a broken ankle; and Jerry Roberts, who was struck by an automobile while riding his bike (we are thankful to report that no serious injuries were sustained). Also, George Levy was hospitalized. It is good to report that Sis. Francelia Beer was able to attend church after a long time, as was Sis. Helen Bricker who has been recuperating from surgery.

June 22, 1980 was Senior Recognition Night for our seniors: Randy Beer, Karla Beer, Marvin Beer, Melissa Matuck and Terry Sauder. At this time we would also like to mention that our Bro. Russell (Rusty) Sauder graduated from medical school. Bro. Fred Domka's topic for the evening was "Time."

The annual Sunday School Picnic was held at the home of Bro. Larry and Sis. Darlene Enderle with a large attendance. We wish to thank them for inviting all to participate in this afternoon and evening of fellowship.

We regret to report that Lydia Nolan has moved to Springfield, Tennessee, so she can live nearer to her daughter, Joyce Cordrey, and children. We will certainly miss Lydia in our fellowship. Anyone wishing to write her may do so at the following address: Lydia L. Nolan, Holiday House, Apt. 304, Springfield, Tennessee 37172.

OHIO, RITTMAN Janette Blough

We wish to thank visiting ministers Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville, Bro. Bill Brake of Sardis and Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest for bringing us the Word of God.

June 28 was the wedding day of Dennis Hartzler and Kristina Haught. Dennis is the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Marian Hartzler. We wish them many blessings in

their married life.

July 6 was the wedding day of Bro. Jim Rupp and Sis. Sharon Walder. May our Lord ever guide them and bless their marriage. Bro. Jim's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rupp, and Sis. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Francis Hafely has been seriously ill and has been hospitalized. Sis. Francis had to submit to surgery twice and at present is still in the hospital. Our prayers are with our dear sister. Sis. Diane Gasser was also hospitalized and we are glad to report that she is home again recovering from her illness. We are so glad Sue Plahuta is able to assemble with us again after an extended hospital stay and recovery period following an auto accident. Our prayers are with all of our loved ones who suffer sickness or accident. We pray that good health will be restored to them once again.

Ivy and Daryl Bauman are parents for the second time with the birth of a little boy. Nathan Edward has a little sister, Jamie. His grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Bernice Bauman and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Lib Landis.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Donna Bachman are first-time parents with the arrival of a little boy, Eric Paul. His grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Katherine Bachman and Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman of Forrest.

We wish to welcome Bro. Don and Sis. Alice Farney and their family to the Rittman area. Bro. Don and Sis. Alice have moved here from New York state.

OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Hymns of Zion, No. 95. Everyone present on our blessed weekend here and in West Virginia the last of June went home praising God. Our church in Sardis was filled to overflowing on Saturday evening, and the church and hillside around the church in West Virginia were filled with those who thirsted to hear God's Word. Twenty-four churches were rep-

resented. A special thanks goes out to the ministering brothers who shared God's Word with us. They were Bro. Ray Sin, Latty, and Arthur Bahler, Fairbury, IL. May God richly bless all who came, helped, and provided for this weekend in any way.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23. "The fruit of the Spirit" was the topic of our first Bible School evening. We wish to thank Bro. Loren Stoller from Latty for giving us his insight into this area as directed by God.

Bro. Henry Dotterer from Rittman was with us for our second evening of Bible School. He spoke to us about the "Christian Home". We should always strive to be able to sing "Love at home. Love at home. Time does softly, sweetly glide, When there's love at home." Hymns of Zion, No. 64.

Both Bros. Loren and Henry were able to stay over with us for Sunday. May God continue to bless them and their families for their efforts.

OHIO, TOLEDO Josephine Rehklau

WE SHALL SLEEP BUT NOT FOREVER

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

Gospel Hymns

Sis. Emily Frautschi was unexpectedly taken from this life into eternity during the early morning hours of July 27. We rejoice that she has reached her heavenly goal and is resting from her earthly duties. She has touched many a life with her cheerful spirit and we feel the loss of her presence among us.

Surviving are her brothers, Albert, Arthur and Carl, and a sister, Elsie Troxel.

Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and David Bertsch were with us for the memorial service.

Bro. Ben Schlatter is a medical patient in the hospital. We pray, if God will, that he will be given a measure of good health.

We were very happy to have with us again for Sunday Services. Bro. Joseph and Sis. Lydia Fetter.

OREGON, PORTLAND**Connie Steffen**

Zion's Harp hymn 16 says, "What glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus, To feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace." Two dear young friends have felt the call of our good Shepherd and have given their hearts to Him, to live for Him as long as they are given breath. They are Elizabeth and Lisa Moser, daughters of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Barbara Moser, who have recently moved here from Hot Springs, AR. We wish "Liz" and Lisa much grace as they strive against sin and satan daily, so that they may have a humble and victorious walk in the Christian's path.

Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler (Rockville, CT) and their family came to visit us. We greatly appreciate Bro. Corbin's breaking the Spiritual bread with us. It is really a gift from God to see a brother from the east coast stand before a small group of believers on the west coast, and feel love such as that of old and trusted friends flow between our hearts. This is a blessing that I hope none of us ever take for granted, but always thank the Lord for.

Brother Corbin had as his fore-reading, Isaiah 32. Verse 17 reads. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." He mentioned that this is attained by our coming to the Lord with a penitent heart and asking forgiveness for our sins; then the effect is quietness and the assurance that our sins are forgiven. We should be glad that we have a Righteous Judge who deals with each of us according to His goodness and not according to what we deserve.

OREGON, SILVERTON**Andy and Mary Jane Winkler**

We have been enjoying beautiful weather, but we sympathize with those who live where it has been so warm. Such things make us realize how helpless we are.

We were blessed to have Bro. Corbin Bahler with us one Sunday. We wish for Bro. Corbin, God's blessings. Bro. Corbin reminded us of what our Lord and Saviour did for us. Our Lord's life on earth was not full of joy and happiness; He had to suffer

much from mankind. People should have been thankful that He was here on earth, but many did not appreciate Him.

We are thankful that Sis. Margaret Wanner is feeling somewhat better. We hope and pray that the Lord will give her strength and courage to walk onward in this life.

The devil never stops tempting God's children no matter what comes upon us. We surely need to stay close to our God or perhaps He will not know us on judgement day.

**PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA****(See New Jersey, Union City)****WEST VIRGINIA, NEW
MARTINSVILLE****Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey**

The all day meeting at the country church on June 29 was well attended. A close count of those present numbered 275. The weather was very good. Members from the following churches registered: Rittman, OH; Lamar, MO; Princeville, IL; Eureka, IL; Sardis, OH; Akron, OH; Forest, IL; Latty, OH; Fairbury, IL; Sabetha, KS; Cissna Park, IL; Francesville, IN; Toledo, OH; Mansfield, OH; Lamar, KS; Valparaisa, IN; Washington, IL; Bluffton, IN; Remington, IN; Junction, OH; Elgin, IL and Altadena, CA. Many local friends also registered. Ray Sinn of Latty, OH, was the speaker for the day with Arthur Bahler of Fairbury, IL, and Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis, OH, having parts of the service. The song service at ten thirty was greatly enjoyed. Lunch was served at eleven o'clock. The afternoon service was at one. The local group, including our Sardis friends, wish to thank all for coming, for their donations, and for their Christian Fellowship.

A service was held at the Sardis church on Saturday evening, July 28, and several members of the Sardis congregation served a late afternoon meal to the many visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bahler and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen of Fairbury, IL, were weekend guests of friends in Sardis and New Martinsville and attended services at the country church. Fred Widmer of Rittman, and Ray Sinn and

family of Latty, OH, also were weekend guests. Mrs. Katherine Witschey, daughter-in-law of the late William and Lizzie Schupbach Witschey, passed away on June 1. Her husband, Kenneth, and two sons survive her.

Helen Witschey Barcus, daughter of the late William and Lizzie Schupbach Witschey, passed away on July 4 following a short illness. She leaves two sons, five grandchildren, four sisters, and three brothers.

Della Witschey was a patient in the local hospital for a few days during the past month but has recovered from her hospital stay and is back at the nursing home.

This area was hit by heavy winds and rain storms on July 8 and 9. July 8, two inches of rain fell in 90 minutes. Many roofs were blown off of barns and houses. Trees were uprooted. Much damage was caused, and one young man near New Martinsville was electrocuted due to coming in contact with fallen wires while working in water.

SILVER THREADS**A PRAYER FOR THOSE
WHO LIVE ALONE**

I live alone, dear Lord;
Stay by my side.
In all my daily needs,
Be thou my guide.

Grant me good health,
For that indeed, I pray
To carry on my work
From day to day.

Keep pure my mind,
My thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish
In my neighbor's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood,
Malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear,
And evil ones.

If sickness or
An accident befall,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,
Hear thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low
Or in despair,
Lift up my heart
And help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord,
Yet have no fear,

Because I feel your presence
Ever near. Amen.

Author Unknown

WHEN I GET OLD

Lord keep me sweet when I grow
old,
And things in life seem hard to
bear;

When I feel sad and all alone,
And people do not seem to care.

O, keep me sweet when time has
caused

This body, which is not so strong,
To droop beneath its load of years
And suffering and pain have
come.

And keep me sweet when I have
grown

To worry so, at din and noise;
And help me smile, and while I
watch

The noisy play of girls and boys.

Help me remember how, that I,
When I was younger than today
And full of life and health and
joy,

Would romp and shout in happy
play.

Help me to train my heart each
day,

That it will only sweetness hold;
And as the days and years roll on,
May I keep sweet, as I grow old.

Oh, keep me sweet, and let me
look

Beyond the frets that life must
hold;

To see the glad eternal joys;
Yes, keep me sweet, in growing
old.

Author Unknown
Submitted by Coun-
selling Elder Bro. Theo
Beer

A GOOD WOMAN

Submitted by Counselling Elder
Bro. Theo Beer

A good woman never grows old.
Years may go over her head, but
if benevolence and virtue dwell
in her heart she is as cheerful as
when the spring of life first open-
ed to her view. When we look up-
on a good woman, we never think
of her age. She looks as charming
as when the rose of youth first
bloomed upon her cheek. That
rose has not faded yet; it never

will fade. In her neighborhood
she is the friend and benefactor,
in the church the devout worship-
per and exemplary Christian. Who
does not love and respect the wo-
man who has passed her days in
acts of kindness and mercy—who
has been the friend of man and
God—whose whole life has been
a scene of kindness and love, a
devotion of love and religion? We
repeat, such a woman cannot
grow old. She will always be fresh
and bouyant in spirits, and active
in humble deeds of mercy and
benevolence. If a young lady de-
sires to retain the bloom and
beauty of youth, let her not yield
to the sway of fashion and folly;
let her love truth and virtue; and
to the close of life she will retain
those feelings which now make
life appear a garden of sweets
ever fresh and new.

Author Unknown

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

Submitted by Counselling Elder
Bro. Theo Beer
(Author Unknown)

1. Keep skid chains on your
tongue; always say less than you
think. Cultivate a low, persuasive
voice. How you say it often
counts more than what you say.

2. Make promises sparingly and
keep them faithfully, no matter
what it costs.

3. Never let an opportunity pass
to say a kind and encouraging
word to or about somebody
Praise good work, regardless of
who did it. If criticism is needed,
criticize helpfully, never spiteful-
ly.

4. Be interested in others; their
pursuits their work, their homes
and families. Make merry with
those who rejoice; with those
who weep, mourn. Let everyone
you meet, however humble, feel
that you regard him as a person
of importance.

5. Be cheerful. Don't burden or
depress those around you by
dwelling on your minor aches and
pains and small disappointments.
Remember, everyone is carrying
some kind of a load.

6. Keep an open mind. Discuss
but don't argue. It is a mark of a
superior mind to be able to dis-
agree without being disagreeable.

7. Let your virtues, if you have
any, speak for themselves. Refuse
to talk of another's vices. Dis-
courage gossip. It is a waste of
valuable time and can be ex-
tremely destructive.

8. Be careful of another's feel-
ings. Wit and humor at the other
person's expense are rarely worth
it and may hurt when least ex-
pected.

9. Pay no attention to ill-na-
tured remarks about you. Re-
member, the person who carried
the message may not be the most
accurate reporter in the world.
Simply live so that nobody will
believe them. Disordered nerves
and bad digestion are a common
cause of back-biting.

10. Don't be too anxious about
the credit due you. Do your best
and be patient. Forget about
yourself and let others "remem-
ber." Success is much sweeter
that way.

WRAP IT UP IN A PERSON

A scientist was making an ur-
gent plea for scholarships to be
given to American students who
would study in foreign lands.
Stressing that such scholarships
would win for America a much
greater measure of understand-
"The best way to send an idea in-
to the world is to wrap it up in a
person."

In a sense infinitely more sub-
lime, that is precisely what the
Lord of Heaven did. He had a
message which He intended to
convey to man, the message of
His divine love, the word of par-
don, peace and joy. In His un-
searchable wisdom He took this
message, which He was eager to
communicate to the human fam-
ily, wrapped it up in a Person,
and laid it in a manger. That is
the eternal significance of our
faith. Indeed, God wrapped up the
wondrous message of His love in
the Person of His only-begotten
Son and sent that Son from heav-
en to earth, so that all men every-
where might know what is in His
Father-heart: His good and grac-
ious will toward all mankind, His
mercy, His compassion. That is
why in spirit we kneel and say:

"O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high;
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Lord of our dark sky."

To all who seek to know what is in the heart of the God of Heaven, the Gospel extends the invitation: "Come to Christ." Here, in this Person, is the heart of God revealed. Here is the Word of God made flesh. —Selected

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN

God bless our Sunday School,
The place that we love,
As we gather, all together,
Let us hear words of Life from
above
Which shall teach us and shall
lead us
'Til the day when Thou shalt
come.
God bless our Sunday School, our
Church and Home,
Lord now dismiss us
As we depart.
With true obedience and firm al-
legiance
May we rev'rence Thy name in
our heart.
Though from childhood until
manhood,
Or 'til old age we must roam,
May Thy true teachings direct us
Home,

F. E. Herbst

Sin has many tools, but the Lie
is the handle that fits them all.

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God often comforts us, not by
changing our lives but by chang-
ing our attitudes.

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Because it is in a wet place, the
tongue is likely to slip if it goes to
fast.

Sermon . . .

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What if this young man had not found or does not find peace? (Possibly, he has not yet found it.) When he stands before the Lord Jesus, as we all must do, do you suppose that his punishment will be as great as that of someone who knew from his youth the way of truth? I don't; I actually don't. I believe that the more we know the more severe the punishment will be.

Dear friends, someday you will stand before the Lord Jesus and He will not be on the seat of mercy and compassion but on the judgment seat. Before Him will appear all people of all nations to be judged. I believe that those who knew of Him and had converted

parents but refused to accept His teachings, refused repentance, will receive a double punishment. We don't want that to happen to you, dear friends. We want you to accept salvation and receive a double portion of God's blessings; that is what we want for you. Do not do as we have read today.

A beggar named Lazarus was laid at the gate of a rich man. He was full of sores and wanted to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. This is a spiritual condition. We have also read here that the rich man was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day; he had a good time or he thought that he did.

"And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom." Luke 16:22, 23.

Then he began to plead. He asked for favors, but it was too late. "And he cried and said, 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." Verse 24. Possibly he had taken the name of God in vain (I do not know); but his tongue needed cooling. How much would the tip of a finger dipped in water cool my tongue? He didn't ask for a big favor but it wasn't granted.

But Abraham said, Son remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." Verse 25. Abraham couldn't change it. His opportunity had passed; the reward was now being handed out."

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." Verse 26. It could not be done; it was too late. "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house." Verse 27. When he couldn't find any relief or help for himself, he began to plead for his five broth-

ers at home. He wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to tell them where he was and how he was suffering. He didn't want them to come where he was. This was not like those who said that "we'll have company. He didn't want them to come into this torment.

"Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Verses 29-31. That is true because there is One who rose from the dead. Jesus Christ, our Lord, rose from the dead.

Come and accept salvation, dear friends.

Let those who are of the household of faith walk carefully on the narrow pathway. Let us be a good light to others that it might not be said, "I saw so and so and that offended me," when they stand before the judgment seat of Christ. It wouldn't be well, then, for any of us. We know not what the verdict would be.

The Lord has been kind and gracious to us. We did not deserve to be freed from the bondage of sin, but were redeemed because He loves us. He doesn't love sin, but He loves the sinner and will forgive, as we have experienced. God's grace is sufficient to help us day by day to escape the evils of this world. When our work is done (and some of us have approached the evening of life), we can look forward to laying down our armor and going to rest. We must be faithful until death.

Dear ones, one and all, let us in the early morning beg for grace that we need for the day. We do not know what our trials will be; we do not know the temptations, but we know that they may be severe. Let us pray so that we will be fortified by God's grace and can stand in the hour of temptation, continuing faithful until death. Only then do we have the promise of eternal life; and if we miss that, we have missed everything.

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St. Luke, Ch. 16 (beginning at verse 13)

The Word of God as we have often heard, is a mirror given to us to look into. Every human being who wants to see how he appears before the living God can do so. In the very first psalm we are told that "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly," and so on.

In many places throughout the Holy Scripture we are told that there are two destinations, and that while we are here on earth we should prepare for eternity. Of course, there are some people who do not even believe that there is a God. What a rude awakening there will be for anyone who does not believe that there is a God, that there is an eternity, or that there is a heaven and a hell, because there is. The Almighty God who created heaven and earth has given each of us a living soul and that soul will "live" or "die" forever. We speak of being in heaven as living forever, and being in hell as dying forever. The soul will spend eternity in one place or in the other. Eternity is something that no one, not even a professor with much wisdom and learning is able to explain; according to God's Word eternity has no end, so it is a very long time.

In the first verse which we just read, we are told that a servant cannot serve two masters. Neither you nor I nor anyone here this morning can serve two masters. We cannot serve our God and also serve the prince of this world. It is impossible. We are serving either one or the other. Which one do we serve? If we serve God, we will be rewarded eternally. The prince of the world allows us all the pleasures that we desire, but the reward will be outer darkness.

Some say, "Well, there will be a lot of company there," or "We'll have a lot of company." Could

anyone enjoy company in such darkness and torment? The darkness may be as it was in Egypt when Moses freed the children of Israel from bondage. It was so dark that they could almost feel the darkness. Would there be any pleasure there? Tormented with an evil conscience and knowing that they had missed the reward of heaven forever, could souls be happy?

Verse 13 continues, "For either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." This is the word of the Lord Jesus Himself. He came here so that no one needs to be eternally lost. He has plainly marked the way. He has provided a way of escape.

Had our Lord not come, we might have an excuse because no one was able to fulfill the demands of the law. (I remember now that the Apostle Paul said that according to the law he was blameless; but most people were unable to keep the law as it was written.)

When Christ came, that was changed. He gave His life and shed His blood so that all could be saved if they would follow Him and do what He asked—repent and become converted. We are to make a change, forsaking the old life. We are born into this life and grow as sinners; we can't help that. But we are responsible if we continue to live in sin, because there is a way of escape. If there were no way of escape, we would be blameless; but there is a way and it is known to everyone present this morning. We marvel that so few make use of that escape. So, again, we humbly beg that many might consider it.

"And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your

hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." Luke 16: 14, 15. The Pharisees couldn't accept the Lord's authority; they couldn't follow His teaching. They always found fault. A few believed in the Lord Jesus and accepted His instruction, but the greater number refused because the way was too narrow. They couldn't humble themselves. They sought their own honor instead of the honor of the Almighty God.

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Verse 16. Every man must put forth effort. Beloved, I became acquainted with a young man just a few weeks ago who revealed to me that he thought he had found his salvation. He wanted to talk with me about it. He was not from Indiana; he was from another state and was a member of a church. During our conversation I observed that he was sincere and upright. I told him what we believed must be done and I gave him the little booklet, "Ye must be born again." The young man took it with him and read it. Later, I received a letter from him. I question whether I have ever in my lifetime received a more sincere and humble letter than I received from that young man. He confessed his sinfulness; he said that he had received light from his God and that he wanted to make a complete change and become a child of the living God. Dear ones, he was not reared in a home where people knew the way of truth. I marvel when one like that finds the truth. God directed him in some way.

Dear friends, you hear the truth in your homes and see your parents pleading with God for you. I know that my father did and I know that your parents do. Upon their knees they pray for you.

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