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## JESUS LIVES!!

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magadene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the woman, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you!

MATTHEW 28:1-7

### *In memory of*

### **Bro. Maurice Frank**

Bro. Maurice R. Frank was born Jan. 31, 1912 at Cissna Park, IL to Fred and Ida Frank. He passed away Mar. 17, 1981 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Ft. Wayne at the age of 69 after a short illness.

Bro. Maurice moved to Ft. Wayne in 1935 to further his education and was married to Sis. Lucile Klopfenstein of Leo, IN, Nov. 24, 1937. Four children were born to this union. Bro. Maurice gave his heart to the Lord and became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in June, 1946. He served his church faithfully in various capacities until his death.

His employment caused him to move with his family in 1947 to  
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## MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS

Acts 1:3

**Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman**

Over nineteen centuries have passed since the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: and yet we daily observe the evidence of a living Saviour in the hearts and lives of true believers.

Several months ago I received a letter from Bro. Ed Souder, editor of our Silver Lining, asking, "Will you write an article for Easter—please?" The last line on his letter said "Praise the Lord." A few weeks later, on Feb. 12, Bro. Ed, 55, was called Home. His earthly labors ceased but are not forgotten. Bro. Ed's dedication first to the Lord, to his family, his Church, youth, Silver Lining and friends everywhere, are infallible

proofs of the resurrected Saviour that lived in his heart.

The assembly at Francesville bears witness of another infallible proof of the resurrected Saviour in the home-going of Sister Angela Von Toble, 92, after serving the Lord for about 68 years. She had been "a succorer of many" and one "in whose tongue was the Law of Kindness." Some of her last words to us were "I feel so unworthy, yet so thankful, to be a child of the King, Praise His Holy Name." "How I would like to give this peace to everyone." And often she would quote II Timothy 1:12 "... for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against

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Louisville, KY, in 1951 to Saginaw, MI, in 1958 to Harrisburg, PA, and to Chicago, IL, and in 1967 to Madison, WI. He retired in 1970 and moved back to Ft. Wayne where he lived the rest of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Sis. Lucile; three daughters, Sis. Maureen Stettner of Ossian, Sis. Norma Schambach of Elgin, IL, and Sis. Pam Messner of Crawfordsville; six grandchildren; four sisters, Erma Clark and Dolores Hartman of Ft. Wayne, Lavern McMahon of Los Lunas, NM, Bettie Perkins of Litchfield, AZ; and a brother, Gerald Frank of Earlsyville, VA.

Bro. Maurice loved his Heavenly Father, his Lord and Savior, his family, his church, and served as a minister of God's Word since 1955. He served as an ordained deacon for the Leo congregation since 1978. We thank the Lord for the blessed privilege of these years with Bro. Maurice and the gained spiritual strength through his ministry of God's Word and through his faithful examples. Bro. Maurice helped with the monthly publication of the Silver Lining. We will miss his willing labors and his Christian love.

Bro. David Bertsch

**Infallible Proofs . . .**

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that day." This verse gave special peace and comfort to her.

At this Easter season across the land we hear the glad tidings of souls turning in repentance from sin, to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

What an opportunity and privilege awaits every soul, especially the youth of today, if they heed the invitation of the Resurrected Saviour to "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest", and "ye shall find rest for your souls". We are living in restless days filled with anxiety. However, for the fortunate souls who accept the invitation and experience a new life in Christ Jesus through conversion, many precious promises are given. The Apostle Paul tells us "If we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection. Jesus says, "Because I live ye shall live also." In Romans

5:23, we read, "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Man will always be fallible, but as Christ dwells in our hearts by Faith, and we yield ourselves unto God as instruments of righteousness, we become partakers of the Divine nature of Christ Jesus and the fruit of the Spirit is evidenced in our daily lives.

Recently, while visiting with a teenager who was relating his new conversion experiences, I asked the question, "How, when, and on what basis have you found peace with God in your heart?" HOW: "It was through repentance to God and Faith in the Resurrected Saviour." WHEN: "When I completely surrendered every area of my life to the Lord and made restitution for my wrong actions toward God and man." WHAT BASIS: "I believe Romans 5:1 and in an hour of trial the words in St. Luke 24:36-39 became an infallible proof of my peace when I read where Jesus said, "Peace be unto you"—"why are ye troubled" — "why do thoughts arise in your heart" — "it is I Myself."

What a promise for the Church, the Home and the Youth of today at this Easter season! "Peace be unto you—it is I Myself." Is He speaking to you?

In my Saviour's Resurrection  
There is comfort, I am blest  
In His life my hopes renewing  
In His love my soul shall rest.  
Everything I have in Thee  
Life and Hope and Victory.  
Zion's Harp, Hymn No. 183

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME NEED**

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2

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

Proverbs 22:6

The Children's Home counselling elders wish to share the events happening at the Home and the present needs that exist today as expressed by the administrator and the Children's Home board.

There are two families of Houseparents, Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue

Kellenberger and Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda Wieland, serving in the two homes with ten resident children.

The administrator, Bro. Robert Cockburn continues working with the county case workers and during the last three weeks three children have come to live at the homes and join the families to receive the love and care we long to share with them.

Our appeal is for alternate houseparents to serve in a full time capacity in both homes during the time the regular houseparents have their days off, sickness or vacation time. Alternate houseparent applicants between the ages of 21 to 55, Brother and Sister in faith, with the approval of their local Elder, should send their resume and letter requesting an interview to:

David Bertsch  
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Grabill, Indiana 46741

OR

Nelson Beer  
R. #1, Box 101  
Milford, Indiana 46542

Your resume will be promptly and prayerfully answered.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME**

Jane Weiss

If you were asked to draw a picture of something to symbolize

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**IN MEMORY — EDITORS:**

HENRY SOUDER  
EDWARD SOUDER



the members of your family, what would you draw for each one?

This question was on a card that Judy drew in a game our family was playing one evening in the Wieland house. She answered, "I would paint a garden with each child here as a flower. There would be someone watering the flowers. That would be Mom and Dad. Then there would be someone pulling weeds so that the flowers aren't damaged; that would be Jane and I. In the picture the sun would be shining on the flowers and those working in the garden. That would be the Lord."

About three months ago the Lord provided a position for me as an assistant to the houseparents in both homes. It has already been an enriching experience for me, and while I still remember my initial impressions of this work I'd like to share them with you.

One thing I noticed the first time I came to visit Brace and Brenda was how much the children desired love and attention. They love to have people come to visit. Already, I have realized it takes more time and effort than I would have imagined to develop responsibility in children. In the light of their background and subsequent social trauma, the reason for this becomes apparent. Each day is structured with the necessary things to complete and the necessary consequences handed out when they aren't finished. Our children need structure, consistency, and caring, loving discipline. That is why it is so important that we staff members are all working together. When the children can see this cooperation they respond more effectively. We have quite a diversified staff, each with special individual traits and roles that they alone are able to fill. It's so good to be a part of them. The honesty in our working relationships, as well as the prayerful support and caring encouragement when we feel like we have failed, can only be surpassed by the love of Jesus himself.

The Kellenberger house is expanding once again. The day before I arrived, 14 year old Keith came. Since then he has left us and we keep him in our prayers, hoping that his needs can be met where he is now. Both homes said

good-bye to two special boys when Jerry and Randy went home on Feb. 7 to be with their mother in Valparaiso. They attend church there occasionally, so we ask you to share a smile or a loving word with them if you meet them.

Gary has arrived. Blonde-haired and freckle-faced, he brings more life to their already bustling family. Since there are now two Garys, we call him "Gary Lee." Twelve year old Jay has also come to live with us, and we're looking forward to getting to know him.

The other day Gary Lee brought a warmth to my heart when we were talking about going on a bike ride. I had said that our whole house was going, except for myself. I needed to stay home to be with one of the children from the other house. "Then the whole house isn't going, if you're not going," was his remark. It sure made me feel good to think that he considered me a part of his family, especially since I'm usually only at his house when Doug and Sue aren't there.

The most important thing I have observed here is the children being a part of a Christian family that has genuine love for each member. Through prayer, hymn singing, and committing all of their concerns to Christ, God is honored as the head of the family. The children know, even if they won't always admit it, that they are loved, wanted and cared for. They know that someone will be there to listen to their concerns and their joys. Even those that have left us still know we'll be here when they are ready to accept our help. May God be glorified in each victory, great or small, and may He give us the grace to say thank-you, even when we feel defeated.

#### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

There was once a night in history when the question was asked, "Lord, is it I?"

Pondering this question, we wonder what emotions must have been experienced by each of the disciples as they asked this. Was it fear of their own human frailty, perhaps? . . . or fear of what they might do under stress? What would our feelings have been under the circumstances? What are

our feelings in today's world? Have we ever experienced a fear that we might possibly betray the trust which our Lord has placed in us? Are we too busy to notice when someone needs a helping hand, an encouraging word, or a loaf of bread? Humbly we fall to our knees thanking our Heavenly Father for the reminder that Easter season brings, and ask Him to:

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love,

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Hymns of Zion, No. 106

Joe Zollinger has recently been welcomed to our Home from Sun City, Arizona. His mother and father, Clara and Elmer Zollinger, still live there. Joe has two brothers, John and Edward and five sisters, Katherine Laukhuf, Martha Dotterer, Marian Hartzler, Dorothy and Linda Zollinger. There are seven nieces and fifteen nephews to complete the family. Joe's favorite foods are fish and french fries. Riding his new bicycle is his favorite pastime. Birthday time for Joe is July 16.

Also new to our Home and family is James Maupin, who originates from Arrowsmith, Illinois. His parents, Charlene and Leonard Maupin, have a family of six sons and two daughters. Jim has two nephews. Hamburger is his favorite food and playing pool is his favorite pastime. Birthday time is September 24.

We extend a hearty welcome to these two young men and hope that they will very soon feel that this indeed is home.

Spotting a few robins, hearing the cardinal's infectious song from the tree tops, feeling the renewed strength of the sun, and observing the early spring flowers above ground all tend to remind us that balmy spring days are just ahead. How we rejoice in the warmth of the sun! Imagine how that will be when no sun is needed, "... for the Lord God giveth them light . . ." Rev. 22:5.

**Moving? Let Us Know.**



### ARIZONA, PHOENIX Julie Hoerr

The Lord has blessed us this month with three visiting ministers. Bros. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski), Henry Dotterer (Rittman) and Loren Knapp (Tucson) shared God's Word with us.

Todd Roth, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene, has yielded himself to God's calling. We pray he may feel God's love and nearness as he takes this most important step.

Sis. Tillie Kellenberger of Morris became ill while visiting Phoenix with her husband, Bro. Ernest. She was taken to the Emergency Department and kidney stones were discovered which required surgery. She is recovering nicely and should soon be out of the hospital. We trust she felt the nearness of God's family as she was far from her earthly family. Sis. Martha DeMille was a hospital patient, but is able to assemble with us again.

On Wed. evening, Feb. 25, many gathered after church to wish Joe Zollinger (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara) a safe trip as he was leaving to take up residence in Morton, IL. Bro. Elmer and Bro. Ed Zollinger accompanied him to Morton.

We extend our sympathy to the Souder family in the sudden passing of Bro. Ed Souder. Once again we are reminded to be ready, for death comes unannounced.

NOTICE: Phoenix Silver Lining dues will be collected in April. Please pay your reporter. Thank you.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON Rose Huette

It is hard to believe that March has arrived and two months have passed by in 1981. We have really been blessed with beautiful weather and are thankful for it.

We want to thank the visiting ministers we have had this past month. Elder Bro. Ezra Fellers (Cissna Park), his son, Bro. Todd Feller (Phoenix), and Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski). Thank you all for coming.

On the weekend of Feb. 14 and 15 our Sunday School hosted the California and Phoenix Sunday Schools, young members, and couples. We really had a blessed and beautiful time. God bless you all

for coming. Please come back soon.

### ALABAMA, ATHENS Darth Barnett

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. (Col. 3:16) We enjoyed Christian fellowship with our visitors in February and early March. They were: Bro. Willis Gudeman and wife Sis. Margaret and daughter Sis. Debbie (Francesville, IN); Bro. Elmer Bauman and wife Sis. Mildred (Goodfield, IL); Bro. Jack Prather and wife Sis. Milly; Bro. Nelson Prather and wife Sis. Mary Ellen (Eureka, IL); and Bro. Art Heiniger and wife Sis. Verena (Morton, IL).

#### DESIDERATA 1692

"Go placidly and amid the noise and the haste and learn what peace there may be in silence. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they, too, have their story. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself."

"Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism."

"Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

"Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your

soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world."

Found in Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md. From the Poems of Max Ehrmann.

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA Shirley Witzig

"Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (St. Luke 6:47-49)

With joy we report that another dear soul is building her foundation on Jesus, the Solid Rock. Wendy Locher (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Christine) has found grace to repent, and how thankful we are to see God showing her the way. As our converts share the joy and abundance they have already found in submitting to God, we wonder again why souls wait. Our prayers are with Wendy, as Satan always tries to take away God's gifts.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Roy Grimm (Taylor) and Noah Herman (Tucson). We thank them for being willing helpers in the Lord's flock.

The ministers that went to India, except for Bro. John Klotzle, are back home. We are thankful for God's protection on their journey. Our ministering Bro. John Klotzle is in Japan with his wife, Sis. Lois and son, David, visiting Sis. Kathy Klotzle. It is wonderful that they can spend time with Kathy as she labors there with God's children.

### COLORADO, DENVER Marlene Leman

After much prayerful consideration, and feeling the leading of the Holy Spirit, services have been held in the Denver, CO area. Dur-



ing the months of June, July, and August, services were held each Sunday.

Our thanks go to God for His blessings and also to the brethren and friends who put forth the effort to assemble together in Denver. We wish also to thank the ministering brothers who have served those who gathered in Denver.

Attendance this past summer varied from only a small handful to more than 50. The Lord's presence and blessings were felt, regardless of the number. Many vacations were much more enjoyable due to the opportunity to gather around God's Word. One young sister summed it up quite well by saying, "Wouldn't it have been a shame if we had all been this close together, and yet not been together for Church?" Sis. Kathryn Ries of Colorado Springs (formerly from Akron, OH) has been one of those who has put forth the effort to assemble together. There have been a few friends from the Denver area who have been attending regularly. Others have come occasionally, especially when their families came out to visit them.

Since September, services have been held the third Sunday of each month. Generally attendance has been very small, yet when only two or three are gathered together, the Lord has promised to be there also. Sometimes it's good to be only a few, so we realize He is speaking to us. January was a particularly blessed month as approximately 20 brethren attending a livestock exposition in Denver were able to gather for services.

Ministering brothers who have traveled to Denver this winter to serve the Lord are: Elder Bro. Dan Koch, Tremont, IL, Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington, IA, Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend, IA, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, IL, and Bro. Tom Leman, Elgin, IL.

April services are scheduled for Easter Sunday. How blessed it would be to have a large group gathered together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. We would encourage any who could arrange to be in Denver Easter Sunday to do so.

This summer, plans are to hold

services each Sunday, the same as last summer. We would again encourage our friends and brethren who live in the Denver area or who may be vacationing in that area to partake of the blessings in supporting this endeavor and in worshipping together. Ministering brethren who plan to be in the area are asked to contact Bro. Nathan Steffen, R.R. 3, Elgin, IL 60120. 321-741-7022.

Services are being held in the Victory Grange Hall, 2009 Tower Rd. Aurora, CO. This is approximately one mile south of I-70 at the east edge of Aurora.

The prayers of each of you are solicited for this endeavor, that God's Holy Name may be glorified and that His Holy Word might be proclaimed wherever there is a desire for it. May we each do our part in prayer, and in encouraging others by our presence.

#### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

Today is the only day that life can really guarantee. Who can be certain of tomorrow? Do we need to be reminded that we are here for a limited time only? Too often our actions make it appear as though we are going to be here forever. We get so involved in our present-day activities that the importance of eternal values are set aside, if we may use this phrase, or even forgotten. We forget that we're strangers and pilgrims upon a limited journey. Our God and Creator, time and again reminds us that it is real.

As we listened to the tapes of the last Conference, it was clearly evident that these beloved and trustworthy brethren made an effort with all diligence to search the Scripture for their many answers. We firmly believe that God's Spirit and Love was present.

The Scripture informs us that God is the Maker, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and perfect in every way. He is a spirit eternal, and always the same. He is just, faithful, pure and holy. He is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. He is the God of love and peace; He will not condemn the innocent, nor let the guilty go free. His counsels of old are faithfulness and truth, and His promises are yea and amen forever. Jesus Christ, the same yes-

terday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13:8.

We were saddened at the message that came to us of the passing of our dear Bro. Ed Souder whose active life ended so suddenly. As editor of the Silver Lining, we can believe, his presence will be missed. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his dear wife for whom he had many kind words in his letters to us.

Death has taken Sis. Louise Schneider, 81. She was born in Gruningen, Switzerland and had lived in Rockville most of her life. She leaves a son, Bro. Emanuel Schneider; three daughters, Sisters Hannah Schneider, Alma S. Skipper and Marie Garrow; a brother, Bro. Jacob Trueb; all in this general area, and several grandchildren. Funeral services at the church were conducted by Bros. Corbin Bahler and Daniel Stoller and a graveside prayer was offered by Bro. Lee Bahler. Sis. Louise had been failing for quite some time and needed assistance. Her children would wheel her into the church where in a room downstairs she could hear the services. As time passed she would say, "If only I could go." She wished to be relieved.

There was reason to rejoice within the church when two young men, Arlo Hoffman and Gregg Winans could become united with the body of believers. They presented testimonies of their closeness with God as He led them through repentance and offered them His precious peace.

Death has taken Sis. Frieda Bandy, 87. She had been in a local nursing home for the past eleven years. Burial was in the Ellington Center Cemetery. She was born in Switzerland and had lived in this area many years.

Sis. Dawn Ballasy, daughter of Bro. Norman and Sis. Lavina Ballasy and Bro. Gregg Winans, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Winans have had their engagement announced and contemplate marriage on March 29.

#### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

Sally Gress

On Feb. 28 we were privileged to hear the testimony of Elena Zurz and the memorandum from the Brotherhood Conference. On Sunday, Feb. 29, we shared a bless-



ed day. The baptism of Sis. Elena was followed by Holy Communion. In the evening we gathered for a supper and evening services. We thank the following visiting brothers for being with us this month: Elder Bros. John Bahler of Rockville, CT, Ben Maibach of Detroit, MI, and Joe Braker of Morton, IL. Also Bros. Henry Beer of Milford, IN, Corbin Bahler of Rockville, CT, Paul Gasser of Akron OH and Roy Wieland, Bay City, MI, spent some time with us. A reception was held for newlyweds Bro. Dave and Sis. Terry Mueller of Bluffton, IN. Bro. Dave was originally from Ft. Lauderdale.

A son, Brandon Lee, was born to Brad and Dahlas Troxel. Brandon is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Joyce Troxel.

Sis. Sharon Lawson is at present a hospital patient. We pray for her speedy recovery.

#### FLORIDA, SARASOTA Doris and Diane Rocke

We are thankful for the many ministering brethren among us this winter. Those sharing God's Word with us this month were Bros. Elmer Witzig (Gridley), Marvin Stieglitz (Leo), Dan Koch (Tremont), John Bahler (Rockville), and Jim Leman (Roanoke). We wish them a warm welcome for a return visit.

Sis. Dorothy Dirkin, who has recovered nicely, wishes to express a thank you for the love shown to her. Sis. Minnie Freidinger had the misfortune of falling and fracturing a disk. We pray for God's strength and love to uplift her. She extends a thank you for all the kind deeds during her hospital stay. Our Sis. Marie Martin is recovering so rapidly now. Her new address for a few weeks more is Pavilian Nursing Home, 2600 Courtland, Sarasota, FL 33577. She has not been permitted to walk as yet, but we hope that she will soon recover in full. She was pleased with the Sunshine box from those in Sarasota.

Our Sis. Mary Schick of Port Charlotte, FL will be greatly missed by her family and the congregation here. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery in Sarasota.

We thank Elder Bro. Roy Sau-

der for his labor of love, during his extended stay in Sarasota.

#### ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL Jean O'Shea - Mary Huber

We are always thankful to God for our visitors. On Feb. 22 a group of students from Champaign and their parents assembled with us. Visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Alt, Cissna Park, Bro. Art Baurer, Princeville, and Bro. Kenny Weerts, Cissna Park.

Our friend, Karen Drefs, gave her testimony and was baptized in Chicago Mar. 15. Karen assembles with us in Bloomington. We wish her much grace in her new life.

Kristen Leigh was born Feb. 3 to Bro. Kenny and Sis. Devon Rinkenberger. Kristin is welcomed home by Brandon, Jarod and Candice.

Hospital patients recently include Alisa Knapp, daughter of Bro. Kevin and Sis. Dixie, who is home and doing very well, and Sis. Helen Zimmerman who was hospitalized for surgery.

#### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD Evelyn Endress

Jerry and Mary Knobloch became first-time parents of a baby boy on Mar. 1. Ryan Christopher is the name they have chosen for him. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flake of Peoria and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch of the Bradford congregation.

We are thankful that Mike Rumbold (Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta) was spared from serious injury when the semi truck he was driving was struck by a passenger train. He was hospitalized for several days for observation and treatment of a broken jaw and other minor injuries.

Loving prayers are being offered in behalf of Bro. Mark Ehnle who is again a patient in the hospital. We trust God will be near him in these days of illness.

We spent Saturday evening, Mar. 7, listening to cousins Barb Kieser and Mark Kieser testify how God has worked in their hearts and given them peace. The next day many of their friends and relatives assembled with us and witnessed their baptisms. Sis. Barb is the daughter of Bro. Jerry

and Sis. Wilma Kieser, and Bro. Mark is the son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Martha Kieser. May God bless Elder Bros. Dave Kieser and Dale Eisenmann (Chicago) for lending themselves in our behalf. Also with us for the weekend were ministering Bros. John Steiner (Oakville), Ken Schneider (Remington), and Ken Hoerr (Peoria).

Other ministers who came to bring us the Word of Life in the past month were Bros. Don Manz (Junction) and Walt Herrman (Princeville).

#### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO Kathy Schlatter

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love . . .

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Hymns of Zion, No. 106

Two more souls are singing that song with delight. Mar. 14, Ross Meyer and Karen Drefs spoke Godly wisdom in their testimonies, inspiring us with God's continued grace and miraculous works. On Sunday, we, with many visitors, were able to greet them as our new, precious and beloved brother and sister in faith. We pray that Bro. Ross and Sis. Karen may, in the midst of whatever turmoil and temptation, be at peace. It may be interesting to point out that Bro. Ross and Sis. Karen are examples of what we pray for for our church. It was at Bro. Ross' great-grandmother Meyer's home that the first services in Chicago were held. He is of the fourth generation. We pray that each of those brought up in the homes of brethren and friends of the truth may come to the conviction and knowledge of that Truth that sets us free. On the other hand, Sis. Karen, just as importantly, is a converted person because of the witness and testimony of caring people through faith and the grace of God. May we be beacon, that not one would be lost. We praise the Lord also for lending us His faithful ministers to serve in humility. Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberger, Cissna Park, was



certainly a valuable pitcher in the Master's hands, pouring out truth without end from the living water of the Word and Spirit.

The end comes for one after another. We must remember some who labored in Chicago for so long. Bro. Elden Schurter died Mar. 1 in Ft. Scott, KS. As his body deteriorated, he thought more and more of Home, and now we believe he is there. He and Sis. Lucille were in Chicago some thirty years, and for many years cared for our church building so willingly and faithfully. Early on Mar. 17, Bro. Morris Frank died suddenly in Ft. Wayne, IN. He, his wife, Sis. Lucile, and family lived and worshipped in the Chicago area from 1958-1970. Bro. Morris served faithfully in the ministry. He, too, has answered the call up yonder. We express our love and sympathy to both Sis. Lucilles, and we wish the Lord's grace and comfort to them and to their families. The Lord has been so good to us in Chicago and we have warm memories of the Franks and Schurters being here. Heaven is the goal each one of us longs for; Bros. Morris and Elden have just gone on ahead.

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.  
(No. 102, Tabernacle Hymns)

Driving a long distance at night with the rain as a shiny accompaniment and the windshield wipers waving to and fro, I tend to think about a lot of details. The trucks and cars coming from the other direction or crossing over us on another highway, have lights which distract. Yet, they are on another path. Where they curve, I should not. My eyes need to stay on the path designed for me, not stray to the path of others with different destinations. Especially at night, I'd rather follow someone else, hesitating to go on ahead. But the Lord hasn't asked us to look to others, we are to depend on Him. Passing a truck or being passed is a special concern. Wave

after wave of water is splashed upon the windshield. Visibility is reduced. Still, we must follow our Guide for it isn't our feelings, but the knowledge that we are led that counts.

"But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Mary Anderson - Melba Funk

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Ann Kaeb gave their testimony before the congregation, on Feb. 25. We are so happy to receive them into our fold. Visiting us the same evening was Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury). We enjoyed the precious Word he brought to us.

On Mar. 1, we heard the joyous news of the engagement of Bro. Ron Walder (Sis. Dorothy and Bro. Dale) and Sis. Louise Unsicker (Sis. Lucille and Bro. Wayne). We wish them the Lord's blessings in their future life together.

Bro. Tom Lehman and his family from Elgin were our guests on Mar. 1. We appreciated the words of warning and encouragement. May the Lord bless him for his ministry to us. We enjoyed a potluck supper in the church dining-room followed by our monthly hymn sing, before they returned to their home.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Ray and Sis. Emily Eisenmann, over the passing of their infant granddaughter.

The Lord truly works in the hearts of men. On Mar. 8, we were happy to hear, Tom Stock (Bro. Lester and Sis. Arlene) and Julie Yergler (Bro. Max and Sis. Donna) have received peace from God and are awaiting baptism.

Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) ministered unto us on Mar. 8. We thank him for his work of love.

A precious bundle has come to the home of Bro. Sid and Sis. Sandy Kaugman. Little Renee is warmly welcomed by four sisters and one brother.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Mardell Ott - Shirley Ifft

It is always a blessing to go to the Lord's house to worship and hear the Word preached in truth and sincerity. We are thankful for the visiting ministers who have come to labor in this work.

They are Bros. Noah Gerber (West Bend), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Ed Frank (LaCrosse) Ron Heiniger (Bloomington), Jim Rinckenberger (Bluffton), and our Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard (Fairbury).

Bro. Mike and Sis. Mary Schieber have a new addition to their family, Elizabeth Marie, who was born Mar. 3. She was welcomed home by her sister Laura and her brother Jared. Grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma Schieber and Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda Overmyer (Francesville).

Sis. Matilda Sauder spent some time in the hospital this past month, but we are happy to report she's back home again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bro. Harold Schieber who is presently in the hospital.

We are thankful for the opportunity we've had to listen to the conference tapes. May we cherish our faith and our heritage and preserve this for the generations to come.

#### ILLINOIS, ELGIN Ruth Ann Getz

It's Spring: That means life after death, warmth after coldness and sunshine after dreariness. It's the time when we shed our heavy winter coats, look up to see the sunshine instead of looking down to protect our face from winter's chilling winds and when we can have a glad feeling deep down inside. A hymn I know tells of "springtime in Glory" and says "it is springtime forever there." (Heavenly Highway Hymns No. 52) I don't know if there are seasons in heaven or if it's always springtime there, but I think I know what the author meant. The joy of life eternal, with our Saviour as our light and none of our sinful past or Satan's chilling blast to hide from. Surely the analogy is clear. Of course we realize that we can only entertain a hope of enjoying that springtime with our Lord because God loved us enough to send His Son who died on the cross alone with our burden of sin upon Him. But the glorious resurrection is what really sets our spirits free so that newness of life and conquering of death can be imparted unto us. Had our Saviour not arisen, what misery would cloud the hearts of seeking souls. Eternal death, or



what we might call eternal winter, would forever be our portion.

This love shown unto us is always deserving of our thankfulness, but sometimes we need to be reminded. Easter is a good time for believers to remember the price that has been paid for their salvation and to thank the Lord for the Heavenly springtime that is our hope after this earthly winter. May we keep our affections on this heavenly goal and seek to serve our Lord daily while on this pathway.

We are especially thankful for Jesus's love when we can see dear souls surrender to the Saviour and start on their way toward Heavenly springtime. In Elgin, two loved ones, Stephany (Fehr) Welzien and Wendy Shambach, daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Nancy, have started on this Heavenly way. We wish them God's grace and strength to meet the battles of the road.

God had blessed the home of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nancy Strackany with the birth of David Andrew on Feb. 23. Benjamin, Austin and Jessica complete their family. Grandparents are Miller Haskell of Ruskin, FL, and Elizabeth Shrackney. Bro. Tom and Sis. Kathy Schifferer also have a new addition to their household, little Jodi Lyn, born Mar. 18. Her brothers and sister are Rodney, Paul, Andy, Jason and April. Grandparents are Sis. Louise Schifferer and Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kellenberger.

Sis. Ernestine Gudeman has left our Elgin congregation to be with her husband, Bro. Joel, in Fairbury, IL. We are thankful for our older brothers and sisters and appreciate the many years Bro. Joel and Sis. Ernestine have been with us. May God ever be their refuge and strength in their new home.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bros. Herman, Henry, and Nathan Kellenberger and their families in the passing away of their sister, Lena Warner of Sioux Falls, SD. May the Lord send His comforting Spirit to each of them. We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Maurice Frank of Leo, father of Sis. Norma (Stanley) Schambach. May God be with their family in this trying time.

Sis. Emma Wewetzer fell and fractured her wrist and pelvis one slippery, snowy morning when she

went to check on a neighbor. Gordon Rager is presently hospitalized due to many complications resulting from his quadraplegic condition. Sis. Louise Steffen and Les Heiniger also have spent time in the hospital.

#### ILLINOIS, EUREKA Melba Mangold

Among our visitors on Sunday, Mar. 1 were Bros. Kenny Knapp, Taylor, MO, and Roy Ehnle of Bradford, who shared God's Word with us. We thank them for serving us.

On Mar. 1 the engagement of Sis. Janet Schmidgal and Bro. Ron Hartter was made known. Our best wishes are extended to them as they make plans for their life together. They are planning a June wedding. Their parents are Bro. Sam and Sis. Gladys Schmidgal and Bro. Dan and Sis. Dorothy Hartter.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Susan Zimmerman are the happy and thankful parents of their first child, Rachel Sue, born Mar. 2. Her grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Elsie Zimmerman and Bro. Sam and Sis. Gladys Schmidgal.

We appreciate so much that another dear, young soul has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is Jackie Zobrist, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol.

Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea Frank of LaCrosse spent Sunday, Mar. 15 with us. Bro. Ed gave us many good teachings to use in our daily life.

#### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Carol Bazzell - Joann Zehr

During the month of March, we had the blessed opportunity to listen to the tapes of the annual Brotherhood Conference. We appreciated the visit of Bro. Merrill Laukhuf, Latty, OH. Many good teachings have been shared with us.

Our prayers go out to many in our congregation who have had various illnesses and surgery. Some of those who have been hospitalized are Sisters Leah Hohulin, Ruth Walter, Carolyn Fehr, Donna Huber, Bro. Joe Slagel, Alpha Maurer, Daren Kaisner, and Kathy Walter.

Funeral services were held Mar. 7 for Esther Hofmann, 85. She is survived by her husband, Ernest, three sons, four daughters,

and two sisters, Sis. Clara Broquard and Sis. Minnie Sutter.

Lori Anne Ifft, daughter of Fred and Karen Ifft, died shortly after birth. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these dear ones who have suffered loss.

As we approach the season of Easter, may we be able to grasp more fully what Jesus has done for us. It should strengthen our faith as we realize, "Jesus lives, I live with Him."

Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with  
tears,

Two wonder I confess—  
The wonders of His glorious love  
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine  
Than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self, my only shame,  
My glory, all the cross.

Tabernacle Hymns No. 301

#### ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

Visiting ministers sharing the Word of Life with us were Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington, IN, Bro. Kenneth Eisenmann, Cissna Park, Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago; and Bro. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury. May God add His blessings to the words which were spoken.

Hospital patients were Sis. Dorothy Rieger (Harvey), Sis. Robin Kupferschmidt (Bro. Dean), Bro. Albert Wenger (Sis. Nathalia), Marsha Bechtold (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary), and Tanya Farney (Dale and Harriet).

Does Jesus care when my heart  
is pained  
Too deeply for mirth or song  
As the burdens press, and the cares  
distress  
And the way grows weary and  
long?

Does Jesus care when I've said  
good-bye  
To the dearest on earth to me



And my sad heart aches till it  
nearly breaks  
Is it aught to Him, does He care?

Oh yes He cares, I know He cares  
His heart is touched with my  
grief  
When the days are weary, the long  
night dreary  
I know my Saviour cares.  
J. Hall, Frank Graeff  
Gospel Hymns

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 for Bro. Alvie Kilgus of Fairview Haven. He has two surviving brothers: Bro. Henry of Fairview Haven, and Bro. Sam of Remington, IN. One sister survives: Sis. Mary Kilgus of Fairview Haven.

On Mar. 18 Bro. Oscar Schneider was laid to rest. Bro. Earl Gerber and Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, conducted the funeral services. Surviving are his wife, Kathryn, Forrest; one daughter: Sis. Mary Metzger, Mahomet; three sons: Bro. Duane, Fairbury; Bro. Kenneth, Remington, IN; and Russell, Forrest; two brothers, Bro. Ernest and Bro. Toby of Peoria; and three sisters: Viola Leman, Sarasota, FL; Sis. Martha and Sis. Emma Schneider of Peoria.

Sis. Bertha Maurer and Sis. Luella Sohn also experienced the sadness of death when their brother, Johnny Metz, passed away. In times of sadness we must look to God for strength.

Tell Mother I'll be there, in answer to her prayer  
This message blessed Savior to her bear  
Tell Mother I'll be there, heaven's joys with her to share  
Yes tell my darling mother I'll be there.

Charles Fillmore  
As Mother's Day approaches, what better present can we give our mothers than the precious knowledge that we will meet her over there!

The family of Bro. Oscar Schneider wishes to express their thanks and deep appreciation for the many prayers and deeds of love and kindness shown to them during the time of their beloved husband and father's illness and death. Our sincere prayer is that God will richly bless each of you.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD  
Verna Hartter

BEHOLD THE EMPTY TOMB  
Behold the empty tomb where  
Jesus lay,  
An angel came and rolled the  
stone away;  
Let every heart be glad this  
Easter Day—  
JESUS LIVES AGAIN!  
Behold the empty tomb, O come  
and see!  
From fear of death He set His  
people free;  
He gave them immortality—  
JESUS LIVES AGAIN!  
Joe E. Parks

May our hearts be very glad as we realize the real meaning of the coming Easter season.

Bro. Art and Sis. Pam Wiegand have a new little daughter, Suzanne Kay. She was born Feb. 19, and has a sister, Roxanne Lynn. Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand, and Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm are the grandparents.

Joshua Paul is the new little son of Dale and Susie Wyss. He was born Feb. 18, and his grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Shirley Wyss, and the Paul Snellenbergers of Eureka.

Sis. Karen Wiegand (Bro. Gary), has had foot surgery, Bro. Roy Wyss was hospitalized for a short time for ear surgery, and little Roxanne Wiegand (Bro. Art and Sis. Pam) suffered burns to her right arm. We are happy that all are back worshipping with us. Bro. Adolph Tanner is hospitalized at this time with a farm injury to his leg.

"For they have refreshed my spirit and yours; therefore acknowledge ye them that are such." I Cor. 16:18. Our visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Marshall Heinold, Washington, and Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Vernon Leman, both of Eureka.

Sis. Gerry Plattner and family wish to thank everyone for the many expressions of sympathy shown to them at the time of the death of their dear one, Bro. Harold Plattner.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY  
Carol Klopfenstein

"We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear;

And often for each other flows,  
the sympathizing tear."  
John Fawcett

These poignant words were brought to mind as the ministering brother made reference to the scripture that tells us to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. As a body of believers we have the same care one for another and when one suffers we all suffer.

There are so many thoughts that have passed through our minds since our dear Bro. Carlton Klopfenstein has been in critical condition after recently undergoing brain surgery. As of this writing he remains in a coma and only God knows if his life will be spared. We have a special concern for his family in these especially trying days and hours, and many prayers have been uttered in his and their behalf.

(Editor's Note: Bro. Carlton passed away before this article was printed.)

Our Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger was in the hospital for surgery, and is now recovering at home. Bro. Ray Meiss has been hospitalized for heart surgery. Other hospital patients have been Sis. Louise Gramm, Sis. Rose Schlipf and Sis. Setta Klopfenstein who is residing at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

Holly Jo Schlipf is the new daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Vicki. She was born Mar. 5 and is welcomed into the family by her brothers, Ryan and Jared, and her sisters, Hayley, Heather and Heidi. Holly's grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf of Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Heck of Roanoke.

ILLINOIS, MORTON  
JoAnn Roecker - Phyllis Farney

We were privileged to gather together in God's Holy House to hear the reading of the Brotherhood Conference Report. May we strive to have a closer walk with our Heavenly Father and uphold our beloved elder brothers in prayer, in order that God's will can be done. We are especially thankful that Elder Bros. Lavoyd Moore, Athens, AL, and Dan Koch, Tremont, IL, were with us to help Bro. Joe Braker in the reading of the Report.



Bro. Ed and Sis. Barbara Kaiser are the happy parents of Holly Marie, who was born on Feb. 16. Happy grandparents are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman, and Bro. Harry and Sis. Laverne Kaiser, all of Morton.

Mar. 8 found us rejoicing with Bro. David Kaiser and Sis. Beth Rapp as they were united in marriage. Their parents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean Ann Kaiser, and Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their Christian home with God as its Head.

Here in Morton, the following people have spent time in the hospital this past month: Sis. JoAnn Roecker, Sis. Jody Bauman, Carolyn Strunk, and Bro. Chris Weidman. May God continue to be with them and all those who are sick or shut in.

We wish to thank Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, IN, and Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach, Phoenix, AZ, for their visits. May our Heavenly Father richly bless them for their labors of love.

#### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - Mary Ann Plattner

In the glorious Easter Story  
A troubled world can find  
Blessed reassurance  
And enduring peace of mind.  
For though we grow discouraged  
In this world we're living in,  
There is comfort just in knowing  
That God triumphed over sin;  
For our Saviour's Resurrection  
Was God's way of telling men  
That in Christ we are eternal  
And in Him we live again.  
And to know life is unending  
And God's love is endless, to,  
Makes our daily tasks and burdens  
So much easier to do.  
And our earthly trials and  
problems  
Are but guideposts on the way  
To the love and life eternal  
That God promised Easter Day.

Helen Steiner Rice

This month we were privileged to have Bro. Hartzell Kaisner from Detroit with us. We wish to express our thankfulness to him for his labor of love.

Jenny welcomes home her new little brother Andrew Michael. His parents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Di-

ane Honegger. Grandparents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister and Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Honegger.

Dear wise and Loving God above  
Show me the girl I should love.  
May she be good, kind, and true  
May she have faith and believe in  
You.

Grant her a smile for each  
tomorrow

May she have wisdom, joy, and  
sorrow.

Let her have faults dear Lord you  
see

I don't want her too much better  
than me.

May she be steady, firm, and sure  
That the many hardships of life,  
She may endure.

But this above all dear Lord I ask  
As I give you this task;

First dear Lord she must love you,  
And then may she find she loves  
me too.

Author Unknown

We were happy to hear the engagement of Sis. Louise Unsicker and Bro. Ron Walders of Cissna Park. Parents are Bro. Wayne and Sis. Lukie Unsicker and Bro. Dale and Sis. Dorothy Walders. They are planning an August wedding.

The marriage of Becky Luginbuhl to Denny Unsicker was Mar. 14 at the Roanoke Fellowship Hall. Parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolee Unsicker and Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Luginbuhl.

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Marie Kipfer, Sis. Lena Joos, Sis. Louise Baurer, Michelle Guingrich, Bro. Tom Rieker, Bro. Walter Knepp, Lawrence Triplett, and Wes Aeschleman. Our dear Sis. Anna Hoerr is still in the hospital after several months. Our prayers and thoughts are with each one as they are on the road to greater health.

Sis. Carrie Steigele who lives at the Apostolic Christian Home celebrated her 100th birthday on Mar. 5. She is the first resident to reach this age and is the oldest member in our church. Her friends and relatives helped her celebrate her birthday with a party at the Home. May God provide for her in each new day as He has done in her past.

The Sunday School Bible Class held its 12th Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper at the Fellowship Hall on Feb. 28. Proceeds from the

supper support the Bible Class activities, a Christmas party for the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped and the Peoria Area Retarded Citizens, and a special charity fund. The supper was again a big success with over one thousand people served. The Bible Class students and teachers extend a special thank you to all parents and friends who helped and donated to the country store. We sincerely appreciate the support this activity receives from Peoria, as well as our neighboring churches.

Bruce and Lauretta Schafer want to express their deep appreciation for all the deeds of love and kindness shown to them and their family during their move from Peoria to Indianapolis. Their new address is 5324 Glen Stewart Way, Indianapolis, IN 46254.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Arlene and Arlys Martin

Four things to be done "at all times":

1. "Trust in Him at all times," Ps. 62:8.
2. "I will bless the Lord at all times," Ps. 34:1.
3. "Long for God's judgments at all times," Ps. 119:20.
4. "He that doeth righteousness at all times," Ps. 106:3.

On Feb. 20 Bro. William "Nick" Knobloch showed us slides of his recent trip to Ecuador. He and 13 others were privileged to build a school house in South America in January. We spent a very inspiring evening looking at the pictures and visiting together.

Dustin Dale Blunier was born Feb. 18 to Sis. Jovce and Bro. Dale Blunier. Darin, Douglas, David and Janel are his brothers and sister. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl of Princeville and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier of Eureka.

Cyrena Lynn Baer was born Mar. 4 to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Janna Lou Baer. Kerry and Wanda welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Mary Baer of Princeville and Sis. Marilyn Schieler of Wolcott, IN.

We welcome Sis. Janet Streitmatter to our congregation. She and Bro. Alan Streitmatter were married Feb. 8 in Eureka. Her parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Wiegand of Eureka. Bro. Alan's



parents are Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia Steitmatter of Princeville.

Our sympathy is given to Bro. John and Sis. Edith Stahl and Sisters Martha, Leah, and Katherine Stahl. Their brother-in-law, Bro. Alpha Edelman of Sabetha, KS, passed away Feb. 17.

Our sympathy is also given to the family of Eugen Rapp. Eugen passed away Mar. 6. He is survived by two sons, Rolland of Speer and Werner of Wyoming, IL; one sister Martha Layer of Germany; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

#### Blessed Redeemer

Up Calvary's mountain  
One dreadful morn,  
Walked Christ my Saviour,  
Weary and worn;  
Facing for sinner's  
Death on the cross,  
That He might save them  
From endless loss.

"Father forgive them"  
Thus did He pray,  
E'en while His life-blood  
Flowed fast away;  
Praying for sinners  
while in such woe—  
No one but Jesus  
Ever loved so.

O how I love Him,  
Saviour and friend.  
How can my praises  
Ever find end!  
Thro' years unnumbered  
On heaven's shore  
My tongue shall praise  
Him forever-more.

Blessed Redeemer!  
Precious Redeemer!  
Seems now I see Him  
On Calvary's tree.  
Wounded and bleeding,  
For sinner's pleading—  
Blind and unheeding—  
Dying for me!

#### Gospel Hymns

Peggy Luginbuhl (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean) and Ron Schroeder (Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schroeder) were united in marriage Feb. 28. The joining of two lives—two hearts—and so a happy marriage starts.

Rebecca Luginbuhl (Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean) and Dennis Unsick-

er (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Carolee) Dunlap, were married Mar. 14. May God bless these two dear couples as they begin their lives together.

The engagement of Bro. Russ Plattner (Bro. Russ and Sis. Marge) and Sis. Sally Mangold (Bro. Melvin and Sis. Helen) was made known. They are planning a May wedding. May God's blessing be with them.

The precious daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Rita Hodel, Kara Renae, 10½ months, passed away. She is survived by one brother, Kevin; grandmother Elizabeth Hodel and grandparents Bro. Ray and Sis. Emily Eisenmann, Cissna Park. Little Kara is now a rosebud in the Master's bouquet.

Many ministering brothers and brothers that were involved with special assignments for World Relief were present at the meeting held Saturday, Mar. 7. We thank all for their attendance and support given to the many different areas of aid, including Haiti, Jamaica, Japan, Ecuador, Korea, the grain shipment and areas in our own United States.

Hospitalized and home again is Bro. Ezra Schlipf. Still hospitalized are Sis. Minnie Leman and little Leigh Getz. Both have had surgery and are improving. May God's loving care sustain them.

Visiting ministers occupying the pulpit this month were Bros. Kenneth Sauder (Mansfield, OH), Joe Stoller (Bradford), and Chuck Hemmer (Peoria).  
**REJOICE! HE LIVES!**

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sandy Gramm

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop  
How true this statement is. There are so many small things that we can do for others that do not take much time or money. A phone call to a lonely widow, an hour spent visiting those in nursing homes, a pat on the back for a job well done, a smile and a cheerful hello for the grouchy store clerk, or a sincere compliment on someone's appearance are just a few examples of acts of kindness.

Think how your day has been brightened by an unexpected phone call, a warm, friendly smile, or a compliment. At times, our whole

outlook for the rest of the day is changed. Paul tells the Galatians in chapter 6:9, 10, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." If only we could remember these words every day, how much more enriched our lives would be.

#### Heart Gifts

It's not the things that can be bought  
that are life's richest treasure,  
It's just the little "heart gifts"  
that money cannot measure. . .  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
a sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures  
from the storehouse of our  
God. . .  
They are the things that can't be bought  
with silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
and love are never sold. . .  
They are the priceless things in life  
for which no one can pay,  
And the giver finds rich  
recompense  
in giving them away.

Helen Steiner Rice

Again, we are very grateful for the brethren who came and shared God's Word with us. We especially appreciate Bro. Ken Hoerr, Peoria, who faithfully lends himself to us every Thursday night. We truly are blessed to have him with us.

### ILLINOIS, TREMONT Dorothy Wagenbach - Phyllis Lang

#### The Death of a Christian

When a Christian dies,  
Precious is the prize!  
Lasting joys for days of sorrow,  
Rest from conflict on the  
morrow  
Follows when he dies,  
Follows when he dies!  
A Christian's demise  
Breaks all earthly ties.  
When the night of death is over  
Spring eternal we'll discover.  
When a Christian dies  
Glorious dawn will rise.

Our hearts were filled with grief and shock at the sudden death of our Bro. Jim Koch, 44. A very tragic accident claimed his life on the foggy morning of Feb. 19. Bro.



Jim seemed to have a special place in the hearts of all who knew him, including his neighbors and co-workers. His quiet, sincere manner will certainly be missed and remembered. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Nancy Beutel Koch; a daughter Rachel; two sons Nathan and Nelson, all at home. Also surviving are his mother, Mary; and three sisters, Sis. Viola Koch, Sis. Miriam (Marvin) Frank and Sis. Carolyn (Harlan) Bolliger and nine brothers, Bro. Dan, Bro. David, Bro. Elmon, Gerald, Bro. Gene, Bro. Jesse, Bro. Ralph and Bro. Vernon, all of Tremont, and Bro. Cleo of East Peoria. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the entire family. Let us take an example and have our spiritual house in order, for we know not when the Lord will summon us home. Amidst the sorrow we are rejoicing with new converts who have turned to the Lord since Jim's death. We pray for Sis. Nancy a special portion of grace and comforting spirit as she continues to rear her children.

Bro. Uriel Gehring, Bro. John Steiner and Bro. Bob Pflederer were our visiting ministers this month. Thank you, dear Brothers, for your efforts.

A new baby daughter was born to Ron and Julie Koch on Mar. 5. She is welcomed by her brother Mathew. Grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie Koch and Harold and Ruth Hillman.

Our hospital patient for the month was Bro. Al Aberle.

The James Koch family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many prayers and messages of comfort extended to them in the passing of their loved one.

#### ILLINOIS, URBANA Charlen Banwart

"Easter is no time for argument. Lilies don't argue; they bloom. Springtime doesn't argue; it comes.

Music doesn't argue; it sings. Beauty doesn't argue, it beckons and points.

Love doesn't argue; it outlives our griefs."

Frederick B. Speakman

Our sympathy is extended to our Ministering Bro. Virgil Metzger and his wife, Sis. Mary, in the death of her father, Bro. Oscar

Schneider of Forrest. "Precious father, loving mother, Fly across the lonely years, And old home scenes of my childhood, In fond memory appears." (Precious Memories, #408 Gospel Hymns)

The engagement of one of our students was announced here recently. Sis. Louise Unsicker will be married to Bro. Ron Walder in August. Ron was a former student here.

Ministers who have visited here recently include: Bro. Bill Kupferschmidt (Bloomington), Bro. Bob Pflederer (Morton), and Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington).

Several from our congregation have recently met with accidents. Sis. Ethel Wiegand suffered a broken collarbone in a fall. Jon Wegman has a severed Achilles tendon. Sis. Barb Walder is recovering at the home of her parents in Cissna following a car accident. We hope that she will soon be able to return to her job and home here.

#### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Mary and Joan Schick

GRACE — God's Riches At Christ's Expense. So often we take the depth of grace and place it in our everyday vocabulary. The Lord so consistently blesses us that at times we take it for granted. We need to pause each day and touch the depth of His grace through prayers, reading, and continually communing with Him. His love for us is pure and true, and is always with us. Many times we hide it beneath the trivial problems that befall us each day. But through His grace He brings this love to the surface of our hearts and we find peace in Him. We are joyful in that Kary Streitmatter, Lori Wyss, and Rob Pfaffman have found peace. They plan to give their testimonies Mar. 21, and be baptized Mar. 22. "But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." Mark 13:11

A ministering brother related to us the comparison of an old abandoned farmhouse and a soul without the Lord. The house sits stripped of any life. It has no flowers, overgrown weeds, broken windows, weather tattered fence, and the worse part—no family. At one

time the house was blooming with love and joy, but now the family has moved on, the yard is without a gardener, and the only thing left is the shell. This is like man before Christ is in his heart. He is an empty shell, trying to find something to fill the void in his life. In searching for peace and contentment, he finds many heartaches and sadness. But through God's grace, he is found. A miracle takes place! God changes his sad heart to joy, peace, and contentment. Just as we see lights in the windows of a warm house, the eyes of a believer beam with contentment. We are thankful for the messages our visiting ministers shared with us. They were Bro. Virgil Metzger of Champaign, and Elder Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont.

"Love, of all gifts, is the greatest, which the Spirit does bestow. . ." Zions Harp #37. Congratulations are offered to our Bro. Gordon Gerber and Sis. Kathy Dotterer of Bluffton, IN, whose engagement was recently announced.

Our Bro. Ray Streitmatter who resides at the home in Peoria is in the hospital. We pray that he will soon be feeling better.

Our thanks are extended to the Francesville Choir that was with us on Mar. 15. The music and fellowship were a blessing to everyone.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON Gayla Baumgartner Tami Fiechter

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Hymns of Zion

Bro. Dave Mueller and Sis. Terri Steffen became one in the Lord on Feb. 22. Sis. Terri's parents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Eileen Steffen. Mr. and Mrs. Ambros Mueller of Ft. Lauderdale are the parents of Bro. Dave.

Bro. Ken Dubach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Dubach, and Sis. Jodi Isch, daughter of Bro. Ken and Sis. Car-



olyn, were united in holy matrimony on Mar. 1.

Mar. 7 was the wedding date of Angela Steffen to Randy McClain. Angela's parents are Bro. Ken and Sis. Roberta Steffen.

Bro. Greg Gerber and Sis. Joan Schwartz were joined as husband and wife in the Lord on Mar. 15. Bro. Greg's parents are Bro. Frederick and Sis. Margaret Gerber. Sis. Joan is the daughter of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Elizabeth Schwartz.

We wish these couples God's blessings in their walk of life together.

Among the hospital patients this month were Bro. Aaron Reinhard, Sis. Emma Kipfer, Sis. Martha Kipfer, Sis. Lucinda Fiechter, Sis. Ida Winzeler, Ida Mae Wolf, Sis. Bernice Maller, and retired Elder Bro. John Yergler. May the Lord restore good health to each one, according to His will.

Believing it is the Lord's will, Bro. Gordy Gerber, son of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Margaret, and Sis. Kathy Dotterer, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Phyllis Dotterer, announced their engagement. They are planning a July 12 wedding.

Sheryl Kipfer is engaged to Mike Rayne. Sheryl is the daughter of Bro. Jay and Sis. Dorothy Kipfer. A May 9 wedding is being planned.

Myron and Rita Kaehr are the happy parents of their new son Corey. Bro. Ted and Sis. Naomi Kaehr are the paternal grandparents.

Rex and Yvonne Myers welcome their new son, Dirk. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Luella Aeshlimann.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Phil and Sis. Maureen Stettner at the passing of Sis. Maureen's father, Bro. Maurice Frank, Leo, IN.

May God's comforting spirit be with those sorrowing at the passing of loved ones.

In sickness or health,  
In suffering and pain,  
In storm-laden skies,  
In sunshine and rain,  
God always is there  
To lighten your way  
And lead you through "darkness"  
To a much brighter day.

Helen Steiner Rice

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New Address to Your Reporter.**

## INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Wendy Gutwein - Jacki Huber

### Donny's Prayer

"If I should die before I wake," said Donny, as he was kneeling at his grandmother's knee. . . "If I should die before I wake. . ."

"I pray," prompted the gentle voice. "Go on, Donny."

"Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying away downstairs. In a moment he was back again and, dropping down in his place, took up his petition where he had left it. But when the little pajama-clad form was safely tucked in bed the grandmother asked about the interruption.

"But I did think what I was saying, Grandmother. That's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads just to see how he'd tear around in the morning. But if I should die before I wake, I didn't want him to find 'em that way, so I had to go down and fix 'em right. There's lots of things that seem funny if you're going to keep on living, but you don't want 'em that way if you should die before you wake."

Author Unknown

Bro. Jim Bogart, Bro. Chris and Sis. Stacy Ledford, Sis. Denise Topp, Sis. Penny Neihouser, and Sis. Kim Wuethrich were added to the fold the first weekend in March, after giving us their testimonies of the burden of sin, and their repentance and conversion. I'm sure these souls could testify to the peace they have as they lay down to sleep at night, having a clear conscience before their God.

Elder Bros. Nate Steffen, Edwin Ringger, and Alfred Bahler were here to help with the testimonies and baptisms. Also here for the baptisms were ministering Bros. Ray Sinn (Latty) and Walt Steffen (Milford). We thank all these Bros. for sharing this weekend with us. With rejoicing hearts, we warmly welcome our new brothers and sisters into the sheepfold!

"The cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body for we are all partakers of that one bread." I Cor. 10:16,17

Sunday evening, following the baptisms, we had the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper. Elder Bro. Nate Steffen stayed to help Elder Bro. Wendell in this remembrance of our Lord's suffering.

Mar. 8 was the wedding day of our Bro. Nick Gutwein (Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne) and Sis. Suzanne Schwab (Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene) at the Wolcott church. We wish them the Lord's blessing on their marriage.

After 92 years here on this earth, Sis. Angela VonTobel went to meet her Lord on Mar. 11. Our sympathy is extended to all of her family and we pray they can look to the same Lord of Sis. Angela to find their strength and comfort. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21

As Mother's Day approaches, I have to think of the responsibility we have as "mommies" to bring up our children to know, love, fear, and serve God. More than anything else our daily conduct can teach them so much. . .

### A CHILD'S CREED

I BELIEVE in Mother  
More than any other.

I believe in Mother's hands.  
Why, the wonders they can do,  
No one really understands,  
Only me—not even you!  
Only Mother's hands can make  
Scrumptious pie and sandwich  
cake.  
No one's hands but hers can ease  
Poor bruised elbows, bleeding  
knees.

I believe in Mother's eyes.  
Always loving, yet so wise.  
They've a way of seeing straight  
Not too soon and not too late.  
She can beckon with them, too,  
Till I know just what to do.  
And they're often full of fun  
Through the funny things I've  
done!

I believe in Mother's "No."  
Yes, I really do, although  
You may very truly guess  
I delight in Mother's "Yes"!

I believe in Mother's feet;  
Day and night, in cold or heat,  
You should see how she can run  
To her helpless little one.  
Why, the very strongest man  
Can't make haste like Mother can.  
No one else is half so quick  
When I'm frightened, sad, or sick.



Mother's ears are keener far  
Than anybody else's are.  
'Tis most strange that she should  
know

Just the time I want her so.  
Doors may deafen, walls may  
smother,  
But they can't deceive my Mother!  
Often in the silent night  
I have wakened in a fright,  
Couldn't call and couldn't cry,  
Gave a little frightened sigh;  
Quick, a warm hand lulled my  
fears:  
I believe in Mother's ears.

I believe in Mother's way  
Of making time to watch and  
pray.  
I know she gets alone to spend  
A quiet moment with her Friend.  
And though I can't keep still a  
minute,  
I do believe there's something in  
it.  
Something that takes away the  
fret,  
Something that helps her to  
forget.  
Someone who shows her how to be  
The lovely thing she is to me.  
Oh, she not often rules with rod;  
And. . . I believe in Mother's God!  
Author Unknown

#### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS Lynn Klopfenstein

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of two precious souls, Bros. Ed Souder and Maurice Frank from the Leo congregation. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Sis. Nancy Souder and Bro. Ron and Sis. Pam (Frank) Messner and their families.

Recently, at our annual church meeting, many expressed the need for the expansion of the church. It is so exciting to see our Sunday School benches full, especially with little children. As God continues to bless our growth in numbers, may He continue to bless us spiritually. Bro. Eric and Sis. Ginny Zeller announced the arrival of their third child, Joel Christian on Valentine's Day. He was welcomed home by Andrea and Aaron. Friday, Feb. 13, was the first day of life for little Kurt Anthony Novotny, son of Bro. Mark and Sis. Kristle. His sister, Jan, is becoming more acquainted with her little brother. We are thankful for Joshua Thomas' continuing progress at home with his parents, Bro. Tom

and Sis. Kathy Freed. Joshua was born Mar. 16 and had to spend a few days at the children's hospital. His two older brothers are also happy to have him home. We welcome the frequent visits of any and all grandparents.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery are offered to Ben Getz who was recently hospitalized.

We are thankful that visiting ministers Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) and Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo) spent some time with us in God's Word.

#### INDIANA, La CROSSE Pearl Nuest - LuAnn Feller

As the prophecy in Isaiah 8, of Christ's coming, we also read in Isiah 53:4, 5 of the sorrow He had to bear; "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." With thankful hearts we have reason to rejoice. Our Lord didn't remain in the grave as we find recorded in St. Matt. 28:5-6; "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay." So let us all go forth and do as Peter said in Acts 2:28; "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Psalms 127:3

On Dec. 4, Jonathon Philip came to join his parents Tom and Norma Marks. His grandparents are Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary Troxel.

On Dec. 15, Dean and Pat Bucher were blessed with their first child. His grandparents are Sis. Gwen Bucher and Wayne and Judy Paarlberg. Great-grandparents are Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie Bucher, and Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie Heinold welcome a new daughter, Julie Elizabeth, born Dec. 27. Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace Heinold are her grandparents.

Feb. 6 was the birth-date of Mi-

chael Scott, son of Scott and Marianne Rice. Conrad and Donna Paarlberg are his grandparents. May God give them much grace to care for their little one, as he was born blind.

Bro. Tim and Sis. Julie Bucher named their son Benjamin Adam, born Mar. 6. Sis. Esther Bucher is his grandmother.

The Edward Wittmer Sr. family wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who sent cards, flowers, food, offered prayers in her behalf, visited her during her long illness or rendered any other deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God richly bless each and everyone.

Wayne and Judy Paarlberg announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to James Baske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baske, Jr.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family and friends of Bro. Ed Souder, Silver Lining editor.

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

Our Father in Heaven called another one of our Leo congregation Home; this time, a beloved minister, Bro. Maurice Frank, 69, on Mar. 17. Our sympathy and Christian love goes out to his widow, Sis. Lucile, and her daughters, Sisters Maureen Stettner, Ossian, Norma Schambach, Elgin, IL, and Pamela Messner, Crawfordsville; six grandchildren; four sisters; and one brother. Services were conducted by Bros. David Bertsch and Dale Eisenman. Those in attendance at the funeral service were told that Bro. Maurice often exhorted the congregation to good works, and followed always with the reminder that this was but one's reasonable service.

It is difficult for our human minds to understand why loved ones, here and there, are taken out of their homes and out of His service, where they seemed to be so needed. But, we read in Isaiah 55:9: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We know in faith that His way is divinely perfect, and realize that "we see through a glass darkly." It has been said, "If God were



small enough for our understanding, He wouldn't be large enough for our needs."

Bro. Roy Wieland, Bay City, MI, brought blessings through the messages during his recent visit.

As the sleeping creation bursts forth to blossom in Indiana, it's as though God writes the book of Genesis again each Spring. Breathe deeply the springtime air, and take time to smell the flowers. He created them for our pleasure!

**INDIANA, MILFORD**  
Conni Beer - Marcy Haab

If there is anything that will endure  
The eye of God, because it still is pure,  
It is the spirit of a little child,  
Fresh from His hand, and therefore undefiled.

—R. H. Stoddard

First-time parents are Wes and Sis. Ann Bell. Justin Andrew was born Mar. 9. The grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Clara Kaiser and Mr. and Mrs. Dester Bell. Bro. Oscar and Sis. Hulda Graff are Justin's great-grandparents.

We also want to congratulate Fred and Marti Hoerr (Auburn, AL) on the birth of their second son. John Frederick was born on Feb. 20. He has one brother, August Christian. The grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Marguerite Hoerr and Mr. and Mrs. John Pace. Bro. Theo and Sis. Naomi Beer are the boy's paternal great-grandparents.

We were thankful for the services of ministering Bro. Pete Baltic of Mansfield.

Sis. Luella Beer had the misfortune of breaking her arm, but has recuperated very well. May our thoughts and prayers often be with our loved ones in the nursing homes.

We are pleased to have Bro. Henry and Sis. Alice Beer assembling with us again after being in Florida for a time.

**It Isn't The World—It's You**

You say the world is gloomy,  
The skies are grim and gray,  
The night has lost its quiet—  
You fear the coming day?  
The world is what you make it  
The sky is gray or blue  
Just as your soul may paint it  
It isn't the world—it's you.

Clear up the clouded vision,  
Clean out the foggy mind:  
The clouds are always passing  
And each is silver lined.  
The world is what you make it—  
Then make it bright and true.  
And when you say it's gloomy,  
It isn't the world—it's you.  
—Author Unknown

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**INDIANA, WEST LAFAYETTE**  
Verene Von Tobel

As we take time out of our busy lives to stop and think on God's Word and Will, we are encouraged by His rich blessings. Purdue hosted College Weekend this spring. The theme was "Our Spiritual House." April 4 was the "ground breaking" of this blessed weekend. Brethren and friends from far and near gathered at noon on Saturday. We heard of some of the history of our church, discussion groups met, a minister panel discussed topics, and college groups sang as fellowship took place throughout the day. Sunday, Apr. 5, we held services, sang for people, enjoyed dinner, and again experienced blessed fellowship. We can surely say our cups are overflowing. We want to thank everyone involved for their time and prayers.

Apr. 30 is our last Purdue service this semester, hosted by Bluffton.

As we get closer to spring, we may see people building or repairing their homes. We can apply the example of building and repairing to our spiritual structures, especially as we reflect on the blessings of College Weekend.

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

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Proverbs 23:13, 14. May these words be an encouragement to our young parents who have the responsibility placed upon them of guiding their children to a Heavenly home. Bro. Dan and Sis. Jenna Kilgus are first-time parents. Aaron Daniel was born Feb. 25. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and Bro. Keith and Sis. Doris Getz of Francesville.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay

City, MI.

**INDIANA, SOUTH BEND**  
Gayle Bucher

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." I Jn. 1:7

Recently, we were privileged to share a Sunday service with the Valparaiso congregation. We humbly thank them for their hospitality and love. May we always appreciate the blessed fellowship we can enjoy in our precious faith.

The building of our new church is progressing daily. The interior work has begun. In the next few weeks we hope to be painting and wallpapering. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who continue to devote their time and talents. May the Lord richly bless them for their efforts.

We thank Bro. Walt Rager who shared his ministry with us this month. Bro. Walt stressed the importance of standing up for our beliefs and expressing them through our daily walk of life. If we choose to remain silent when we have an opportunity to support our beliefs, others may interpret our silence as approval of their thoughts and deeds. We sincerely thank Bro. Walt and his family for their fellowship and love.

"Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

**INDIANA, VALPARAISO**  
Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas

We were honored to have the South Bend congregation worship with us this past month. How we appreciate being able to visit and fellowship with one another.

Our congregation has been blessed by having Bro. Bill and Sis. Debby Meyer and their children Christa and Erica move to this area and assemble with us. They were formerly from Bluffton, and we welcome them here.

**A MOTHER'S PRAYER**

I wash the dirt from little feet,  
and as I wash I pray,  
"Lord, keep them ever pure and true  
to walk the narrow way."  
I wash the dirt from little hands  
and earnestly ask,  
"Lord, may they ever yielded be



to do the humblest task."  
 I wash the dirt from little knees,  
 and pray, "Lord, may they be  
 The place where victories are won,  
 and orders sought from Thee."  
 I scrub the clothes that soil so  
 soon,  
 and pray, "Lord, may her dress  
 Throughout eternal ages be  
 Thy robe of righteousness."  
 E'er many hours shall pass, I  
 know,  
 I'll wash these hands again,  
 And there'll be dirt upon her dress  
 before the day shall end.  
 But as she journeys on through  
 life  
 and learns of want and pain,  
 Lord, keep her precious little heart  
 cleansed from all sin and stain;  
 For soap and water cannot reach  
 where Thou alone can'st see.  
 Her hands and feet, these I can  
 wash—  
 I trust her heart to Thee.

D. Ryberg

A number of years ago, my  
 father sent me this poem after we  
 had our own little girl. It has been  
 a precious memory and a precious  
 poem.

**INDIANA, WOLCOTT**  
**Laurel and Kris Widmer**  
**Suzanne Lehman**

"Wilt thou follow Me?"  
 The Saviour asked.  
 The road looked bright and fair,  
 And filled with youthful hope and  
 zeal  
 I answered, "Anywhere."

"Wilt thou follow Me?"  
 Again He asked.  
 The road looked dim ahead;  
 But I gave one glance at His  
 glowing face  
 "To the end, dear Lord," I said.

"Wilt thou follow Me?"  
 I almost blanched.  
 For the road was rough and new.  
 But I felt the grip of His steady  
 Hand,  
 And it thrilled me through and  
 through.  
 "Still followest thou?"  
 Twas a tender tone,  
 And it thrilled my inmost heart.  
 I answered not but He drew me  
 close  
 And I knew we would never part.

—selected Springs in The Valley

Steve Hofstatter (Bro. Theo and  
 Sis. Lynetta) has found peace with  
 God and man. We rejoice with him

and his family. We are also thank-  
 ful that Sis. Lynetta is able to as-  
 semble with us again after an ex-  
 tended illness.

. . . And when the home is filled  
 with love, you'll always find God  
 spoken of. —Helen Steiner Rice

Bro. Nick Gutwein (Bro. Carl  
 and Sis. Yvonne) Francesville, and  
 Sis. Suzanne Schwab (Bro. Vernon  
 and Sis. Arlene) were united in  
 marriage Mar. 8. We wish them  
 joy in their new life together.

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

We have had much company in  
 our small congregation the past  
 few weeks. On Mar. 15, several of  
 the young brothers and sisters  
 from the Princeville and Bradford  
 churches spent the morning with  
 us. It was such a blessing to see  
 so many there, and as we drove  
 into the church parking lot that  
 morning several cars were in front  
 and in back of us. It was a beauti-  
 ful start to a joyful day. We have  
 also had many visitors from the  
 Oakville congregation recently.  
 It encourages us to have so many  
 visitors and we receive an added  
 blessing as we come to church.

Bro. Arnie Gerst, Chicago, and  
 Bro. Earl Banwart, West Bend,  
 spent a Sunday with us recently.  
 We thank these brothers and their  
 wives again as we so often do for  
 sharing the Word of Life with us  
 and for being spent for us.

I found a paragraph in one of  
 Bro. Froehlich's books recently in  
 which he was speaking on the  
 verse St. Luke 14:34. Salt is good;  
 but if the salt has lost its savour,  
 wherewith shall it be seasoned?  
 Froehlich says, "The very mildest,  
 therefore, that can fall to the lot  
 of the children of light is ridicule  
 and contempt and so it easily re-  
 sults in this, that they permit  
 themselves to be intimidated and  
 frightened into conforming to oth-  
 ers as soon as possible. Then the  
 salt has lost its savour. . ." (Writ-  
 ings of S. H. Froehlich—Evidence  
 —pg. 67)

I was struck by this paragraph  
 as pertaining to small inconsisten-  
 cies of everyday life. When a  
 friend or acquaintance asks us  
 something, do we always answer  
 to the depth we feel or do we  
 shrug it off as something light for  
 fear they'll think us strange?  
 Some time ago, one of our minis-  
 ters meditated on I Peter 3 and left

this thought—"Maybe if we would  
 let our lights shine a little brighter  
 we would be more despised or per-  
 secuted." It's a thought worth  
 thinking about. Not that we want  
 to be despised as such, but often  
 we are accepted by others so read-  
 ily that we have a tendency to do  
 what Froehlich warns against; be-  
 ing intimidated into conforming.  
 We have been accepted so readily  
 that we then fear being different  
 and having others have second  
 thoughts about us. We, who have  
 been called, are the salt of the  
 earth and we need to take special  
 care that others see us as such.

**IOWA, ELGIN**  
**Eleanor Butikofer**

Even though we are still in  
 winter we are looking for signs  
 of spring. The pussy willow is  
 displaying furry caps and a bit  
 of greenery shows here and there  
 in our lawn. We heard a flock of  
 red winged blackbirds give their  
 song, and a robin appeared a few  
 days ago. What a pleasure to have  
 them in our midst. Before long  
 many birds will burst into singing  
 and green will show along the  
 hills.

Joy and sorrow seem to alter-  
 nate in this life. We were saddened  
 to learn of Bro. Ed Souder's pass-  
 ing away. Even though we had  
 never met personally, I feel that  
 his influence was very real and  
 full of goodness. We extend our  
 heart-felt sympathy to his wife,  
 Sis. Irma, and to all of his family.

It was indeed a shock when we  
 learned that William Moore, 55,  
 had suddenly passed away. He was  
 the son of Bro. Emil and Sis. Es-  
 ther Frieden Moore. He is surviv-  
 ed by his wife, Ramona; five  
 brothers, Leonard of Elkader, Or-  
 ville of Elgin, Herman who lives in  
 Maryland, Robert of Fredericks-  
 burg and Clarence of Postville;  
 four children, Melissa of Minnea-  
 polis, Myrna Liefhebber of Toron-  
 to, Canada, Kevin of Elgin and  
 Kent of West Union; and two  
 grandchildren, Alice Liefhebber,  
 Toronto and Amanda Moore of El-  
 gin. They all have our sympathy.  
 We will surely miss William. He  
 was very personable and seemed  
 to possess the very essence of  
 friendliness. He was in business  
 in Elgin for about 32 years; first  
 in a variety store and later in a  
 grocery.

Sis. Lena Schupbach experienced



a blessed one hundred and second birthday. Ninety visitors stopped in to see her during the week. Many cards, gifts and flowers were brought or sent. She received a lovely chrysanthemum from George Schupbachs, as well as a beautiful plant from Mr. and Mrs. William Curry, CA.

We thank our visiting ministers for their efforts in expounding the Scriptures to us. They included Bros. Noah Gerber, West Bend; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; and William Hodel and James Byrd, Roanoke, IL.

The last two World Relief meetings were held at the Lena and Ruth Schupbach home.

Bro. Ed Pulfer, now a resident at the Maple Crest Manor at Fayette, attended our church services a couple of Sundays ago. It was a treat to see him and that special smile of his. We are also enjoying our new dining room tables in our eating area at church.

Sis. Lena and Sis. Ruth Schupbach wish to express their gratitude for all the love and concern shown by friends and relatives who helped to make their birthday a blessed one.

He paints the lily of the field,  
Perfumes each lily bell;  
If He so loves the little flowers  
I know He loves me well.

M. Straus

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance: against such there is no law. Gal. 5:22-23

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Sharolyn Metzger

As the earth "springs" forth with new life, it brings to mind the new life God gives to those who follow His plan of salvation. It is a blessing to have special days set aside to commemorate this plan made possible and to assemble with those of like-mind and faith. May we always be thankful.

Bro. Art Baurer, Princeville, Bro. Kenny Eisenman, Cissna Park, Bro. Jon Schmidgall and Bro. Jerry Kuntz, Oakville, aided our Bro. Joe Gerst in bringing forth the true Word of Life. May God's grace ever abide with them.

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an

helmet, the hope of salvation." I Thessalonians 5:8

### IOWA, LESTER Alice Metzger

The beautiful 23rd Psalm says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." There are many uncertainties, trials, and fears in our lives. When we feel frustrated and discontented, perhaps we need to remember these words and ask for Grace to believe them. He has promised to not forsake us if we will put our trust in Him. In this Easter season, we can experience again the great gift our Lord Jesus gave us there on the cross. We should gladly give the little He asks of us.

A baby boy was born on Feb. 24 to Mike and Deb Metzger. Brock Michael is the grandson of Sis. Flora Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Berg.

Admitted to the hospital for surgery were Sis. Shirley Kellenberger, Sis. Erma Gerber, and Roy Roeman. Also in the hospital for tests was Gilbert Knobloch. All are home again and getting along well, for which we are thankful.

If we but had the eyes to see  
God's face in every cloud,  
If we but had the ears to hear  
His voice above the crowd,  
If we could feel His gentle touch  
in every Springtime breeze  
And find a Haven in His arms  
'Neath sheltering, leafy trees.  
If we could just lift up our hearts  
like flowers to the sun,  
And trust His Easter Promise  
And pray, "Thy Will Be Done,"  
We'd find the peace we're seeking,  
The kind no man can give,  
The peace that comes from  
knowing

He Died So We Might Live!

### IOWA, OAKVILLE Jerilyn Wagenbach

Spring is here—a time of birth. Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane Schmidgall are the happy parents of Curt Alan, born Feb. 17. He is welcomed by his brothers Aaron and Bradley, and grandparents Bro. Hartzell and Sis. Marian Schmidgall, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Wiegand. Carol and Terry Miller are equally happy with their second daughter, Brianne Nichole, born Feb. 27. Her sister, Rochelle Leigh En, and grandparents, Mrs. Elsie Miller, Mt. Union, and Bro. Orttie

and Sis. Verna Rocke will see that she receives plenty of attention.

Ministering Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss and Earl Gerber, Forrest, IL, were with us on Sunday, Mar. 8. We always appreciate visiting ministers and their willingness to be used in the Lord's work.

At our annual church cleaning, held Mar. 9 and 10, we washed, scrubbed, dusted, and swept the building from top to bottom, in preparation for another year. Then on Sunday, Mar. 15, we were reminded that with the Easter season and our Communion Service approaching, we must each experience a spiritual housecleaning, to prepare our hearts for receiving the Lord's Supper. Yet this should not be only a yearly event, but we must daily strive to be ready for our eternal destination.

"... beloved of God, called to be saints..." Romans 1:7

Beloved.

There is a secure feeling about  
that word.

When a person is be-loved,  
It is a special kind of being..

It is being—loved-ed.

It is a past, present, future kind of  
a word

That surrounds one with a warmth  
and comfort

Nothing can break or mar.

The faults of a beloved person  
Are smiled at by the person who  
loves,

And the ordinary virtues  
Seem good out of all measure.

To be loved

Is the rarest and most beautiful  
of all gifts.

To be beloved of God

Should be enough to make a saint  
of anyone!

Gordon and Gladis DePree

### IOWA, PULASKI Ginny Wuthrich - Mary Wiegand

This past month we were privileged to have three visiting ministers. They were Bros. John Steiner, Oakville, Ken Weerts, Cissna Park, and Kenneth Dietz, Bradford. We want to thank each one and their families for putting forth the effort. Bro. Ken Dietz likened our walk of faith to riding a bicycle. We must always move ahead and never stop lest we fall.



The steps we take may be small  
but we must move ahead always.  
Let us ever strive to keep our bi-  
cycle up and moving ahead.

#### EASTER GLORY

There was a glorious dawn  
On that first Easter Day,  
For Jesus who arose  
From the tomb wherein He lay.  
He was glorified at last,  
And paved for us the way,  
And proved that for all trials  
God, in Heaven, will repay.

Very early on that morn,  
At the rising of the sun,  
Came three women to the tomb  
To anoint God's Holy One.  
Then, to their amazement,  
An Angel did descend  
And rolled the stone away  
To reveal He did ascend.

Jesus first appeared to Mary  
And caused her to rejoice,  
And then to His disciples  
Who loved to hear His voice.  
He led them out to Bethany  
Where they were by Him blest,  
And after He instructed them,  
Went to His Heavenly Rest.

He sitteth on His Father's right  
And has a great desire  
That we with Him might also be  
And to Heaven's joy retire.  
For us He intercedeth  
And guides with watchful eye  
That we may live to meet Him  
In glory bye and bye.

By Henry Kipfer

#### IOWA, WEST BEND Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

We were very fortunate to have  
Elder Bros. Leo Moser (Lester)  
and Eugene Marti (Sabetha) with  
us to read the Memorandum, and  
we pray that they can continue to  
feel the Lord's Holy Guidance as  
they undertake the various duties  
placed upon them.

We were richly blessed with the  
Word also on Sunday. We were  
encouraged to have the "faith to  
believe a call. . . that One did call,  
One does call, and that One will  
call; and then, the faith to believe  
that we must hear that call and  
follow (it). . . for the sinner to be  
set free. . . and for steadfastness—  
a call that is crying out for man-  
kind to be found faithful to the  
very end."

It was brought out that we have  
the promise that the world will be

destroyed and many things are  
going to happen—trials, problems,  
sorrows that the earth will see  
that no one has seen before. Should  
it be in this generation, God only  
knows. The Lord related that there  
are two ways to help—to watch  
and to pray and to ". . . be of good  
cheer; I have overcome the world."  
Jn. 16:33

Bro. Leo exhorted that this  
"should lie within our hearts.  
Though there might be turbulent  
times in front of us. . . maybe not  
the fulfillment of time, but the  
turbulence of deception, the turbu-  
lence of the enemy that is always  
about us in our life—constantly  
interfering, trying to disturb, try-  
ing to defeat—and all the while,  
we should 'be of good cheer' and  
just watch and pray."

We should keep an open com-  
munication with God at all times  
and use these "formulas that are  
going to work. . . they are going  
to see us through. . . 'be of good  
cheer'. . . One has gone before  
. . . He has set the pattern" We  
are to use these basic fundamen-  
tals to preserve our faith, "that one  
day we may join and sit down with  
the One who has led, not just to  
the door, but that we are then bid-  
den to enter in."

We certainly thank Bro. Leo  
and Bro. Eugene as well as Bro.  
Dale Wulf (Lester) who were will-  
ing to be used in our behalf.

Our sympathy and prayers go  
to the family and friends of Bro.  
Ed Souder. He put in many hours  
and hard work, and we trust that  
he will be richly rewarded for his  
endeavor to keep the Silver Lining  
in print, knowing that it is a dif-  
ferent means of being able to fel-  
lowship with others in our faith.  
The following poem is in memory  
of him:

#### SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so  
sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's  
shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth—  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come.  
Author Unknown

Joleen Schmidt, daughter of Sis.  
Betty Schmidt, has found grace  
in God's sight and was announced  
as having peace. Although living  
most of her life here, she now re-  
sides in Sabetha, KS. May God  
continue to guide her.

Two couples have announced  
their plans to be married. Roy  
Metzger and Angela Chrischilles  
of Fenton are engaged. Their par-  
ents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Della  
Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald  
Chrischilles. Brenda Anlicker is  
engaged to Donald Hagen of Cyl-  
inder. Their parents are Bro. Leo-  
nard and Sis. Helen Anlicker and  
Mrs. Betty and the late Kenneth  
Hagen. Our best wishes are ex-  
tended to them that God will be  
their Guide.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marcelle  
Dapper of Winthrop, MN, were in  
our midst. They will soon make  
their home in Spencer where he  
has found employment. May God  
bless their new undertaking.

Our hospital patient this month  
was Naomi Zaugg. Sis. Edna Mog-  
ler, who had been unable to as-  
semble with us for over a year  
because of a broken leg, is very  
thankful to God that she is now  
able to hear God's Word proclai-  
med in His house.

Our World Relief work meetings  
will soon be over for another year.  
We find pleasure in gathering at  
our Fellowship Center, giving  
thought and a little of our time to  
remember those who are less for-  
tunate than we. A number of  
young and old gathered one eve-  
ning for our annual soapmaking



in the home of one of our brothers and sisters. The old are handing down to the young what their forefathers taught them about this work. In this small way we feel we are helping others, too.

It will soon be Easter, a time when we recall the events leading up to and including our Saviour's dying upon the Cross and shedding His blood for our sins; being victorious over death, He arose.

### RISEN

The Lord is risen indeed,  
He is here for your love, for your need—

Not in the grave, nor in the sky,  
But here, where men live and die;  
And true the word that was said,  
"Why seek ye the living among  
the dead?"

Richard Watson Gilder

### JAPAN, SHIODA Kathy Klotzle

"This is that great thing I know;  
This delights and stirs me so;  
Faith in Him who died to save,  
Him who triumphed o'er the  
grave,  
Jesus, God of majesty!"

Zion's Harp #225

A young man recently came to church right at the conclusion of our afternoon services. Not wanting to send him away, a few of us sang together and then began to talk. He asked about God, wondering what He is, not being able to believe in Him. Later, he clapped his hands together and asked, "How can I pray? Like this?" The dejected, downcast look in his eyes and on his face showed his need of a Saviour, of this "great thing" that many of us are privileged to know. At this Easter season, as we think on Christ who died to save, our Lord who rose from the grave, may we rejoice that we've been blessed with the knowledge of the way of salvation, and may we pray that its truth can be understood and believed by many more.

God gave us precious hours of worship and fellowship shared in the bond of His love when Elder Bros. Roy Grimm, Taylor, Carl Kinsinger, Altadena, and Joe Ramsier, Rittman, and Bro. John Klotzle, Altadena, were with us for few days on their way to India. We were uplifted and strength-

ened as they ministered to us on Sunday and again on Monday and Tuesday evenings. We thank God for their earnest labors and the love that they shared with us.

"Our hands to you in brother-love  
extending,  
Beloved friends, accept our fond  
farewell;  
God speed you on until your  
journey's ending,  
On to His throne where you His  
praise will tell!"

Zion's Harp #114

### JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

Spring has come and there are many green spots of trees. Birds are singing merrily around the church here in Tokyo. However, it is still pretty cold in the evening.

Bros. Roy Grimm from Taylor (Bro. Fred Grimm's son) and Joseph Ramsier from Rittman, visited our Tokyo church the last Sunday of February on their way to India. We had real blessed fellowship with them and were fed through their messages. We never thought of Bro. Fred Grimm's son, Roy, visiting us here in Tokyo, 23 years after his father did. We really thank God that He always accepts our prayers and continues to send many wonderful brothers and sisters from America.

Last Sunday, Mar. 8, a middle-aged crippled man came to our Tokyo church and told us about his circumstances. It was very sad story and really unbelievably tragic. We really felt sorry for him and sympathized. He tried to come to our church to ask for help in finding his father and younger sister because he wanted to give his mother's will to them. He received the will when his mother died on Feb. 18. He left his home at six that morning and on the way to our church, the I.D. card, his mother's will, and all money was stolen. He told us, with tears, about how he was brought up and what is he doing now. Our Sunday School lesson that day was about the "Good Samaritan" which seemed to fit this unfortunate man. We were glad our church could serve as the "inn" for him.

We were saddened to hear of the death of the beloved Silver Lining Editor Bro. Ed, but there is joy on Heaven's shore. May God supply

the needs for this publication.

KANSAS, BERN  
Esther and Stella Moser

### THE CRUCIFIXION

On the cross they crucified Him  
In the early morning hours;  
Upon His head they placed a crown  
Made from a thorny bower.  
They nailed Him to a wooden cross  
So high on Calvary,  
Then laughed and jeered and  
mocked Him with  
"Ask God to set you free!"  
They crucified our Saviour  
As King of all the Jews.  
He prayed "Forgive them Father,  
For they know not what they do!"  
In the sepulchre they laid Him  
And sealed it with a stone.  
The third day . . . He was risen,  
And angels took Him home.  
He died there at Golgotha  
For all mankind, lost in sin.  
GOD . . . may we all prove worthy  
When Jesus comes again.

V. C. Spencer

We enjoyed a blessed weekend Feb. 28-Mar. 1, when three dear souls were added to the fold. Last summer we welcomed newlyweds, James and Diane (Broquard) Kaeb into our fellowship. Now we can welcome them into our fold as brother and sister in faith. We also welcome Kyle Strahm (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie) as our new brother. May the Lord ever bless them as they travel to Zion.

We enjoyed many visitors on that weekend, among them Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont), Bros. Art Bahler, and Duane Kilgus (Fairbury). Elder Bro. Sam assisted Elder Bro. Lester Hartter as we heard the testimonies of the converts. He then had the happy privilege of baptizing Diane (his granddaughter) on Sunday.

Recent hospital patients have been Reuben Bauman, Sis. Stella Moser (Bro. Reuben), both medical, and Sis. Helen Meyer (Bro. Leroy), surgical. Adrian Strahm (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Claudia) is getting around on crutches due to a chipped ankle bone caused in a mishap in school. Many of our little folks are suffering from chickenpox this spring.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT  
Teresa Bahr

"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

The weekend of Mar. 8 was the time of testimony and baptism of our friend Kent Miller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl. Kent's uncle, Elder Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, was with us to assist our Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart in this most blessed occurrence. Other ministers present were Bros. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, and John Lehman, Bern.

Funeral and burial services were held here Mar. 4 for our 70 year old Bro. Elden Schurter, who passed away in the hospital Mar. 1, after suffering a stroke. Bro. Eldon leaves his wife, Sis. Lucille M. (Hartman); two brothers, Orie, Blackwell, OK, and Dr. Lonis, Garner, NC; and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Armbruster, Burlington, OK, and Mrs. Wilma Frohock, Blackwell, OK. "How blissful the rest in that city so fair; Where, dwelling with Jesus, the soul has no care! The sounding of harps in those mansions above do bid the soul welcome in heavenly love."

Hymns of Zion, #229

At this writing, Bro. Emil Banwart is a hospital patient.

#### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Churches are filled with people at Easter time, but how many people really understand the "Message of the Cross?" The Cross speaks of many things which many people today would rather not face up to. "Let him come down from the cross, and we will believe him!" Matt. 27:42. The enemies loudly cried out this promise to the Saviour hanging on the cross. Would they have truly become his followers and believed on Him? "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith, I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!" ("At The Cross", Gospel Hymns) How wonderful it would be if many could come to know the true meaning of the cross, as they fill the churches this Easter season.

Carol (Sammy) Kraft was hospitalized this past month for surgery. We wish Carol a speedy recovery.

We wish to express, with grateful hearts, our deep appreciation to Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Knobloch, Princeville; and Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi Moser, Oakville, for their time spent with us as they shared of their humble experiences spent in the mission field of Quito, Ecuador. What a tremendous, undeserved privilege it makes one feel to be a partaker of God's rich, rich blessings here in America.

We offer many thanks to visiting minister, Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita. When we are privileged to sit under the sound of the true Word of God it is a real spiritual fulfillment.

#### KANSAS - MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY

Paula Bahr

Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things. . .

Psalm 98:1

Congratulations go to Carol and Bill Stover and their children, Darcy and Mandi, who are happy and proud to have a new little boy at their house. Tyler William was born Jan. 19.

Cora Rodgers recently spent time in the hospital but is now able to be at home and up and around.

Many of us were able to be in Ft. Scott for a blessed weekend when Kent Miller gave his testimony and was baptized. Bro. Kent is attending school here in Kansas City. We wish him God's grace and blessings.

Special thanks are extended to the following ministers for being with us to hold services: Bros. Harold Kraft, Ft. Scott; Glen Funk, Wichita; Gene Marti, Lamar; Loren Strahm, Gridley; Roger Aberle, Sabetha; and Alpha Strahm, Bern.

#### KANSAS, KIOWA

Janice Bahr

The Way of The Cross  
Leads to God

He carried the cross to Calvary  
Carried its burden for you and  
me,

There on the cross He was  
crucified

And, because He suffered and  
bled and died,

We knew that whatever "Our  
Cross" may be,

It leads to God and Eternity. . .  
For who can hope for a "crown  
of stars"

Unless it is earned with  
suffering and scars,  
For how could we face the living  
Lord

And rightfully claim His  
promised reward

If we have not carried our cross  
of care

And tasted the cup of bitter  
despair. . .

Let those who yearn for the  
pleasures of life,

And long to escape all suffering  
and strife,

Rush recklessly on to "an empty  
goal"

With never a thought of the  
spirit and soul. . .

But if you are searching to find  
the way

To life everlasting and eternal  
day—

With faith in your heart take the  
path He trod.

For the Way of The Cross  
is the Way to God.

Helen Steiner Rice

At this blessed Easter Season, let us humbly remember Christ's suffering on that cruel Cross of Calvary, and His death which made life eternal possible for us, who not only deserved death, but also deserved its eternal punishment. Let us turn with joy to the task Christ has placed upon us, and without complaint, like our Lord, bear our Cross faithfully till He calls us Home.

Our hospital patients this month include Sis. Martha Roth, who is back in the Kiowa Hospital now after undergoing surgery in Wichita for the hip she broke, and Bro. Arnold Ott, who is having heart problems. Our prayers are with them both, that the Lord will grant His healing power.

It is with our deepest love that we extend our sympathy to Aaron and Erleen Farney at the passing of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDowell. Erleen lost her mother first, then just a short week later, her father. May our "Father", who hears and feels our grief be a comfort to the family in their sorrow.



### KANSAS, LAMONT Mary Isch

"And I say unto you, likewise you shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7

The weekend of Feb. 21 and 22 was a most blessed one, when John and Stephen Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy), and James Wernli (Bro. Roy and Sis. Betty), gave their testimony of how God changed them from a poor lost sinner into a child of God. "There is no higher standing than this to follow in our Saviour's ways."

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matt. 12:28-30

Visiting ministers that weekend to share in our joy were: Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha; Bro. Steve Gutwein, Francesville; Bro. Glen Funk, Wichita; and Bro. Vernon Schwab, Wolcott.

The disciples thought that the angry sea separated them from Jesus. Nay, some of them thought worse than that; they thought that the trouble that had come upon them was a sign that Jesus had forgotten them and did not care for them. Oh, dear friend, that is when troubles have a sting, when the devil whispers, God has forgotten you; God has forsaken you; "when your unbelieving heart cries as Gideon cried, "If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?" The evil has not come upon you to separate you from Jesus, but to make you cling to Him more faithfully, more tenaciously, more simply. F. S. Webster, M. A.

Oh, for faith that brings the triumph

When defeat seems strangely near!

Oh, for faith that brings the triumph

Into victory's ringing Cheer—  
Faith triumphant; knowing not  
defeat or fear.

—Herbert Booth

Rick Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean) was in the hospital for surgery on his hand.

### KANSAS, SABETHA Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

Our visiting ministers during this past month were Bros. Nathan Stoller and Kenneth Dietz, Bradford; Mark Bahr, Detroit; John Lehman, Bern; and Arthur Nohl, Morris. May the Lord bless them, and may they return here some day.

We are thankful the waters are still being stirred and there are souls willing to step in. Julie (Wenger) Krogmann has made a good beginning. Our prayer is that many more will heed the call while it is still the day of Grace.

Darin and Joetta Marti are the parents of their first child, a girl. She was born Mar. 4 and has been named Lora Elizabeth. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Mary Marti.

Hospitalized this month were Sisters Eloise Bahr, Lydia Wenger, Dena Fechter and Lena Wenger, Bro. Aaron Moser and Fred Strahm. May the Lord hasten their recovery.

At our annual business meeting Bro. John Aberle was re-elected as trustee to serve with Bro. Virgil Hartter and Bro. Noah Steiner. Bro. Dennis Hartter was chosen for the Board of the Fellowship Hall to serve with Bro. Andy Lehman and Bro. Elmer Strahm. Bro. Joe Menold was selected to be an usher and Bro. Gerald Grimm for the Personal Property Aid.

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Ramona Meyer

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Col. 3:17

We are thankful to Bro. Max Reimschisel and brethren from the Wichita congregation for worshipping with us this past month. What a blessing and privilege it is to have Wednesday evening services held on campus. We thank each one for their love and support.

### KANSAS, WICHITA Judy Langhofer

Reading in Chapter 27 of St. Matt. we see Jesus, King of the Jews, hanging on a cross. We are told there was quite an assortment of people observing what was going on. Many eyes were upon him but apparently they were not all seeing the scene in the same way.

It states that some sat down and watched. Some passed by and reviled him, wagging their heads. Likewise, the chief priests mocked him with the scribes and elders, and the thieves which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Some stood and wondered, while some that were watching fearfully said, "Truly this was the Son of God." No one could really see the cleansing stream that flowed that day at Calvary. It was yet to be revealed.

My sister was ill for many years. I am certain there came a time when she lost hope that she would recover and enjoy a full measure of good health and joy in this life, except for a miracle. After several cranial operations she began to lose her eyesight as well as her outward grace and beauty; but God was giving her another kind of grace and beauty. She learned it at the foot of the cross. She testified that her trials had become so heavy to bear she confessed to God that she could no longer carry them. One night in a dream God told her to hang them on the cross of Calvary. She said, "But I am too weak. I cannot lift them up." Then she saw Jesus lift her burdens and hang them on the cross and one by one they slipped off the cross and fell into the pool below to be lost in the stream.

Before she lost her eyesight, she learned to play several hymns on the piano. She had found a song tucked away in the pages of the Tabernacle Hymnal we used to sing out of in Sunday School. It is called the "Cleansing Wave." Her image is still before us, as she sat at the piano. She allowed herself to be plunged beneath this wave, and Calvary became her joy and strength.

Oh, now I see the cleansing wave.  
The fountain deep and wide;  
Jesus, my Lord, mighty to save,  
Points to His wounded side.

I rise to walk in heaven's own  
light,  
Above the world and sin,  
With heart made pure and  
garments white,  
And Christ enthroned within.

Amazing grace! Tis heav'n below  
To feel the blood applied.  
And Jesus, only Jesus know,  
My Jesus crucified.



The cleansing stream, I see! I see!  
I plunge and oh, it cleanseth me!  
Oh, Praise the Lord! It cleanseth  
me!  
It cleanseth me! Yes, cleanseth  
me!

Tabernacle Hymns #75

Bro. Howard and Sis. Kristen Plattner rejoice over the birth of their second son, Aaron John. He was welcomed by older brother, Bret, and also grandparents Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner, Sabetha, and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Gussie Wullschleger of Wichita. He was born Jan. 2.

We thank the visiting ministers who have favored us recently. Bro. Raymond and Sis. Loraine Roth from Kiowa, came to visit Bro. Raymond's aged mother who is confined here in a hospital. We also were blessed with visits from Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha, Bro. Harold Gramm from Morris, MN, and Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker from Lamont.

Sis. Ann Farney was recently blessed by a surprise visit from members of her family who came to help her celebrate her birthday. Three of her sisters, Helen Ramsier, Martha Oesch, and Emily Went, and her brother Bob came from Mansfield, OH. Her sister Edith Mayer came from Indianapolis, IN. Joining them for a family celebration was Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann's immediate family: Jerry from Perryton, TX with his family, Bro. Terry and Sis. Mary with their family from Kansas City, and those living in Wichita including children and grandchildren. We welcomed them all at the Sunday service and felt greatly blessed to see the joy they shared.

Bro. Roger Reimschisel and Sis. Bertie wish to thank all those who remembered him with cards, flowers, and gifts after his accident in January. Although he is still under doctor's care he is hoping to have the pin in his arm removed soon and be back on the job.

#### MICHIGAN, ALTO Jane Grawburg

"What can I give Him  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would give Him a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man,  
I would do my part—  
But what can I give Him?"

I'll give Him my heart."  
Christina G. Rosetti

Our hearts go out to those who have been hospitalized this month. Bro. Ferdinand Grawburg was in for a couple of weeks with more kidney problems. He is home and seems to be doing much better.

Sis. Ellen Oesch (Bro. Ernest) experienced lung surgery a few weeks ago. She is home and on the mend. Linda Koehl (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk) also experienced minor surgery this month. She is home and has resumed her normal activities again.

Our prayers and support are with Sis. Myrna Steffen (Bro. Carl) during her stay at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Fred Grawburg is improving all the time. He is at home with Bro. Ferdinand and Sis. Jane Grawburg in Clarksville. Fred is able to come to Church again, and has resumed many of his other activities.

Jeff and Karen Oesch, children of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva, have moved. Their address is Long X Mobile Home Park, Lot Z6, Watford City, ND 58854. We wish them many blessings and pray that all will be well with them.

We welcome Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delila Schrenk who are now back from their winter home at Zapata, TX.

We thank Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit for joining us on Sunday, Mar. 8. We deeply appreciate his labors of love.

#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY Patsy Bragiel - Linda Ramseyer

We were happy to have Bro. Bob and Sis. Sue Cockburn and family with us for a weekend of fellowship. Bro. Bob came to talk to us about the Children's Home at Leo. We are thankful for brethren who are willing to dedicate their lives to help others for our Lord.

It was our privilege to have our elder brothers read the memorandum of the 1980 Brotherhood Conference to us. We are uplifted to hear the conclusions of the meetings.

Sis. Freda Knochel was hospitalized this past month but is once again able to assemble with us.

The Lord has brought peace to the hearts of two dear souls, Vonda Thayer (Ron and Nancy Thayer) and Cindy Sochacki (Bro. Henry and Sis. Helen Meylan). They

are looking forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized.

#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT Bonnie Popp

"We search the world for  
happiness,  
We long for peace of mind,  
But in our modern, complex lives  
They seem so hard to find.  
Then we remember One whose  
peace  
Is offered us today,  
Peace that the world can never  
give  
Nor can it take away.  
And suddenly we know that here  
We've found the precious key  
That fits the door to happiness  
And true tranquility."

Cleo King

Happy are we that two young souls, Keith Gudeman and Joanne Kaisner, have found peace in their hearts and wish to follow the Word in making it life's commitment to follow the Lord Jesus. May His blessings multiply within their lives as they further seek to do His will.

Saturday evening, Feb. 21, Elder Bro. Loren Stoller assisted our Elder Bro. Ben Maibach in Holy Communion. This was a very special time to share in the love of believers as well as to remember the Lord's sufferings and His time here on earth. May we carry in our hearts that feeling of humility and not being worthy of such a time.

We were grateful for a mid-week visit by Bro. Bill Schlatter from Junction. We wish him an added blessing for his presence and sharing the Word with us.

As Spring is close at hand, may our lives bud forth to show—the love of God in our hearts and—the sunshine of His promises in our lives. And may the joy of the Lord through us be evident to all we meet and greet. "For this day is holy unto our Lord, neither be ye sorry: for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

#### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Virkler

On Saturday, Mar. 7, we gathered together to listen to the tapes from the Brotherhood Conference. There was truly a blessing in listening to the exhortations given.

We were grateful to have with us on Mar. 8. our Elder Bro. Har-



old Messner of Winthrop. We thank him and Sis. Gerry for their visit and for lending himself to speak God's Word.

Bro. Gus Baum was hospitalized during the past month as a surgical patient. We pray that the Lord will restore him to good health.

#### WHY SHOULD HE DIE FOR SUCH AS I

In everything both great and small  
We see the Hand of God in all,  
And in the miracles of Spring  
When EVERYWHERE in  
EVERYTHING

His handiwork is all around  
And every lovely sight and sound  
Proclaims the GOD of earth and  
sky

I ask myself "JUST WHO AM I"  
That God should send His only Son  
That my salvation would be won  
Upon a CROSS by a sinless man  
To bring fulfillment to God's  
Plan—

For Jesus suffered, bled and died  
That sinners might be sanctified,  
And to grant God's children SUCH  
AS I

Eternal life in that HOME on  
HIGH.

Helen Steiner Rice

#### MINNESOTA, MORRIS Jan Schock - Pam Sutter

##### GOD'S WORLD

He gave us a world  
Filled with beautiful things,  
The promise of Easter,  
The wonder of spring.  
He gave us bright flowers  
and blue skies above,  
He gave us much more. . .  
He gave us His love.

Alan Doan

Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger welcome two new grandchildren. Jeffrey E. was born to Virgil and Sue Wehking, and Blaine Edwin is the new son of Bro. Karl and Sis. Marilyn Koehl. Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lillian Koehl are also the grandparents of little Blaine.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Sam Huber for his recent visit.

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Carol Messner - Mary Lou Schmidt

How much do you value your  
Bible?

And what is it worth to you?  
The book with its sacred contents,  
With its message consoling and  
true?

With the Easter season upon us, we are especially mindful of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We, as born again believers in Christ, believe that it is salvation by grace, through faith in Christ's shed blood that will give unto us eternal life. We read in Hebrews "that without" the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sin. Therefore, it is the atonement of Christ's shed blood on the cross of Calvary that makes salvation possible. May we always praise and thank God that "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son; cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7). We are truly thankful that Christ rose again; and is now sitting at the right hand of God the Father.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man he hath ordained. . ." Acts 17: 30, 31

We rejoice with Marilyn Messner (Bill Messner) as she has made peace with her God and man, and now awaits baptism.

A precious baby girl was born to Bro. Bruce and Sis. Audrey Messner. Little Breann Lynn is welcomed home by a sister Jamie. Grandparents are Elder Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry Messner.

Bro. Stan Messner had a tonsillectomy last week. Bro. Tim Schmidt had nose surgery. We pray that these dear brothers enjoy a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to the family and many friends of our Silver Lining editor, Bro. Ed Souder. We pray for those who will undertake this new endeavor to continue our precious Silver Lining.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR Vera Marie Frieden Vera Mae Frieden

##### HIS LIFE IS OURS

We must not, in our hurried lives,  
Forget the cross whereby  
Christ Jesus died that we might  
live

And find Him ever nigh.  
Yes, Jesus died in agony  
Such as we cannot know,  
For on His precious head were laid  
Our sin and shame and woe.

Between the earth and sky He  
hung

That He might reconcile  
Our hearts to God and give us life,  
Not only for awhile,  
But for eternity! What great,  
What selfish sacrifice,  
That we may resurrection know  
Since He has paid the price!

The cross has crumbled now, and  
lies

As dust within the ground,  
But Christ will live forevermore,  
And grace will e'er abound!  
No need have we to fear, for He  
Has conquered, for us all,  
Sin, shame, and death; His Life  
is ours  
Whatever may befall!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

As the Easter season approaches it reminds us of our Lord's suffering on the cruel cross for the sins of the whole world.

We were privileged to have Bro. Charles Sinn (Ft. Scott) minister the true Word of God unto us. May we be doers and not only hearers of the truth.

Mary Marti and Jim Probert were married Feb. 23. Parents of the bride are Bro. Dale and Sis. Corrine Marti. We wish them God's blessings as they start their life together.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Marie Stewart who is in the hospital with pneumonia. We hope she will soon be well.

Sis. Sandy Knecht (Bro. Ervin) wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts and get-well wishes. May God bless each and everyone.

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

"Give of your best to the Master;  
Give Him first place in your heart;  
Give Him first place in your  
service,  
Consecrate every part."

Howard B. Grose, Hymn

Hospital patients this month were Tim Sutter, medical; Richard Sutter, medical (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marge); and 4 year old Andy Knapp, surgical. May the Lord heal them according to His will.

"Lord, help me live from day to  
day  
In such a self-forgetful way,



That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for others."  
Charles D. Meigs

We are most thankful to our Heavenly Father for bringing our shepherd, Elder Bro. Roy Grimm, safely home. He spent 3 weeks in India observing the culture and customs.

The Taylor congregation expresses sincere love and sympathy to the family and friends of Bro. Ed Souder. May God comfort and care for each one at this time.

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

Here in the East, winter seems to be generally behind us for another year and the signs of Spring are upon us. We have already seen some robins and a few Crocus buds are testing the March sun.

Union City and Philadelphia are both a part of the group of small congregations referred to in Bro. Ben Maibach's writing in a recent "Silver Lining." We certainly support his plea which is both timely and accurate. We want to add our special invitation to any of the brethren and friends who might have opportunity to settle in the East and support our small churches. Having only one minister in each of our churches, we also invite and encourage ministers from other churches to visit us whenever they can.

The eastern states offer some of the most beautiful countryside in our great land. Spring is a splash of color with many and varied flowering bushes and trees thriving here, including magnolia and pink and white dogwood trees. The countryside is rolling and heavily wooded, offering a broad promise of hope as the young leaves begin to turn the trees green in the Spring and breathtaking beauty as the same leaves change to the many colors of Fall later in the year. Many historical points of interest such as Williamsburg, Valley Forge, Independence Hall and Gettysburg have been preserved and are a part of the heritage of the East. There are also many employment opportunities here in almost any field, whether it be industry, education, banking, medical or any of a number of other professions and trades.

May God continue to bless all of our churches and give us great strength in our endeavors to preserve the church and further God's cause wherever we are upon the face of the earth.

**NEW YORK, CROGHAN  
Alice Virkler**

Sis. Barb Virkler has again returned to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and at this writing expects to undergo surgery again within the next few days. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her again and we pray that a measure of health might be returned unto her through this additional surgery.

Pernal Virkler (Bro. Howard) was a recent hospital patient. Bro. Howard and Pernal have welcomed another grandchild. A son was born to David and LuAnn Watson who live in Massachusetts. It is their first child and he has been named Joshua David. Congratulations are extended and may he bring an added blessing to this new "family."

Also hospitalized a few days for treatment has been Sis. Pam Herzog. Our prayers go to Sis. Pam that a measure of health might be given to her. May she feel the strength and grace of God as a help and comfort in her many lonely hours when she can not go in and out to assemble with us.

We enjoyed a covered dish dinner on Wednesday evening, Mar. 11. The Naumburg congregation assembled with us for an evening of love and fellowship. Following the dinner we enjoyed singing hymns together.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Ed Souder. May the work he has done in the Lord's Name serve as a memorial to his life. We pray that this work may be continued with God's guidance and blessing.

**NEW YORK, NAUMBURG  
Rachel Snyder**

We rejoice over the announcement that Ann Schulz has found peace with her Lord and Maker.

May the Lord bless Sis. Rosella Schulz for making arrangements for a song service at the Valley Courts in Lowville where she resides. Many of the resident came to enjoy it.

We are glad that Ethel Karcher and Sis. Pearl Colgrove were able

to return home. Also, Sis. Minnie Rauhe, after having spent a few days in the Carthage Area Hospital, was able to return to Greenbriar Nursing Home where she resides.

After the monthly service at Kalet's Home for the Aged (Bender's) the group sang a few songs and enjoyed some refreshments with Emma Virkler in observance of her birthday. She resides at the Home.

**OHIO, AKRON  
Carolyn Miller**

We were thankful that Bro. Ron Steiner, Rittman, OH, visited us and ministered the Word on Feb. 22. Also, on Feb. 22 Tom Graf, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Kathy; and Marsha Graf, daughter of Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet, were announced as having received peace and are awaiting baptism.

Bro. Ellsworth Graf and Bro. Richard Messner were hospitalized for a short time this past month. Sis. Eva Wenhardt was also hospitalized for open heart surgery. We wish them all renewed health and strength.

Sis. Charlotte Graf's mother, Sis. Mary Alyce Sheffield, passed away and was buried in Florida. Sis. Mary Shick also died this past month, and was buried in Florida.

Duane Collins, son of Bro. Duane and Sis. Marge, and Cheryl Cockrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cockwell, Jr. of Norton, were married on Mar. 7.

With the Spring and Easter season approaching us, it brings to our minds what our Lord and Saviour has done for us on Calvary. Spring can be such an exhilarating time when everything seems to come alive in such beauty and freshness. We can surely say we are a blessed people.

**OHIO, JUNCTION  
Les Manz**

Christ is the world's dear Paschal Lamb

He is the great "I was, I am"  
Through Calvary's pain and  
dismal gloom,  
He conquered over death and  
tomb.

He rose His own to justify,  
And draws all men up to the sky.  
If you have found the Christ, His  
way,  
Then you can keep this Easter  
Day.

H. B.—Hymns of Zion



We thank Bro. Loren Stoller for visiting and ministering to us this month.

We enjoyed the presence of our loved ones from a distance. Visitors included Bro. Guss and Sis. Dorothy Dietrich (Silverton, OR), their children Rosa and Sammy, and Phil Schlatter, home from the Armed Services.

#### OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn

Keep your prayer-lines up to Heaven,

Talk with Jesus every day;  
Living thus in sweet communion,  
Joy will light your pilgrim way.

Bosch

On Mar. 15, we were thankful that Bro. Walt Steffen and his family (Milford, IN) could share the day with us. It is our fervent prayer that God will bless the dear brother for bringing us the true and living Word of Life.

We have had some of our loved ones hospitalized recently. They are Sis. Allie Laukhuf, Sis. Delores Grant (Bro. Tom), and Sis. Maria Heffner. After a recent stay in the Ashland hospital, Noah Souder has returned to our area to live with his daughter and family (Richard and Eleanor Gerber).

#### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up." Psalms 5:3

What a precious privilege is prayer. Many of God's servants prayed to him early in the morning. Abraham rose early in the morning to stand before the Lord. (Gen. 19:27). Moses rose early to build an altar to God (Ex. 24:4) and to meet God at Sinai (Ex. 34:4). Job rose early to offer sacrifices (Job 1:5). The Son of God prayed all night. Matt. 26:39 says, "He went a little further and fell on his face and prayed saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." Had Jesus not been willing there would have been no Calvary. . . no hope.

On Mar. 8, Bro. Gary Maibach (Rittman) visited our church and brought us many wonderful teachings. He reminded us of the importance of prayer and how we

should pray for one another. He told us of an elder who was in a foreign country, far from loved ones, traveling on foot from one church to another. As he walked on a lonely way toward the church and other believers, to his astonishment and horror, he saw a tiger sitting beside the road. He knew he could not out-run the animal, and he didn't have anything to protect himself. He decided to just keep walking. The tiger just sat and watched him and never attempted to attack. Bro. Gary said no doubt the prayers of loved ones at home and the prayers of the church where he was going is what made the difference of life or death. We thank Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann for their visit and trust the Lord will continue to bless the good Word.

Bro. Clair and Sis. Beverly Keever became the parents of a new baby girl, Jessica Mae, born Feb. 6. Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara (Sabo) Zimmer are the maternal grandparents.

In need of our prayers is Bro. Robert Sauder as he is presently very ill. He underwent surgery in Houston, TX, and pneumonia set in after surgery. John Gage is presently in the hospital awaiting surgery. We pray the Lord will be near and heal if it can be His will.

There's no weapon half so mighty  
As the intercessors bear;  
Nor a broader field of service  
Than the ministry of prayer.

Pray earnestly; you can't expect  
a thousand dollar answer to a ten-cent prayer.

Author Unknown

#### OHIO, RITTMAN

Janette Blough  
Florence Hartzler

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Ed Souder. May you feel God's nearness in your sorrow.

We are thankful Bro. Joe Ramsier and those with him had a safe trip to India and back. We are sure Bro. Joe has many interesting experiences to tell. We pray their trip will be fruitful.

A daughter, Erin Michelle, was born to Ron and Denise Riggenbach. At home to welcome her is Eric. The grandparents are Vernon and Sis. Martha Jane Riggenbach.

Some of our loved ones have met with misfortune, broken bones occurring in falls. Those with casts are Sis. Nina Ingold and Bro. Ron Gasser. Sis. Rhoda Riggenbach was hospitalized with a fractured shoulder, and is able to be home again. We are thankful for the healing power of the Great Physician.

The wedding day of Bro. Neil Gasser and Sis. Donna Walder was Mar. 15. A lovely, sunny day it was with many friends and relatives gathered to witness the ceremony. We especially want to thank Sis. Donna's uncle, Bro. Bob Walder, Congerville, and Bro. Paul Gasser, Akron, for their messages of love. The parents are Bro. Don and Sis. Martha Walder, and the late Bro. Robert and the late Sis. Elda Gasser. "God brought our lives together, through His great glorious plan, now we seek our lives to share, as He leads us by His hand." Anon.

Easter! Light the candle, set the tall white lilies high upon the altar of your heart. Place the picture of the newly-risen Christ above that altar—set apart this day for worship and for glad rejoicing for once, before the dawn, the Christ arose. And hope that had been crushed to earth sprang upward more radiant than any light that glows. Hold fast that hope, keep faith's white fire burning, cling close to truth, and it will make you free. Doubt not that He who had been dead is risen to be our light throughout Eternity. "Because I live," He said, "ye shall live also." Cry out the news to hearts that grope in need. Let the glad tidings be your Easter greeting: "The Christ is risen, the Christ is risen indeed!" Grace Noll Crowell

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24.

Another new arrival was Hannah Marie Rufener, born to Bro. Larry and Sis. Susan Rufener. At home to welcome a little sister are Rebecca and Sara. The grandparents are Bro. Chet and Sis. Roma Rufener, and Bro. Bob and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl, Rockville.

#### OHIO, TOLEDO

Josephine Reh'klau

Beyond the sunset a hand will  
guide me  
To God, the Father, whom I adore;



His glorious presence, His words  
of welcome,  
Will be my portion on that fair  
shore.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing from this life of our dear Sis. Lena Rager, 83, on Feb. 22. Sis. Lena came to Toledo from Latty, at a young age and has been a blessing in our midst.

Surviving are her sisters, Kathryn, Mrs. Marie Williams, Mrs. Sally Wenke, Mrs. Emma Brandt and Mrs. Hulda Gerber.

Funeral services were held in Latty by Elder Bro. Loren Stoller and Bros. Merrill Laukhuf, Roy Sinn and Larry Wenninger.

We miss her presence among us, especially on Sunday.

#### OREGON, PORTLAND Connie Steffen

Spring is a lovely time! Everything is fresh and new. Everything seems so "alive." As the following shrubs, trees, and bulbs spring up and blossom, we can't help but think of the resurrection of our Lord. Think of the amazement of the women who came to the tomb! That large stone, the soldiers on watch, and so many unanswered questions in their minds. Two men in shining raiment declared to them, "He is not here, but is risen . . ." (Luke 24:6) That same message thrills our hearts nearly 2,000 years later! In these perilous times we find comfort, hope, and confidence from the angels' words. Christ also promised He would come again and take us to be with Him, that where He is, we may be also." (John 14:3)

With the news of the engagements and recent wedding (exciting news for our small church) I failed to mention Bro. Dennis Martin was elected as Treasurer for the Portland church. We know the Lord will bless Dennis richly as he works in His service.

Too often we fail to tell people how much they mean to us until it is too late. Maybe today we can cheer up and encourage someone in their walk of life by telling them how much they mean to us.

#### TEXAS, McALLEN Joyce Nohl

Feb. 22 was another blessed day as Bros. Gene Bertschi and Leland Plattner came to bring us the Word.

On Mar. 8, Bro. Paul Fehr came to minister to us. He reminded us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We are but few in number but can feel God's presence as we gather together to hear His Word. We thank these ministering brothers for their efforts and may God richly bless them for their labours of love.

One by one our winter visitors are leaving. Tears come to our eyes as we bid each one farewell.

O, may God's grace, our bond of  
love completing,  
Protect us all; this is our farewell  
greeting!

Zion's Harp #114

#### TEXAS, ZAPATA Margery Koehl

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Carroll Gerber (Sis. Louise) of Bluffton, IN, Bro. Leo Moser (Sis. Leona) from Lester, IA, Bro. Carl L. Hartman of Sabetha, KS, Bro. Charles Sauder (Sis. Miriam) of Tremont, IL, and Bro. Francis J. Rother (Sis. Verma) of Morton, IL. We thank them for remembering us in their travels and for their efforts in bringing us the good Word of our dear Lord.

We are all praying for a speedy recovery of our hospital patients Bro. Bob Sauder of Mansfield, OH, who is in a Houston, TX, hospital recovering from surgery and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger of Morris, MN, who also had surgery while in Phoenix, AZ. We hope they will soon be with us again.

This is the time of year when our winter residents leave us. We look forward to their return again this fall.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Dolly Stoller wish to thank everyone who remembered them with cards and gifts on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

#### WEST VIRGINIA, NEW MARTINSVILLE

Minnie Weltz - Della Witschey

The annual all-day meeting at the country church will be held on June 28 and will be the same as in former years, except the good folks from the Sardis Church will be the group in charge of refreshments, etc., for the day. Guest

ministers will be present for the day, along with the ministers from the Sardis church. An invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Christian Church of Limestone Ridge was held in the home of Minnie Weltz on Feb. 23 with several from the Sardis Church attending.

Miss Della Witschey is quite well and busy doing what she likes to do, quilting. This reporter visited with her on Mar. 11 as she loves to have company and get mail. She had a birthday on Mar. 16 and was hoping for many birthday cards. Mrs. Mae Booth visited with relatives and friends in Girard and Youngstown, OH, in March and attended the wedding of a great-granddaughter.

Fred Goddard, a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bleuer of Limestone Ridge is quite ill at this time and confined in a Wheeling hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton were hospital patients the first of the year, but both are well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoll of Girard, OH, visited here recently and spent some time with Miss Della Witschey at the Nursing Home.

J. Howard Riggenschach was a hospital patient over the holidays but is able to be out again.

Edward Riggenschach of Limestone Ridge was bitten by a cat in early fall and was very ill for many weeks. He was lucky not to lose the hand and had to make many trips to the local hospital for therapy treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, OH, have returned home after spending many weeks in Florida. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Norma Brandle who had spent some time with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz are both receiving medical care, but are able to stay in their homes.

Mrs. C. O. Wade became the great-grandmother of two baby girls recently, one in Columbus, OH, and the other in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Frank Barth is expected back home the last of the month from Florida where he spent the last five months.

Our weather at this writing is quite chilly with snow flurries and



high winds. We have had a very good winter with little snow, but very cold weather at times.

### Sermon . . .

(Continued from page 28)

When salt has lost its flavor, it loses its identity and usefulness. If we stand for something, the world knows us for that particular thing. If the world knows us as Christians, they might say, for example, "They go to the Apostolic Christian church. They are good, sound members. They have gone there for many, many years and their acts, deeds, and business transactions are those of a Christian." That is our identity. That is our savour, our flavor. But if in our lives we make decisions that change this, if people see in us things that are not right, things which are not Christ-like (there was a time when the world took our people's word as they would a mortgage or anything binding), then we lose our saltiness. We lose our savour, don't we?

What is salt without its flavor? It has no more value, good only "to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 5:13. Oh, that's sad, isn't it? Salt must have its saltiness. Salt must have its savour, or it ceases to be salt.

We observe some of the brothers and sisters who have been around a long time. We deal with them and enjoy fellowship with them; they haven't lost that savour! They are the "salt of the earth."

Beloved, you are the salt of the earth according to Christ's teachings if you show Christian virtues and Christian qualities in your life. The salt of the earth! It's intriguing, isn't it? It is important!

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. Our light should shine, shouldn't it? Many times, at the close of the day, I take inventory of my day and I ask myself, "Have I been a little bit foolish or a little bit too worldly? Have I been tempted to walk in the 'shadows' of the business world? Have I been tempted? Have I yielded?"

If we are victorious and keep the faith, we will be, as the Apostle Paul says, "as a light that cannot be hidden."

"A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men

light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." Matt. 5:14, 15. We are inclined, aren't we, to put our light under a bushel? Why not let it shine? It's a beautiful light. The Christian's light is a beautiful light.

I say to myself, "Why don't I let it shine? Why don't I let the people around me know that the Lord is my joy, my hope, my salvation, and my strength in time and eternity."

We don't have to stand on a step or on a box and preach, beloved. But, if we are asked about our faith, then the Word says we should be ready to give an account. We should explain that we think and behave as we do, "Because I found in Christ something that I didn't have before. It is so very simple. He is the center of my life now!" Then any good that might be seen in us, will be known as coming from the Lord.

My personal belief is that as long as we aren't asked, we should just let the light shine. We hope to be asked such things as, "What kind of hope do you have? What are your entertainments in life? What are your goals in life?"

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:16-20.

The scribes and Pharisees were religious people, and yet He told them things that were amazing. He said that they were like sepulchres, which were painted white on the outside, but inside were "full of dead men's bones, and of

all uncleanness." Matt. 23:27. These are harsh words to come from the lips of the Master of Love, the One who loved us so much that He died on the cross for us.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment." Matt. 5:21. Now He is coming to the most important part of Christianity, the heart. That is what God wants. God wants our hearts.

Bro. Leroy said it this morning. We can keep the law, but our hearts can be far from God.

Christ came to cleanse and purify our hearts. "Blessed are the pure in heart." Matt. 5:8. Blessed are they who have been filled by the Spirit of God and are pure in heart. For in our hearts, we serve Him. He wants your heart; and if He gets your heart and my heart, He will control our lives.

Our Lord gives a few more examples. He says, ". . . That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause (there is another condition here—'without a cause') shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." Matt. 5:22. He is saying here that if you are speaking from your heart, if your heart says your brother is a fool, and you are persuaded in your heart, you have condemned yourself already before God, even before you say it.

The mind is a counseling table, and we accept of this world what our mind, or heart, rations out. What we decide is good for us or what we believe becomes part of our thinking and living.

Our heart is what the Lord wants! With our hearts let us serve the Lord! Let us be full of His Word, full of His love, full of His teachings, and full of gratitude to Him!

Dear friend, He wants your heart, and in your heart, you know that that is right.

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## SERMON BY BRO. NOAH HERMAN OF TUCSON, AZ

Text: Matthew 5:1-30

Can we imagine how the Master stood, there on the mountain, and looked at the multitude of people? He knew that they needed to be instructed in the will of God.

He ". . . taught them saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:2,3. In other words, the religion that the scribes and Pharisees taught was not coming from the right source. The Jewish religious leaders were proud and haughty, teaching what was not according to God's will.

The Lord said that the person who becomes humble in spirit will be blessed with true riches. True riches are worth more than all this world, beloved. They are the riches of love, peace, compassion, and humility.

Do we have room in our hearts for the Spirit to pour in? Are we humble enough to get upon our knees and ask the Lord to fill us with His Spirit?

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matt. 5:4. Jesus was continuing what John the Baptist had said some time before: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 3:2. Should we not mourn because of our shortcomings, our sins that clothed us from our childhood? We have nothing to boast about, not one of us.

I once heard an elder say, "I am just a sinner saved by grace." He told the whole conference that. But after his conversion, the Lord poured precious things into his heart.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5. We all understand that there is nothing like a meek and quiet spirit. Oh, how the Lord blesses one with such a spirit! The world accepts this.

I was once in a meeting of men who had been successful in big business and were retired. They

discussed by-laws and such things, trying to come to some conclusion, but there was much confusion. One humble man said, "Let's lay them down and use a little common sense." That meeting just quieted down, and men began to reason with one another. Humility is a precious thing, isn't it? The greatest men recognize humility of heart and mind.

When we become humble, we can really serve, because there is something in pride that stands in our way, isn't there? A proud man is seldom thankful, because he feels that he does not get quite as much out of life as he deserves.

But humility and meekness give us freedom. Did you ever try to humble yourself? The gifts and talents that God gives us can then come forth and be seen in the true light of God. Great gifts can be seen in a humble, meek, and lowly spirit.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5. Meekness opens doors, beloved. It brings blessings in this life. It's true! Christ teachings are true; they cannot be denied. If you believe them, you will reap the benefits.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. When we are humble of heart, we will thirst for righteousness.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Matt. 5:7. Mercy is a tremendous thing, isn't it? It is a beautiful attribute, one which we can exercise toward each other. There are times when we legally and socially wouldn't have to show mercy. But mercy pays off! God is merciful to us, and we should be merciful to others.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. It is the beauty of a pure heart which is seen in the conversion of a soul, beloved. A new heart, a

heart cleansed and purified by the blood of Christ, is a definite line of demarcation between our new life and the past. We have hearts that have been purified. Blessed are they who have a purified heart in the Lord.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9. Isn't it wonderful when we hear someone put in a few words to bring people together? They are peacemakers.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10. There is a promise; if we are persecuted because of our faith, we can rejoice and claim it.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matt. 5:11. Again, "for my sake." Sometimes we are mistreated, but the promise is in "for my sake." If we suffer for the Lord's sake, for our faith, for our Saviour, for the salvation of souls of men, then the promise is ours.

"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 5:12, 13. Sometimes, in the still hours, I wonder about that thirteenth verse. Let us go over it and see what it contains.

"Ye are the salt of the earth . . ." Salt looks like sugar. It looks like many other things. How do we know it is salt? We taste it for the flavor. The Lord says if salt has lost its flavor, etc. If the Christian has lost his witness for Christ, he has lost his savour.

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